



Four Components of a Computer System



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Operating System Modules





Storage-Device Hierarchy







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| Level | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
|------------------------------|--|-------------------------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Name | registers | cache | main memory | solid-state disk | magnetic disk |
| Typical size | < 1 KB | < 16MB | < 64GB | < 1 TB | < 10 TB |
| Implementation technology | custom memory with multiple ports CMOS | on-chip or off-chip CMOS SRAM | CMOS SRAM | flash memory | magnetic disk |
| Access time (ns) | 0.25-0.5 | 0.5-25 | 80-250 | 25,000-50,000 | 5,000,000 |
| Bandwidth (MB/sec) | 20,000-100,000 | 5,000-10,000 | 1,000-5,000 | 500 | 20-150 |
| Managed by | compiler | hardware | operating system | operating system | operating system |
| Backed by | cache | main memory | disk | disk | disk or tape |

Characteristics of Various Types of Storage





File System Implementation





Memory Management: Virtual Memory





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Multiprogramming

- Multiprogramming needed for efficiency
 - Single user cannot keep CPU and I/O devices busy at all times
 - Multiprogramming organizes jobs (code and data) so CPU always has one to execute
 - A subset of total jobs in system is kept in memory
 - One job selected and run via **job scheduling**
 - When it has to wait (for I/O for example), OS switches to another job
- Timesharing (multitasking) is logical extension in which CPU switches jobs so frequently that users can interact with each job while it is running, creating interactive computing
 - **Response time** should be < 1 second
 - Each user has at least one program executing in memory ⇒**process**
 - If several jobs ready to run at the same time ⇒ CPU scheduling
 - If processes don't fit in memory, swapping moves them in and out to run
 - Virtual memory allows execution of processes not completely in memory





Memory Layout for Multiprogrammed System





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Basic idea of Multiprogramming







System Calls

EXAMPLE OF STANDARD API

As an example of a standard API, consider the read() function that is available in UNIX and Linux systems. The API for this function is obtained from the man page by invoking the command

man read

on the command line. A description of this API appears below:

| | #include | <unistd.h></unistd.h> | | | | | |
|---|-----------------|-----------------------|-------|------|---------|--------|--------|
| L | ssize_t | read(int | fd, v | void | *buf, | size_t | count) |
| | return value | function name | | р | aramete | ers | |

A program that uses the read() function must include the unistd.h header file, as this file defines the ssize_t and size_t data types (among other things). The parameters passed to read() are as follows:

- int fd—the file descriptor to be read
- void *buf a buffer into which the data will be read
- size_t count—the maximum number of bytes to be read into the
 buffer

On a successful read, the number of bytes read is returned. A return value of 0 indicates end of file. If an error occurs, read() returns -1.



| kernel Arc | hitecture (UN | IX) | |
|-----------------|-----------------|--------------------------------|------------|
| User program 🗸 | Library | | User level |
| system | kernel level | | |
| File Subsystem | | Inter process communication | |
| Buffer Cache | Process Control | Scheduler | |
| character block | Subsystem | Memory | |
| Device driver | | t | |
| Hardv | kernel level | | |
| ha | User level | | |



System Calls

- Interrupt driven by hardware
- Software error or request creates exception or trap
 - Division by zero, request for operating system service
- Other process problems include infinite loop, processes modifying each other or the operating system
- Dual-mode operation allows OS to protect itself and other system components
 - User mode and kernel mode
 - Mode bit provided by hardware
 - Provides ability to distinguish when system is running user code or kernel code
 - Some instructions designated as privileged, only executable in kernel mode
 - System call changes mode to kernel, return from call resets it to user





System Calls and Software Interrupts

x86 PC hardware interrupts



| IRQ | Usage |
|-----|--|
| 0 | system timer (cannot be changed) |
| 1 | keyboard controller (cannot be changed) |
| 2 | cascaded signals from IRQs 8–15 |
| 3 | second RS-232 serial port (COM2: in Windows) |
| 4 | first RS-232 serial port (COM1: in Windows) |
| 5 | parallel port 2 and 3 or sound card |
| 6 | floppy disk controller |
| 7 | first parallel port |
| 8 | real-time clock |
| 9 | open interrupt |
| 10 | open interrupt |
| 11 | open interrupt |
| 12 | PS/2 mouse |
| 13 | math coprocessor |
| 14 | primary ATA channel |
| 15 | secondary ATA channel |







System Calls







System Calls: Transition from User to Kernel Mode

Timer to prevent infinite loop / process hogging resources

- Set interrupt after specific period
- Operating system decrements counter
- When counter zero generate an interrupt
- Set up before scheduling process to regain control or terminate program that exceeds allotted time







System Calls: Transition from User to Kernel Mode





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EXAMPLES OF WINDOWS AND UNIX SYSTEM CALLS

The following illustrates various equivalent system calls for Windows and UNIX operating systems.

| | Windows | Unix |
|----------------------------|--|--|
| Process control | CreateProcess() ExitProcess() WaitForSingleObject() | fork() exit() wait() |
| File management | CreateFile() ReadFile() WriteFile() CloseHandle() | open() read() write() close() |
| Device management | SetConsoleMode() ReadConsole() WriteConsole() | ioctl() read() write() |
| Information maintenance | GetCurrentProcessID() SetTimer() Sleep() | getpid() alarm() sleep() |
| Communications | CreatePipe() CreateFileMapping() MapViewOfFile() | pipe() shm_open(mmap() |
| Protection | SetFileSecurity() InitlializeSecurityDescriptor() SetSecurityDescriptorGroup() | chmod() umask() chown() |







C program invoking printf() library call, which calls write() system call

THE STANDARD C LIBRARY

The standard C library provides a portion of the system-call interface for many versions of UNIX and Linux. As an example, let's assume a C program invokes the printf() statement. The C library intercepts this call and invokes the necessary system call (or calls) in the operating system—in this instance, the write() system call. The C library takes the value returned by write() and passes it back to the user program:



