

Intro to OS

Computer system structure

hardware

app program

program as an intermediary between app/system programs and the computer hardware

OS

excute user programs(easier to use) and allocate hardware resource(efficient and secure manner)

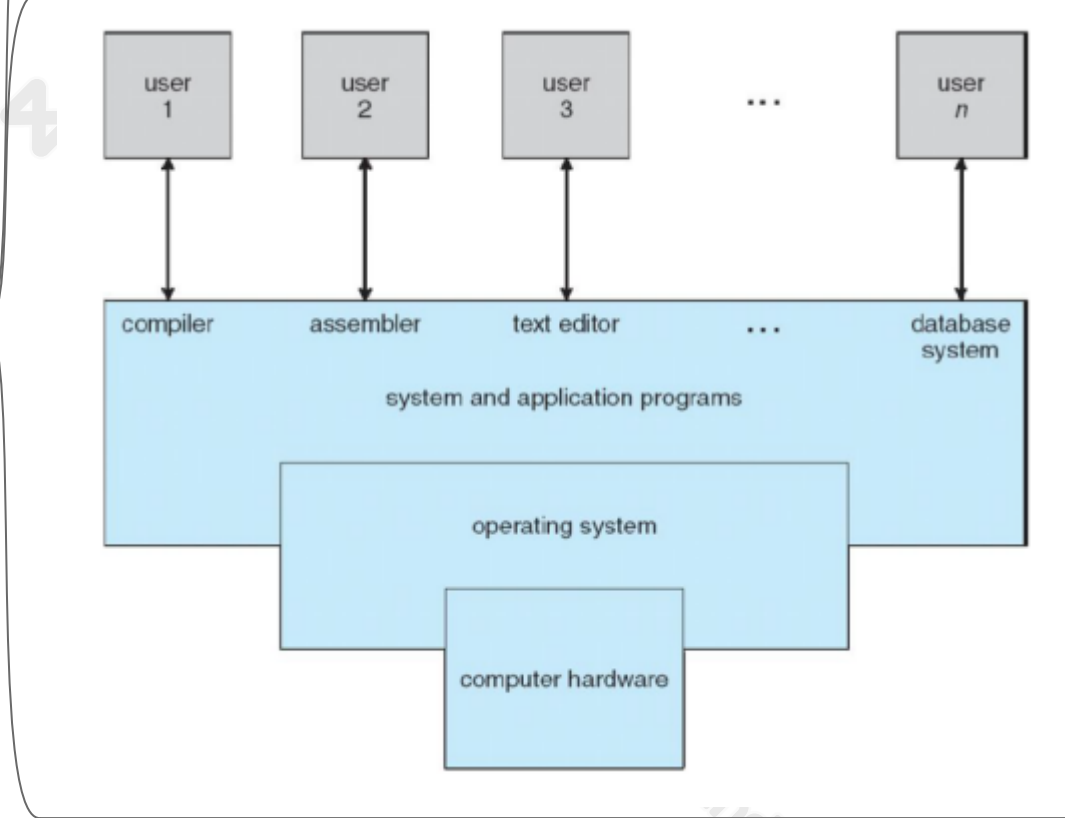
Def: no universally def, the program running all time is the kernel, kernel runs while the CPU is in privileged mod(access all memory location and all hardware resource), else runs CPU in user mode is either app program or system program

commad-line interface(CLI) and graphic user interface(GUI) may be considered system program

app and system programs may be refered to as user programs(run in user/unprivileged mode), while OS run in privileged mode(kernel mode)

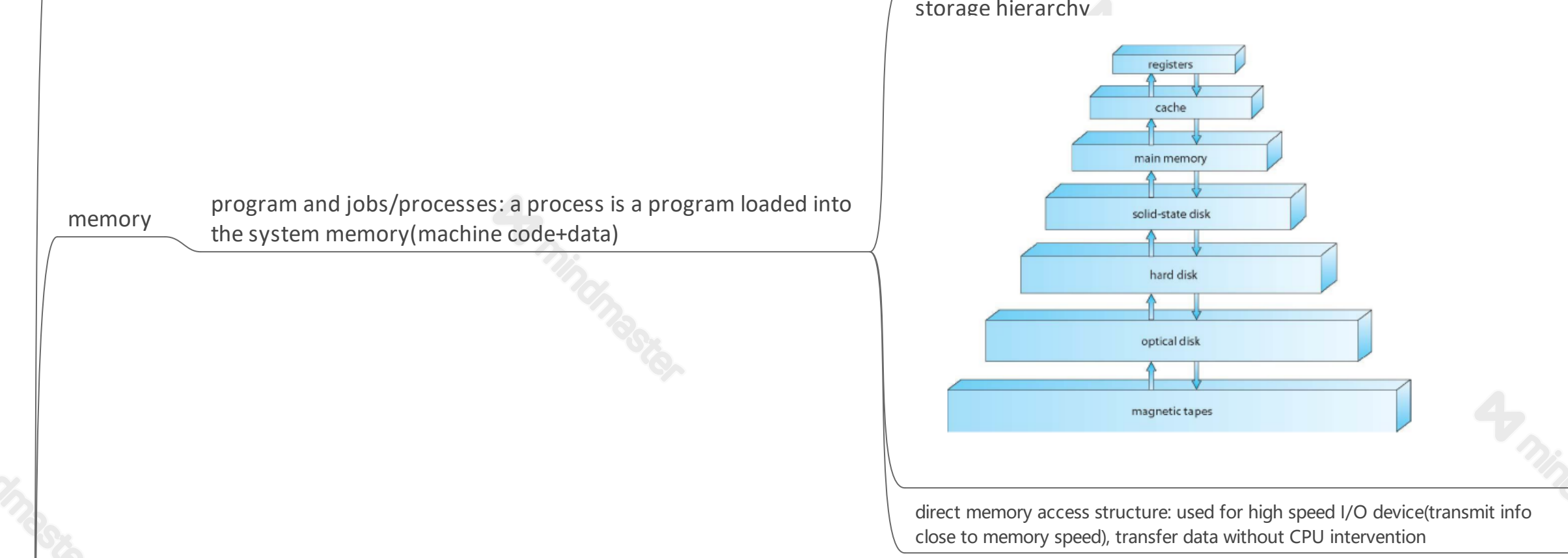
user view: convenient usage and good responsiveness, dont care much about resource utilization

system view: OS is a resource allocator: manage resources and decide when conflicts for efficient and fair resource use
control program: prevent errors and volatle command



CPU(s) control unit, ALU, CPU register(RISCvs CISCs) machine code -> assembly code -> c source code

main memory: control unit only fetch instructions from main memory /access main memory directly: RAM, ROM secondary memory: CPU access this memory indirectly via I/O controllers



memory program and jobs/processes: a process is a program loaded into the system memory(machine code+data)

I/O operation: I/O devices and CPU can execute concurrently, each I/O device in charge of a particular device and have local buffer

CPU communicate with I/O by instructing to control reg, reading status reg, move data from main memory to local buffer and vise versa.

CPU waits till either of two operations, polling: read continuously the status till operation completes, interrupt CPU goes off and executes other tasks

device driver for each I/O controllers to manage I/O, provide uniform interface between controller and kernel

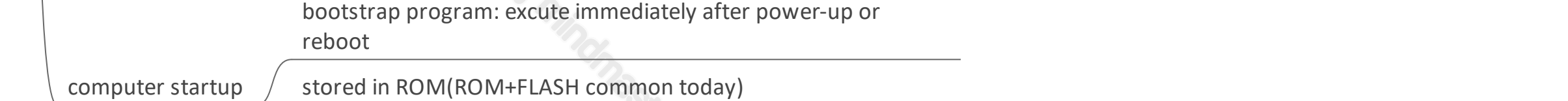
device controllers=I/O devices/controllers

interrupts, exception and traps

interrupt caused by I/O controller(hardware interrupts)

exception caused usually by illegal operation(/0), unaccessible memory and invalid code, usually called trap(software-generated interrupts)

when exception occurs, control transferred to the corresponding interrupt service routine(ISR)



interrupt handling ISR resides within the OS's kernel and preserve the state of CPU reg: saving program counter(PC) reg, and usually have hardware support

bootstrap program: excute immediately after power-up or reboot

stored in ROM(ROM+FLASH common today)

initialize necessary aspect of system, load OS kernel from non-volatile storage

computer startup

computer system architecture

single purpose processor(embedded system)

multiprocessor(PC, server)

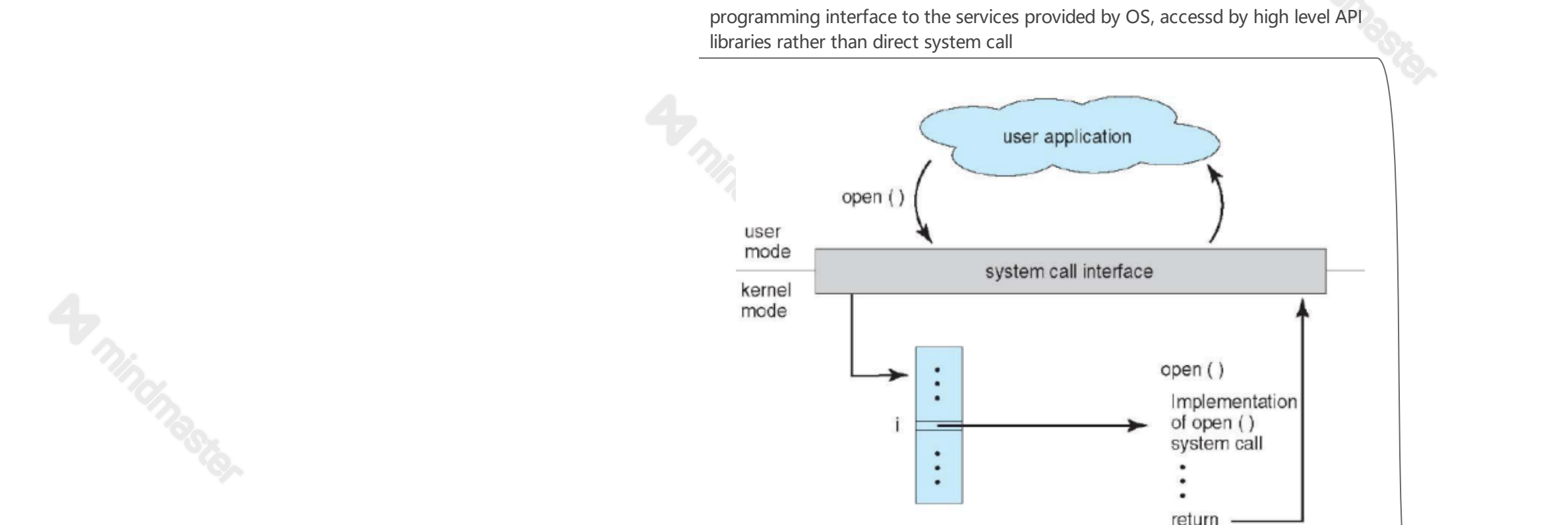
OS design

distributed? realtime? batch? highest level, design is affected by hardware and type of system users goal and system goal

OS timer for preemptive processes is a mechanism, the exact tick time is policy mechanism & policy: mehanism: how to do it, policy: what specially will be done

system program: provide a convenient environment for program execution, interface to system calls

file management status info file modification programming language support program loading and execution communication dont pertain to system application program



system call

a number associated with each system call, system call interface maintains an indexed table according to these numbers, caller dont know how system call implemented and details, just need to obey API and the result call

parameter passing

1. simplest, pass parameters in reg, but regs are limited and parameters may be more than req

2. parameters stored in a block in memory and addr of block passed as a parameter in a reg

3. parameters pushed onto the stack by program and popped off the stack by OS

create, end, load, wait for time/event...! debugger, locks

file management device management information

get time, date, system data

communications

protection

types of system calls

in message passing model, processes send and receive message to host name/process name(pid), typically for short message

in shared memory model, processes can access to memory regions owned by other processes, for large message

CLI

commands are built into shell

GUI

touchscreen

user OS interface

command are name of other programs that execute the command

API library, compilers and build tools, user interface, program execution, I/O operations

debugging error detection file-system manipulation

provide environment and services to programs and users

OS services

resource allocating, including CPU cycles, main memory, file storage, I/O device

accounting: keep track of which user/process use how much resources

protection and security: protection: ensuring all access to system resources is controlled, security: requires authentication from outside of system, defending external I/O devices

provide functions to ensure the efficient and secure operation of system

OS operations: OS is invoked via interrupts and thus is interrupt driven

hardware interrupt: timer interrupt caused by an on-chip timer, used to preempt app and invoke OS kernel on regular intervals(OS tick, 1-50ms)

software interrupt: exception, OS services are requested by trap instruction

mode bit to distinguish user mode or kernel mode

some instructions designated as privileged and some memory location may be accessible in kernel mode

system call(using trap instruction) change mode to kernel mode

return from a system call by resetting mode bit back to user mode

OS structure

multitasking

timesharing/interactive system: logical extension in which CPU switches jobs that users interact with each job -> interactive computing, preemptive

layered approach: OS is divided into a number of layers/levels, each built on top of lower layers, layers are selected such that each uses functions/operations and services of lower level layers

microkernel

kernel has a set of core components linked to additional services via modules

modules talk to each other over known interfaces

loaded as needed within kernel, preferred

similar to layers but with more flexibility

linux has loadable modules primarily for device drivers and file systems

kernel sets timer to prevent infinit loop, for the next interrupt before scheduling a process

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