Chapter 1: Introduction

What is an Operating System?

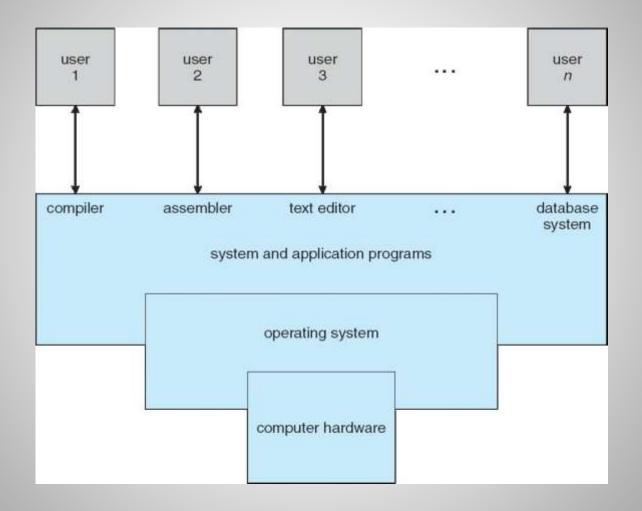
- A program that acts as an intermediary between a user of a computer and the computer hardware
- Operating system goals:
 - Execute user programs and make solving user problems easier
 - Make the computer system convenient to use
 - Use the computer hardware in an efficient manner

Computer System Structure

Computer system can be divided into four components:

- Hardware provides basic computing resources
 - CPU, memory, I/O devices
- Operating system
 - Controls and coordinates use of hardware among various applications and users
- Application programs define the ways in which the system resources are used to solve the computing problems of the users
 - Word processors, compilers, web browsers, database systems, video games
- Users
 - People, machines, other computers

Four Components of a Computer System



What Operating Systems Do

- Depends on the point of view
- Users want convenience, ease of use and good performance
 - Don't care about resource utilization
- But shared computer such as mainframe or minicomputer must keep all users happy
- Users of dedicate systems such as workstations have dedicated resources but frequently use shared resources from servers
- Handheld computers are resource poor, optimized for usability and battery life
- Some computers have little or no user interface, such as embedded computers in devices and automobiles

Operating System Definition

OS is a resource allocator

- Manages all resources
- Decides between conflicting requests for efficient and fair resource use
- OS is a control program
 - Controls execution of programs to prevent errors and improper use of the computer

Operating System Definition (Cont.)

- No universally accepted definition
- "Everything a vendor ships when you order an operating system" is a good approximation
 - But varies wildly
- "The one program running at all times on the computer" is the kernel.
- Everything else is either
 - a system program (ships with the operating system), or
 - an application program.

Computer Startup

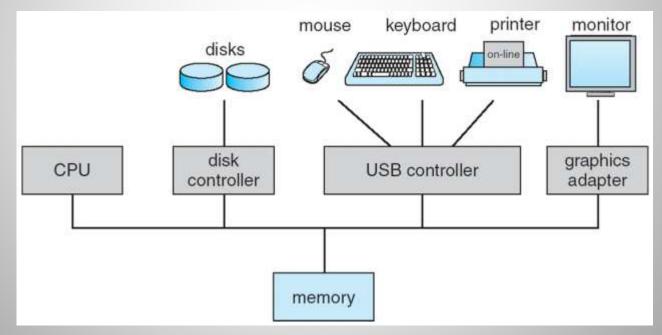
bootstrap program is loaded at power-up or reboot

- Typically stored in ROM or EPROM, generally known as firmware
- Initializes all aspects of system
- Loads operating system kernel and starts execution

Computer System Organization

Computer-system operation

- One or more CPUs, device controllers connect through common bus providing access to shared memory
- Concurrent execution of CPUs and devices competing for memory cycles



Computer-System Operation

- I/O devices and the CPU can execute concurrently
- Each device controller is in charge of a particular device type
- Each device controller has a local buffer
- CPU moves data from/to main memory to/from local buffers
- I/O is from the device to local buffer of controller
- Device controller informs CPU that it has finished its operation by causing an interrupt

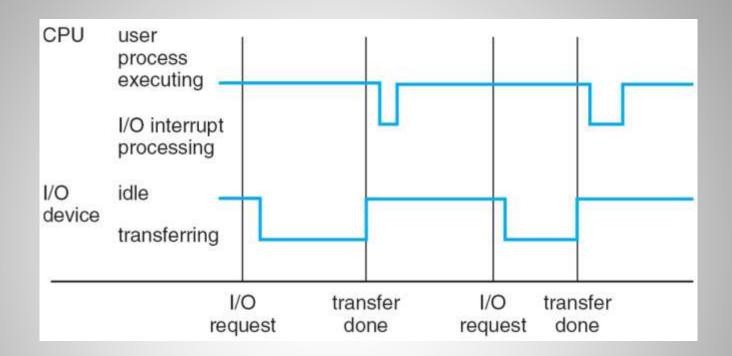
Common Functions of Interrupts

- Interrupt transfers control to the interrupt service routine generally, through the interrupt vector, which contains the addresses of all the service routines
- Interrupt architecture must save the address of the interrupted instruction
- A trap or exception is a software-generated interrupt caused either by an error or a user request
- An operating system is interrupt driven

Interrupt Handling

- The operating system preserves the state of the CPU by storing registers and the program counter
- Determines which type of interrupt has occurred:
 - polling
 - vectored interrupt system
- Separate segments of code determine what action should be taken for each type of interrupt

Interrupt Timeline



I/O Structure

- After I/O starts, control returns to user program only upon I/O completion
 - Wait instruction idles the CPU until the next interrupt
 - Wait loop (contention for memory access)
 - At most one I/O request is outstanding at a time, no simultaneous I/O processing
- After I/O starts, control returns to user program without waiting for I/O completion
 - System call request to the OS to allow user to wait for I/O completion
 - Device-status table contains entry for each I/O device indicating its type, address, and state
 - OS indexes into I/O device table to determine device status and to modify table entry to include interrupt

Storage Definitions and Notation Review

The basic unit of computer storage is the **bit**. A bit can contain one of two values, 0 and 1. All other storage in a computer is based on collections of bits. Given enough bits, it is amazing how many things a computer can represent: numbers, letters, images, movies, sounds, documents, and programs, to name a few. A **byte** is 8 bits, and on most computers it is the smallest convenient chunk of storage. For example, most computers don't have an instruction to move a bit but do have one to move a byte. A less common term is **word**, which is a given computer architecture's native unit of data. A word is made up of one or more bytes. For example, a computer that has 64-bit registers and 64-bit memory addressing typically has 64-bit (8-byte) words. A computer executes many operations in its native word size rather than a byte at a time.

Computer storage, along with most computer throughput, is generally measured and manipulated in bytes and collections of bytes.

A **kilobyte**, or **KB**, is 1,024 bytes a **megabyte**, or **MB**, is 1,024² bytes a **gigabyte**, or **GB**, is 1,024³ bytes a **terabyte**, or **TB**, is 1,024⁴ bytes

a **petabyte**, or **PB**, is 1,024⁵ bytes

Computer manufacturers often round off these numbers and say that a megabyte is 1 million bytes and a gigabyte is 1 billion bytes. Networking measurements are an exception to this general rule; they are given in bits (because networks move data a bit at a time).

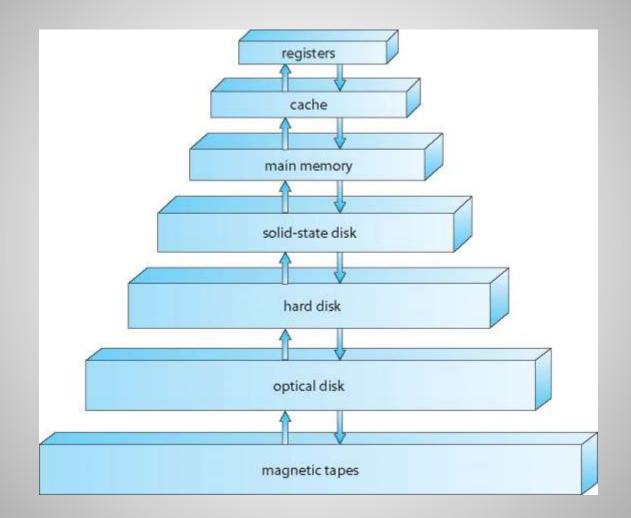
Storage Structure

- Main memory only large storage media that the CPU can access directly
 - Random access
 - Typically volatile
- Secondary storage extension of main memory that provides large nonvolatile storage capacity
- Hard disks rigid metal or glass platters covered with magnetic recording material
 - Disk surface is logically divided into tracks, which are subdivided into sectors
 - The **disk controller** determines the logical interaction between the device and the computer
- Solid-state disks faster than hard disks, nonvolatile
 - Various technologies
 - Becoming more popular

Storage Hierarchy

- Storage systems organized in hierarchy
 - Speed
 - Cost
 - Volatility
- Caching copying information into faster storage system; main memory can be viewed as a cache for secondary storage
- Device Driver for each device controller to manage I/O
 - Provides uniform interface between controller and kernel

Storage-Device Hierarchy



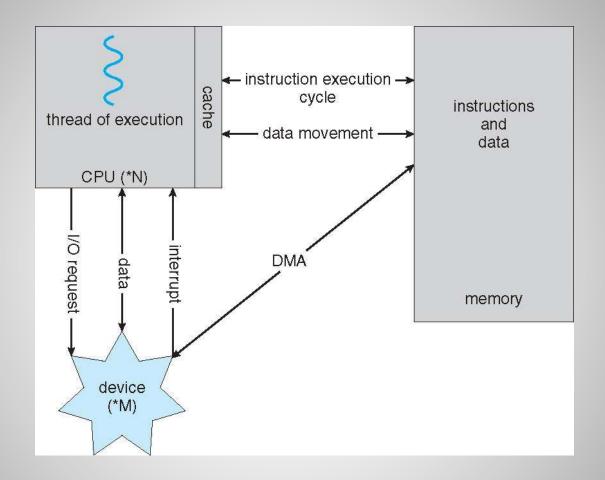
Caching

- Important principle, performed at many levels in a computer (in hardware, operating system, software)
- Information in use copied from slower to faster storage temporarily
- Faster storage (cache) checked first to determine if information is there
 - If it is, information used directly from the cache (fast)
 - If not, data copied to cache and used there
- Cache smaller than storage being cached
 - Cache management important design problem
 - Cache size and replacement policy

Direct Memory Access Structure

- Used for high-speed I/O devices able to transmit information at close to memory speeds
- Device controller transfers blocks of data from buffer storage directly to main memory without CPU intervention
- Only one interrupt is generated per block, rather than the one interrupt per byte

How a Modern Computer Works

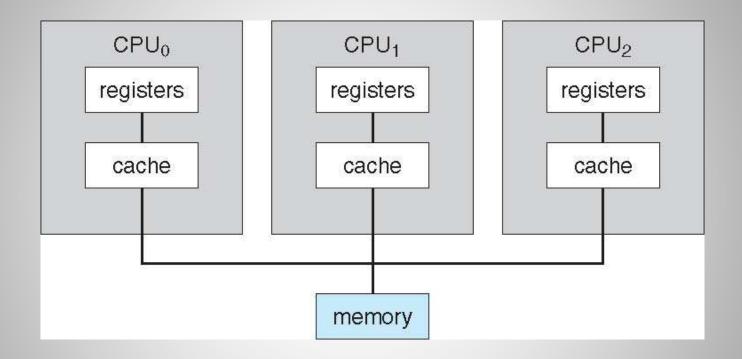


A von Neumann architecture

Computer-System Architecture

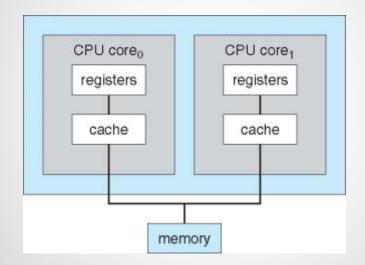
- Most systems use a single general-purpose processor
 - Most systems have special-purpose processors as well
- Multiprocessors systems growing in use and importance
 - Also known as parallel systems, tightly-coupled systems
 - Advantages include:
 - 1. Increased throughput
 - 2. Economy of scale
 - 3. Increased reliability graceful degradation or fault tolerance
 - Two types:
 - 1. Asymmetric Multiprocessing each processor is assigned a specie task.
 - 2. Symmetric Multiprocessing each processor performs all tasks

Symmetric Multiprocessing Architecture



A Dual-Core Design

- Multi-chip and multicore
- Systems containing all chips
 - Chassis containing multiple separate systems

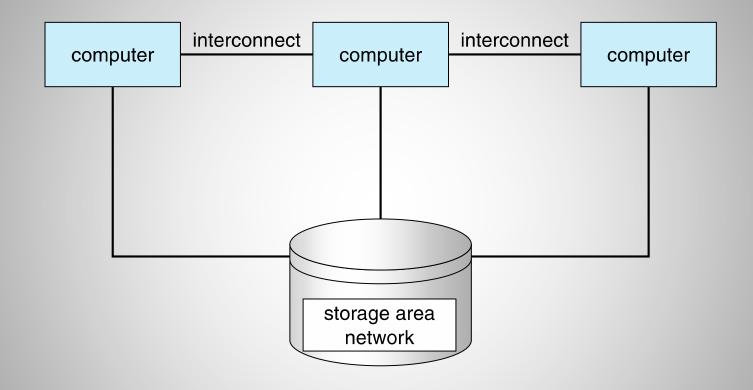


Clustered Systems

Like multiprocessor systems, but multiple systems working together

- Usually sharing storage via a storage-area network (SAN)
- Provides a high-availability service which survives failures
 - Asymmetric clustering has one machine in hot-standby mode
 - Symmetric clustering has multiple nodes running applications, monitoring each other
- Some clusters are for high-performance computing (HPC)
 - Applications must be written to use parallelization
- Some have distributed lock manager (DLM) to avoid conflicting operations

Clustered Systems



Operating System Structure

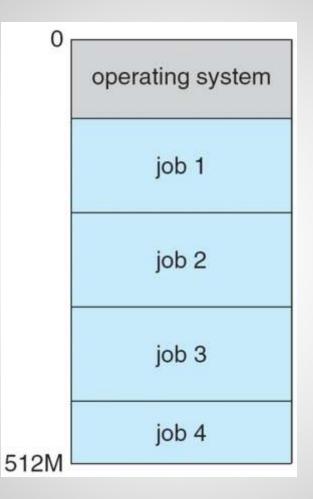
Multiprogramming (Batch system) needed for efficiency

- 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



Operating-System Operations

Interrupt driven (hardware and software)

- Hardware interrupt by one of the devices
- Software interrupt (exception or trap):
 - Software error (e.g., division by zero)
 - Request for operating system service
 - Other process problems include infinite loop, processes modifying each other or the operating system

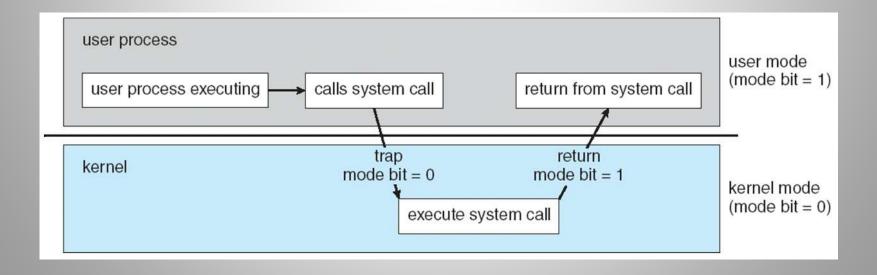
Operating-System Operations (cont.)

- 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
 - Increasingly CPUs support multi-mode operations
 - i.e. virtual machine manager (VMM) mode for guest VMs

Transition from User to Kernel Mode

Timer to prevent infinite loop / process hogging resources

- Timer is set to interrupt the computer after some time period
- Keep a counter that is decremented by the physical clock.
- Operating system set the counter (privileged instruction)
- When counter zero generate an interrupt
- Set up before scheduling process to regain control or terminate program that exceeds allotted time



Process Management

- A process is a program in execution. It is a unit of work within the system. Program is a *passive entity*, process is an *active entity*.
- Process needs resources to accomplish its task
 - CPU, memory, I/O, files
 - Initialization data
- Process termination requires reclaim of any reusable resources
- Single-threaded process has one program counter specifying location of next instruction to execute
 - Process executes instructions sequentially, one at a time, until completion
- Multi-threaded process has one program counter per thread
- Typically system has many processes, some user, some operating system running concurrently on one or more CPUs
 - Concurrency by multiplexing the CPUs among the processes / threads

Process Management Activities

The operating system is responsible for the following activities in connection with process management:

- Creating and deleting both user and system processes
- Suspending and resuming processes
- Providing mechanisms for process synchronization
- Providing mechanisms for process communication
- Providing mechanisms for deadlock handling

Memory Management

- To execute a program all (or part) of the instructions must be in memory
- All (or part) of the data that is needed by the program must be in memory.
- Memory management determines what is in memory and when
 - Optimizing CPU utilization and computer response to users
- Memory management activities
 - Keeping track of which parts of memory are currently being used and by whom
 - Deciding which processes (or parts thereof) and data to move into and out of memory
 - Allocating and deallocating memory space as needed

Storage Management

OS provides uniform, logical view of information storage

- Abstracts physical properties to logical storage unit file
- Each medium is controlled by device (i.e., disk drive, tape drive)
 - Varying properties include access speed, capacity, datatransfer rate, access method (sequential or random)
- File-System management
 - Files usually organized into directories
 - Access control on most systems to determine who can access what
 - OS activities include
 - Creating and deleting files and directories
 - Primitives to manipulate files and directories
 - Mapping files onto secondary storage
 - Backup files onto stable (non-volatile) storage media

Mass-Storage Management

- Usually disks used to store data that does not fit in main memory or data that must be kept for a "long" period of time
- Proper management is of central importance
- Entire speed of computer operation hinges on disk subsystem and its algorithms
- OS activities
 - Free-space management
 - Storage allocation
 - Disk scheduling
- Some storage need not be fast
 - Tertiary storage includes optical storage, magnetic tape
 - Still must be managed by OS or applications
 - Varies between WORM (write-once, read-many-times) and RW (read-write)

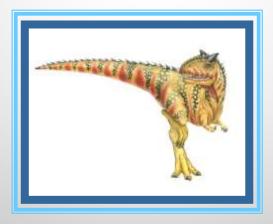
I/O Subsystem

- One purpose of OS is to hide peculiarities of hardware devices from the user
- I/O subsystem responsible for
 - Memory management of I/O including buffering (storing data temporarily while it is being transferred), caching (storing parts of data in faster storage for performance), spooling (the overlapping of output of one job with input of other jobs)
 - General device-driver interface
 - Drivers for specific hardware devices

Protection and Security

- Protection any mechanism for controlling access of processes or users to resources defined by the OS
- Security defense of the system against internal and external attacks
 - Huge range, including denial-of-service, worms, viruses, identity theft, theft of service
- Systems generally first distinguish among users, to determine who can do what
 - User identities (user IDs, security IDs) include name and associated number, one per user
 - User ID then associated with all files, processes of that user to determine access control
 - Group identifier (group ID) allows set of users to be defined and controls managed, then also associated with each process, file
 - Privilege escalation allows user to change to effective ID with more rights

Chapter 2: Operating-System Structures



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Operating System Services

- Operating systems provide an environment for execution of programs and services to programs and users
- One set of operating-system services provides functions that are helpful to the user:
 - User interface Almost all operating systems have a user interface (UI).
 - Varies between Command-Line (CLI), Graphics User Interface (GUI), Batch
 - **Program execution** The system must be able to load a program into memory and to run that program, end execution, either normally or abnormally (indicating error)
 - **I/O operations** A running program may require I/O, which may involve a file or an I/O device

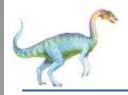




Operating System Services (Cont.)

- One set of operating-system services provides functions that are helpful to the user (Cont.):
 - **File-system manipulation** The file system is of particular interest. Programs need to read and write files and directories, create and delete them, search them, list file Information, permission management.
 - **Communications** Processes may exchange information, on the same computer or between computers over a network
 - Communications may be via shared memory or through message passing (packets moved by the OS)
 - Error detection OS needs to be constantly aware of possible errors
 - May occur in the CPU and memory hardware, in I/O devices, in user program
 - For each type of error, OS should take the appropriate action to ensure correct and consistent computing
 - Debugging facilities can greatly enhance the user's and programmer's abilities to efficiently use the system





Operating System Services (Cont.)

- Another set of OS functions exists for ensuring the efficient operation of the system itself via resource sharing
 - **Resource allocation -** When multiple users or multiple jobs running concurrently, resources must be allocated to each of them
 - Many types of resources CPU cycles, main memory, file storage, I/O devices.
 - Accounting To keep track of which users use how much and what kinds of computer resources
 - Protection and security The owners of information stored in a multiuser or networked computer system may want to control use of that information, concurrent processes should not interfere with each other
 - Protection involves ensuring that all access to system resources is controlled
 - Security of the system from outsiders requires user authentication, extends to defending external I/O devices from invalid access attempts

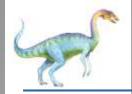


A View of Operating System Services

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		GUI	batch	command	line		
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CLI or command interpreter allows direct command entry

- Sometimes implemented in kernel, sometimes by systems program
- Sometimes multiple flavors implemented shells
- Primarily fetches a command from user and executes it
- Sometimes commands built-in, sometimes just names of programs
 - If the latter, adding new features doesn't require shell modification





- User-friendly desktop metaphor interface
 - Usually mouse, keyboard, and monitor
 - Icons represent files, programs, actions, etc
 - Various mouse buttons over objects in the interface cause various actions (provide information, options, execute function, open directory (known as a folder)
 - Invented at Xerox PARC
- Many systems now include both CLI and GUI interfaces
 - Microsoft Windows is GUI with CLI "command" shell
 - Apple Mac OS X is "Aqua" GUI interface with UNIX kernel underneath and shells available
 - Unix and Linux have CLI with optional GUI interfaces (CDE, KDE, GNOME)





Touchscreen Interfaces

- Touchscreen devices require new interfaces
 - Mouse not possible or not desired
 - Actions and selection based on gestures
 - Virtual keyboard for text entry
- Voice commands.







System Calls

- Programming interface to the services provided by the OS
- Typically written in a high-level language (C or C++)
- Mostly accessed by programs via a high-level Application Programming Interface (API) rather than direct system call use
- Three most common APIs are Win32 API for Windows, POSIX API for POSIX-based systems (including virtually all versions of UNIX, Linux, and Mac OS X), and Java API for the Java virtual machine (JVM)

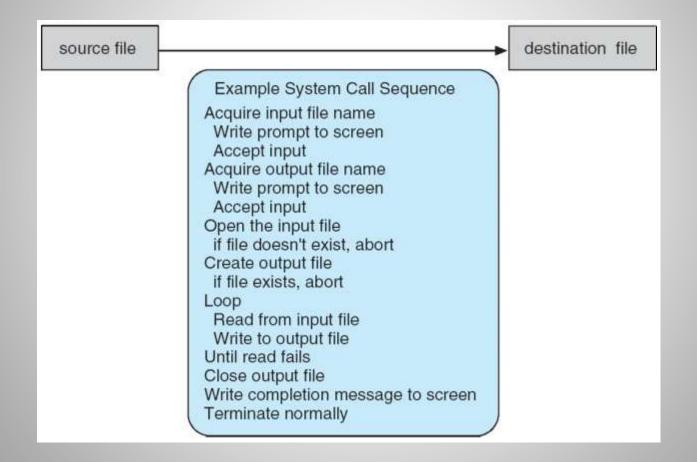
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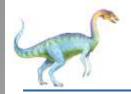


Example of System Calls

System call sequence to copy the contents of one file to another file







- Typically, a number associated with each system call
 - System-call interface maintains a table indexed according to these numbers
- The system call interface invokes the intended system call in OS kernel and returns status of the system call and any return values
- The caller need know nothing about how the system call is implemented
 - Just needs to obey API and understand what OS will do as a result call
 - Most details of OS interface hidden from programmer by API
 - Managed by run-time support library (set of functions built into libraries included with compiler)





Types of System Calls

- Process control
 - create process, terminate process
 - end, abort
 - load, execute
 - get process attributes, set process attributes
 - wait for time
 - wait event, signal event
 - allocate and free memory
 - Dump memory if error
 - **Debugger** for determining **bugs**, **single step** execution
 - Locks for managing access to shared data between processes





Types of System Calls

- File management
 - create file, delete file
 - open, close file
 - read, write, reposition
 - get and set file attributes
- Device management
 - request device, release device
 - read, write, reposition
 - get device attributes, set device attributes
 - logically attach or detach devices





System Programs

- System programs provide a convenient environment for program development and execution. They can be divided into:
 - File manipulation
 - Status information sometimes stored in a File modification
 - Programming language support
 - Program loading and execution
 - Communications
 - Background services
 - Application programs
- Most users' view of the operation system is defined by system programs, not the actual system calls





System Programs

- Provide a convenient environment for program development and execution
 - Some of them are simply user interfaces to system calls; others are considerably more complex
- File management Create, delete, copy, rename, print, dump, list, and generally manipulate files and directories

Status information

- Some ask the system for info date, time, amount of available memory, disk space, number of users
- Others provide detailed performance, logging, and debugging information
- Typically, these programs format and print the output to the terminal or other output devices
- Some systems implement a registry used to store and retrieve configuration information





System Programs (Cont.)

File modification

- Text editors to create and modify files
- Special commands to search contents of files or perform transformations of the text
- Programming-language support Compilers, assemblers, debuggers and interpreters sometimes provided
- Program loading and execution- Absolute loaders, relocatable loaders, linkage editors, and overlay-loaders, debugging systems for higher-level and machine language
- Communications Provide the mechanism for creating virtual connections among processes, users, and computer systems
 - Allow users to send messages to one another's screens, browse web pages, send electronic-mail messages, log in remotely, transfer files from one machine to another





System Programs (Cont.)

Background Services

- Launch at boot time
 - Some for system startup, then terminate
 - Some from system boot to shutdown
- Provide facilities like disk checking, process scheduling, error logging, printing
- Run in user context not kernel context
- Known as services, subsystems, daemons

Application programs

- Don't pertain to system
- Run by users
- Not typically considered part of OS
- Launched by command line, mouse click, finger poke





Operating System Design and Implementation

- Design and Implementation of OS not "solvable", but some approaches have proven successful
- Internal structure of different Operating Systems can vary widely
- Start the design by defining goals and specifications
- Affected by choice of hardware, type of system
- User goals and System goals
 - User goals operating system should be convenient to use, easy to learn, reliable, safe, and fast
 - System goals operating system should be easy to design, implement, and maintain, as well as flexible, reliable, error-free, and efficient



- Important principle to separate
 Policy: What will be done?
 Mechanism: How to do it?
- Mechanisms determine how to do something, policies decide what will be done
- The separation of policy from mechanism is a very important principle, it allows maximum flexibility if policy decisions are to be changed later (example – timer)
- Specifying and designing an OS is highly creative task of software engineering

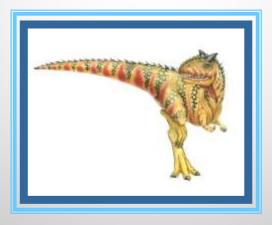




- Much variation
 - Early OSes in assembly language
 - Then system programming languages like Algol, PL/1
 - Now C, C++
 - Actually usually a mix of languages
 - Lowest levels in assembly
 - Main body in C
 - Systems programs in C, C++, scripting languages like PERL, Python, shell scripts
- More high-level language easier to port to other hardware
 - But slower
- Emulation can allow an OS to run on non-native hardware



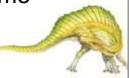
Chapter 3: Processes





Process Concept

- An operating system executes a variety of programs:
 - Batch system jobs
 - Time-shared systems user programs or tasks
- Textbook uses the terms *job* and *process* almost interchangeably
- Process a program in execution; process execution must progress in sequential fashion
- Multiple parts
 - The program code, also called text section
 - Current activity including program counter, processor registers
 - Stack containing temporary data
 - Function parameters, return addresses, local variables
 - Data section containing global variables
 - Heap containing memory dynamically allocated during run time



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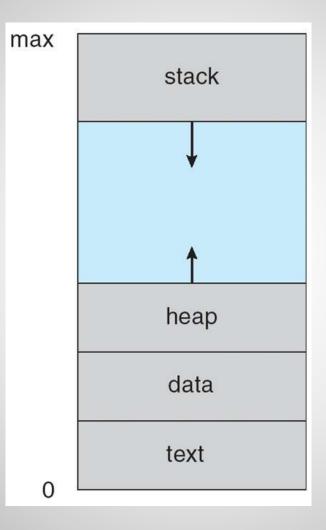
Process Concept (Cont.)

- Program is *passive* entity stored on disk (executable file), process is *active*
 - Program becomes process when executable file loaded into memory
- Execution of program started via GUI mouse clicks, command line entry of its name, etc
- One program can be several processes
 - Consider multiple users executing the same program





Process in Memory





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Process State

- As a process executes, it changes state
 - **new**: The process is being created
 - running: Instructions are being executed
 - waiting: The process is waiting for some event to occur
 - **ready**: The process is waiting to be assigned to a processor
 - terminated: The process has finished execution



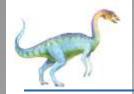
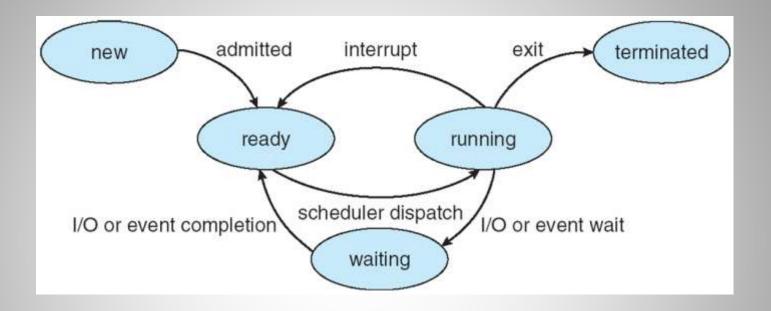


Diagram of Process State





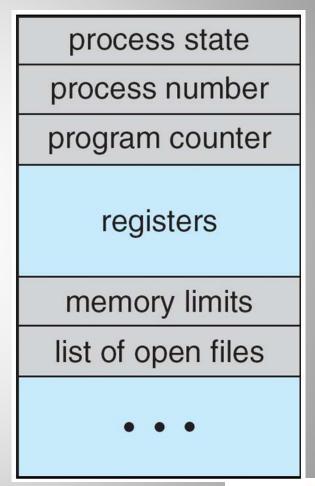


Process Control Block (PCB)

Information associated with each process

(also called task control block)

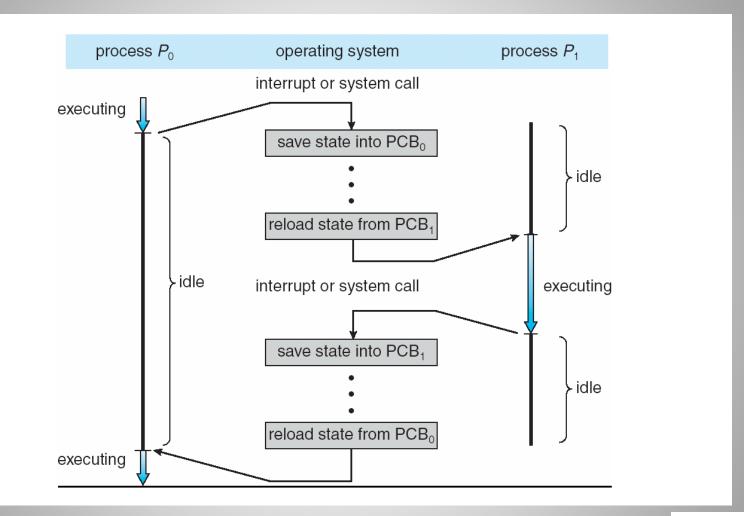
- Process state running, waiting, etc
- Program counter location of instruction to next execute
- CPU registers contents of all processcentric registers
- CPU scheduling information- priorities, scheduling queue pointers
- Memory-management information memory allocated to the process
- Accounting information CPU used, clock time elapsed since start, time limits
- I/O status information I/O devices allocated to process, list of open files





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CPU Switch From Process to Process





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Threads

- So far, process has a single thread of execution
- Consider having multiple program counters per process
 - Multiple locations can execute at once
 - Multiple threads of control -> threads
- Must then have storage for thread details, multiple program counters in PCB
- See next chapter





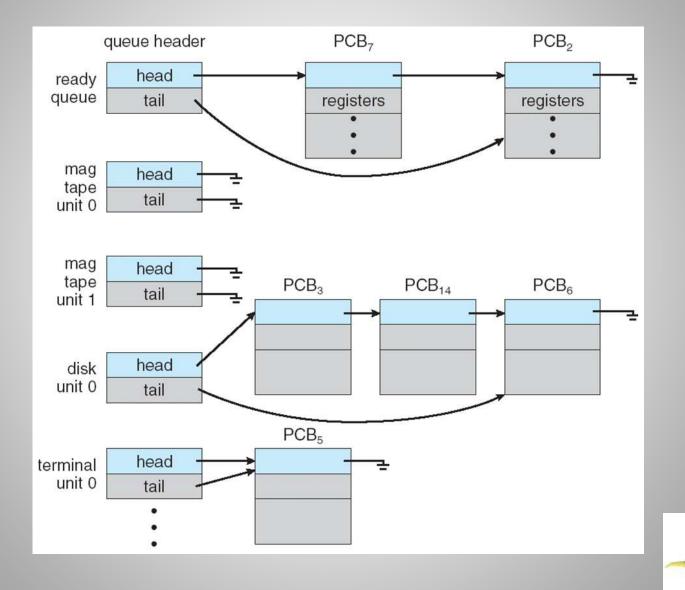
Process Scheduling

- Maximize CPU use, quickly switch processes onto CPU for time sharing
- Process scheduler selects among available processes for next execution on CPU
- Maintains scheduling queues of processes
 - Job queue set of all processes in the system
 - Ready queue set of all processes residing in main memory, ready and waiting to execute
 - **Device queues** set of processes waiting for an I/O device
 - Processes migrate among the various queues





Ready Queue And Various I/O Device Queues

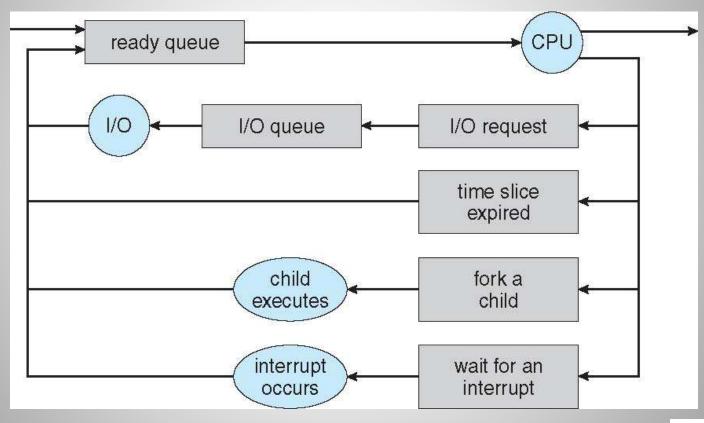


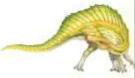
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Queueing diagram represents queues, resources, flows





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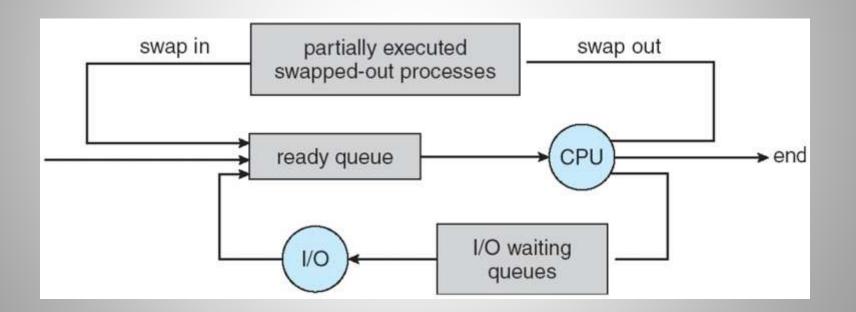
Schedulers

- Short-term scheduler (or CPU scheduler) selects which process should be executed next and allocates CPU
 - Sometimes the only scheduler in a system
 - Short-term scheduler is invoked frequently (milliseconds) ⇒ (must be fast)
- Long-term scheduler (or job scheduler) selects which processes should be brought into the ready queue
 - Long-term scheduler is invoked infrequently (seconds, minutes) ⇒ (may be slow)
 - The long-term scheduler controls the degree of multiprogramming
- Processes can be described as either:
 - I/O-bound process spends more time doing I/O than computations, many short CPU bursts
 - CPU-bound process spends more time doing computations; few very long CPU bursts
- Long-term scheduler strives for good process mix





- Medium-term scheduler can be added if degree of multiple programming needs to decrease
 - Remove process from memory, store on disk, bring back in from disk to continue execution: swapping







Context Switch

- When CPU switches to another process, the system must save the state of the old process and load the saved state for the new process via a context switch
- Context of a process represented in the PCB
- Context-switch time is overhead; the system does no useful work while switching
 - The more complex the OS and the PCB → the longer the context switch
- Time dependent on hardware support
 - Some hardware provides multiple sets of registers per CPU
 multiple contexts loaded at once





Operations on Processes

- System must provide mechanisms for:
 - process creation,
 - process termination,
 - and so on as detailed next



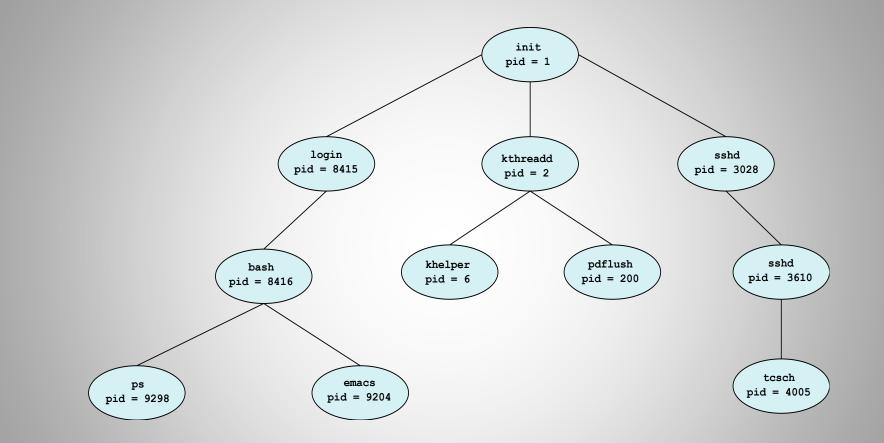


Process Creation

- Parent process create children processes, which, in turn create other processes, forming a tree of processes
- Generally, process identified and managed via a process identifier (pid)
- Resource sharing options
 - Parent and children share all resources
 - Children share subset of parent's resources
 - Parent and child share no resources
- Execution options
 - Parent and children execute concurrently
 - Parent waits until children terminate



A Tree of Processes in Linux

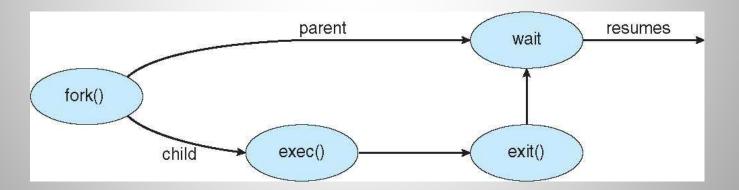






Process Creation (Cont.)

- Address space
 - Child duplicate of parent
 - Child has a program loaded into it
- UNIX examples
 - fork() system call creates new process
 - exec() system call used after a fork() to replace the process' memory space with a new program







Process Termination

- Process executes last statement and then asks the operating system to delete it using the exit() system call.
 - Returns status data from child to parent (via wait())
 - Process' resources are deallocated by operating system
- Parent may terminate the execution of children processes using the abort() system call. Some reasons for doing so:
 - Child has exceeded allocated resources
 - Task assigned to child is no longer required
 - The parent is exiting and the operating systems does not allow a child to continue if its parent terminates





- Some operating systems do not allow child to exists if its parent has terminated. If a process terminates, then all its children must also be terminated.
 - **cascading termination.** All children, grandchildren, etc. are terminated.
 - The termination is initiated by the operating system.
- The parent process may wait for termination of a child process by using the wait() system call. The call returns status information and the pid of the terminated process

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pid = wait(&status);
```

- If no parent waiting (did not invoke wait()) process is a zombie
- If parent terminated without invoking wait, process is an orphan



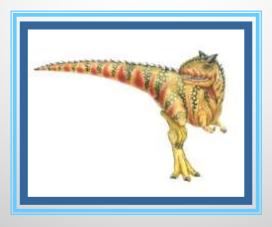


Interprocess Communication

- Processes within a system may be *independent* or *cooperating*
- Cooperating process can affect or be affected by other processes, including sharing data
- Reasons for cooperating processes:
 - Information sharing
 - Computation speedup
 - Modularity
 - Convenience
- Cooperating processes need interprocess communication (IPC)
- Two models of IPC
 - Shared memory
 - Message passing



Chapter 4: Threads



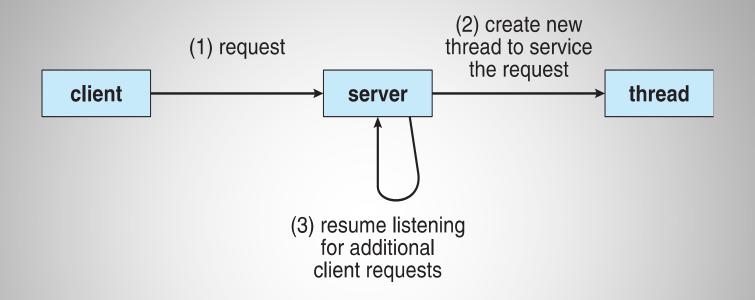


Motivation

- Most modern applications are multithreaded
- Threads run within application
- Multiple tasks with the application can be implemented by separate threads
 - Update display
 - Fetch data
 - Spell checking
 - Answer a network request
- Process creation is heavy-weight while thread creation is light-weight
- Can simplify code, increase efficiency
- Kernels are generally multithreaded



Multithreaded Server Architecture







Benefits

- Responsiveness may allow continued execution if part of process is blocked, especially important for user interfaces
- Resource Sharing threads share resources of process, easier than shared memory or message passing
- Economy cheaper than process creation, thread switching lower overhead than context switching
- Scalability process can take advantage of multiprocessor architectures





Multicore Programming

- Multicore or multiprocessor systems putting pressure on programmers, challenges include:
 - Dividing activities
 - Balance
 - Data splitting
 - Data dependency
 - Testing and debugging
- Parallelism implies a system can perform more than one task simultaneously
- Concurrency supports more than one task making progress
 - Single processor / core, scheduler providing concurrency





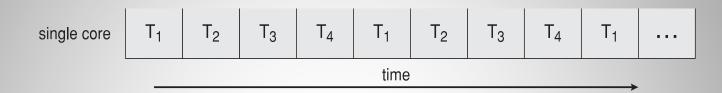
Multicore Programming (Cont.)

- Types of parallelism
 - Data parallelism distributes subsets of the same data across multiple cores, same operation on each
 - Task parallelism distributing threads across cores, each thread performing unique operation
- As # of threads grows, so does architectural support for threading
 - CPUs have cores as well as hardware threads
 - Consider Oracle SPARC T4 with 8 cores, and 8 hardware threads per core

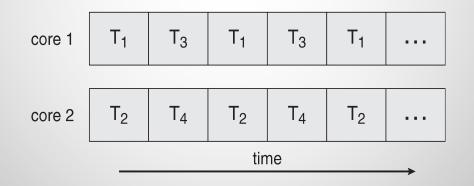




Concurrent execution on single-core system:



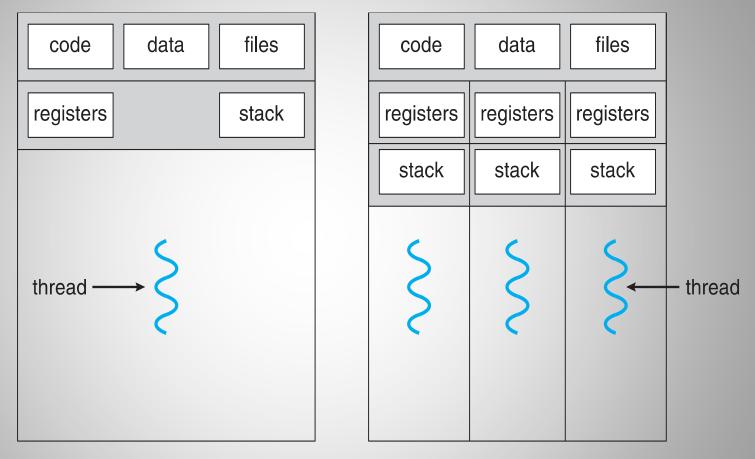
Parallelism on a multi-core system:



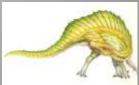




Single and Multithreaded Processes



multithreaded process



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single-threaded process



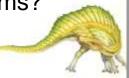
- Identifies performance gains from adding additional cores to an application that has both serial and parallel components
- S is serial portion
- N processing cores

speedup
$$\leq \frac{1}{S + \frac{(1-S)}{N}}$$

- That is, if application is 75% parallel / 25% serial, moving from 1 to 2 cores results in speedup of 1.6 times
- As *N* approaches infinity, speedup approaches 1 / *S*

Serial portion of an application has disproportionate effect on performance gained by adding additional cores

But does the law take into account contemporary multicore systems?



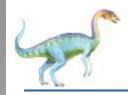
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User Threads and Kernel Threads

- User threads management done by user-level threads library
- Three primary thread libraries:
 - POSIX Pthreads
 - Windows threads
 - Java threads
- Kernel threads Supported by the Kernel
- Examples virtually all general purpose operating systems, including:
 - Windows
 - Solaris
 - Linux
 - Tru64 UNIX
 - Mac OS X

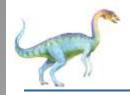




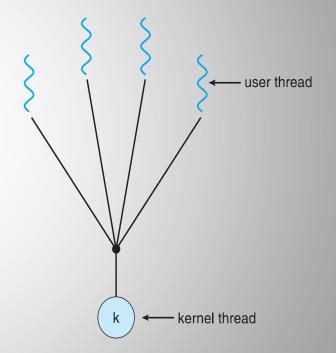
Multithreading Models

- Many-to-One
- One-to-One
- Many-to-Many





- Many user-level threads mapped to single kernel thread
- One thread blocking causes all to block
- Multiple threads may not run in parallel on muticore system because only one may be in kernel at a time
- Few systems currently use this model
- Examples:
 - Solaris Green Threads
 - GNU Portable Threads

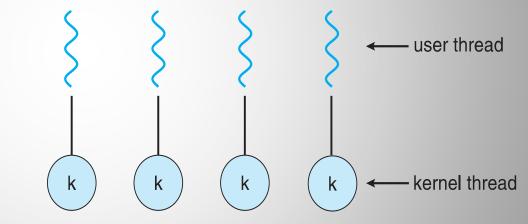






One-to-One

- Each user-level thread maps to kernel thread
- Creating a user-level thread creates a kernel thread
- More concurrency than many-to-one
- Number of threads per process sometimes restricted due to overhead
- Examples
 - Windows
 - Linux
 - Solaris 9 and later

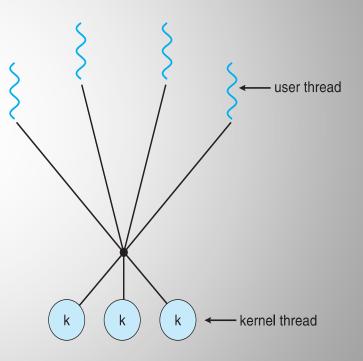






Many-to-Many Model

- Allows many user level threads to be mapped to many kernel threads
- Allows the operating system to create a sufficient number of kernel threads
- Solaris prior to version 9
- Windows with the *ThreadFiber* package

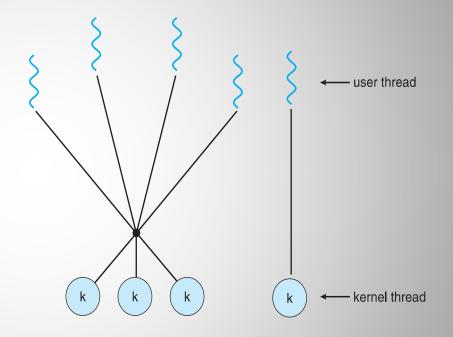






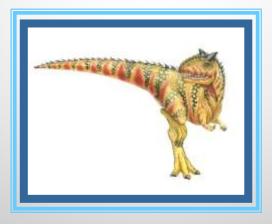
Two-level Model

- Similar to M:M, except that it allows a user thread to be bound to kernel thread
- Examples
 - IRIX
 - HP-UX
 - Tru64 UNIX
 - Solaris 8 and earlier





Chapter 6: CPU Scheduling



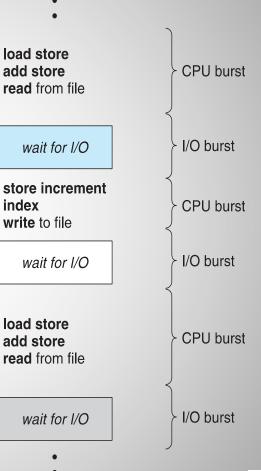
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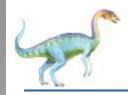


Basic Concepts

- Maximum CPU utilization obtained with multiprogramming
- CPU–I/O Burst Cycle Process execution consists of a cycle of CPU execution and I/O wait
- CPU burst followed by I/O burst
- CPU burst distribution is of main concern

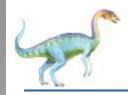






- Short-term scheduler selects from among the processes in ready queue, and allocates the CPU to one of them
 - Queue may be ordered in various ways
- CPU scheduling decisions may take place when a process:
 - 1. Switches from running to waiting state
 - 2. Switches from running to ready state
 - 3. Switches from waiting to ready
 - 4. Terminates
- Scheduling under 1 and 4 is nonpreemptive
- All other scheduling is preemptive
 - Consider access to shared data
 - Consider preemption while in kernel mode
 - Consider interrupts occurring during crucial OS activities





- Dispatcher module gives control of the CPU to the process selected by the short-term scheduler; this involves:
 - switching context
 - switching to user mode
 - jumping to the proper location in the user program to restart that program
- Dispatch latency time it takes for the dispatcher to stop one process and start another running





Scheduling Criteria

- **CPU utilization** keep the CPU as busy as possible
- Throughput # of processes that complete their execution per time unit
- Turnaround time amount of time to execute a particular process
- Waiting time amount of time a process has been waiting in the ready queue
- Response time amount of time it takes from when a request was submitted until the first response is produced, not output (for time-sharing environment)





- Max CPU utilization
- Max throughput
- Min turnaround time
- Min waiting time
- Min response time





Process Process	Burst Time	
P_1	24	
P_2	3	
P_3	3	

Suppose that the processes arrive in the order: P_1 , P_2 , P_3 The Gantt Chart for the schedule is:



- Waiting time for $P_1 = 0$; $P_2 = 24$; $P_3 = 27$
- Average waiting time: (0 + 24 + 27)/3 = 17



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FCFS Scheduling (Cont.)

Suppose that the processes arrive in the order:

$$P_2, P_3, P_1$$

The Gantt chart for the schedule is:



- Waiting time for $P_1 = 6$; $P_2 = 0$; $P_3 = 3$
- Average waiting time: (6 + 0 + 3)/3 = 3
- Much better than previous case
- Convoy effect short process behind long process
 - Consider one CPU-bound and many I/O-bound processes





- Associate with each process the length of its next CPU burst
 - Use these lengths to schedule the process with the shortest time
- SJF is optimal gives minimum average waiting time for a given set of processes
 - The difficulty is knowing the length of the next CPU request
 - Could ask the user





Example of SJF

Process	<u>Burst Time</u>	
P_1	6	
P_2	8	
P_3	7	
P_4	3	

SJF scheduling chart

	P ₄	P ₁	P ₃	P ₂
0	3	9	16	5 24

• Average waiting time = (3 + 16 + 9 + 0) / 4 = 7



Now we add the concepts of varying arrival times and preemption to the analysis

Process A	Burst Time	
P_1	0	8
P_2	1	4
P_3	2	9
P_4	3	5

Preemptive SJF Gantt Chart

	P ₁	P ₂	P ₄	P ₁	P ₃	
0		1 5	5 1	0 1	7	26

Average waiting time = [(10-1)+(1-1)+(17-2)+5-3)]/4 = 26/4 = 6.5 msec





Priority Scheduling

- A priority number (integer) is associated with each process
- The CPU is allocated to the process with the highest priority (smallest integer = highest priority)
 - Preemptive
 - Nonpreemptive
- SJF is priority scheduling where priority is the inverse of predicted next CPU burst time
- Problem = Starvation low priority processes may never execute
- Solution = Aging as time progresses increase the priority of the process

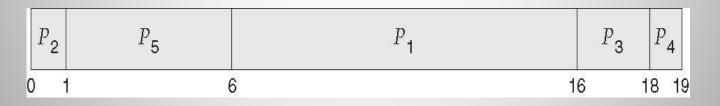




Example of Priority Scheduling

Process A	<u>Priority</u>	
P_1	10	3
P_2	1	1
P_3	2	4
P_4	1	5
P_5	5	2

Priority scheduling Gantt Chart



Average waiting time = 8.2 msec





Round Robin (RR)

- Each process gets a small unit of CPU time (time quantum q), usually 10-100 milliseconds. After this time has elapsed, the process is preempted and added to the end of the ready queue.
- If there are *n* processes in the ready queue and the time quantum is *q*, then each process gets 1/*n* of the CPU time in chunks of at most *q* time units at once. No process waits more than (*n*-1)*q* time units.
- Timer interrupts every quantum to schedule next process
- Performance
 - $q \text{ large} \Rightarrow \text{FIFO}$
 - *q* small ⇒ *q* must be large with respect to context switch, otherwise overhead is too high





Process	<u>Burst Time</u>			
P_1	24			
P_2	3			
P_3	3			

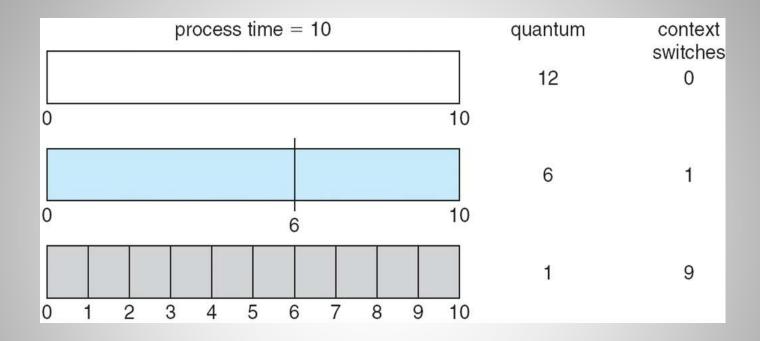
The Gantt chart is:

	P ₁	P ₂	P ₃	P ₁				
0		4	7 1	0 1	4 1	8 2	22 2	26 30

- Typically, higher average turnaround than SJF, but better response
- q should be large compared to context switch time
- q usually 10ms to 100ms, context switch < 10 usec</p>



Time Quantum and Context Switch Time







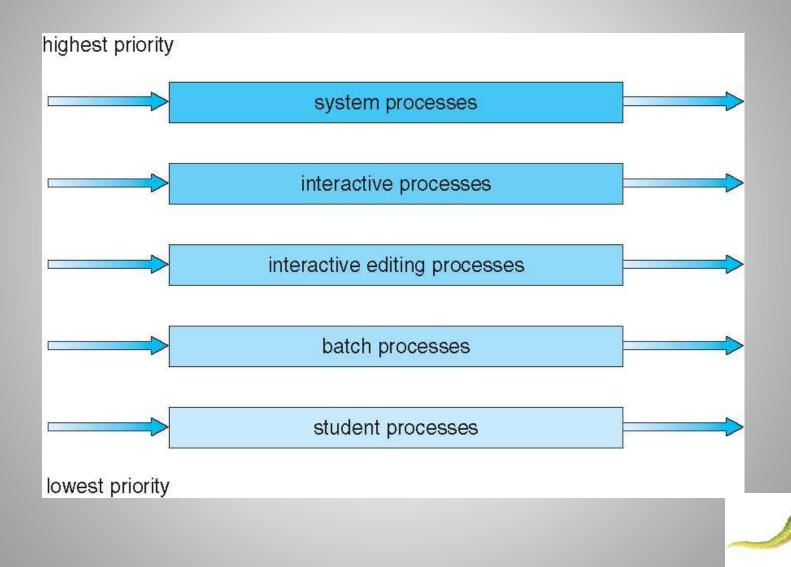
Multilevel Queue

- Ready queue is partitioned into separate queues, eg:
 - foreground (interactive)
 - **background** (batch)
- Process permanently in a given queue
- Each queue has its own scheduling algorithm:
 - foreground RR
 - background FCFS
- Scheduling must be done between the queues:
 - Fixed priority scheduling; (i.e., serve all from foreground then from background). Possibility of starvation.
 - Time slice each queue gets a certain amount of CPU time which it can schedule amongst its processes; i.e., 80% to foreground in RR
 - 20% to background in FCFS





Multilevel Queue Scheduling



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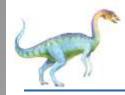
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Multilevel Feedback Queue

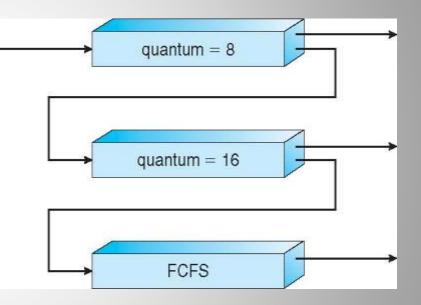
- A process can move between the various queues; aging can be implemented this way
- Multilevel-feedback-queue scheduler defined by the following parameters:
 - number of queues
 - scheduling algorithms for each queue
 - method used to determine when to upgrade a process
 - method used to determine when to demote a process
 - method used to determine which queue a process will enter when that process needs service





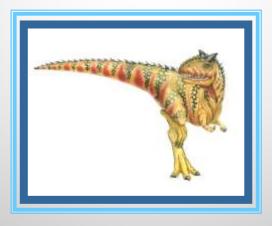
Example of Multilevel Feedback Queue

- Three queues:
 - $Q_0 RR$ with time quantum 8 milliseconds
 - $Q_1 RR$ time quantum 16 milliseconds
 - $Q_2 FCFS$
- Scheduling
 - A new job enters queue *Q*₀ which is served FCFS
 - When it gains CPU, job receives 8 milliseconds
 - If it does not finish in 8 milliseconds, job is moved to queue Q₁
 - At *Q*₁ job is again served FCFS and receives 16 additional milliseconds
 - If it still does not complete, it is preempted and moved to queue Q₂





Chapter 7: Deadlocks

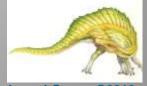




 System consists of resources
 Resource types R₁, R₂, ..., R_m *CPU cycles, memory space, I/O devices* Each resource type R_i has W_i instances.

- Each process utilizes a resource as follows:
 - request
 - use

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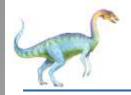


Deadlock Characterization

Deadlock can arise if four conditions hold simultaneously.

- Mutual exclusion: only one process at a time can use a resource
- Hold and wait: a process holding at least one resource is waiting to acquire additional resources held by other processes

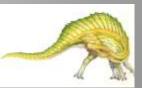
No preemption: a resource can be released only voluntarily by the operating System Concepts - 9th Edition



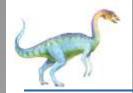
A set of vertices V and a set of edges E.

- V is partitioned into two types:
 - $P = \{P_1, P_2, ..., P_n\}$, the set consisting of all the processes in the system
 - R = {R₁, R₂, ..., R_m}, the set consisting of all resource types in the system

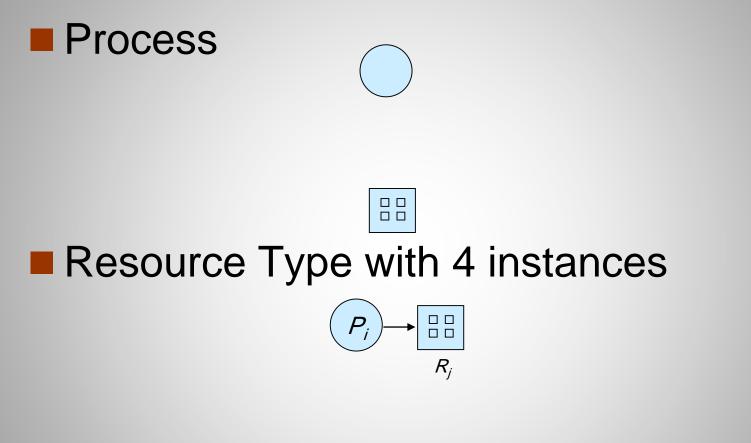
• request edge – directed edge P_i $\rightarrow R_j$



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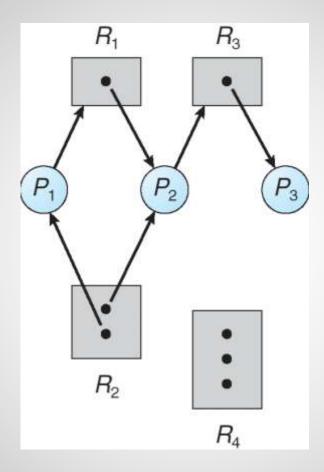


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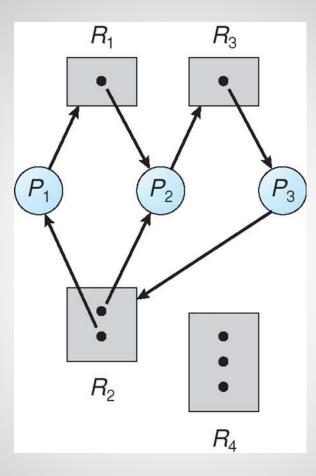


Example of a Resource Allocation Graph





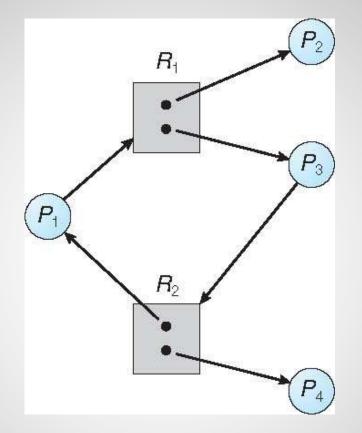
Resource Allocation Graph With A Deadlock



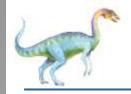




Graph With A Cycle But No Deadlock





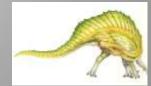


- If graph contains no cycles ⇒ no deadlock
- If graph contains a cycle \Rightarrow
 - if only one instance per resource type, then deadlock
 - if several instances per resource type, possibility of deadlock



Ensure that the system will never enter a deadlock state:

- Deadlock prevention
- Deadlock avoidence
- Allow the system to enter a deadlock state and then recover
- Ignore the problem and pretend that deadlocks never occur in the system; used by
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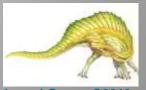
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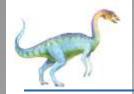


Restrain the ways request can be made

- Mutual Exclusion not required for sharable resources (e.g., read-only files); must hold for non-sharable resources
- Hold and Wait must guarantee that whenever a process requests a resource, it does not hold any other resources

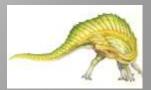
Require process to request and be
 allocated all its resources before it
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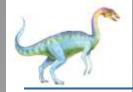




No Preemption –

- If a process that is holding some resources requests another resource that cannot be immediately allocated to it, then all resources currently being held are released
- Preempted resources are added to the list of resources for which the process is waiting
- Process will be restarted only when it can regain its old resources, as Operating System Concepts - 9th Edition the new ones that it is Silberschatz, Galvin and Gagne ©2013





Requires that the system has some additional *a priori* information available

Simplest and most useful model requires that each process declare the *maximum number* of resources of each type that it may need

The deadlock-avoidance algorithm dynamically examines the resource-allocation state to ensure that there can never be a circular-wait condition





- When a process requests an available resource, system must decide if immediate allocation leaves the system in a safe state
- System is in safe state if there exists a sequence $\langle P_1, P_2, \dots, P_n \rangle$ of ALL the processes in the systems such that for each P_i, the resources that P_i can still request can be satisfied by currently available resources + resources held by all the P_{j} , with j < 1

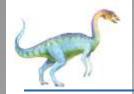


If a system is in safe state ⇒ no deadlocks

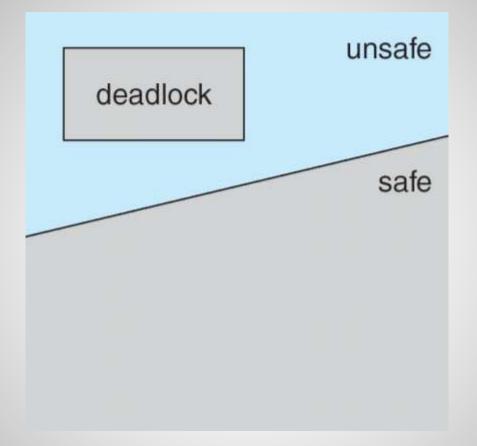
■ If a system is in unsafe state ⇒ possibility of deadlock

Avoidance ⇒ ensure that a system will never enter an unsafe state.





Safe, Unsafe, Deadlock State







Single instance of a resource type Use a resource-allocation graph

- Multiple instances of a resource type
 - Use the banker's algorithm





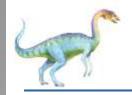
- **Claim edge** $P_i \rightarrow R_i$ indicated that process P_i may request resource R_{i} ; represented by a dashed line
- Claim edge converts to request edge when a process requests a resource

Request edge converted to an assignment edge when the resource is allocated to the process

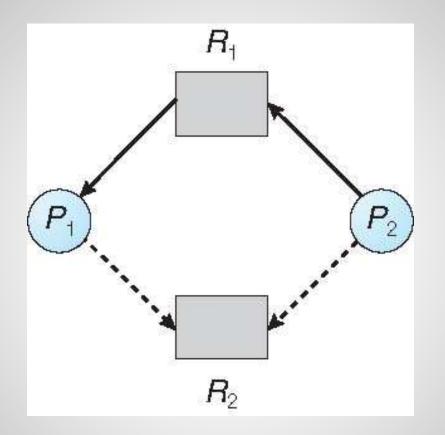
When a resource is released by a



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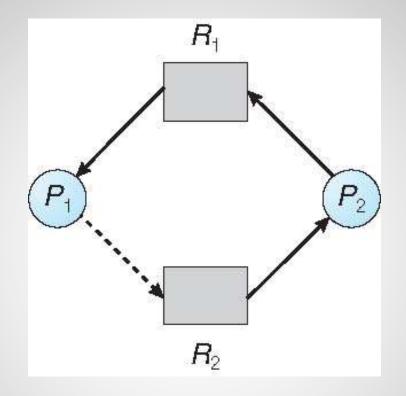


Resource-Allocation Graph





Unsafe State In Resource-Allocation Graph







- Suppose that process P_i requests a resource R_i
- The request can be granted only if converting the request edge to an assignment edge does not result in the formation of a cycle in the resource allocation graph





Multiple instances

Each process must a priori claim maximum use

When a process requests a resource it may have to wait

When a process gets all its resources it must return them in a Silberschatz, Galvin and Gagne ©2013 Operating System fighting of time of time





Abort all deadlocked processes

- Abort one process at a time until the deadlock cycle is eliminated
- In which order should we choose to abort?
 - 1. Priority of the process
 - 2. How long process has computed, and how much longer to completion

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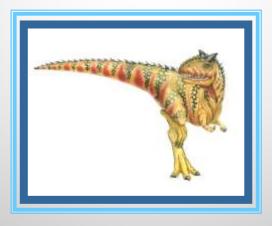
Selecting a victim – minimize cost

Rollback – return to some safe state, restart process for that state

Starvation – same process may always be picked as victim, include number of rollback in cost factor



Chapter 8: Main Memory





Background

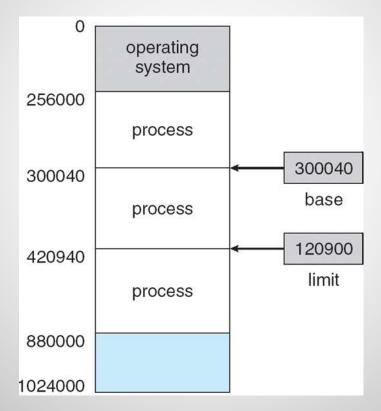
- Program must be brought (from disk) into memory and placed within a process for it to be run
- Main memory and registers are only storage CPU can access directly
- Memory unit only sees a stream of addresses + read requests, or address + data and write requests
- Register access in one CPU clock (or less)
- Main memory can take many cycles, causing a stall
- Cache sits between main memory and CPU registers
- Protection of memory required to ensure correct operation





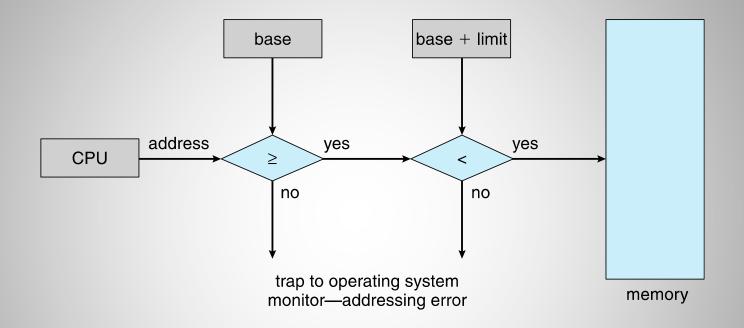
Base and Limit Registers

- A pair of **base** and **limit registers** define the logical address space
- CPU must check every memory access generated in user mode to be sure it is between base and limit for that user





Hardware Address Protection







- The concept of a logical address space that is bound to a separate physical address space is central to proper memory management
 - Logical address generated by the CPU; also referred to as virtual address
 - Physical address address seen by the memory unit
- Logical and physical addresses are the same in compile-time and load-time address-binding schemes; logical (virtual) and physical addresses differ in execution-time address-binding scheme
- Logical address space is the set of all logical addresses generated by a program
- Physical address space is the set of all physical addresses generated by a program





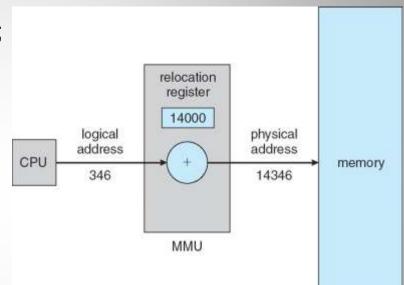
Memory-Management Unit (MMU)

- Hardware device that at run time maps virtual to physical address
- Many methods possible, covered in the rest of this chapter
- To start, consider simple scheme where the value in the relocation register is added to every address generated by a user process at the time it is sent to memory
 - Base register now called relocation register
 - MS-DOS on Intel 80x86 used 4 relocation registers
- The user program deals with *logical* addresses; it never sees the *real* physical addresses
 - Execution-time binding occurs when reference is made to location in memory
 - Logical address bound to physical addresses





- Routine is not loaded until it is called
- Better memory-space utilization; unused routine is never loaded
- All routines kept on disk in relocatable load format
- Useful when large amounts of code are needed to handle infrequently occurring cases
- No special support from the operating system is required
 - Implemented through program design
 - OS can help by providing libraries to implement dynamic loading







Dynamic Linking

- Static linking system libraries and program code combined by the loader into the binary program image
- Dynamic linking –linking postponed until execution time
- Small piece of code, stub, used to locate the appropriate memory-resident library routine
- Stub replaces itself with the address of the routine, and executes the routine
- Operating system checks if routine is in processes' memory address
 - If not in address space, add to address space
- Dynamic linking is particularly useful for libraries
- System also known as shared libraries
- Consider applicability to patching system libraries
 - Versioning may be needed





Swapping

- A process can be **swapped** temporarily out of memory to a backing store, and then brought back into memory for continued execution
 - Total physical memory space of processes can exceed physical memory
- Backing store fast disk large enough to accommodate copies of all memory images for all users; must provide direct access to these memory images
- Roll out, roll in swapping variant used for priority-based scheduling algorithms; lower-priority process is swapped out so higher-priority process can be loaded and executed
- Major part of swap time is transfer time; total transfer time is directly proportional to the amount of memory swapped
- System maintains a ready queue of ready-to-run processes which have memory images on disk



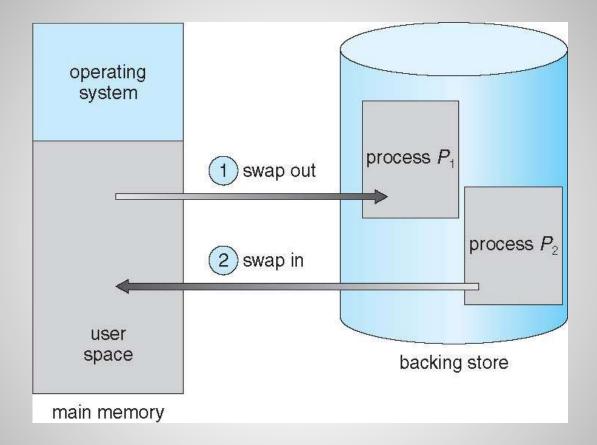


Swapping (Cont.)

- Does the swapped out process need to swap back in to same physical addresses?
- Depends on address binding method
 - Plus consider pending I/O to / from process memory space
- Modified versions of swapping are found on many systems (i.e., UNIX, Linux, and Windows)
 - Swapping normally disabled
 - Started if more than threshold amount of memory allocated
 - Disabled again once memory demand reduced below threshold









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- If next processes to be put on CPU is not in memory, need to swap out a process and swap in target process
- Context switch time can then be very high
- 100MB process swapping to hard disk with transfer rate of 50MB/sec
 - Swap out time of 2000 ms
 - Plus swap in of same sized process
 - Total context switch swapping component time of 4000ms (4 seconds)
- Can reduce if reduce size of memory swapped by knowing how much memory really being used
 - System calls to inform OS of memory use via request_memory() and release_memory()





- Other constraints as well on swapping
 - Pending I/O can't swap out as I/O would occur to wrong process
 - Or always transfer I/O to kernel space, then to I/O device
 - Known as double buffering, adds overhead
- Standard swapping not used in modern operating systems
 - But modified version common
 - Swap only when free memory extremely low





Contiguous Allocation

- Main memory must support both OS and user processes
- Limited resource, must allocate efficiently
- Contiguous allocation is one early method
- Main memory usually into two partitions:
 - Resident operating system, usually held in low memory with interrupt vector
 - User processes then held in high memory
 - Each process contained in single contiguous section of memory



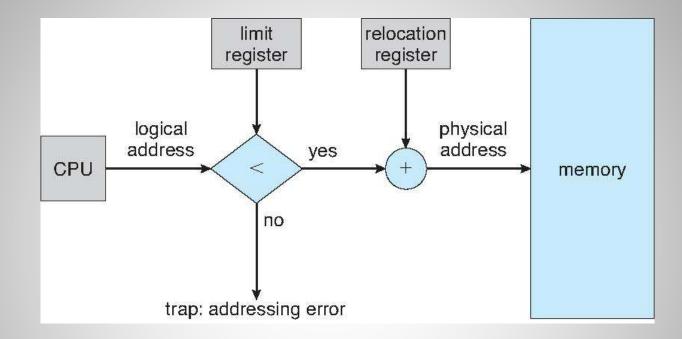


Contiguous Allocation (Cont.)

- Relocation registers used to protect user processes from each other, and from changing operating-system code and data
 - Base register contains value of smallest physical address
 - Limit register contains range of logical addresses each logical address must be less than the limit register
 - MMU maps logical address *dynamically*
 - Can then allow actions such as kernel code being transient and kernel changing size



Hardware Support for Relocation and Limit Registers



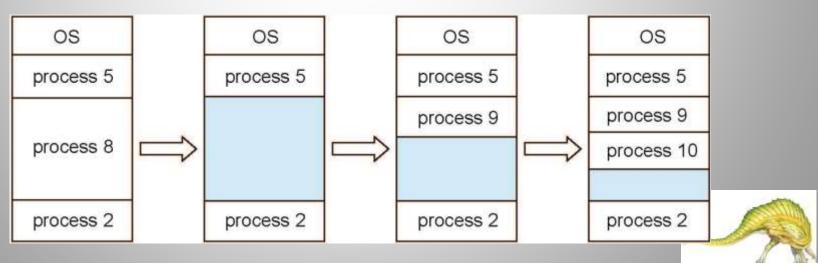


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Multiple-partition allocation

- Multiple-partition allocation
 - Degree of multiprogramming limited by number of partitions
 - Variable-partition sizes for efficiency (sized to a given process' needs)
 - Hole block of available memory; holes of various size are scattered throughout memory
 - When a process arrives, it is allocated memory from a hole large enough to accommodate it
 - Process exiting frees its partition, adjacent free partitions combined
 - Operating system maintains information about:
 a) allocated partitions
 b) free partitions (hole)



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How to satisfy a request of size *n* from a list of free holes?

- First-fit: Allocate the *first* hole that is big enough
- Best-fit: Allocate the *smallest* hole that is big enough; must search entire list, unless ordered by size
 - Produces the smallest leftover hole
- Worst-fit: Allocate the *largest* hole; must also search entire list
 - Produces the largest leftover hole

First-fit and best-fit better than worst-fit in terms of speed and storage utilization





Fragmentation

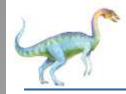
- External Fragmentation total memory space exists to satisfy a request, but it is not contiguous
- Internal Fragmentation allocated memory may be slightly larger than requested memory; this size difference is memory internal to a partition, but not being used
- First fit analysis reveals that given N blocks allocated, 0.5 N blocks lost to fragmentation
 - 1/3 may be unusable -> 50-percent rule





- Reduce external fragmentation by compaction
 - Shuffle memory contents to place all free memory together in one large block
 - Compaction is possible *only* if relocation is dynamic, and is done at execution time
 - I/O problem
 - Latch job in memory while it is involved in I/O
 - Do I/O only into OS buffers
- Now consider that backing store has same fragmentation problems



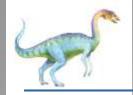


Segmentation

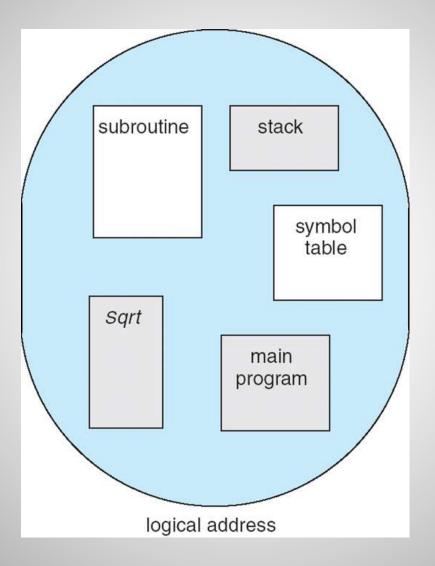
- Memory-management scheme that supports user view of memory
- A program is a collection of segments
 - A segment is a logical unit such as:

main program
procedure
function
method
object
local variables, global variables
common block
stack
symbol table
arrays





User's View of a Program

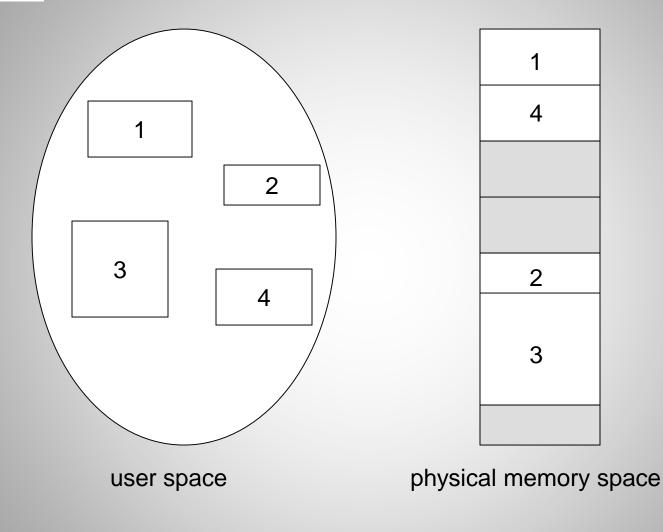




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Logical View of Segmentation



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Logical address consists of a two tuple:

<segment-number, offset>,

- Segment table maps two-dimensional physical addresses; each table entry has:
 - base contains the starting physical address where the segments reside in memory
 - limit specifies the length of the segment
- Segment-table base register (STBR) points to the segment table's location in memory
- Segment-table length register (STLR) indicates number of segments used by a program;

segment number *s* is legal if *s* < STLR





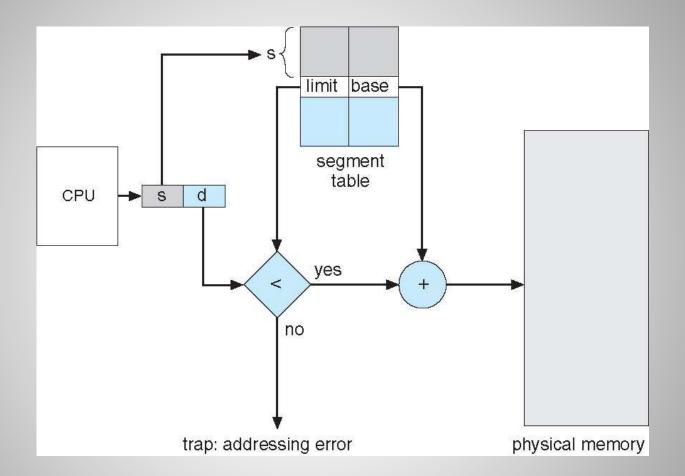
Segmentation Architecture (Cont.)

- Protection
 - With each entry in segment table associate:
 - validation bit = $0 \Rightarrow$ illegal segment
 - read/write/execute privileges
- Protection bits associated with segments; code sharing occurs at segment level
- Since segments vary in length, memory allocation is a dynamic storage-allocation problem
- A segmentation example is shown in the following diagram





Segmentation Hardware







- Physical address space of a process can be noncontiguous; process is allocated physical memory whenever the latter is available
 - Avoids external fragmentation
 - Avoids problem of varying sized memory chunks
- Divide physical memory into fixed-sized blocks called frames
 - Size is power of 2, between 512 bytes and 16 Mbytes
- Divide logical memory into blocks of same size called pages
- Keep track of all free frames
- To run a program of size N pages, need to find N free frames and load program
- Set up a page table to translate logical to physical addresses
- Backing store likewise split into pages
- Still have Internal fragmentation





- Address generated by CPU is divided into:
 - Page number (*p*) used as an index into a page table which contains base address of each page in physical memory
 - Page offset (*d*) combined with base address to define the physical memory address that is sent to the memory unit

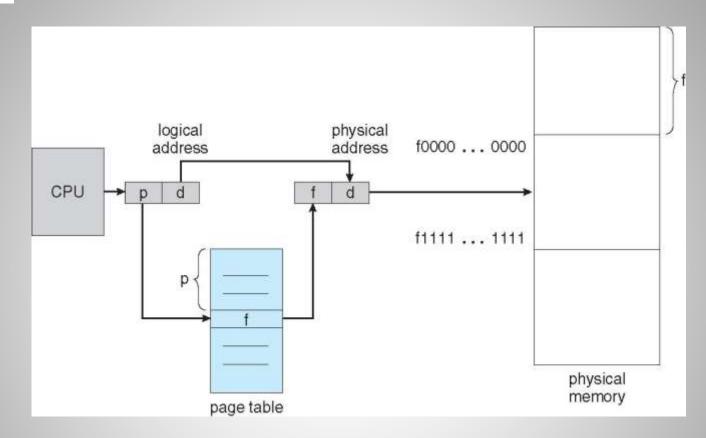
page number	page offset
р	d
m -n	n

For given logical address space 2^m and page size 2ⁿ





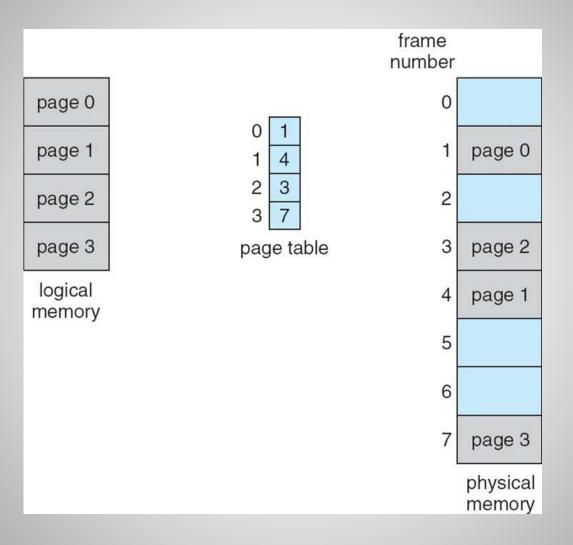
Paging Hardware







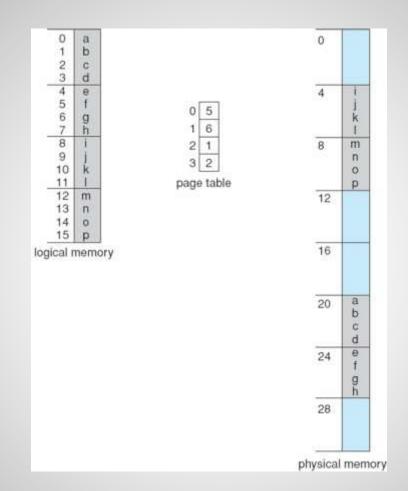
Paging Model of Logical and Physical Memory



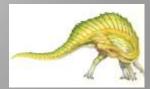




Paging Example



n=2 and m=4 32-byte memory and 4-byte pages



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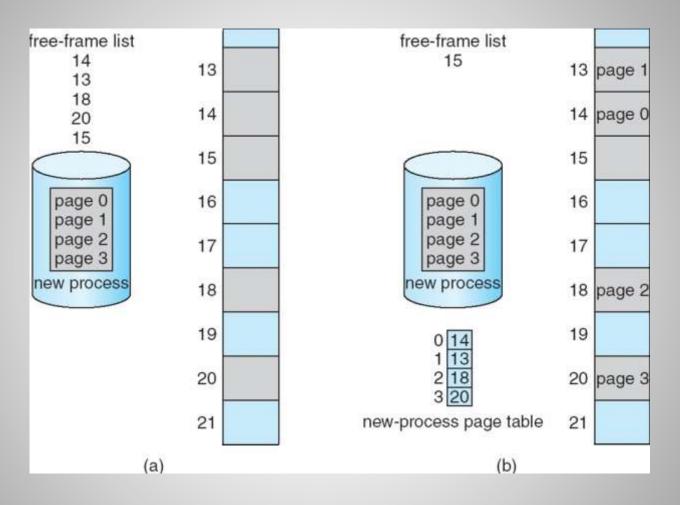
Paging (Cont.)

- Calculating internal fragmentation
 - Page size = 2,048 bytes
 - Process size = 72,766 bytes
 - 35 pages + 1,086 bytes
 - Internal fragmentation of 2,048 1,086 = 962 bytes
 - Worst case fragmentation = 1 frame 1 byte
 - On average fragmentation = 1 / 2 frame size
 - So small frame sizes desirable?
 - But each page table entry takes memory to track
 - Page sizes growing over time
 - Solaris supports two page sizes 8 KB and 4 MB
- Process view and physical memory now very different
- By implementation process can only access its own memory



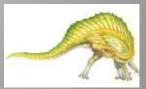


Free Frames



Before allocation

After allocation



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- Page table is kept in main memory
- Page-table base register (PTBR) points to the page table
- Page-table length register (PTLR) indicates size of the page table
- In this scheme every data/instruction access requires two memory accesses
 - One for the page table and one for the data / instruction
- The two memory access problem can be solved by the use of a special fast-lookup hardware cache called associative memory or translation look-aside buffers (TLBs)





- Some TLBs store address-space identifiers (ASIDs) in each TLB entry – uniquely identifies each process to provide address-space protection for that process
 - Otherwise need to flush at every context switch
- TLBs typically small (64 to 1,024 entries)
- On a TLB miss, value is loaded into the TLB for faster access next time
 - Replacement policies must be considered
 - Some entries can be wired down for permanent fast access





Associative Memory

Associative memory – parallel search

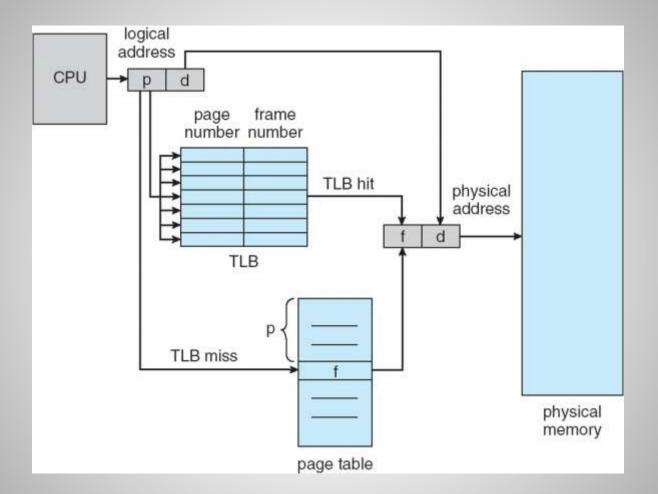
Page #	Frame #

- Address translation (p, d)
 - If p is in associative register, get frame # out
 - Otherwise get frame # from page table in memory





Paging Hardware With TLB



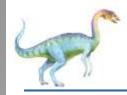




Memory Protection

- Memory protection implemented by associating protection bit with each frame to indicate if read-only or read-write access is allowed
 - Can also add more bits to indicate page execute-only, and so on
- Valid-invalid bit attached to each entry in the page table:
 - "valid" indicates that the associated page is in the process' logical address space, and is thus a legal page
 - "invalid" indicates that the page is not in the process' logical address space
 - Or use page-table length register (PTLR)
 - Any violations result in a trap to the kernel





Shared code

- One copy of read-only (reentrant) code shared among processes (i.e., text editors, compilers, window systems)
- Similar to multiple threads sharing the same process space
- Also useful for interprocess communication if sharing of read-write pages is allowed

Private code and data

- Each process keeps a separate copy of the code and data
- The pages for the private code and data can appear anywhere in the logical address space



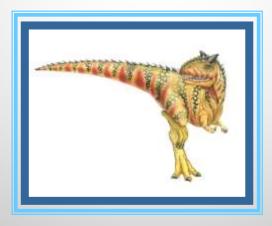


Structure of the Page Table

- Memory structures for paging can get huge using straightforward methods
 - Consider a 32-bit logical address space as on modern computers
 - Page size of 4 KB (2¹²)
 - Page table would have 1 million entries (2³² / 2¹²)
 - If each entry is 4 bytes -> 4 MB of physical address space / memory for page table alone
 - That amount of memory used to cost a lot
 - Don't want to allocate that contiguously in main memory
- Hierarchical Paging
- Hashed Page Tables
- Inverted Page Tables



Chapter 11: File-System Interface





Chapter 11: File-System Interface

- File Concept
- Access Methods
- Disk and Directory Structure
- File-System Mounting
- File Sharing
- Protection





File Concept

- Contiguous logical address space
- Types:
 - Data
 - numeric
 - character
 - binary
 - Program
- Contents defined by file's creator
 - Many types
 - Consider text file, source file, executable file





File Attributes

- **Name** only information kept in human-readable form
- Identifier unique tag (number) identifies file within file system
- **Type** needed for systems that support different types
- Location pointer to file location on device
- Size current file size
- Protection controls who can do reading, writing, executing
- Time, date, and user identification data for protection, security, and usage monitoring
- Information about files are kept in the directory structure, which is maintained on the disk
- Many variations, including extended file attributes such as file checksum
- Information kept in the directory structure





File Operations

- File is an **abstract data type**
- Create
- Write at write pointer location
- Read at read pointer location
- Reposition within file seek
- Delete
- Truncate
- Open(F_i) search the directory structure on disk for entry F_i, and move the content of entry to memory
- Close (F_i) move the content of entry F_i in memory to directory structure on disk





Open Files

Several pieces of data are needed to manage open files:

- Open-file table: tracks open files
- File pointer: pointer to last read/write location, per process that has the file open
- File-open count: counter of number of times a file is open – to allow removal of data from open-file table when last processes closes it
- Disk location of the file: cache of data access information
- Access rights: per-process access mode information





File Types – Name, Extension

file type	usual extension	function
executable	exe, com, bin or none	ready-to-run machine- language program
object	obj, o	compiled, machine language, not linked
source code	c, cc, java, pas, asm, a	source code in various languages
batch	bat, sh	commands to the command interpreter
text	txt, doc	textual data, documents
word processor	wp, tex, rtf, doc	various word-processor formats
library	lib, a, so, dll	libraries of routines for programmers
print or view	ps, pdf, jpg	ASCII or binary file in a format for printing or viewing
archive	arc, zip, tar	related files grouped into one file, sometimes com- pressed, for archiving or storage
multimedia	mpeg, mov, rm, mp3, avi	binary file containing audio or A/V information



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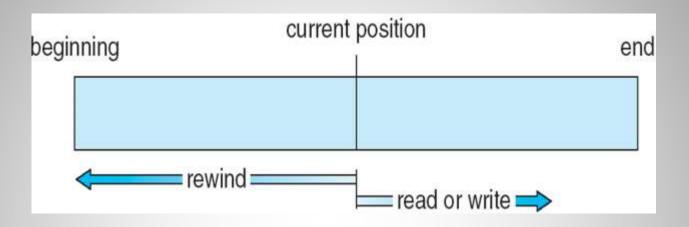
File Structure

- None sequence of words, bytes
- Simple record structure
 - Lines
 - Fixed length
 - Variable length
- Complex Structures
 - Formatted document
 - Relocatable load file
- Can simulate last two with first method by inserting appropriate control characters
- Who decides:
 - Operating system
 - Program





Sequential-access File







Access Methods

Sequential Access
 read next
 write next
 reset
 no read after last write
 (rewrite)

 Direct Access – file is fixed length logical records
 read n
 write n
 position to n
 read next
 write next
 read next
 write next
 rewrite n

n = relative block number

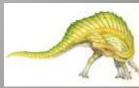
Relative block numbers allow OS to decide where file should be placed

• See allocation problem in Ch 12





sequential access	implementation for direct access
reset	<i>cp</i> = 0;
read next	<i>read cp</i> ; <i>cp</i> = <i>cp</i> + 1;
write next	write cp ; cp = cp + 1;



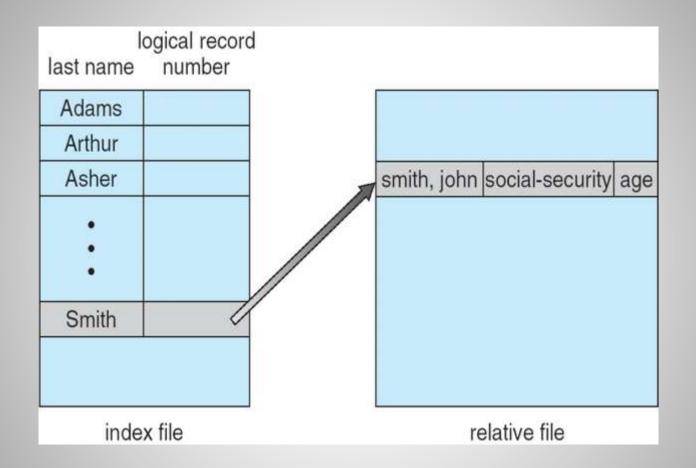


Other Access Methods

- Can be built on top of base methods
- General involve creation of an index for the file
- Keep index in memory for fast determination of location of data to be operated on (consider UPC code plus record of data about that item)
- If too large, index (in memory) of the index (on disk)
- IBM indexed sequential-access method (ISAM)
 - Small master index, points to disk blocks of secondary index
 - File kept sorted on a defined key
 - All done by the OS
- VMS operating system provides index and relative files as another example (see next slide)



Example of Index and Relative Files



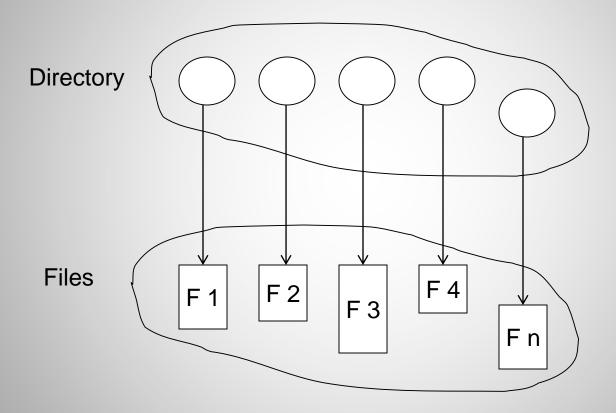


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Directory Structure

A collection of nodes containing information about all files



Both the directory structure and the files reside on disk



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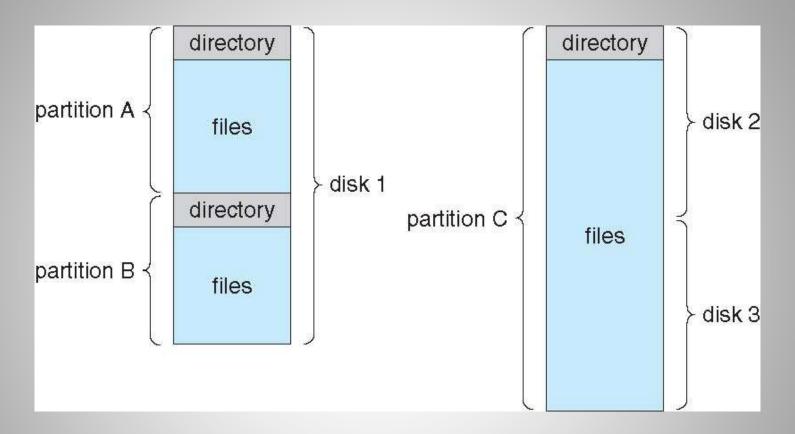


- Disk can be subdivided into partitions
- Disks or partitions can be RAID protected against failure
- Disk or partition can be used raw without a file system, or formatted with a file system
- Partitions also known as minidisks, slices
- Entity containing file system known as a volume
- Each volume containing file system also tracks that file system's info in device directory or volume table of contents
- As well as general-purpose file systems there are many special-purpose file systems, frequently all within the same operating system or computer

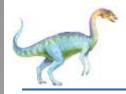




A Typical File-system Organization







- We mostly talk of general-purpose file systems
- But systems frequently have may file systems, some general- and some special- purpose
- Consider Solaris has
 - tmpfs memory-based volatile FS for fast, temporary I/O
 - objfs interface into kernel memory to get kernel symbols for debugging
 - ctfs contract file system for managing daemons
 - lofs loopback file system allows one FS to be accessed in place of another
 - procfs kernel interface to process structures
 - ufs, zfs general purpose file systems





Operations Performed on Directory

- Search for a file
- Create a file
- Delete a file
- List a directory
- Rename a file
- Traverse the file system





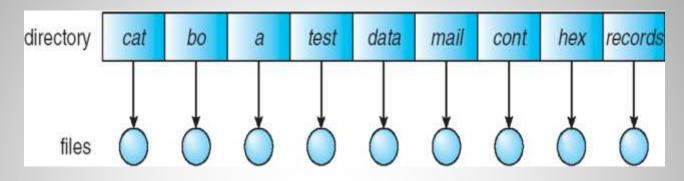
The directory is organized logically to obtain

- Efficiency locating a file quickly
- Naming convenient to users
 - Two users can have same name for different files
 - The same file can have several different names
- Grouping logical grouping of files by properties, (e.g., all Java programs, all games, ...)





A single directory for all users



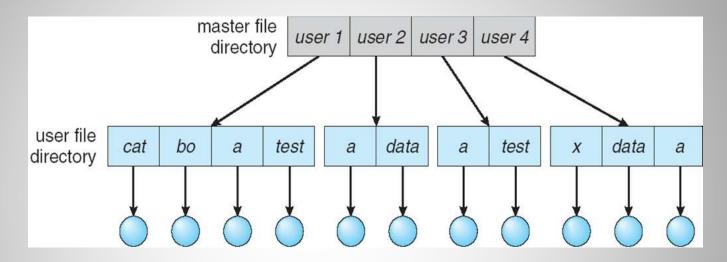
- Naming problem
- Grouping problem





Two-Level Directory

Separate directory for each user

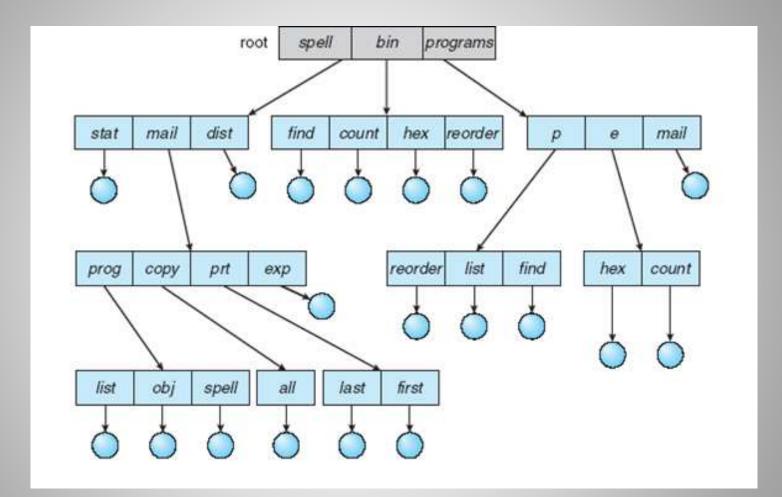


- Path name
- Can have the same file name for different user
- Efficient searching
- No grouping capability





Tree-Structured Directories







Tree-Structured Directories (Cont.)

- Efficient searching
- Grouping Capability
- Current directory (working directory)
 - cd /spell/mail/prog
 - type list





- Absolute or relative path name
- Creating a new file is done in current directory
- Delete a file

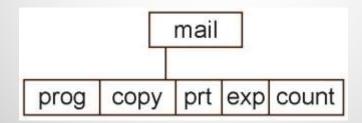
rm <file-name>

Creating a new subdirectory is done in current directory

mkdir <dir-name>

Example: if in current directory /mail

mkdir count



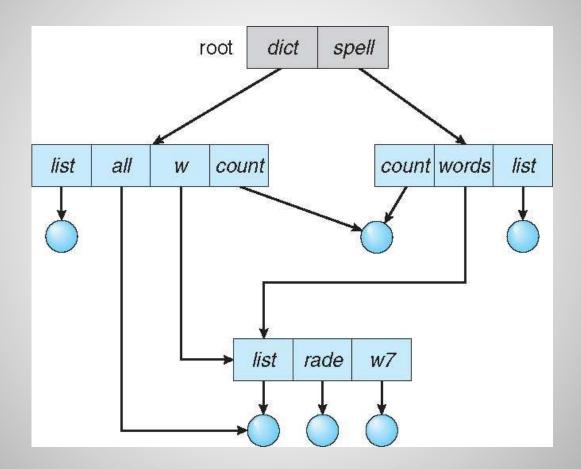
Deleting "mail" \Rightarrow deleting the entire subtree rooted by "mail"





Acyclic-Graph Directories

Have shared subdirectories and files







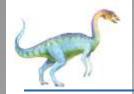
Acyclic-Graph Directories (Cont.)

- Two different names (aliasing)
- If *dict* deletes *list* ⇒ dangling pointer

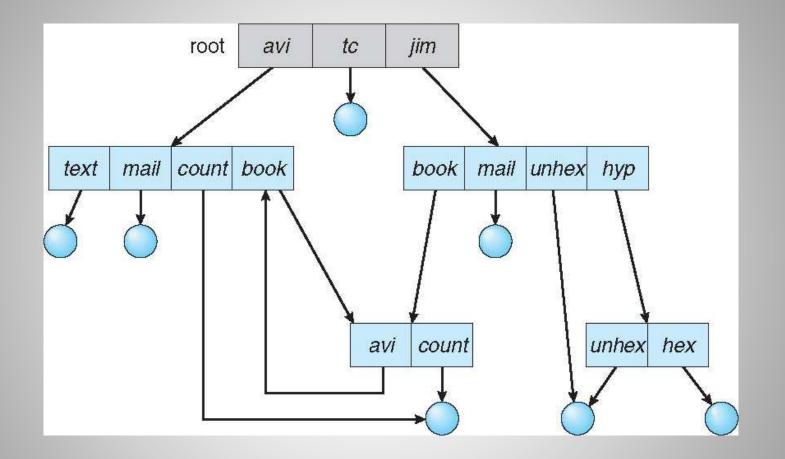
Solutions:

- Backpointers, so we can delete all pointers Variable size records a problem
- Backpointers using a daisy chain organization
- Entry-hold-count solution
- New directory entry type
 - Link another name (pointer) to an existing file
 - Resolve the link follow pointer to locate the file





General Graph Directory







General Graph Directory (Cont.)

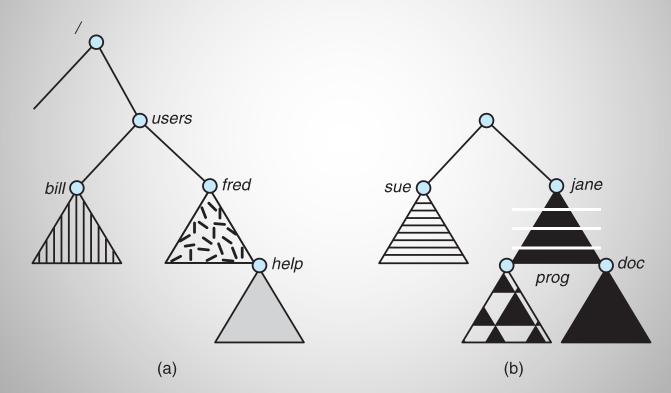
- How do we guarantee no cycles?
 - Allow only links to file not subdirectories
 - Garbage collection
 - Every time a new link is added use a cycle detection algorithm to determine whether it is OK





File System Mounting

- A file system must be **mounted** before it can be accessed
- A unmounted file system (i.e., Fig. 11-11(b)) is mounted at a mount point

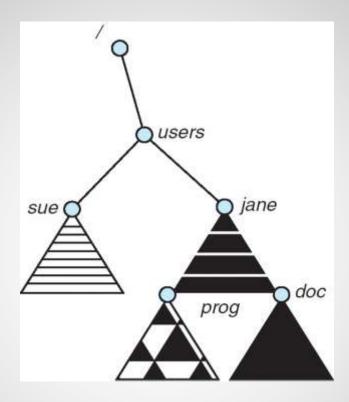




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Mount Point





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File Sharing

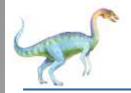
- Sharing of files on multi-user systems is desirable
- Sharing may be done through a protection scheme
- On distributed systems, files may be shared across a network
- Network File System (NFS) is a common distributed file-sharing method
- If multi-user system
 - User IDs identify users, allowing permissions and protections to be per-user
 Group IDs allow users to be in groups, permitting group access rights
 - Owner of a file / directory
 - Group of a file / directory





- File owner/creator should be able to control:
 - what can be done
 - by whom
- Types of access
 - Read
 - Write
 - Execute
 - Append
 - Delete
 - List

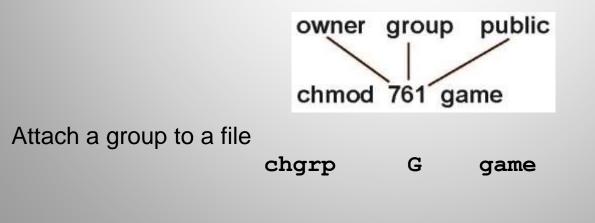




- Mode of access: read, write, execute
- Three classes of users on Unix / Linux

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		RWX
6	\Rightarrow	110
		RWX
1	\Rightarrow	001
	7 6 1	$6 \Rightarrow$

- Ask manager to create a group (unique name), say G, and add some users to the group.
- For a particular file (say game) or subdirectory, define an appropriate access.



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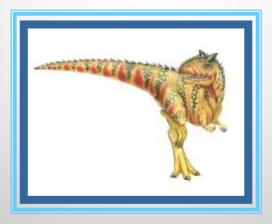
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Chapter 12: File System Implementation



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- File-System Structure
- File-System Implementation
- Directory Implementation
- Allocation Methods
- Free-Space Management
- Efficiency and Performance
- Recovery
- NFS
- Example: WAFL File System

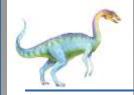




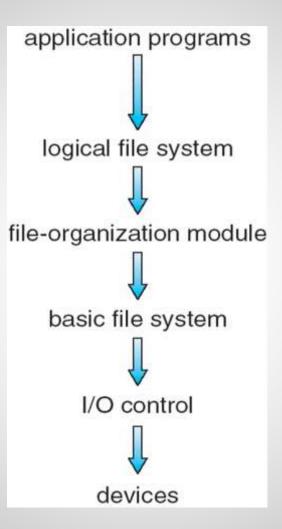
File-System Structure

- File structure
 - Logical storage unit
 - Collection of related information
- File system resides on secondary storage (disks)
 - Provided user interface to storage, mapping logical to physical
 - Provides efficient and convenient access to disk by allowing data to be stored, located retrieved easily
- Disk provides in-place rewrite and random access
 - I/O transfers performed in blocks of sectors (usually 512 bytes)
- File control block storage structure consisting of information about a file
- Device driver controls the physical device
- File system organized into layers





Layered File System





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Device drivers manage I/O devices at the I/O control layer

- Given commands like "read drive1, cylinder 72, track 2, sector 10, into memory location 1060" outputs low-level hardware specific commands to hardware controller
- Basic file system given command like "retrieve block 123" translates to device driver
- Also manages memory buffers and caches (allocation, freeing, replacement)
 - Buffers hold data in transit
 - Caches hold frequently used data
- File organization module understands files, logical address, and physical blocks
- Translates logical block # to physical block #
- Manages free space, disk allocation





Logical file system manages metadata information

- Translates file name into file number, file handle, location by maintaining file control blocks (inodes in UNIX)
- Directory management
- Protection
- Layering useful for reducing complexity and redundancy, but adds overhead and can decrease performanceTranslates file name into file number, file handle, location by maintaining file control blocks (inodes in UNIX)
 - Logical layers can be implemented by any coding method according to OS designer





File System Layers (Cont.)

- Many file systems, sometimes many within an operating system
 - Each with its own format (CD-ROM is ISO 9660; Unix has UFS, FFS; Windows has FAT, FAT32, NTFS as well as floppy, CD, DVD Blu-ray, Linux has more than 40 types, with extended file system ext2 and ext3 leading; plus distributed file systems, etc.)
 - New ones still arriving ZFS, GoogleFS, Oracle ASM, FUSE





File-System Implementation

- We have system calls at the API level, but how do we implement their functions?
 - On-disk and in-memory structures
- Boot control block contains info needed by system to boot OS from that volume
 - Needed if volume contains OS, usually first block of volume
- Volume control block (superblock, master file table) contains volume details
 - Total # of blocks, # of free blocks, block size, free block pointers or array
- Directory structure organizes the files
 - Names and inode numbers, master file table



File-System Implementation (Cont.)

- Per-file File Control Block (FCB) contains many details about the file
 - inode number, permissions, size, dates
 - NFTS stores into in master file table using relational DB structures

file permissions
file dates (create, access, write)
file owner, group, ACL
file size

file data blocks of pointers to file data blocks





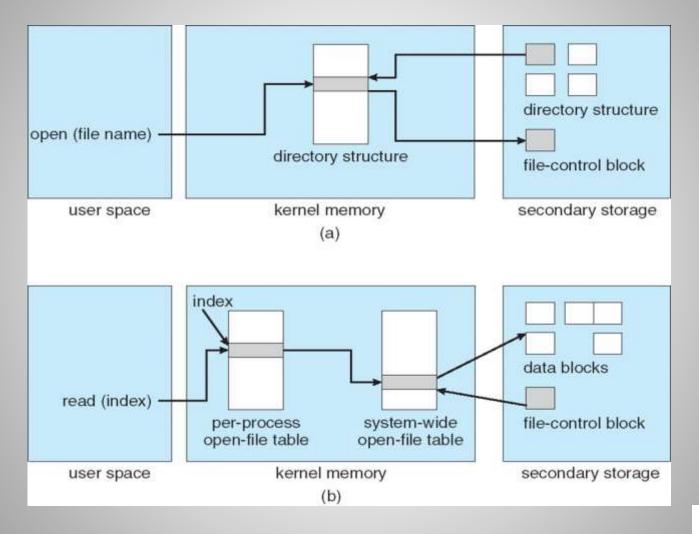
In-Memory File System Structures

- Mount table storing file system mounts, mount points, file system types
- The following figure illustrates the necessary file system structures provided by the operating systems
- Figure 12-3(a) refers to opening a file
- Figure 12-3(b) refers to reading a file
- Plus buffers hold data blocks from secondary storage
- Open returns a file handle for subsequent use
- Data from read eventually copied to specified user process memory address





In-Memory File System Structures





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Partitions and Mounting

- Partition can be a volume containing a file system ("cooked") or raw – just a sequence of blocks with no file system
- Boot block can point to boot volume or boot loader set of blocks that contain enough code to know how to load the kernel from the file system
 - Or a boot management program for multi-os booting
- Root partition contains the OS, other partitions can hold other Oses, other file systems, or be raw
 - Mounted at boot time
 - Other partitions can mount automatically or manually
 - At mount time, file system consistency checked
 - Is all metadata correct?
 - If not, fix it, try again
 - If yes, add to mount table, allow access





Directory Implementation

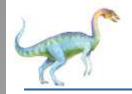
- Linear list of file names with pointer to the data blocks
 - Simple to program
 - Time-consuming to execute
 - Linear search time
 - Could keep ordered alphabetically via linked list or use B+ tree
- **Hash Table** linear list with hash data structure
 - Decreases directory search time
 - Collisions situations where two file names hash to the same location
 - Only good if entries are fixed size, or use chained-overflow method





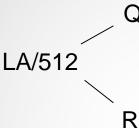
- An allocation method refers to how disk blocks are allocated for files:
- Contiguous allocation each file occupies set of contiguous blocks
 - Best performance in most cases
 - Simple only starting location (block #) and length (number of blocks) are required
 - Problems include finding space for file, knowing file size, external fragmentation, need for compaction off-line (downtime) or on-line





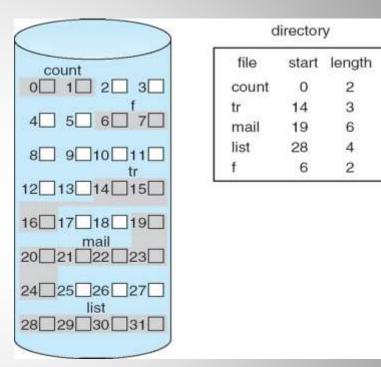
Contiguous Allocation

Mapping from logical to physical



Q

Block to be accessed = Q +starting address Displacement into block = R







Extent-Based Systems

- Many newer file systems (i.e., Veritas File System) use a modified contiguous allocation scheme
- Extent-based file systems allocate disk blocks in extents
- An extent is a contiguous block of disks
 - Extents are allocated for file allocation
 - A file consists of one or more extents





Linked allocation – each file a linked list of blocks

- File ends at nil pointer
- No external fragmentation
- Each block contains pointer to next block
- No compaction, external fragmentation
- Free space management system called when new block needed
- Improve efficiency by clustering blocks into groups but increases internal fragmentation
- Reliability can be a problem
- Locating a block can take many I/Os and disk seeks



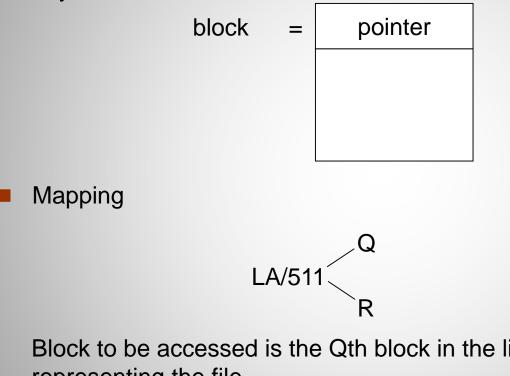


- FAT (File Allocation Table) variation
 - Beginning of volume has table, indexed by block number
 - Much like a linked list, but faster on disk and cacheable
 - New block allocation simple





Each file is a linked list of disk blocks: blocks may be scattered anywhere on the disk



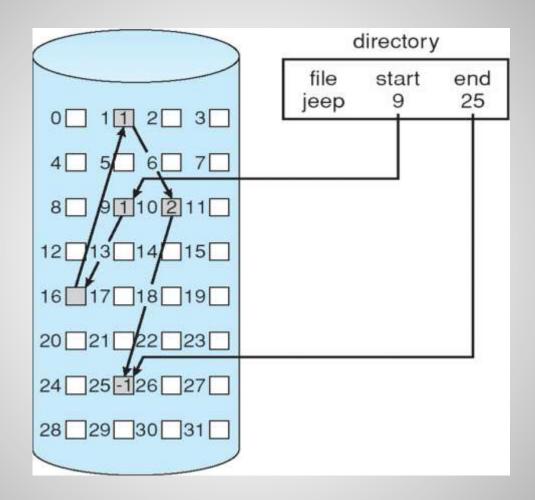
Block to be accessed is the Qth block in the linked chain of blocks representing the file.

Displacement into block = R + 1





Linked Allocation

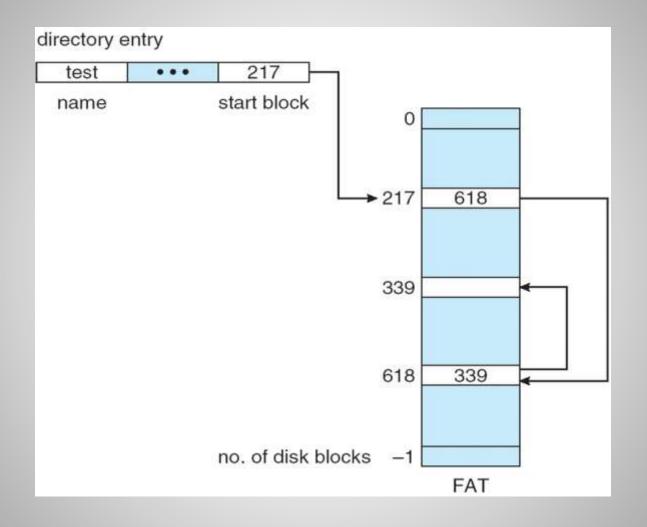




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File-Allocation Table





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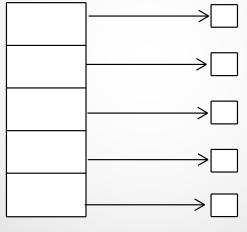


Allocation Methods - Indexed

Indexed allocation

• Each file has its own index block(s) of pointers to its data blocks

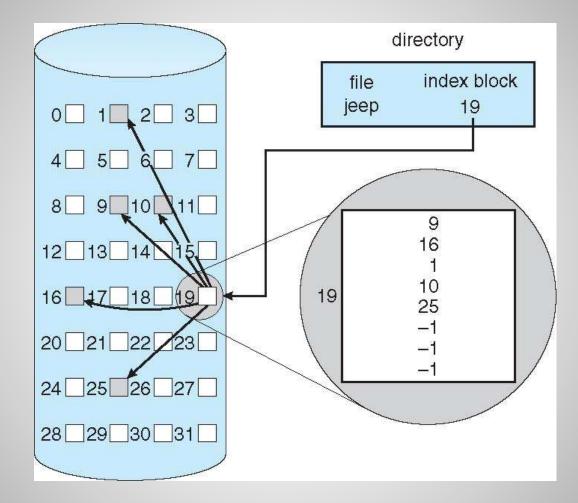
Logical view



index table



Example of Indexed Allocation



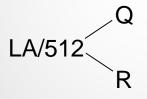


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Indexed Allocation (Cont.)

- Need index table
- Random access
- Dynamic access without external fragmentation, but have overhead of index block
- Mapping from logical to physical in a file of maximum size of 256K bytes and block size of 512 bytes. We need only 1 block for index table

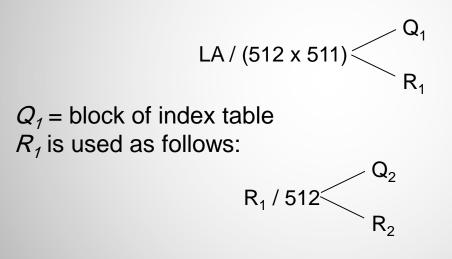


- Q = displacement into index table
- R = displacement into block





- Mapping from logical to physical in a file of unbounded length (block size of 512 words)
- Linked scheme Link blocks of index table (no limit on size)

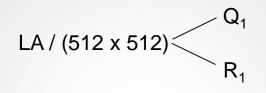


 Q_2 = displacement into block of index table R_2 displacement into block of file:

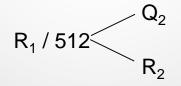




 Two-level index (4K blocks could store 1,024 four-byte pointers in outer index -> 1,048,567 data blocks and file size of up to 4GB)



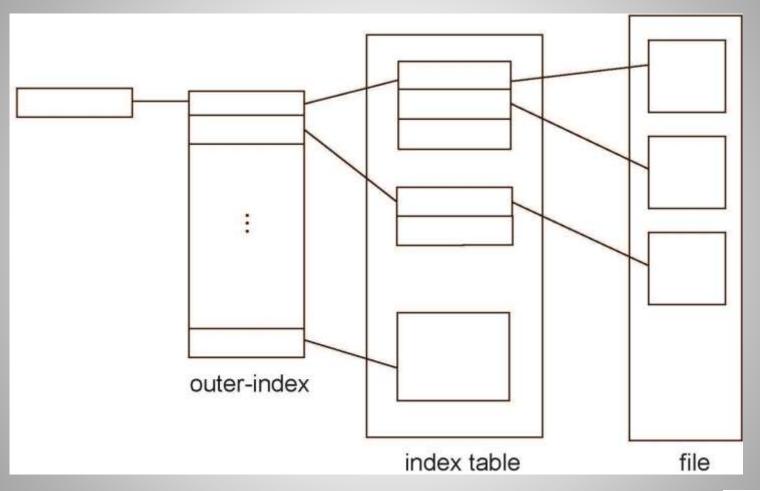
 Q_1 = displacement into outer-index R_1 is used as follows:



 Q_2 = displacement into block of index table R_2 displacement into block of file:



Indexed Allocation – Mapping (Cont.)



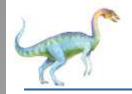


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- Best method depends on file access type
 - Contiguous great for sequential and random
- Linked good for sequential, not random
- Declare access type at creation -> select either contiguous or linked
- Indexed more complex
 - Single block access could require 2 index block reads then data block read
 - Clustering can help improve throughput, reduce CPU overhead





Performance (Cont.)

- Adding instructions to the execution path to save one disk I/O is reasonable
 - Intel Core i7 Extreme Edition 990x (2011) at 3.46Ghz = 159,000 MIPS
 - http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Instructions_per_second
 - Typical disk drive at 250 I/Os per second
 - 159,000 MIPS / 250 = 630 million instructions during one disk I/O
 - Fast SSD drives provide 60,000 IOPS
 - 159,000 MIPS / 60,000 = 2.65 millions instructions during one disk I/O





Free-Space Management

- File system maintains free-space list to track available blocks/clusters
 - (Using term "block" for simplicity)
- Bit vector or bit map (*n* blocks)



bit[*I*] =
$$\begin{cases} 1 \Rightarrow block[I] free \\ 0 \Rightarrow block[I] occupied \end{cases}$$

Block number calculation

(number of bits per word) * (number of 0-value words) + offset of first 1 bit

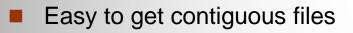
CPUs have instructions to return offset within word of first "1" bit





- Bit map requires extra space
 - Example:

block size = $4KB = 2^{12}$ bytes disk size = 2^{40} bytes (1 terabyte) $n = 2^{40}/2^{12} = 2^{28}$ bits (or 32MB) if clusters of 4 blocks -> 8MB of memory

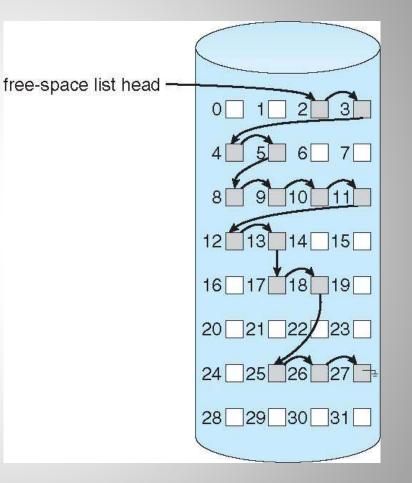


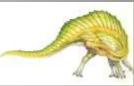




Linked Free Space List on Disk

- Linked list (free list)
 - Cannot get contiguous space easily
 - No waste of space
 - No need to traverse the entire list (if # free blocks recorded)





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Free-Space Management (Cont.)

Grouping

- Modify linked list to store address of next *n-1* free blocks in first free block, plus a pointer to next block that contains free-blockpointers (like this one)
- Counting
 - Because space is frequently contiguously used and freed, with contiguous-allocation allocation, extents, or clustering
 - Keep address of first free block and count of following free blocks
 - Free space list then has entries containing addresses and counts



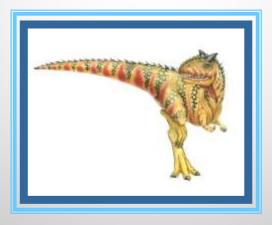


Free-Space Management (Cont.)

- Space Maps
 - Used in ZFS
 - Consider meta-data I/O on very large file systems
 - Full data structures like bit maps couldn't fit in memory -> thousands of I/Os
 - Divides device space into metaslab units and manages metaslabs
 - Given volume can contain hundreds of metaslabs
 - Each metaslab has associated space map
 - Uses counting algorithm
 - But records to log file rather than file system
 - Log of all block activity, in time order, in counting format
 - Metaslab activity -> load space map into memory in balanced-tree structure, indexed by offset
 - Replay log into that structure
 - Combine contiguous free blocks into single entry



Chapter 13: I/O Systems

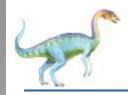




Overview

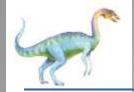
- I/O management is a major component of operating system design and operation
 - Important aspect of computer operation
 - I/O devices vary greatly
 - Various methods to control them
 - Performance management
 - New types of devices frequent
- Ports, busses, device controllers connect to various devices
- Device drivers encapsulate device details
 - Present uniform device-access interface to I/O subsystem



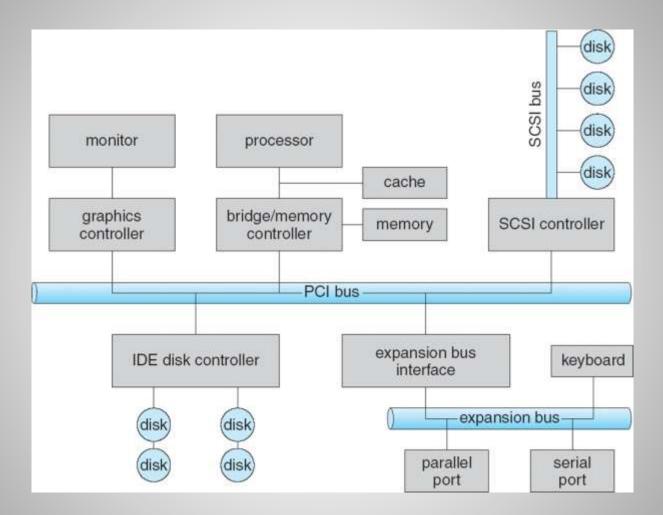


- Incredible variety of I/O devices
 - Storage
 - Transmission
 - Human-interface
- Common concepts signals from I/O devices interface with computer
 - Port connection point for device
 - Bus daisy chain or shared direct access
 - PCI bus common in PCs and servers, PCI Express (PCIe)
 - expansion bus connects relatively slow devices
 - Controller (host adapter) electronics that operate port, bus, device
 - Sometimes integrated
 - Sometimes separate circuit board (host adapter)
 - Contains processor, microcode, private memory, bus controller, etc
 - Some talk to per-device controller with bus controller, microcode, memory, etc





A Typical PC Bus Structure





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I/O Hardware (Cont.)

- I/O instructions control devices
- Devices usually have registers where device driver places commands, addresses, and data to write, or read data from registers after command execution
 - Data-in register, data-out register, status register, control register
 - Typically 1-4 bytes, or FIFO buffer
- Devices have addresses, used by
 - Direct I/O instructions
 - Memory-mapped I/O
 - Device data and command registers mapped to processor address space
 - Especially for large address spaces (graphics)





Device I/O Port Locations on PCs (partial)

I/O address range (hexadecimal)	device	
000-00F	DMA controller	
020-021	interrupt controller	
040–043	timer	
200–20F	game controller	
2F8–2FF	serial port (secondary)	
320–32F	hard-disk controller	
378–37F	parallel port	
3D0-3DF	graphics controller	
3F0–3F7	diskette-drive controller	
3F8–3FF	serial port (primary)	





Polling

- For each byte of I/O
 - 1. Read busy bit from status register until 0
 - 2. Host sets read or write bit and if write copies data into data-out register
 - 3. Host sets command-ready bit
 - 4. Controller sets busy bit, executes transfer
 - 5. Controller clears busy bit, error bit, command-ready bit when transfer done
- Step 1 is busy-wait cycle to wait for I/O from device
 - Reasonable if device is fast
 - But inefficient if device slow
 - CPU switches to other tasks?
 - But if miss a cycle data overwritten / lost



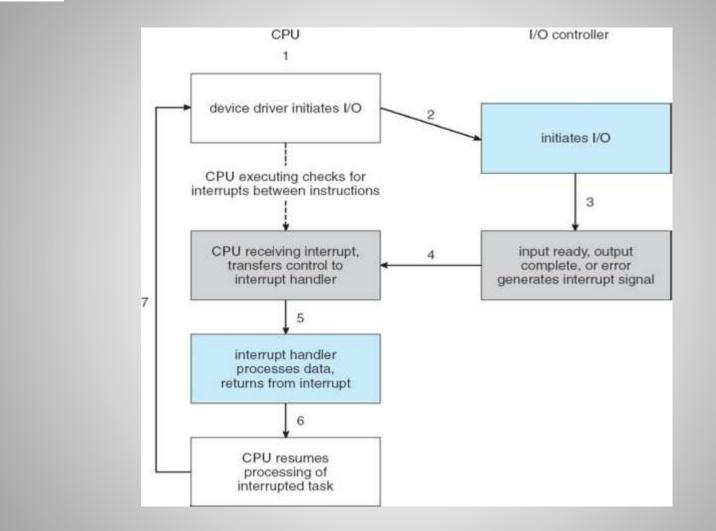


- Polling can happen in 3 instruction cycles
 - Read status, logical-and to extract status bit, branch if not zero
 - How to be more efficient if non-zero infrequently?
- CPU Interrupt-request line triggered by I/O device
 - Checked by processor after each instruction
- Interrupt handler receives interrupts
 - Maskable to ignore or delay some interrupts
- Interrupt vector to dispatch interrupt to correct handler
 - Context switch at start and end
 - Based on priority
 - Some nonmaskable
 - Interrupt chaining if more than one device at same interrupt number





Interrupt-Driven I/O Cycle

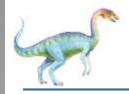






- Interrupt mechanism also used for exceptions
 - Terminate process, crash system due to hardware error
- Page fault executes when memory access error
- System call executes via trap to trigger kernel to execute request
- Multi-CPU systems can process interrupts concurrently
 - If operating system designed to handle it
- Used for time-sensitive processing, frequent, must be fast





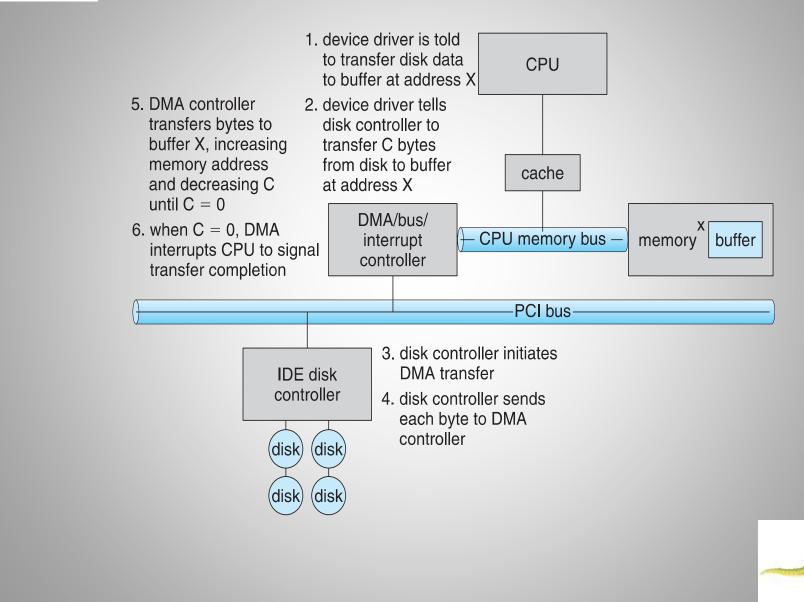
Direct Memory Access

- Used to avoid programmed I/O (one byte at a time) for large data movement
- Requires DMA controller
- Bypasses CPU to transfer data directly between I/O device and memory
- OS writes DMA command block into memory
 - Source and destination addresses
 - Read or write mode
 - Count of bytes
 - Writes location of command block to DMA controller
 - Bus mastering of DMA controller grabs bus from CPU
 - Cycle stealing from CPU but still much more efficient
 - When done, interrupts to signal completion
 - Version that is aware of virtual addresses can be even more efficient DVMA



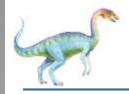


Six Step Process to Perform DMA Transfer



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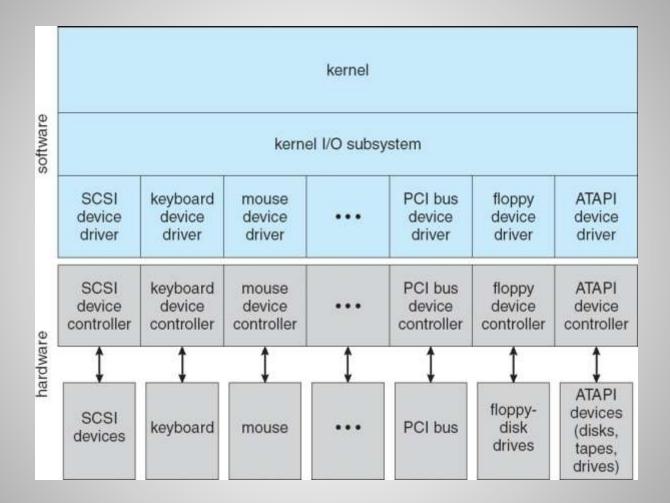
Application I/O Interface

- I/O system calls encapsulate device behaviors in generic classes
- Device-driver layer hides differences among I/O controllers from kernel
- New devices talking already-implemented protocols need no extra work
- Each OS has its own I/O subsystem structures and device driver frameworks
- Devices vary in many dimensions
 - Character-stream or block
 - Sequential or random-access
 - Synchronous or asynchronous (or both)
 - Sharable or dedicated
 - Speed of operation
 - read-write, read only, or write only



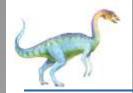


A Kernel I/O Structure





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Characteristics of I/O Devices

aspect	variation	example
data-transfer mode	character block	terminal disk
access method	sequential random	modem CD-ROM
transfer schedule	synchronous asynchronous	tape keyboard
sharing	dedicated sharable	tape keyboard
device speed	latency seek time transfer rate delay between operations	
I/O direction	read only write only read–write	CD-ROM graphics controller disk





- Subtleties of devices handled by device drivers
- Broadly I/O devices can be grouped by the OS into
 - Block I/O
 - Character I/O (Stream)
 - Memory-mapped file access
 - Network sockets
- For direct manipulation of I/O device specific characteristics, usually an escape / back door
 - Unix ioctl() call to send arbitrary bits to a device control register and data to device data register





Block and Character Devices

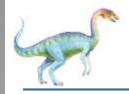
- Block devices include disk drives
 - Commands include read, write, seek
 - Raw I/O, direct I/O, or file-system access
 - Memory-mapped file access possible
 - File mapped to virtual memory and clusters brought via demand paging
 - DMA
- Character devices include keyboards, mice, serial ports
 - Commands include get(), put()
 - Libraries layered on top allow line editing





- Varying enough from block and character to have own interface
- Linux, Unix, Windows and many others include socket interface
 - Separates network protocol from network operation
 - Includes select() functionality
- Approaches vary widely (pipes, FIFOs, streams, queues, mailboxes)





- Provide current time, elapsed time, timer
- Normal resolution about 1/60 second
- Some systems provide higher-resolution timers
- Programmable interval timer used for timings, periodic interrupts
- ioctl() (on UNIX) covers odd aspects of I/O such as clocks and timers





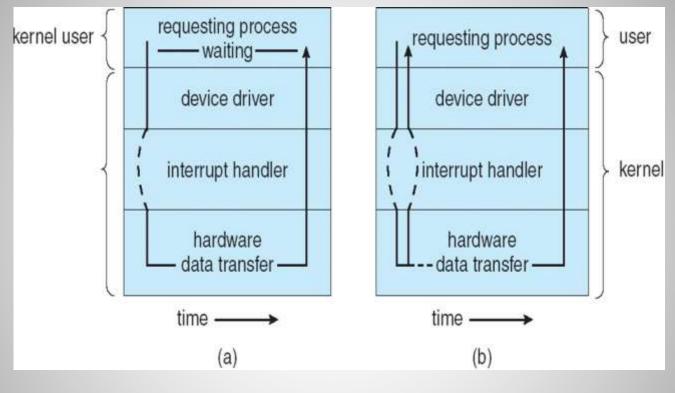
Blocking - process suspended until I/O completed

- Easy to use and understand
- Insufficient for some needs
- Nonblocking I/O call returns as much as available
 - User interface, data copy (buffered I/O)
 - Implemented via multi-threading
 - Returns quickly with count of bytes read or written
 - select() to find if data ready then read() or write() to transfer
- Asynchronous process runs while I/O executes
 - Difficult to use
 - I/O subsystem signals process when I/O completed





Two I/O Methods



Synchronous

Asynchronous





- Vectored I/O allows one system call to perform multiple I/O operations
- For example, Unix **readve()** accepts a vector of multiple buffers to read into or write from
- This scatter-gather method better than multiple individual I/O calls
 - Decreases context switching and system call overhead
 - Some versions provide atomicity
 - Avoid for example worry about multiple threads changing data as reads / writes occurring





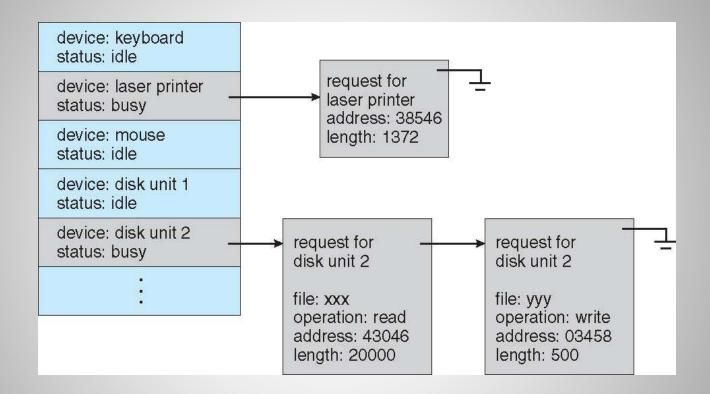
Kernel I/O Subsystem

- Scheduling
 - Some I/O request ordering via per-device queue
 - Some OSs try fairness
 - Some implement Quality Of Service (i.e. IPQOS)
- Buffering store data in memory while transferring between devices
 - To cope with device speed mismatch
 - To cope with device transfer size mismatch
 - To maintain "copy semantics"
 - Double buffering two copies of the data
 - Kernel and user
 - Varying sizes
 - Full / being processed and not-full / being used
 - Copy-on-write can be used for efficiency in some cases





Device-status Table







Kernel I/O Subsystem

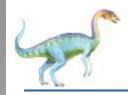
Caching - faster device holding copy of data

- Always just a copy
- Key to performance
- Sometimes combined with buffering
- Spooling hold output for a device
 - If device can serve only one request at a time
 - i.e., Printing

Device reservation - provides exclusive access to a device

- System calls for allocation and de-allocation
- Watch out for deadlock





Error Handling

- OS can recover from disk read, device unavailable, transient write failures
 - Retry a read or write, for example
 - Some systems more advanced Solaris FMA, AIX
 - Track error frequencies, stop using device with increasing frequency of retry-able errors
- Most return an error number or code when I/O request fails
- System error logs hold problem reports



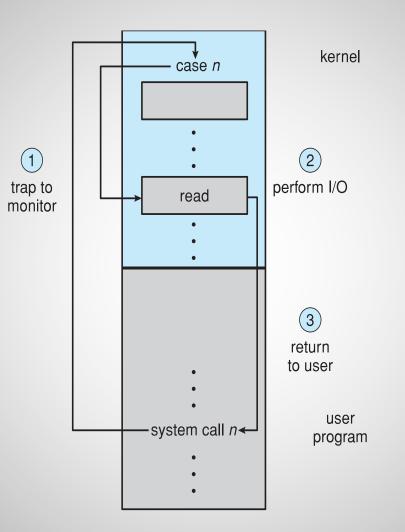


I/O Protection

- User process may accidentally or purposefully attempt to disrupt normal operation via illegal I/O instructions
 - All I/O instructions defined to be privileged
 - I/O must be performed via system calls
 - Memory-mapped and I/O port memory locations must be protected too







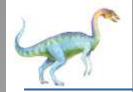


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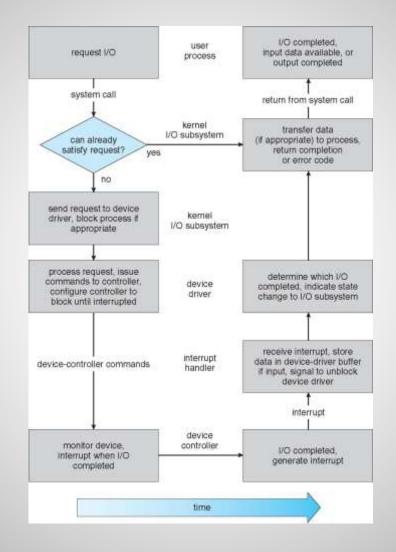


- Consider reading a file from disk for a process:
 - Determine device holding file
 - Translate name to device representation
 - Physically read data from disk into buffer
 - Make data available to requesting process
 - Return control to process





Life Cycle of An I/O Request





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