

HOST: HOST Oriented Security and Trust

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host (n):
Any computer attached to a
network

computer (n):

A programmable electronic device
that performs mathematical
calculations and logical operations

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network (n):

Multiple computers and other devices connected together to share information

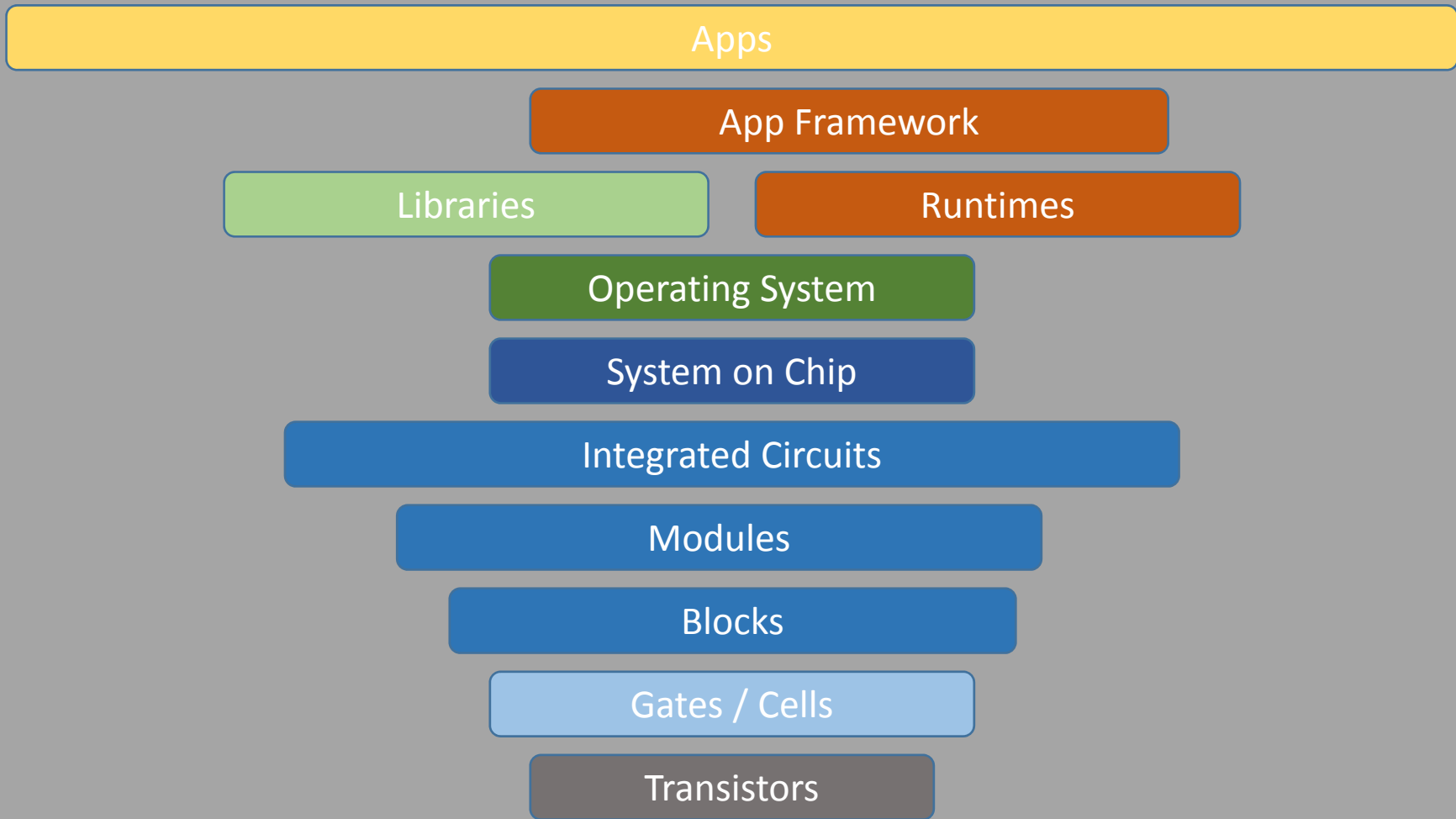
HOST: A holistic approach to security and trust

Hardware

Software

Wetware

Social/Net/...ware



Apps

App Framework

Libraries

Runtimes

Operating System

System on Chip

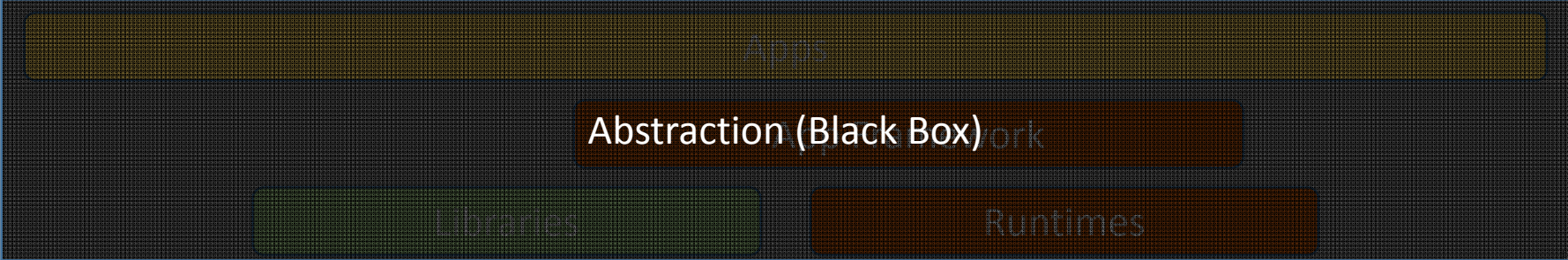
Abstraction (Black Box)

Modules

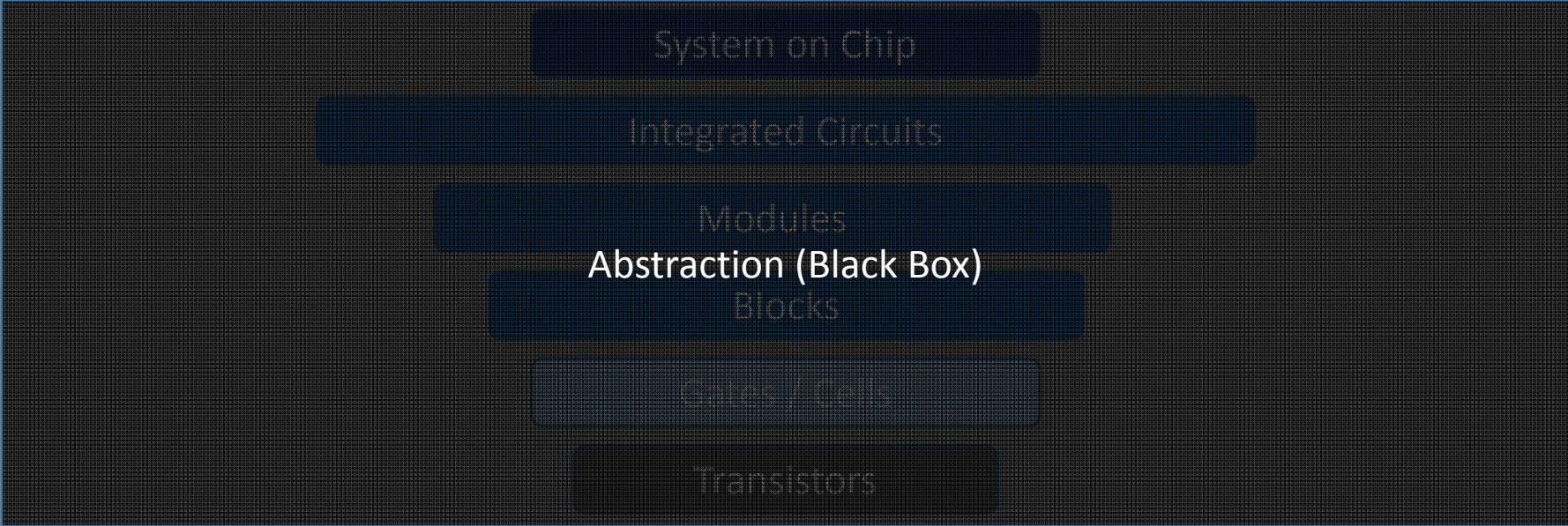
Blocks

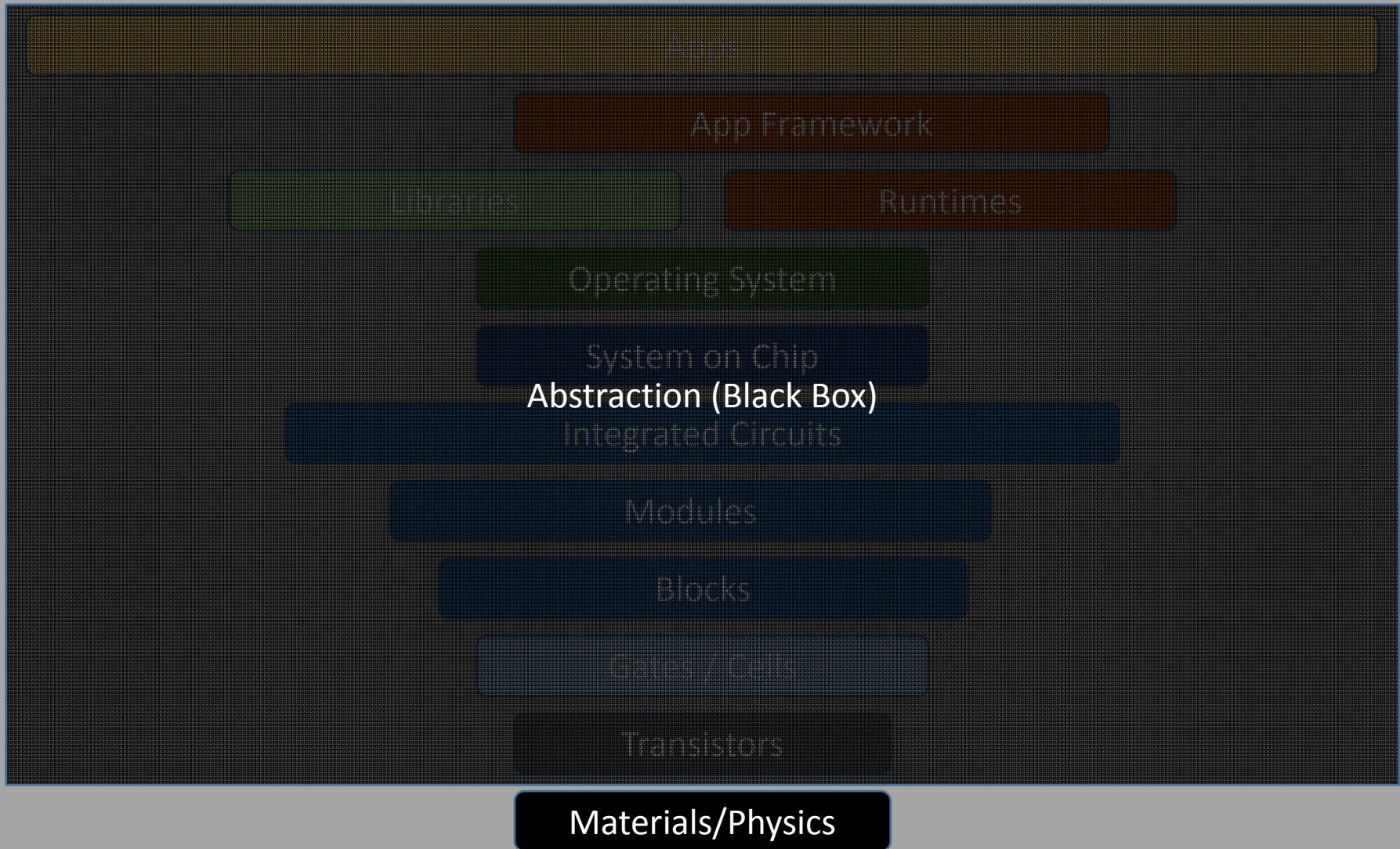
Gates / Cells

Transistors



Operating System





Side Channel Attacks

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“If the content of the source operand is 0,
the content of the destination operand is
undefined”¹

¹Intel 64 and IA-32 Architectures Software Developer’s Manual. Volume 2A: Instruction Set Reference, A-M.” December, 2015.
<http://www.intel.com/content/dam/www/public/us/en/documents/manuals/64-ia-32-architectures-software-developer-vol-2a-manual.pdf>

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```

0x0

*From testing on i386

CVE-2009-1897

Exploiting the Unexploitable

1. `void func(int *param)`
2. `int localParam = *param;`
3. `if (!param)`
4. `return;`
5. ...

See figure 2 from: Wang, X., Zeldovich, N., Kaashoek, F., and Solar-Lezama, A. "Towards Optimization-Safe Systems: Analyzing the Impact of Undefined Behavior." ASPLOS 2012. <https://people.csail.mit.edu/nickolai/papers/wang-stack.pdf> for further details.

Also see: Corbet, J. "Fun with NULL pointers, part 1." <http://lwn.net/Articles/342330/>

CVE-2016-0777,0778

Roaming through the OpenSSH client

1. tempKey = malloc(...)
2. fgets(privateKeyFile, tempKey)
3. authenticateUsingKey(tempKey)
4. zero(tempKey)
5. free(tempKey)



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Follow the specs!

“Only the **ARMv6** version on the imx31 platform of seL4 has a correctness proof.”

“It **does not cover machine code, compiler, linker, boot code, cache and TLB management.**”

<https://github.com/seL4/seL4/blob/master/CAVEATS-generic.txt>

seL4 is released under the BSD 2-Clause (https://github.com/seL4/seL4/blob/master/LICENSE_BSD2.txt) and

GPL V2 Licenses (https://github.com/seL4/seL4/blob/master/LICENSE_GPLv2.txt)

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“The proof shows that the seL4 C code implements the **abstract API** specification of seL4, and that this specification satisfies the following high-level security properties: [integrity, confidentiality, intransitive non-interference]”

“The security property proofs depend on **additional assumptions** on the correct configuration of the system.”



“... ACTION WITHOUT
VISION IS A NIGHTMARE”
- Japanese Proverb

Vision: Remove Abstractions

Power of Competition

AES

1997 – 2000 (Rijndael)

“The call indicated NIST’s goal that the AES would specify an unclassified, publicly disclosed encryption algorithm, available royalty-free, worldwide“¹

SHA-3

2007 – 2012 (Keccak)

“Should my submission be selected for SHA-3, I hereby agree not to place any restrictions on the use of the algorithm, intending it to be available on a worldwide, non-exclusive, royalty-free basis.“²

Security
Cost
Algorithm/Implementation

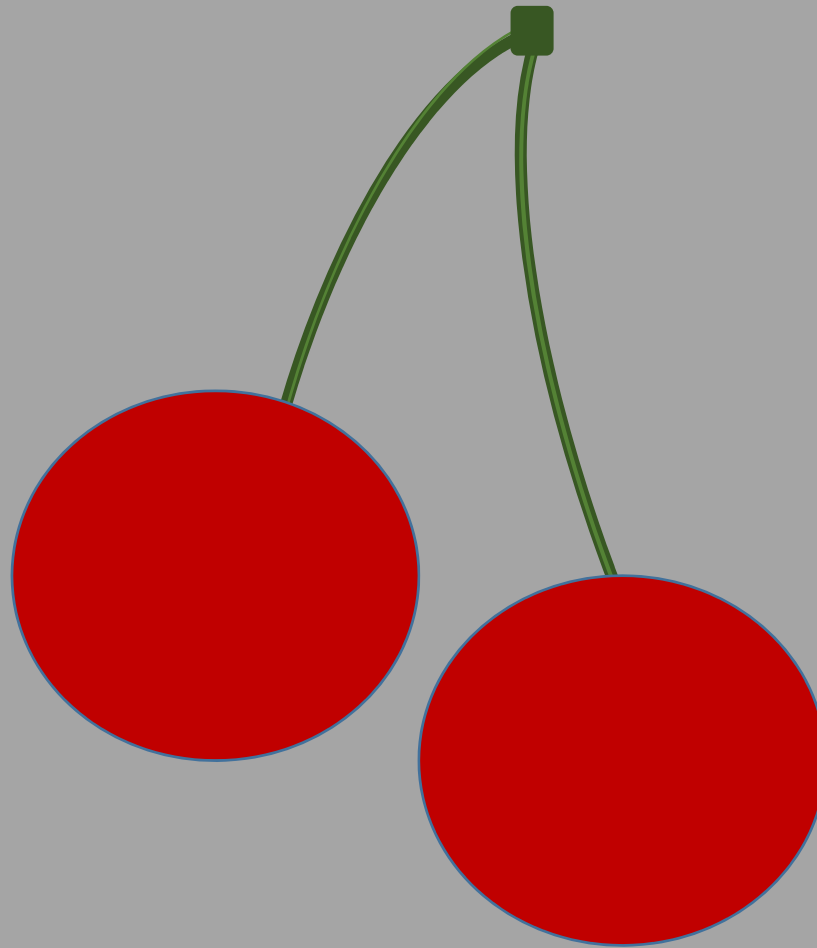
¹Nechvatal, J. “Report on the Development of the Advanced Encryption Standard (AES).” October, 2, 2000. <http://csrc.nist.gov/archive/aes/round2/r2report.pdf>

²“Federal Register.” Vol. 72, No. 212. http://csrc.nist.gov/groups/ST/hash/documents/FR_Notice_Nov07.pdf

DARPA CRASH

Clean-slate Design of Resilient, Adaptive, Secure **Hosts**

<http://opencatalog.darpa.mil/CRASH.html>

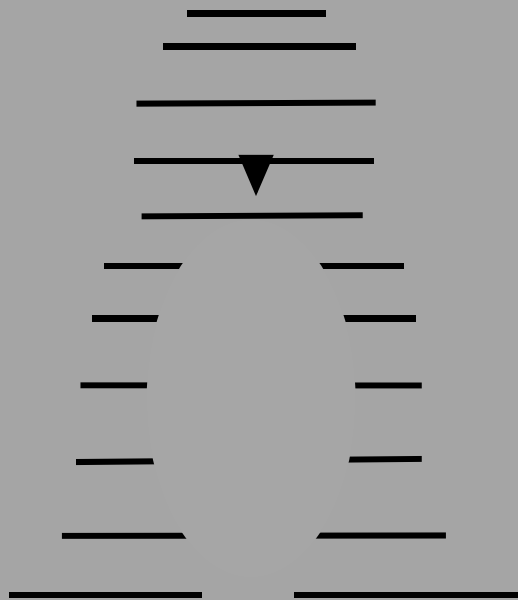


<https://www.cl.cam.ac.uk/research/security/ctsr/cheri/>
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1. Market / Adopt

Strength of One



Project Zephyr (IoT), 2016⁵

Raspberry Pi Model A, 2012

Android Donut, 2008²

Raspberry PI Founded 2006⁴

Linux breaks 50% of Supercomputers, 2004¹

Android Inc. Founded, 2003²

KDE 1.0 & Gnome 1.2, 2000³

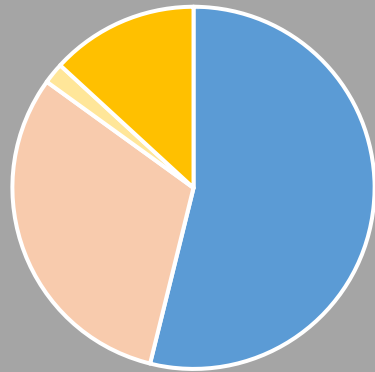
Linux was born, 1991³

¹https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Usage_share_of_operating_systems, ²[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Android_\(operating_system\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Android_(operating_system)),

³<http://www.techradar.com/us/news/software/operating-systems/the-history-of-linux-how-time-has-shaped-the-penguin-1113914/1>, ⁴<https://www.raspberrypi.org/about/>,

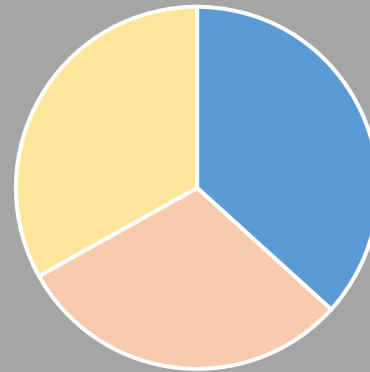
⁵<http://www.linuxfoundation.org/news-media/announcements/2016/02/linux-foundation-announces-project-build-real-time-operating-system>

Mobile



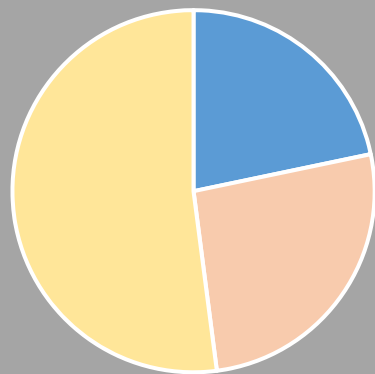
■ Android ■ iOS ■ Windows ■ Other

Server



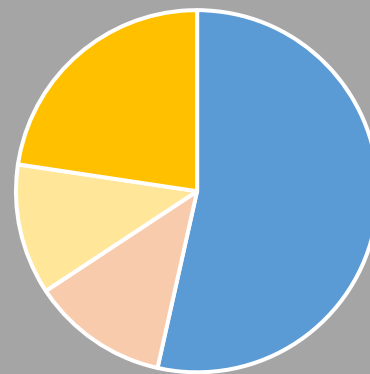
■ Linux ■ Unix/BSD ■ Windows ■ Other

Desktop



■ Linux ■ Unix/BSD ■ Windows ■ Other

Device Shipments



■ Linux ■ Unix/BSD ■ Windows ■ Other

2. Advance

Hardware/Software Co-design & Co-synthesis & Co-verification & Co ...

Have Template Will Generate

Genesis 2

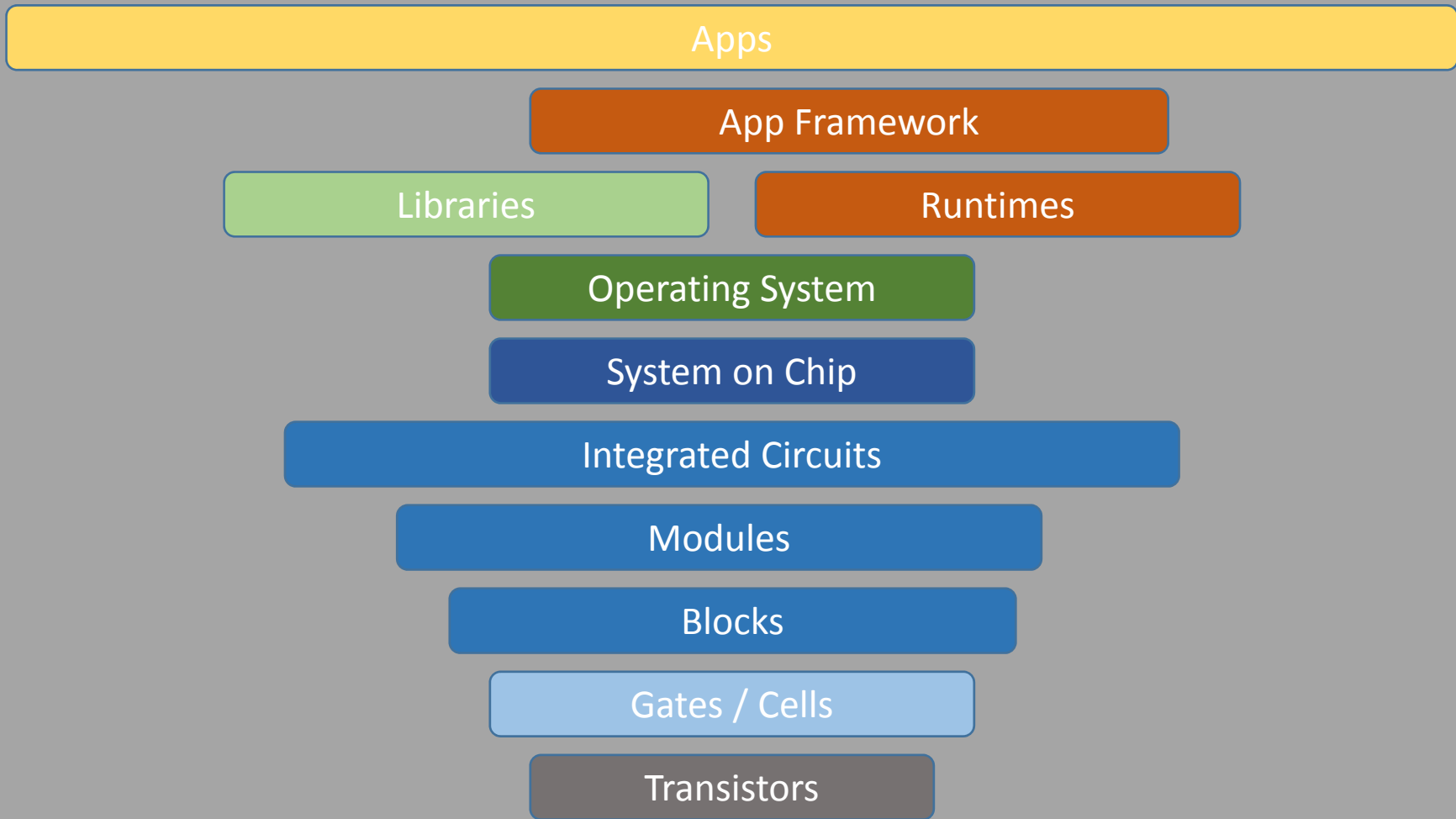
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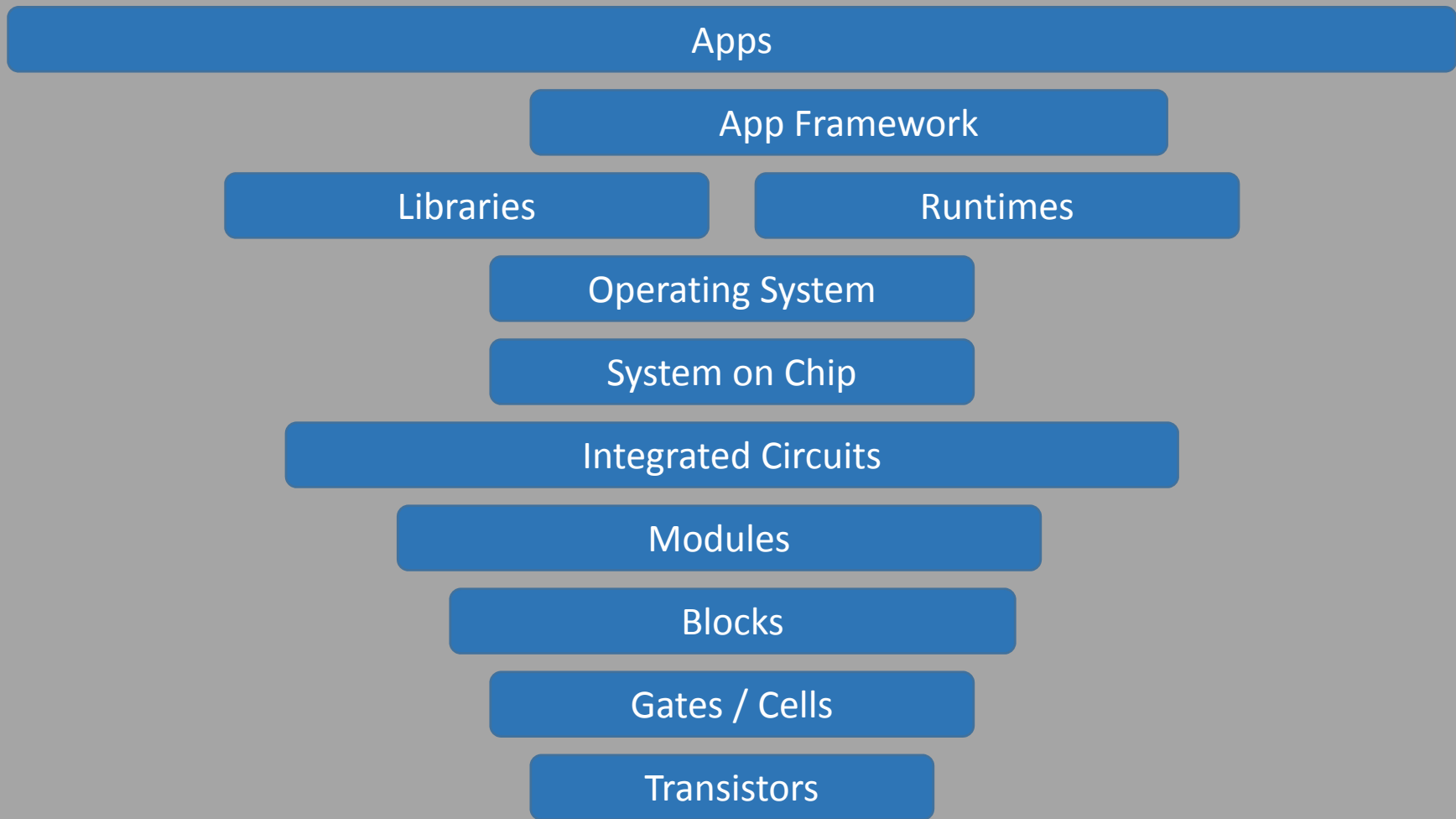
SISC – Security Instruction Set
Computing

FISC – Formal Instruction Set
Computing

AISC – Application-specific Instruction
Set Computing

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