Overview
Objectives

- To provide a grand tour of the major operating systems components
- To provide coverage of basic computer system organization
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

- A 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

user 1 user 2 user 3 ... user n

compiler assembler text editor ... database system

system and application programs

operating system

computer hardware
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 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 EEPROM, generally known as **firmware**
  - Initializates 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.
- Incoming interrupts are *disabled* while another interrupt is being processed to prevent a *lost interrupt*.
- A *trap* 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

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<tr>
<th>CPU</th>
<th>user process executing</th>
<th>I/O interrupt processing</th>
<th>I/O request</th>
<th>transfer done</th>
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<td>I/O device</td>
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<td>transferring</td>
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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 operating system 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.
  - Operating system indexes into I/O device table to determine device status and to modify table entry to include interrupt.
Two I/O Methods

Synchronous

Asynchronous

(a) (b)
Device-Status Table

- **device: card reader 1**
  - status: idle

- **device: line printer 3**
  - status: busy

- **device: disk unit 1**
  - status: idle

- **device: disk unit 2**
  - status: idle

- **device: disk unit 3**
  - status: busy

  - request for
  - line printer
  - address: 38546
  - length: 1372

  - request for
  - disk unit 3
  - file: xxx
  - operation: read
  - address: 43046
  - length: 20000

  - request for
  - disk unit 3
  - file: yyy
  - operation: write
  - address: 03458
  - length: 500
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.
Storage Structure

- **Main memory** – only large storage media that the CPU can access directly.
- **Secondary storage** – extension of main memory that provides large nonvolatile storage capacity.
- **Magnetic 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.
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.
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
Performance of Various Levels of Storage

- Movement between levels of storage hierarchy can be explicit or implicit

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<td>Name</td>
<td>registers</td>
<td>cache</td>
<td>main memory</td>
<td>disk storage</td>
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<tr>
<td>Typical size</td>
<td>&lt; 1 KB</td>
<td>&gt; 16 MB</td>
<td>&gt; 16 GB</td>
<td>&gt; 100 GB</td>
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<td>Implementation technology</td>
<td>custom memory with multiple ports, CMOS</td>
<td>on-chip or off-chip CMOS SRAM</td>
<td>CMOS DRAM</td>
<td>magnetic disk</td>
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<td>Access time (ns)</td>
<td>0.25 – 0.5</td>
<td>0.5 – 25</td>
<td>80 – 250</td>
<td>5,000.000</td>
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<td>Bandwidth (MB/sec)</td>
<td>20,000 – 100,000</td>
<td>5000 – 10,000</td>
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<td>compiler</td>
<td>hardware</td>
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<td>Backed by</td>
<td>cache</td>
<td>main memory</td>
<td>disk</td>
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Migration of Integer A from Disk to Register

- Multitasking environments must be careful to use most recent value, no matter where it is stored in the storage hierarchy

- Multiprocessor environment must provide cache coherency in hardware such that all CPUs have the most recent value in their cache

- Distributed environment situation even more complex
  - Several copies of a datum can exist
Operating System Structure

- **Multiprogramming** needed for efficiency
  - Single user cannot keep CPU and I/O devices busy at all times
  - Multiprogramming organizes jobs (code and data) so CPU always has one to execute
  - A subset of total jobs in system is kept in memory
  - One job selected and run via **job scheduling**
  - When it has to wait (for I/O for example), OS switches to another job

- **Timesharing (multitasking)** is logical extension in which CPU switches jobs so frequently that users can interact with each job while it is running, creating **interactive** computing
  - **Response time** should be < 1 second
  - Each user has at least one program executing in memory ⇒ **process**
  - If several jobs ready to run at the same time ⇒ **CPU scheduling**
  - If processes don’t fit in memory, **swapping** moves them in and out to run
  - **Virtual memory** allows execution of processes not completely in memory
Memory Layout for Multiprogrammed System

- Operating system
- Job 1
- Job 2
- Job 3
- Job 4

Total memory capacity: 512M
Operating-System Operations

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

- Timer to prevent infinite loop / process hogging resources
  - Set interrupt after specific period
  - Operating system decrements counter
  - When counter zero generate an interrupt
  - Set up before scheduling process to regain control or terminate program that exceeds allotted time
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 reclamation 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 achieved 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

- All instructions in memory in order to execute
- All data accessed by instructions in memory in order for instruction to execute
- Memory management determines what is in memory
  - 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, data-transfer 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 dirs
    - 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
  - 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