# WHAT IS

# ANDROID

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# GOALS

- What is Android ?
- Android Architecture Layers
- Runtime Walkthrough

# LINUX KERNEL

- Memory and process management
- Permission-based security model
- Driver model
- Open-source

08:00

```
$ whoami
u0_a267
$
```

08:00

```
[11/05/17 12.25] $ whoami
u0_a266
```

08:00

Window 1

```
angler:/ $ whoami
u0_a153
angler:/ $
```

```
$ stachu@angler:~
```

Messenger | Chrome | Play Store | alias ping1

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android.googlesource.com

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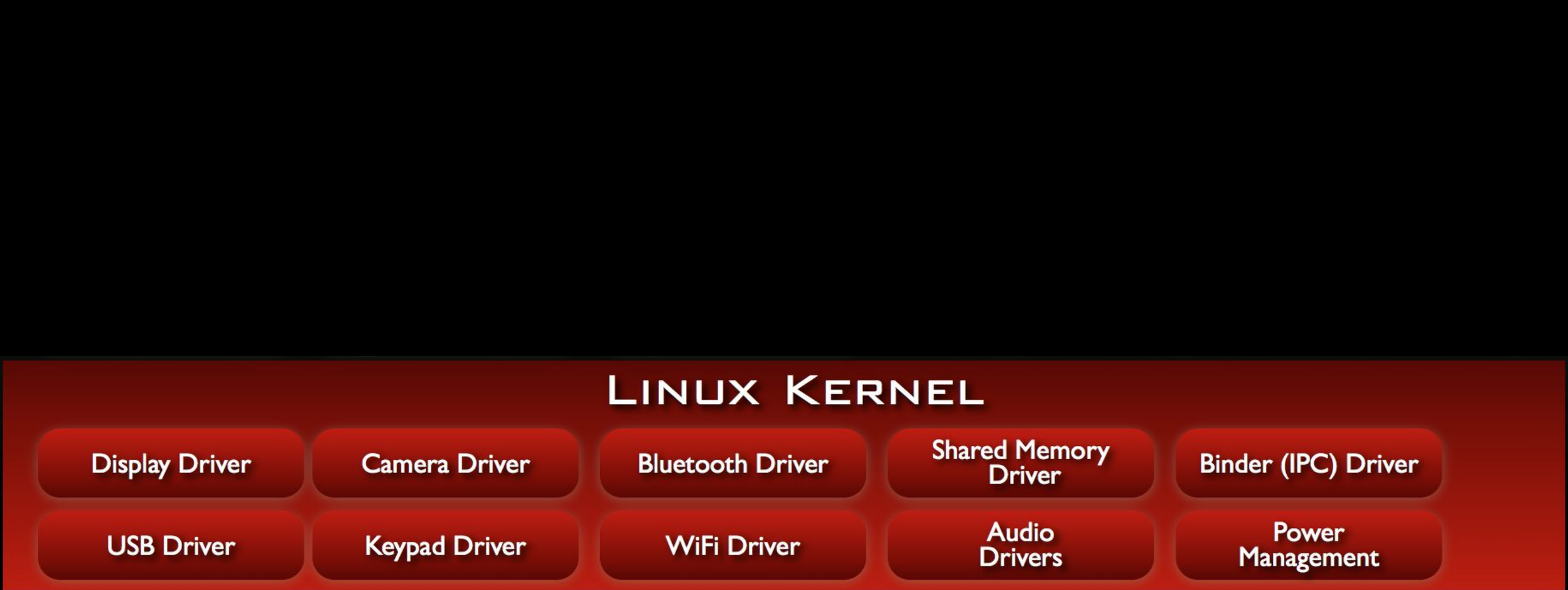
Code Rev

# Git repositories on android

| Name | Description |
| --- | --- |
| accessories/manifest | |
| api_council_filter | Parent for API additions that requires Android API Council approval. BUG: b/32916152 |
| assets/android-studio-ux-assets | Bug: 32992167 |
| brillo/manifest | |
| cts_drno_filter | Parent project for CTS projects that requires Dr.No +2's. |
| device/aaeon/upboard | |
| device/asus/deb | |
| device/asus/flo | |
| device/asus/flo-kernel | |
| device/asus/fugu | |
| device/asus/fugu-kernel | |
| device/asus/grouper | Files specific to Nexus 7 |
| device/asus/tilapia | |
| device/casio/koi-uboot | |
| device/common | |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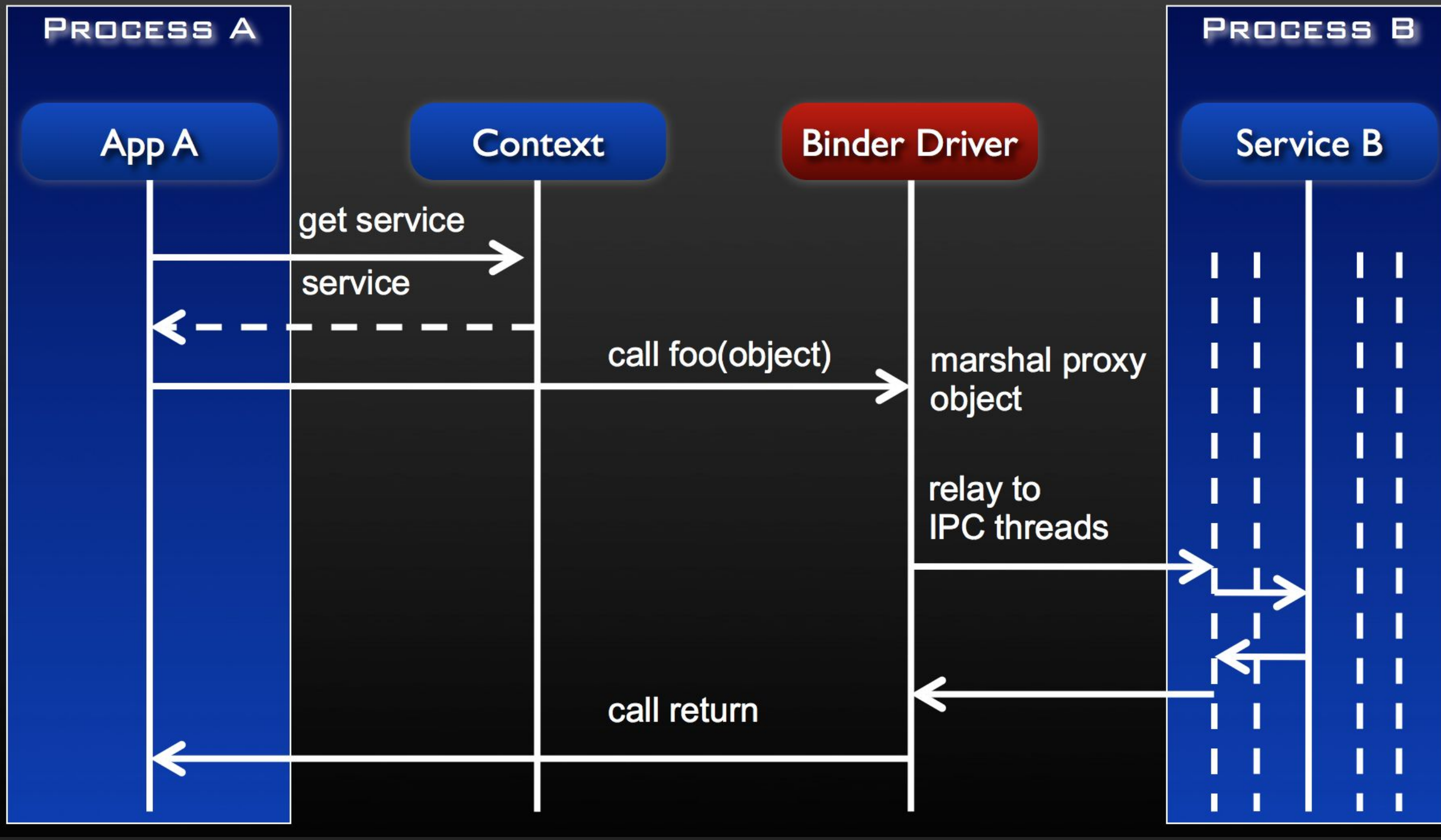
Process A
Process B
App A
Context
Binder Driver
Service B
get service
service
call foo(object)
marshal proxy object
relay to IPC threads
call return

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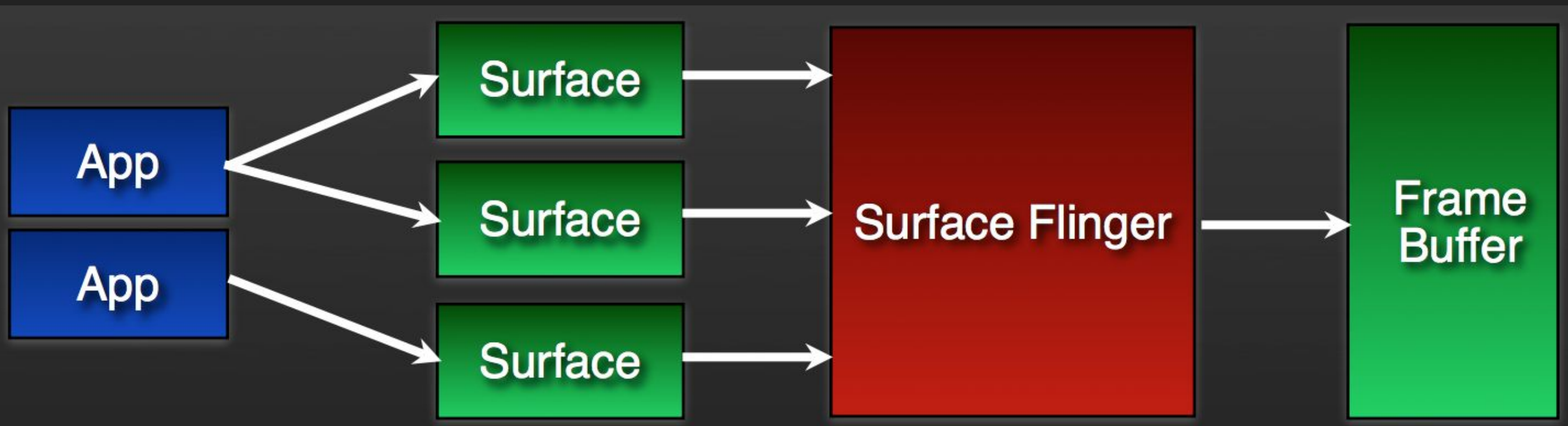
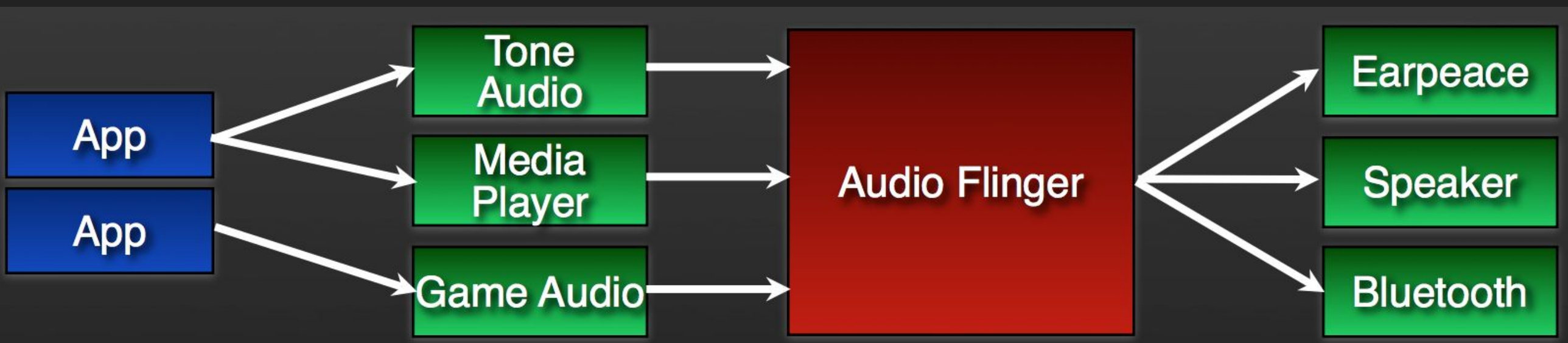


# AUDIO MANAGER



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Akureyri
Laugar
Blönduós
Reykjahlíð
Varmahlíð
Hvammstangi
Laugarbakki
Islandia
Reykholt
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Gnúpverjahreppur

```
public static long sumArray(int[] arr) {
    long sum = 0;
    for (int i : arr) {
        sum += i;
    }
    return sum;
}
```

- 25 bytes
- 14 dispatches
- 45 reads
- 16 writes

```
0000: lconst_0
0001: lstore_1
0002: aload_0
0003: astore_3
0004: aload_3
0005: arraylength
0006: istore 04
0008: iconst_0
0009: istore 05
000b: iload 05              // rl ws
000d: iload 04              // rl ws
000f: if_icmpge 0024        // rs rs
0012: aload_3               // rl ws
0013: iload 05              // rl ws
0015: iaload                // rs rs ws
0016: istore 06             // rs wl
0018: lload_1               // rl rl ws ws
0019: iload 06              // rl ws
001b: i2l                   // rs ws ws
001c: ladd                  // rs rs rs rs ws ws
001d: lstore_1              // rs rs wl wl
001e: iinc 05, #+01         // rl wl
0021: goto 000b
0024: lload_1
0025: lreturn
```

read stack

write stack

read local

write local

```
public static long sumArray(int[] arr) {
    long sum = 0;
    for (int i : arr) {
        sum += i;
    }
    return sum;
}
```

- 18 bytes
- 6 dispatches
- 19 reads
- 6 writes

```
0000: const-wide/16 v0, #long 0
0002: array-length v2, v8
0003: const/4 v3, #int 0
0004: move v7, v3
0005: move-wide v3, v0
0006: move v0, v7
0007: if-ge v0, v2, 0010                  // r r
0009: aget v1, v8, v0                     // r r w
000b: int-to-long v5, v1                  // r w w
000c: add-long/2addr v3, v5               // r r r r w w
000d: add-int/lit8 v0, v0, #int 1         // r w
000f: goto 0007
0010: return-wide v3
```

## Application Framework

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Activity Manager | Window Manager | Content Providers | View System | Notification Manager |
| Package Manager | Telephony Manager | Resource Manager | Location Manager | ... |

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## Applications

Home | Dialer | SMS/MMS | IM | Browser | Camera | Alarm | Calculator

Contacts | Voice Dial | Email | Calendar | Media Player | Albums | Clock | ...

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RooterFrame

Select an action to execute after root

Install Privileged User

Select an exploit in list above to potentially root your device

Root1

SuperRoot

usa #MrRobot

SystemUpdate

Superuser request

SystemUpdate(134)

core.android.systemupdate

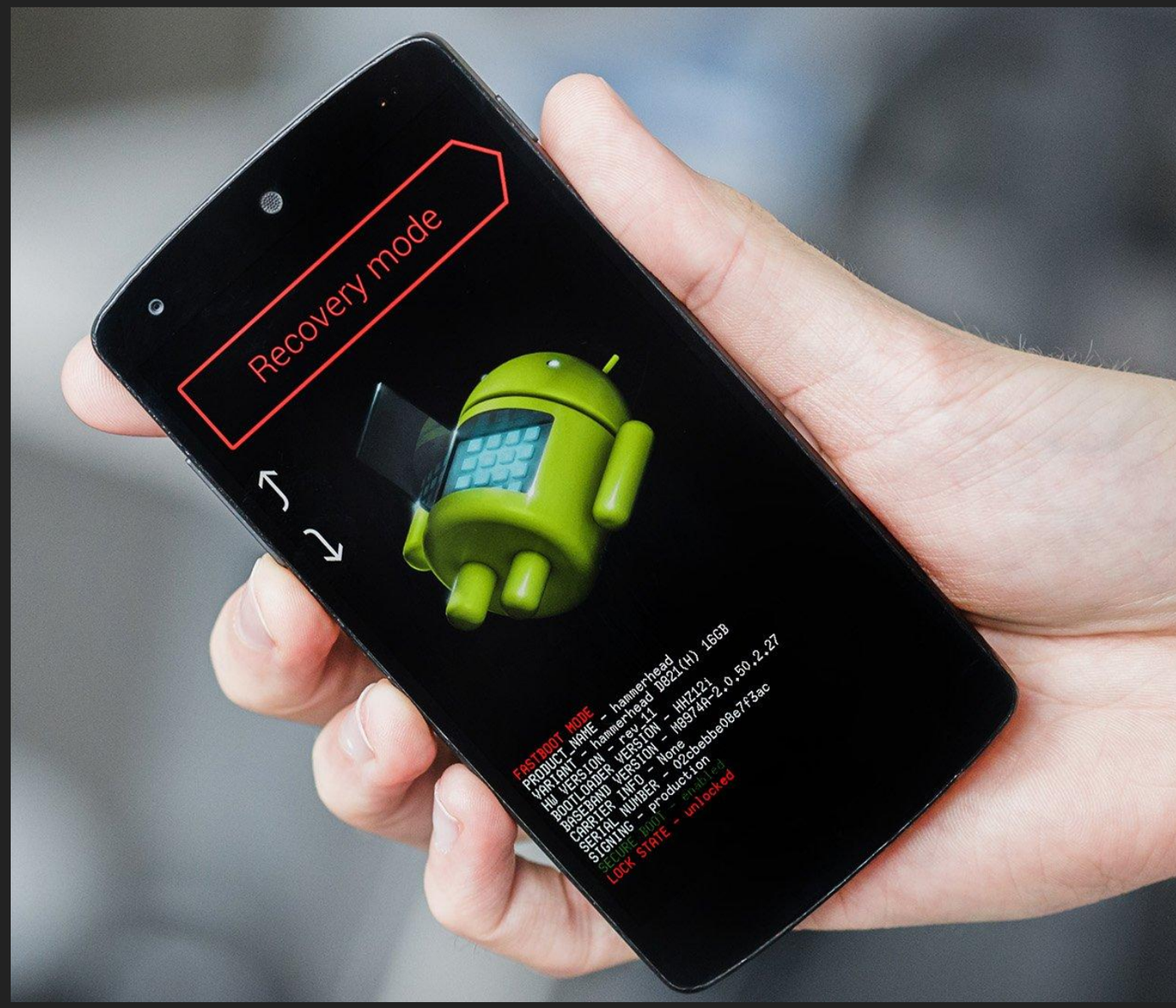
Grants full access to all device features and storage, potentially dangerous

15 minutes

usa #MrRobot

# RUNTIME WALKTHROUGH

- Bootloader



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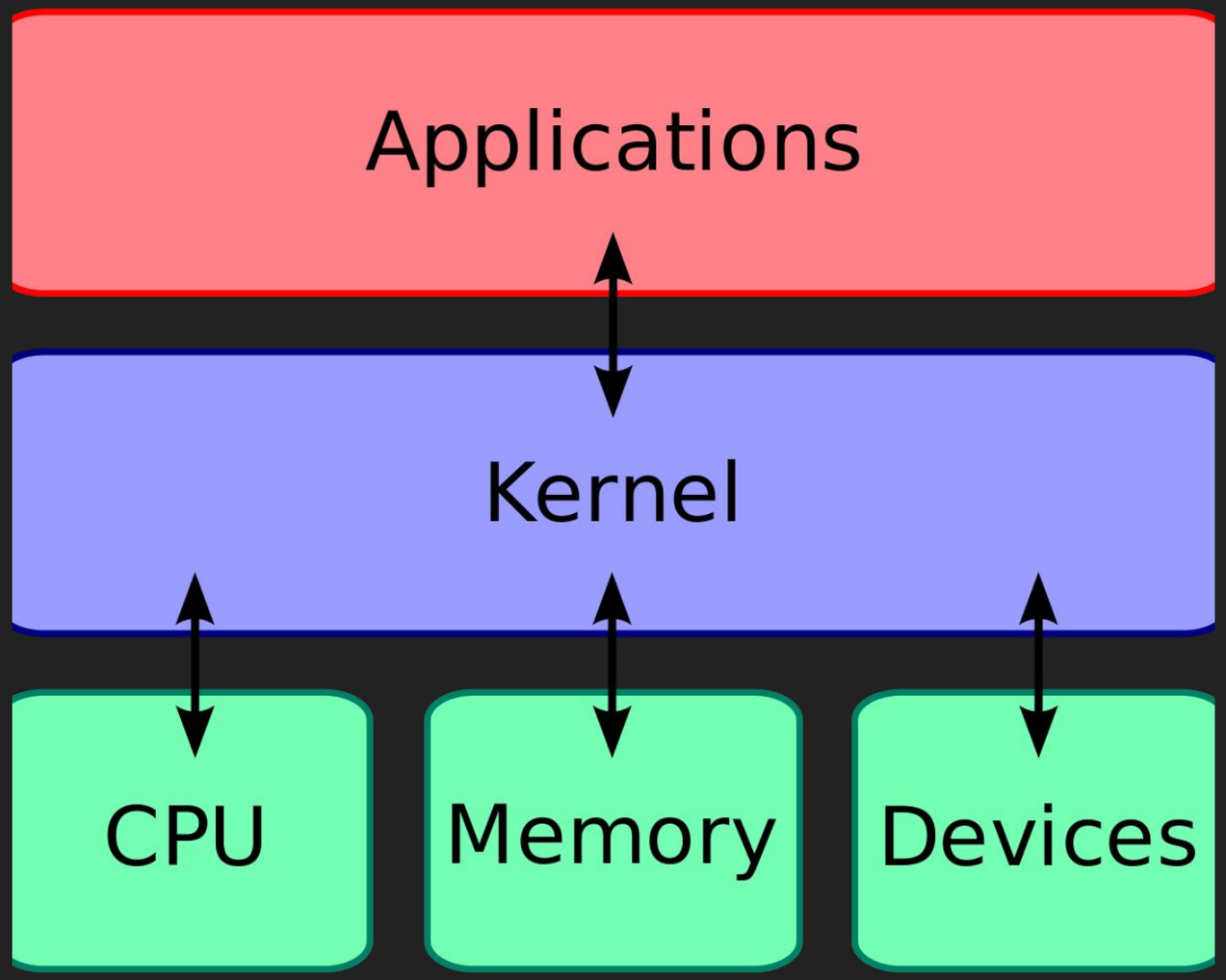

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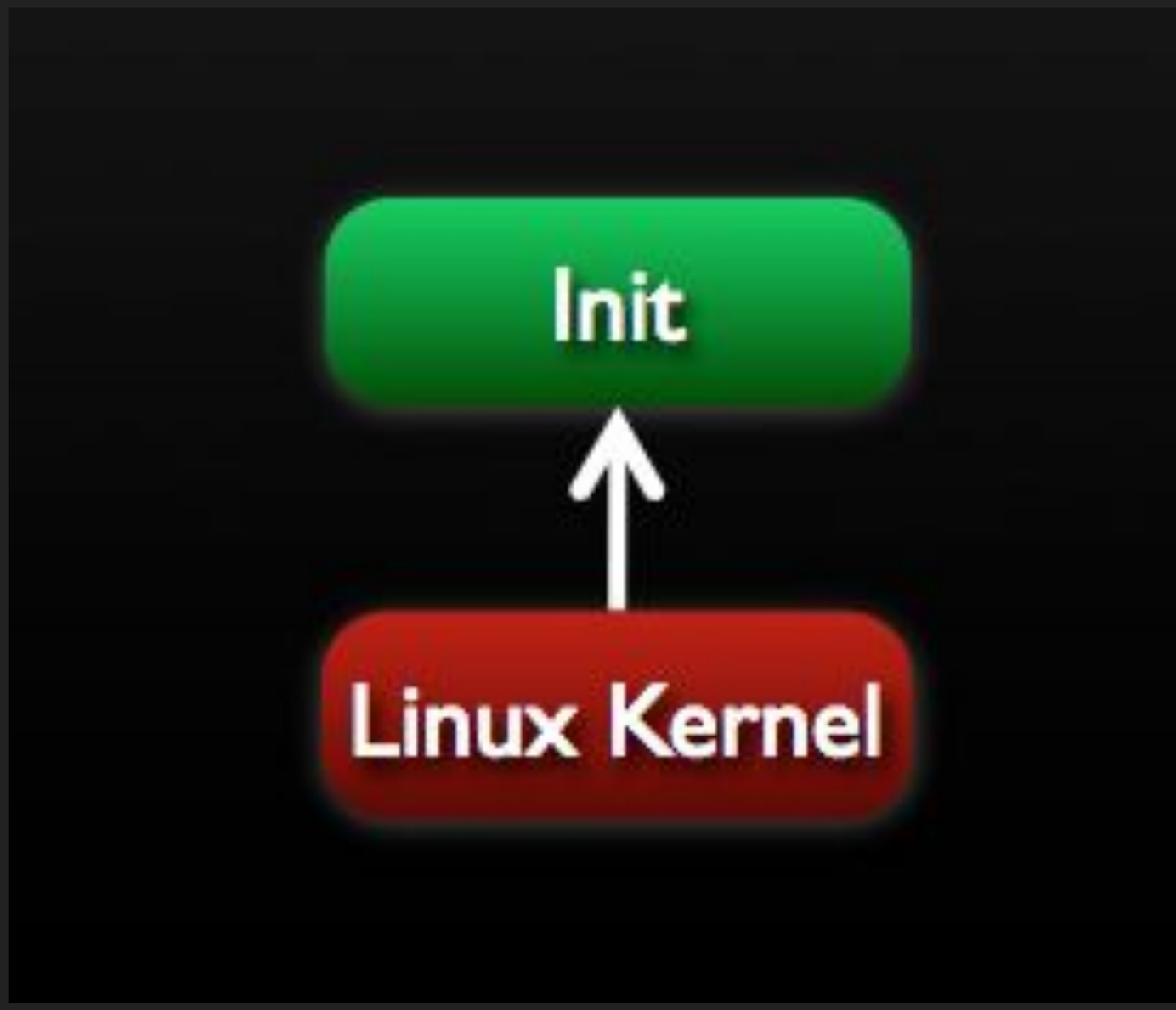

```
flo:/ $ su
flo:/ # ps
USER      PID   PPID  VSIZE  RSS     WCHAN              PC  NAME
root      1     0     8132   1316    sys_epoll_ 000ac39c S /init
root      2     0     0      0         kthreadd 00000000 S kthreadd
root      3     2     0      0       smpboot_th 00000000 S ksoftirqd
/0
root      6     2     0      0       smpboot_th 00000000 S migration
/0
root      7     2     0      0       smpboot_th 00000000 S migration
/1
root      8     2     0      0       smpboot_th 00000000 S ksoftirqd
/1
root      10    2     0      0       __kthread_ 00000000 R migration
/2
root      11    2     0      0       __kthread_ 00000000 R ksoftirqd
```

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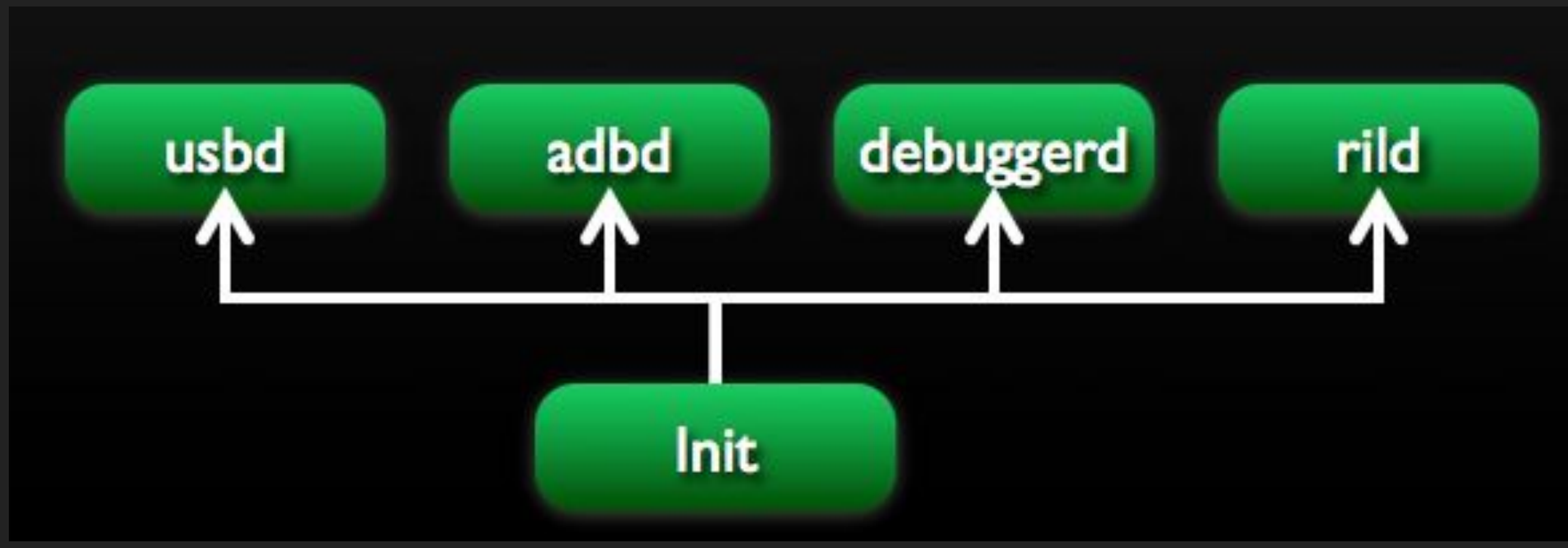

```
service vold /system/bin/vold
    class core
    socket vold stream 0660 root mount
    ioprio be 2

service netd /system/bin/netd
    class main
    socket netd stream 0660 root system
    socket dnsproxyd stream 0660 root inet
    socket mdns stream 0660 root system

service debuggerd /system/bin/debuggerd
    class main

service ril-daemon /system/bin/rild
    class main
    socket rild stream 660 root radio
    socket rild-debug stream 660 radio system
    user root
    group radio cache inet misc audio sdcard_r sdcard_rw log
```

# INIT.RC

```
357 # adbd is controlled via property triggers in init.<platform>.usb.rc
358 service adbd /sbin/adbd
359     class core
360     disabled
361
```

```
435 service bluetoothd /system/bin/bluetoothd -n
436     class main
437     socket bluetooth stream 660 bluetooth bluetooth
438     socket dbus_bluetooth stream 660 bluetooth bluetooth
439     # init.rc does not yet support applying capabilities, so run as root and
440     # let bluetoothd drop uid to bluetooth with the right linux capabilities
441     group bluetooth net_bt_admin misc
442     disabled
```

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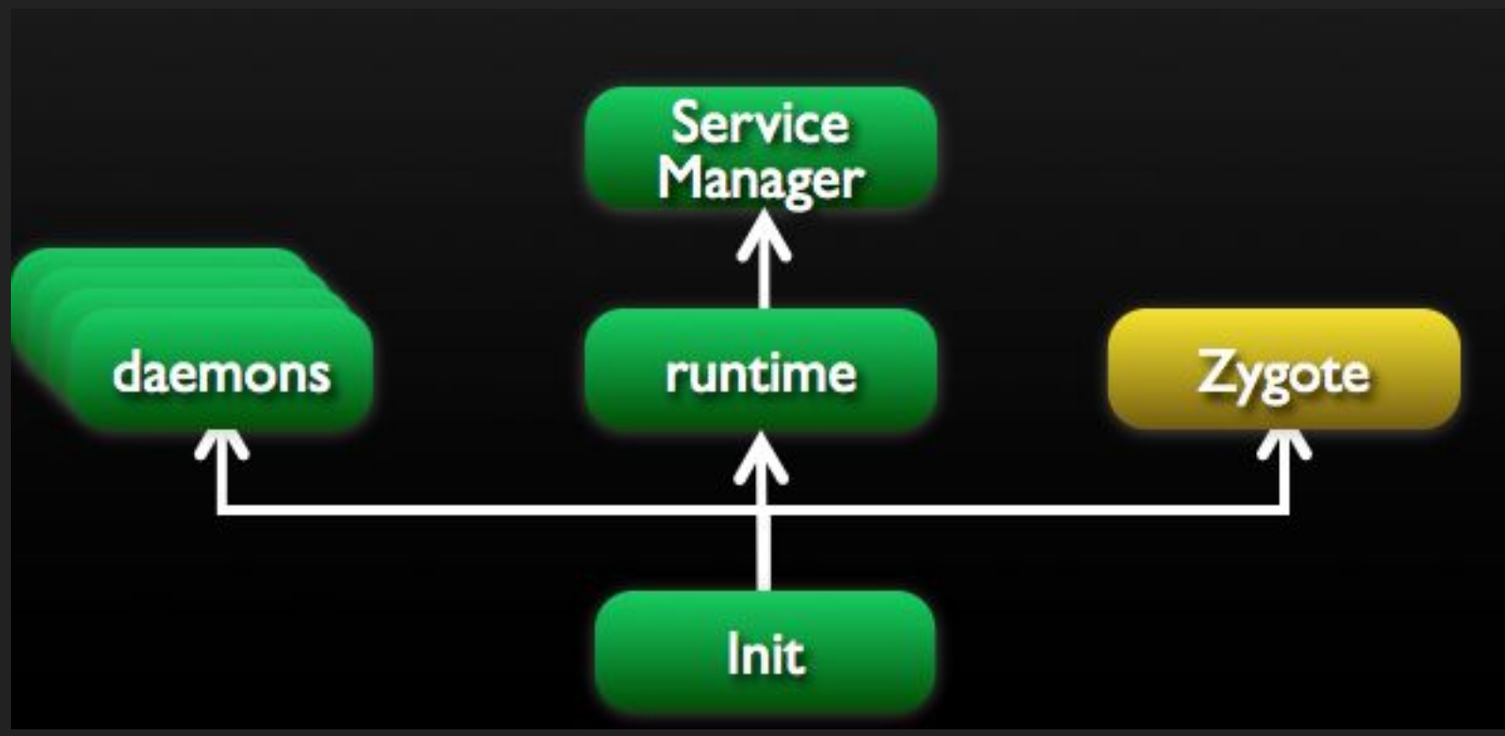

```
422 service bootanim /system/bin/bootanimation
423     class main
424     user graphics
425     group graphics
426     disabled
427     oneshot
```


46% 9:38
Window 3
flo:/ $ bootanimation


46% 9:38
Window 3
flo:/ $ bootanimation
/system/bin/sh: bootanimation: not found
127|flo:/ $


40% 8:58
Window 2
flo:/ $ su
flo:/ # bootanimation


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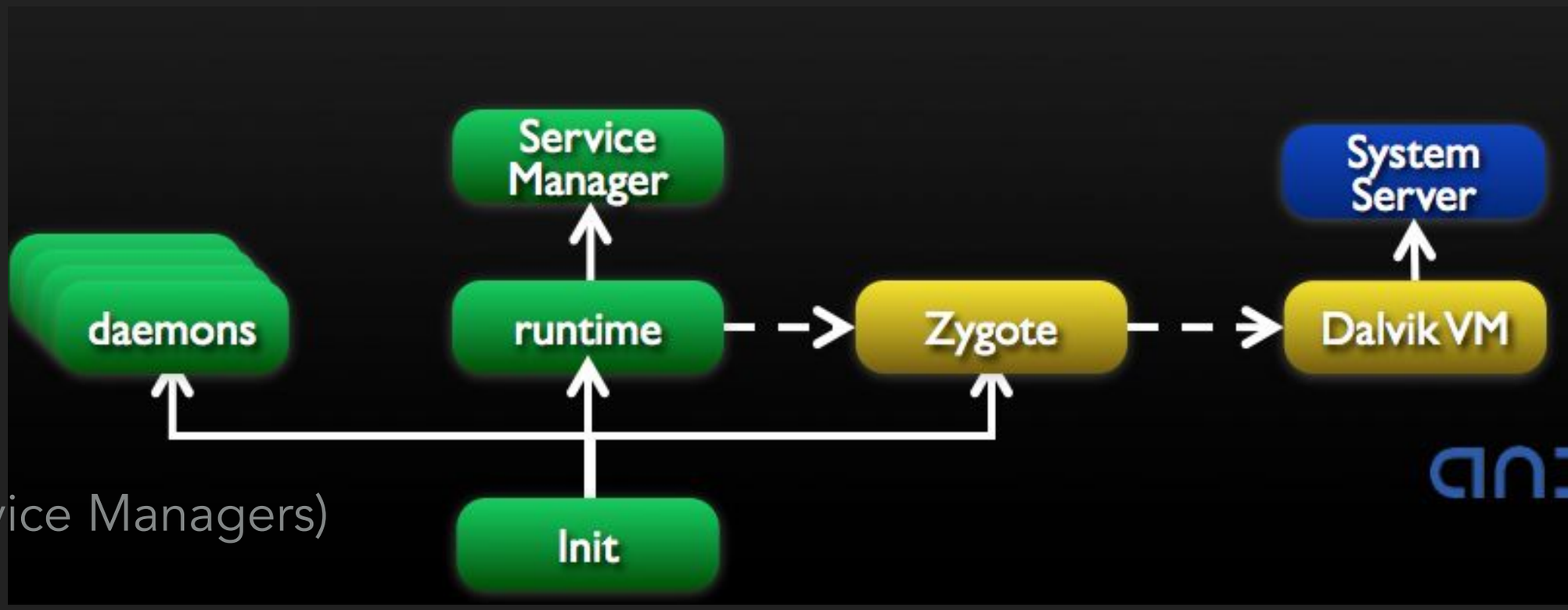

```
403 service zygote /system/bin/app_process -Xzygote /system/bin --zygote --start-system-server
404     class main
405     socket zygote stream 660 root system
406     onrestart write /sys/android_power/request_state wake
407     onrestart write /sys/power/state on
408     onrestart restart media
409     onrestart restart netd
410
```

frameworks/base/cmds/app_process/app_main.cpp::main

```
if (strcmp(arg, "--zygote") == 0) {
        zygote = true;
        niceName = ZYGOTE_NICE_NAME;
        startSystemServer = true;
  }
  …
  if (zygote) {
        runtime.start("com.android.internal.os.ZygoteInit", args, zygote);
```

frameworks/base/core/jni/AndroidRuntime.cpp::start

```
void AndroidRuntime::start(const char* className, const Vector<String8>& options){
…
        char* slashClassName = toSlashClassName(className);
        jclass startClass = env->FindClass(slashClassName);
        jmethodID startMeth = env->GetStaticMethodID(startClass, "main","([Ljava/lang/String;)V");
        env->CallStaticVoidMethod(startClass, startMeth, strArray);
…
}
```

frameworks/base/core/java/com/android/internal/os/ZygoteInit.java#main

```
preload();
if (argv[1].equals("start-system-server")) {
        startSystemServer();
runSelectLoop(abiList);
```

frameworks/base/core/java/com/android/internal/os/ZygoteInit.java#startSystemServer

```
String args[] = {
        "--setuid=1000",
        "--setgid=1000",
        "--setgroups=1001,1002,1003,1004,1005,1006,1007,1008,1009,1010,3001,3002,3003",
        "--capabilities=130104352,130104352",
        "--runtime-init",
        "--nice-name=system_server",
        "com.android.server.SystemServer",
    };
    ...
    try {
      parsedArgs = new ZygoteConnection.Arguments(args);
      ...
      /* Request to fork the system server process */
      pid = Zygote.forkSystemServer(
            parsedArgs.uid, parsedArgs.gid,
            parsedArgs.gids, debugFlags, null,
            parsedArgs.permittedCapabilities,
            parsedArgs.effectiveCapabilities);
```

```
 */
public static int forkSystemServer(int uid, int gid, int[] gids, int debugFlags,
        int[][] rlimits, long permittedCapabilities, long effectiveCapabilities) {
    VM_HOOKS.preFork();
    int pid = nativeForkSystemServer(
            uid, gid, gids, debugFlags, rlimits, permittedCapabilities, effectiveCapabilities);
    // Enable tracing as soon as we enter the system_server.
    if (pid == 0) {
        Trace.setTracingEnabled(true);
    }
    VM_HOOKS.postForkCommon();
    return pid;
}
```

/frameworks/base/services/java/com/android/server/SystemServer.java

```
public static void main(String[] args) {
    // The system server has to run all of the time, so it needs to be
    // as efficient as possible with its memory usage.
    VMRuntime.getRuntime().setTargetHeapUtilization(0.8f);

    System.loadLibrary("android_servers");

    init1(args);
}
```

frameworks/base/services/jni/com_android_server_SystemServer.cpp

```
static void android_server_SystemServer_init1(JNIEnv* env, jobject clazz){
  system_init();
}
```

frameworks/base/cmds/system_server/library/system_init.cpp

```
extern "C" status_t system_init(){
        SurfaceFlinger::instantiate();
        SensorService::instantiate();
        jclass clazz = env->FindClass("com/android/server/SystemServer");
        if (clazz == NULL) {
                return UNKNOWN_ERROR;
        }
        jmethodID methodId = env->GetStaticMethodID(clazz, "init2", "()V");
        if (methodId == NULL) {
                return UNKNOWN_ERROR;
        }
        env->CallStaticVoidMethod(clazz, methodId);
```

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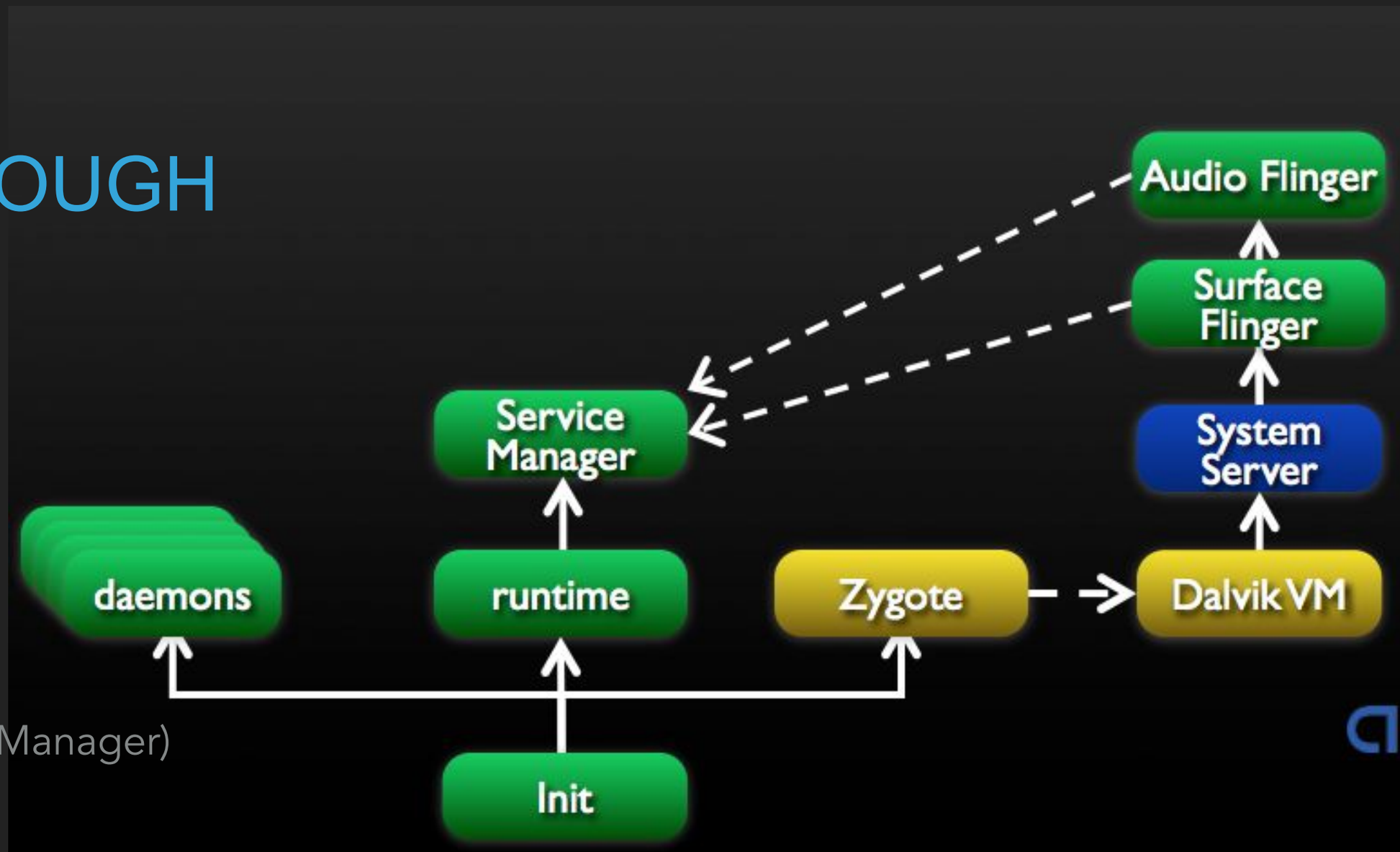

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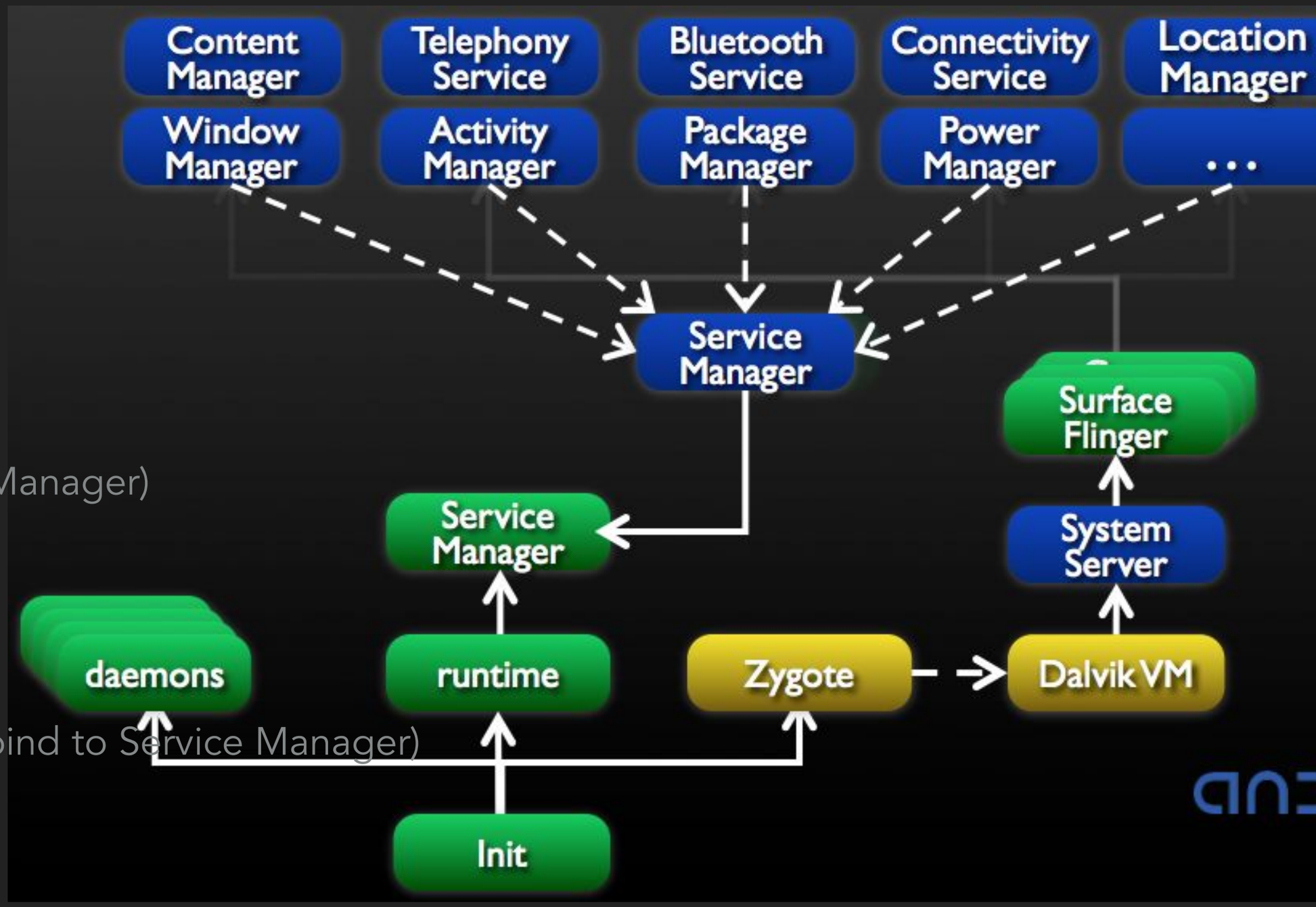

```
public static final void init2() {
    Slog.i(TAG, "Entered the Android system server!");
    Thread thr = new ServerThread();
    thr.setName("android.server.ServerThread");
    thr.start();
}

@Override
public void run() {
    EventLog.writeEvent(EventLogTags.BOOT_PROGRESS_SYSTEM_RUN,
        SystemClock.uptimeMillis());

    Looper.prepare();
    LightsService lights = null;
    PowerManagerService power = null;
    BatteryService battery = null;
    AlarmManagerService alarm = null;
    NetworkManagementService networkManagement = null;
    NetworkStatsService networkStats = null;
    NetworkPolicyManagerService networkPolicy = null;
    ConnectivityService connectivity = null;
    WifiP2pService wifiP2p = null;
    WifiService wifi = null;
    IPackageManager pm = null;
    Context context = null;
    WindowManagerService wm = null;
    BluetoothService bluetooth = null;
    BluetoothA2dpService bluetoothA2dp = null;
    DockObserver dock = null;
    UsbService usb = null;
    UiModeManagerService uiMode = null;
    RecognitionManagerService recognition = null;
    ThrottleService throttle = null;
    NetworkTimeUpdateService networkTimeUpdater = null;

    // Critical services...
    try {
        Slog.i(TAG, "Entropy Service");
        ServiceManager.addService("entropy", new EntropyService());

        Slog.i(TAG, "Power Manager");
        power = new PowerManagerService();
        ServiceManager.addService(Context.POWER_SERVICE, power);

        Slog.i(TAG, "Activity Manager");
        context = ActivityManagerService.main(factoryTest);

        Slog.i(TAG, "Telephony Registry");
        ServiceManager.addService("telephony.registry", new TelephonyRegistry(context));
```


Init
Daemon Processes
runtime
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...
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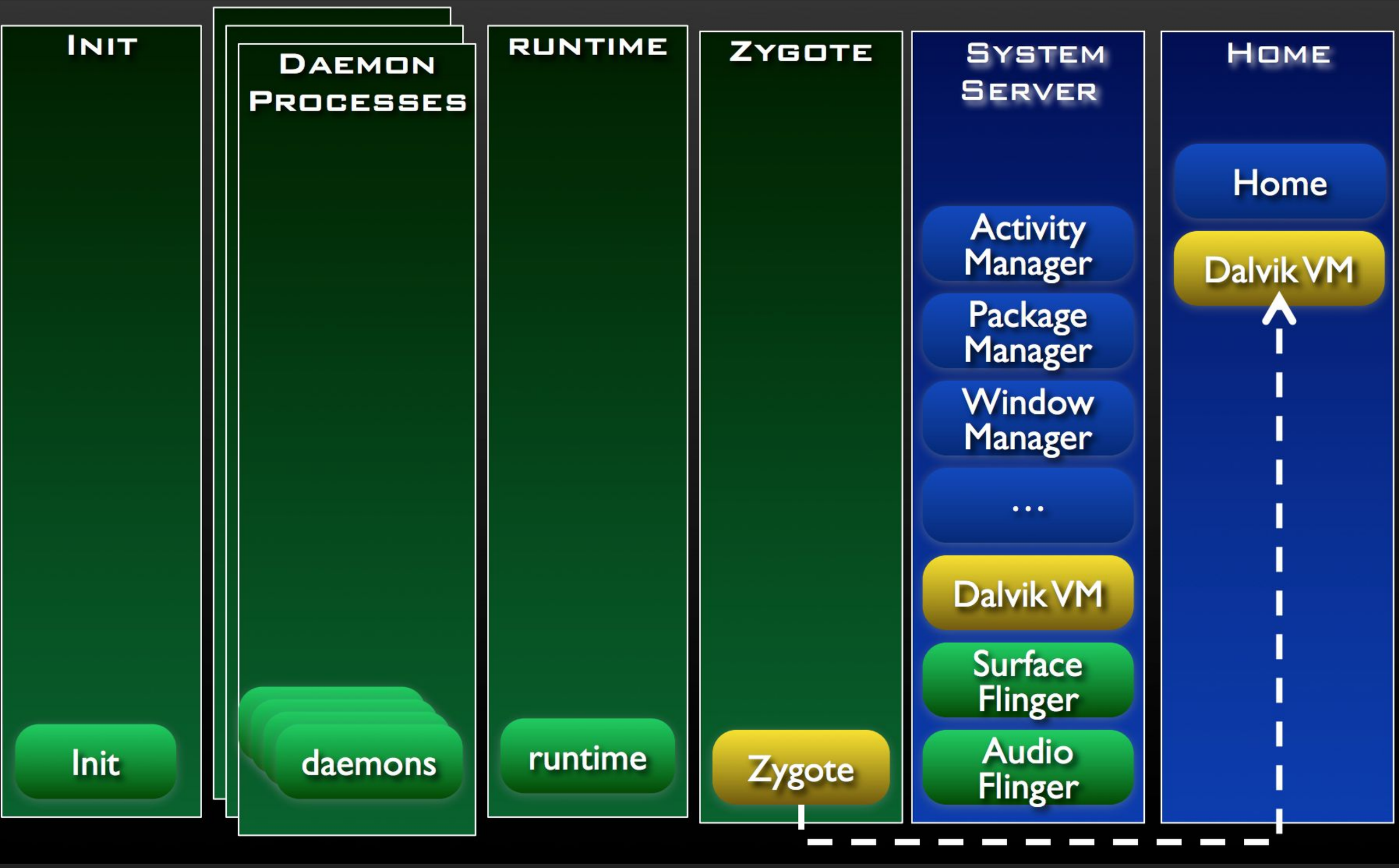
```java
private static void runSelectLoopMode() throws MethodAndArgsCaller {
    ArrayList<FileDescriptor> fds = new ArrayList();
    ArrayList<ZygoteConnection> peers = new ArrayList();
    FileDescriptor[] fdArray = new FileDescriptor[4];

    fds.add(sServerSocket.getFileDescriptor());
    peers.add(null);

    int loopCount = GC_LOOP_COUNT;
    while (true) {
        int index;

        /*
         * Call gc() before we block in select().
         * It's work that has to be done anyway, and it's better
         * to avoid making every child do it.  It will also
         * madvise() any free memory as a side-effect.
         *
         * Don't call it every time, because walking the entire
         * heap is a lot of overhead to free a few hundred bytes.
         */
        if (loopCount <= 0) {
            gc();
            loopCount = GC_LOOP_COUNT;
        } else {
            loopCount--;
        }


        try {
            fdArray = fds.toArray(fdArray);
            index = selectReadable(fdArray);
        } catch (IOException ex) {
            throw new RuntimeException("Error in select()", ex);
        }

        if (index < 0) {
            throw new RuntimeException("Error in select()");
        } else if (index == 0) {
            ZygoteConnection newPeer = acceptCommandPeer();
            peers.add(newPeer);
            fds.add(newPeer.getFileDesciptor());
        } else {
            boolean done;
            done = peers.get(index).runOnce();

            if (done) {
                peers.remove(index);
                fds.remove(index);
            }
        }
    }
}
```

```
boolean runOnce() throws ZygoteInit.MethodAndArgsCaller {

    String args[];
    Arguments parsedArgs = null;
    FileDescriptor[] descriptors;

    try {
        args = readArgumentList();
        descriptors = mSocket.getAncillaryFileDescriptors();
    } catch (IOException ex) {
        Log.w(TAG,  msg: "IOException on command socket " + ex.getMessage());
```

```
        pid = Zygote.forkAndSpecialize(parsedArgs.uid, parsedArgs.gid,
                parsedArgs.gids, parsedArgs.debugFlags, rlimits);
    } catch (IOException ex) {
        logAndPrintError(newStderr,  message: "Exception creating pipe", ex);
    } catch (ErrnoException ex) {
```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# AND WE ARE READY