

# Enclave Computing on RISC-V: A Brighter Future for Security?

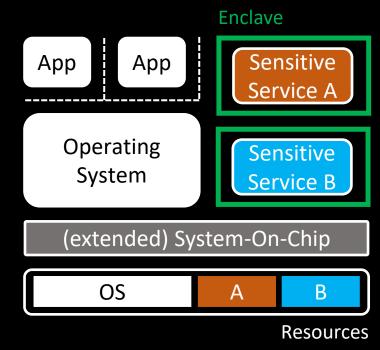
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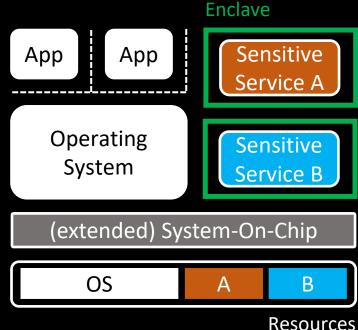


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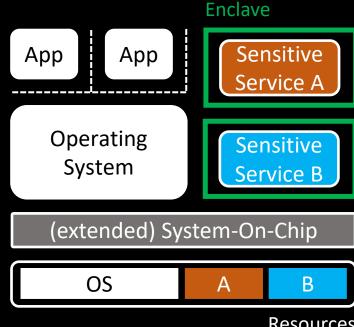


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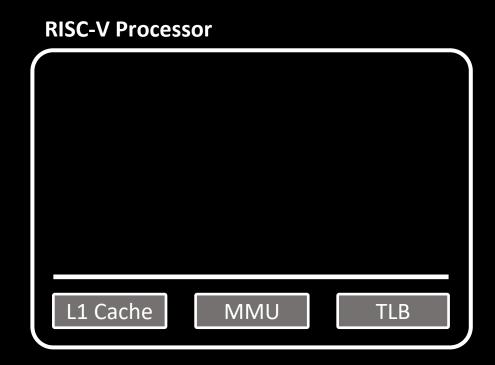
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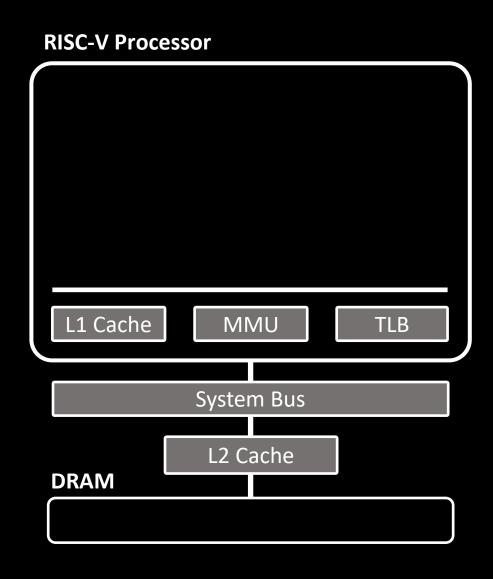
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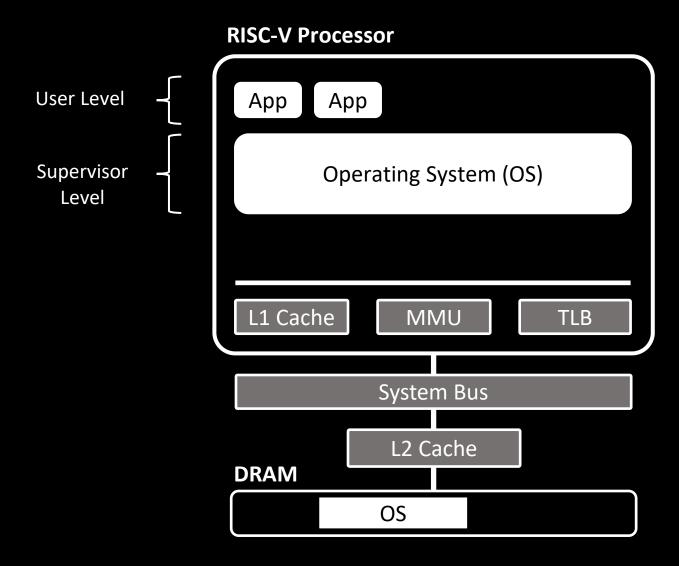
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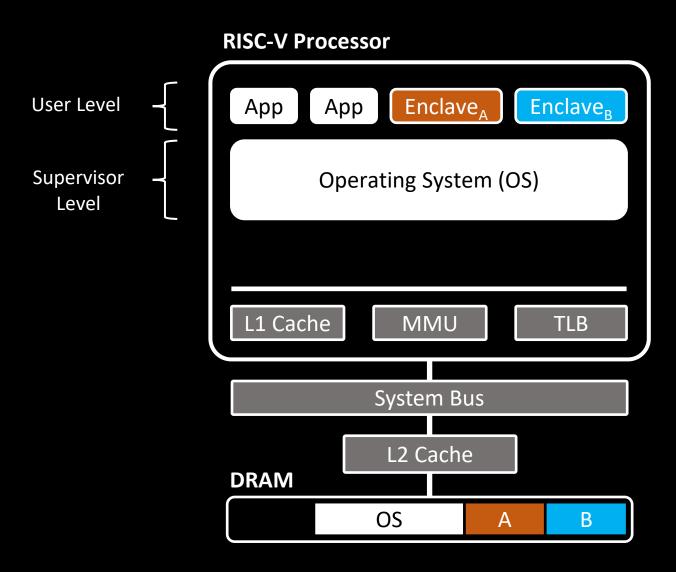
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# **Enclave Security Architectures on RISC-V**

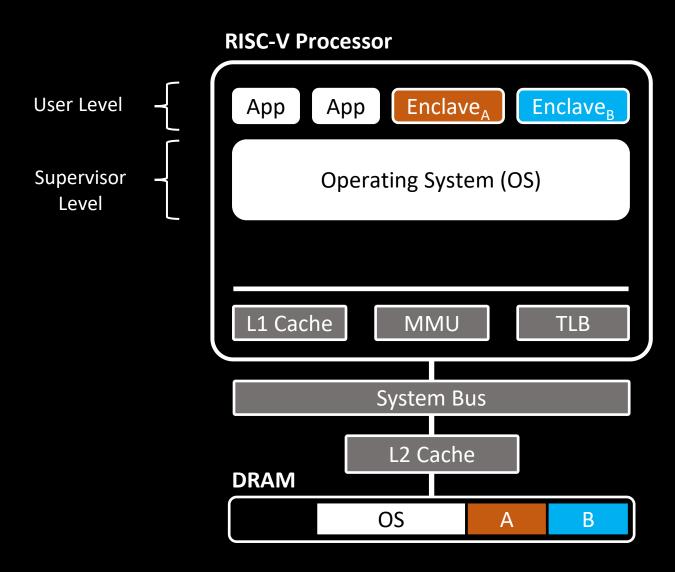




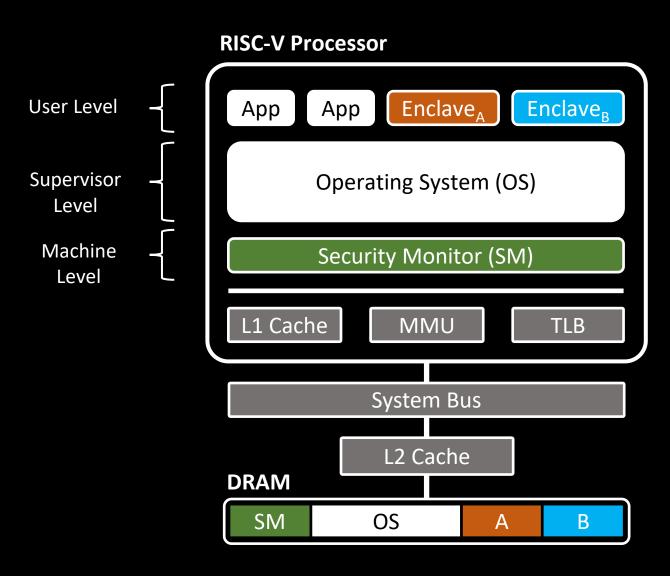




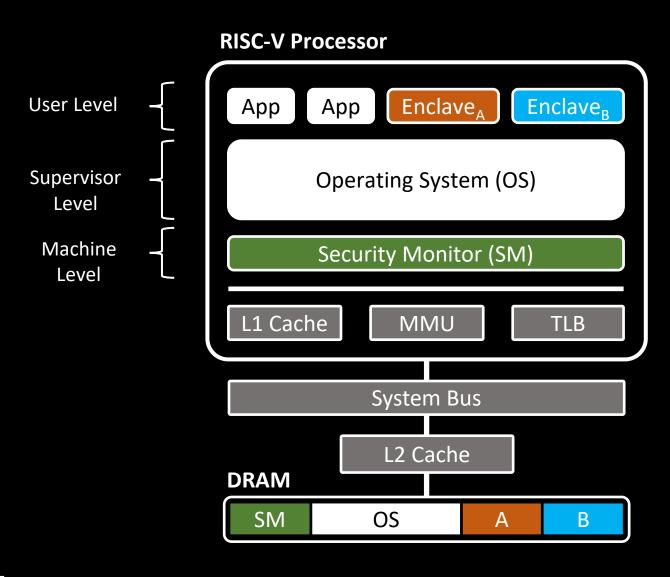
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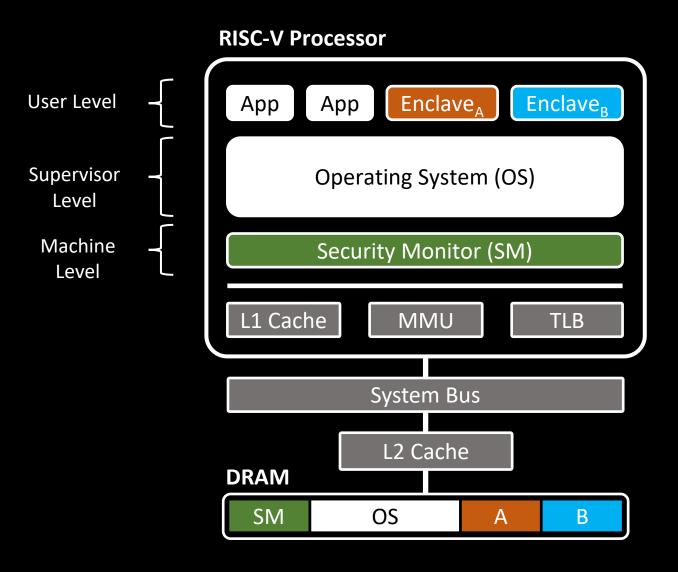
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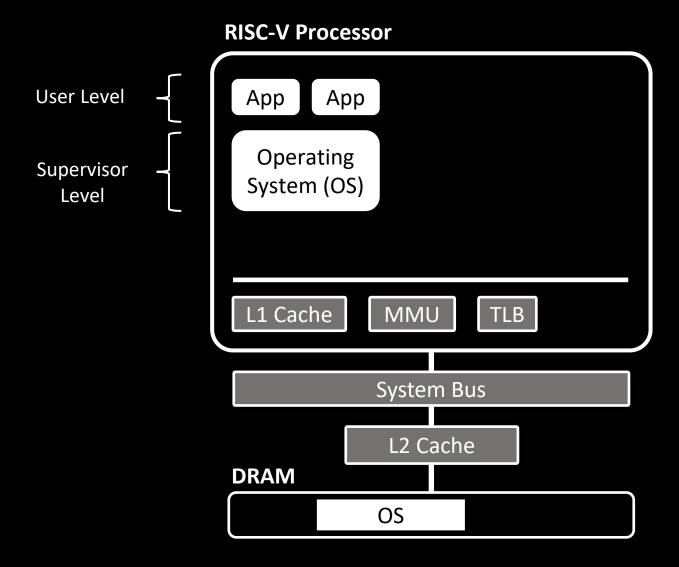
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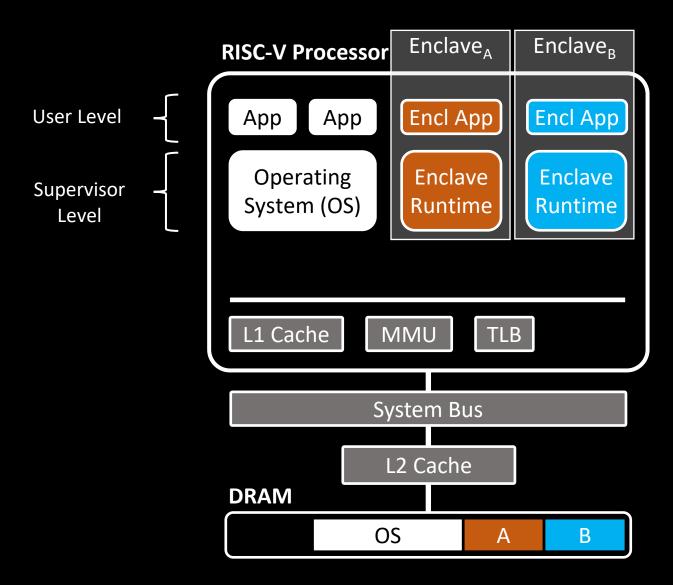


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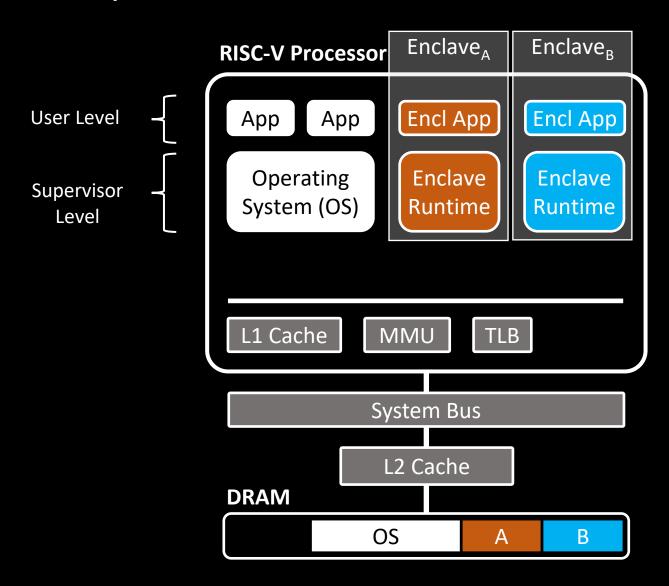


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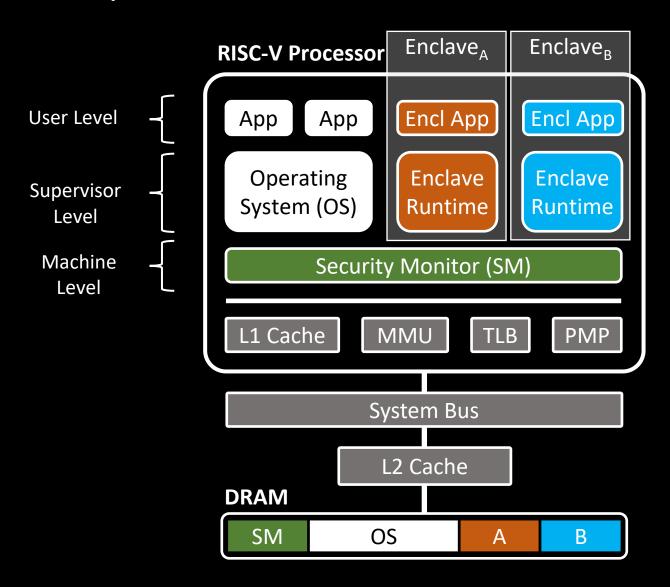




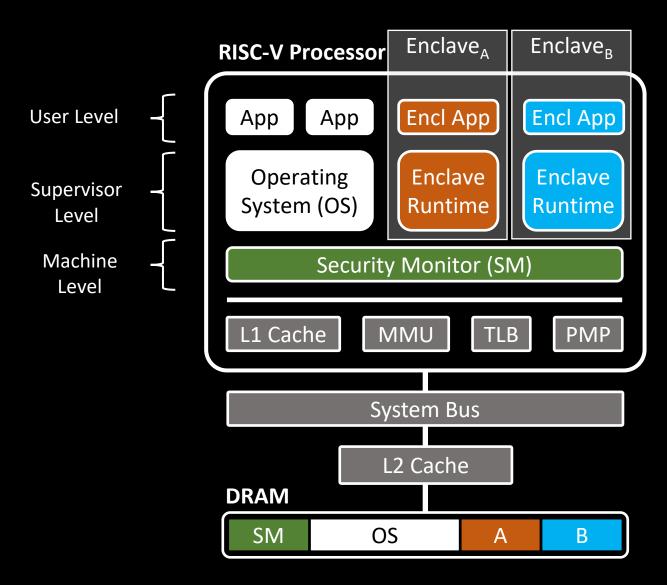
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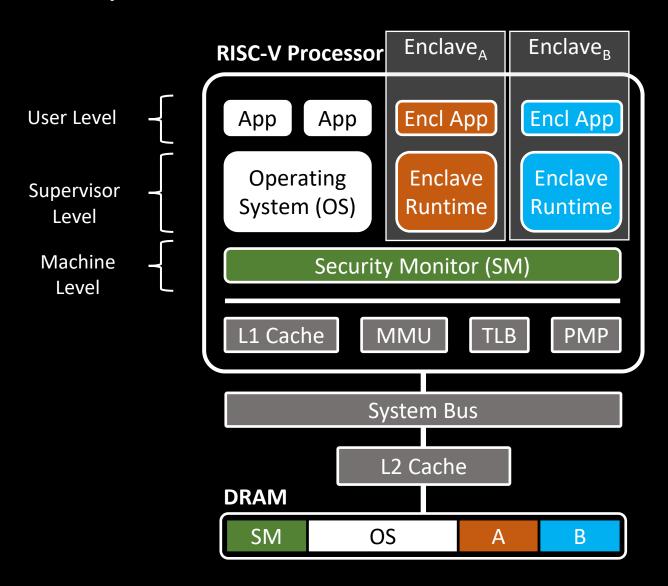


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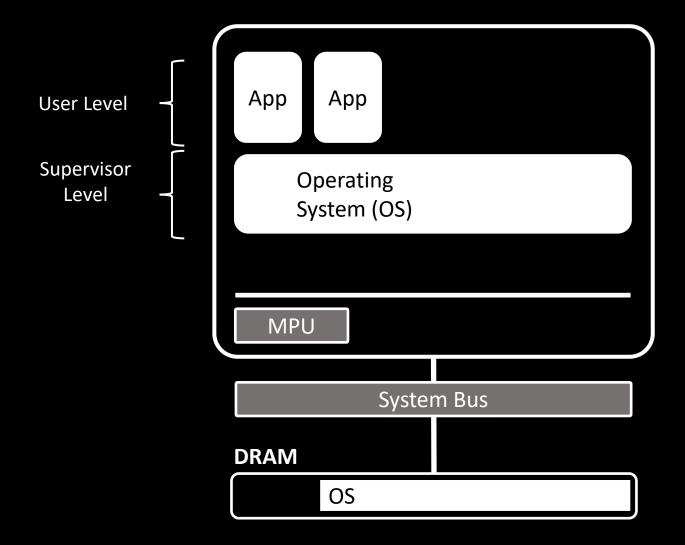


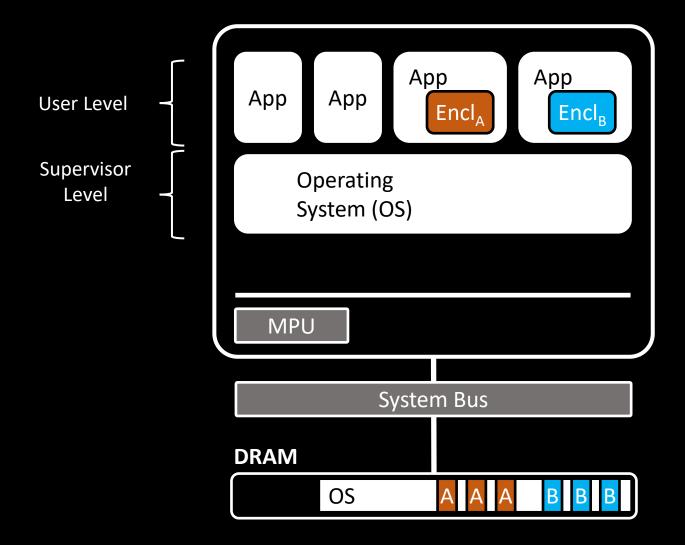
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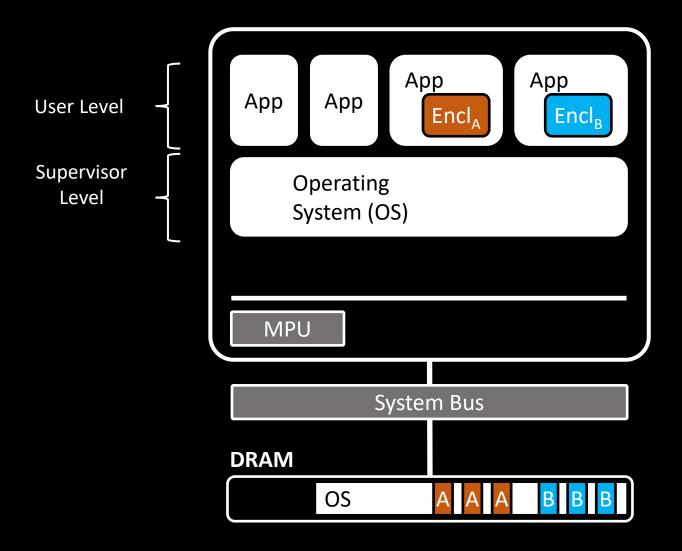
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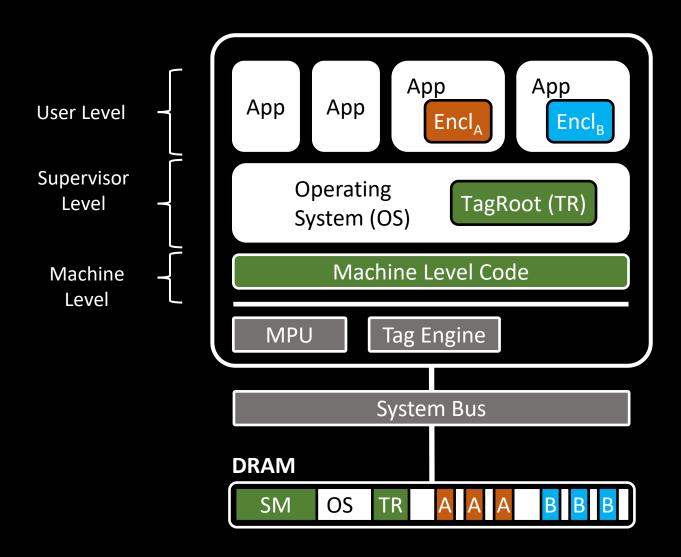
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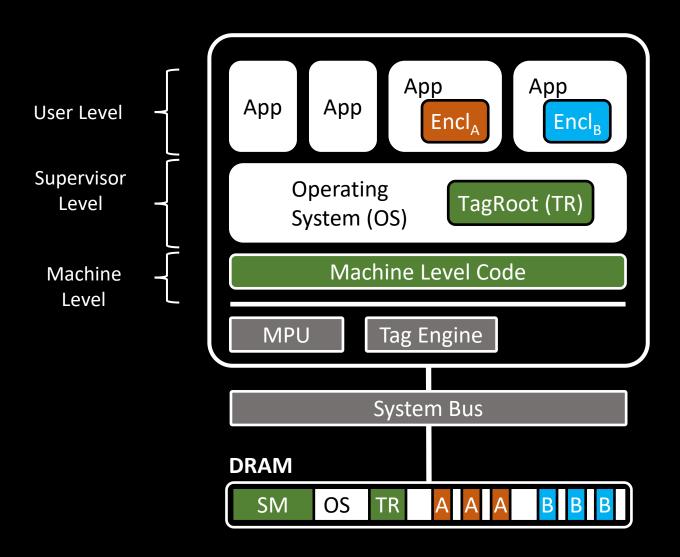


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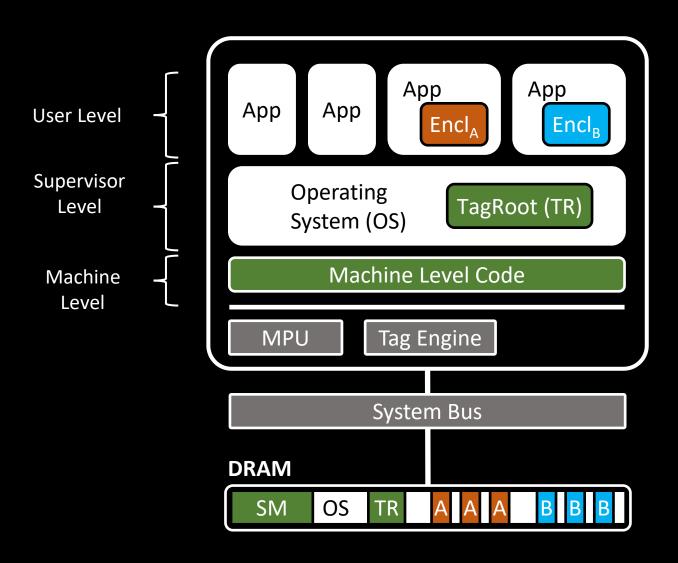


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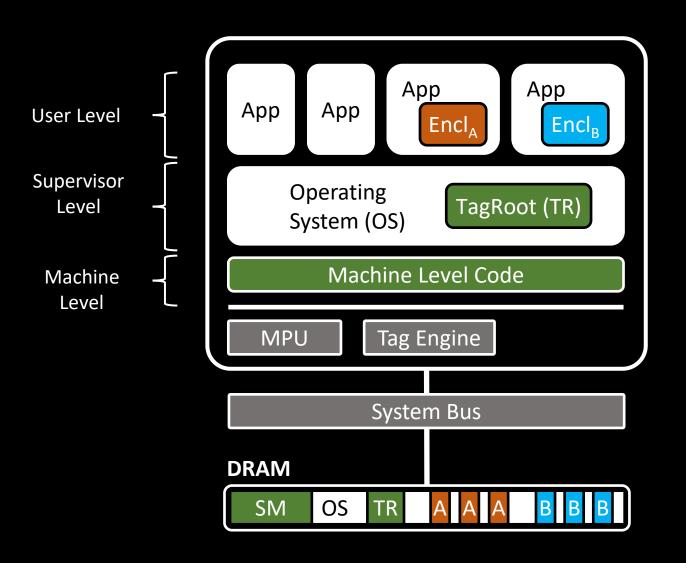
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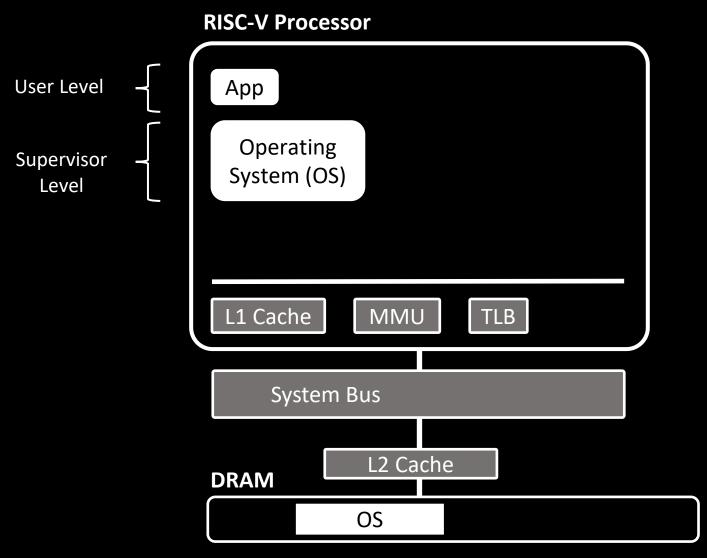
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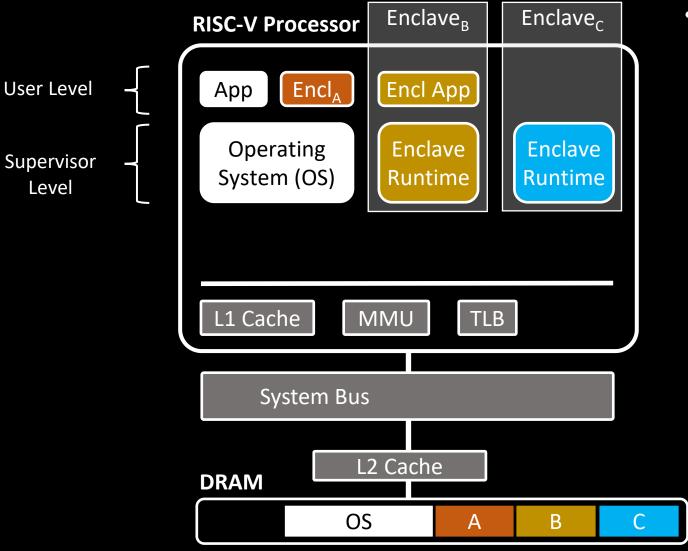
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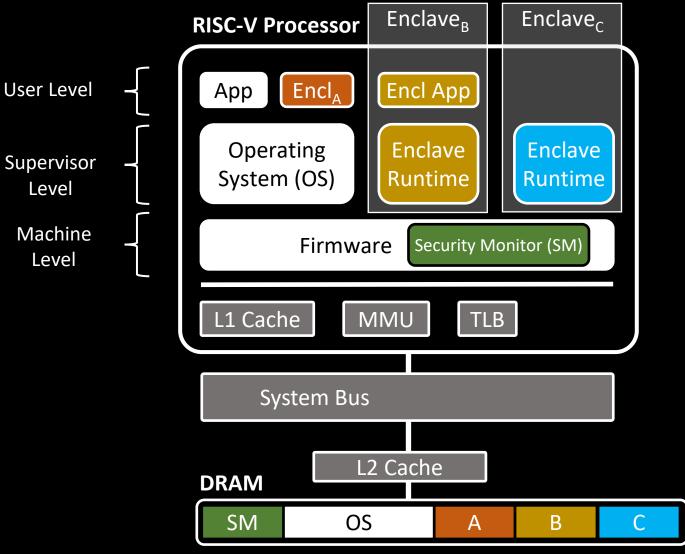
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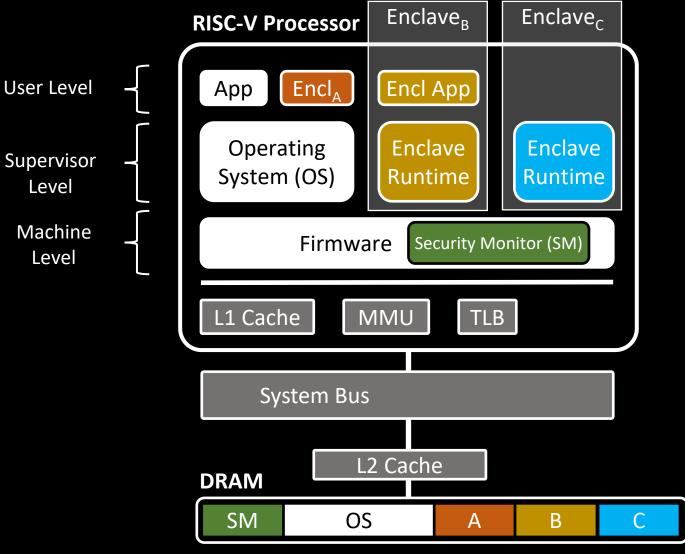
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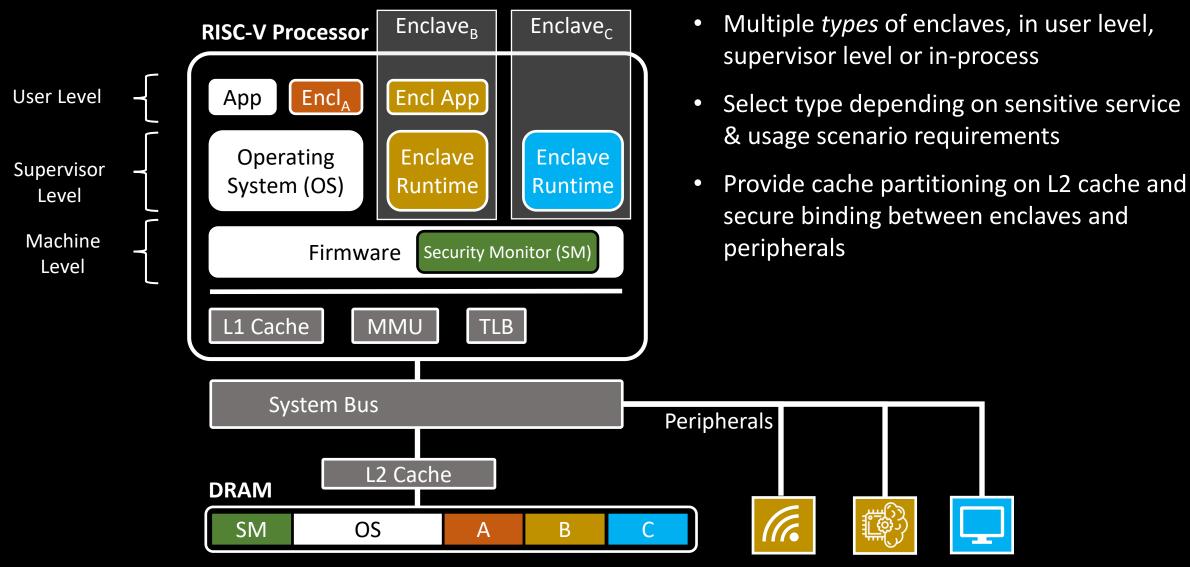
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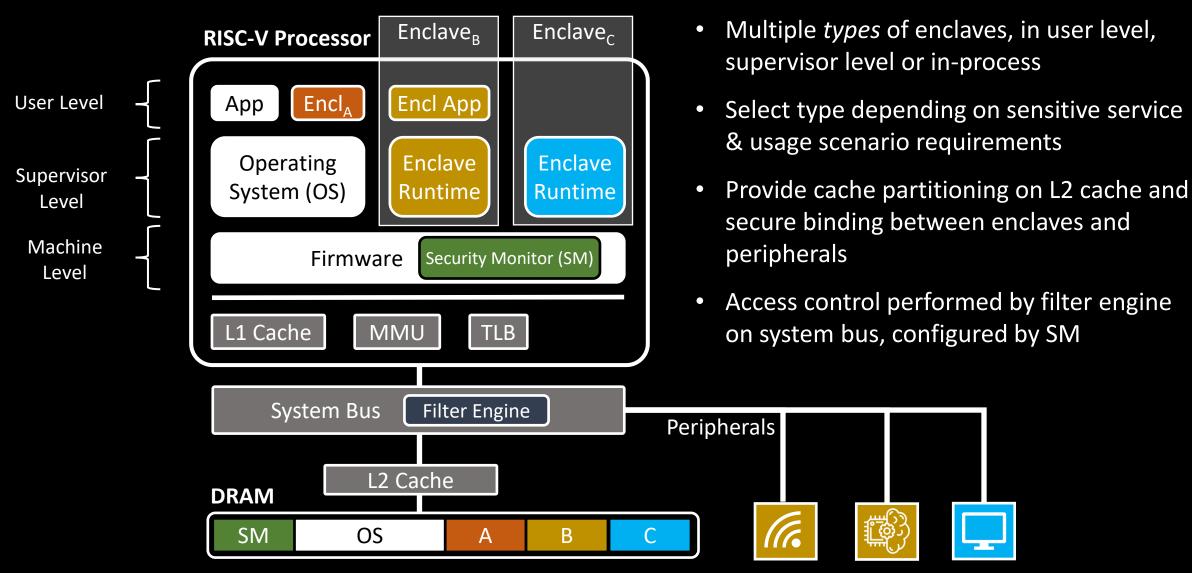


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