

# Operating System Concepts

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# Introduction

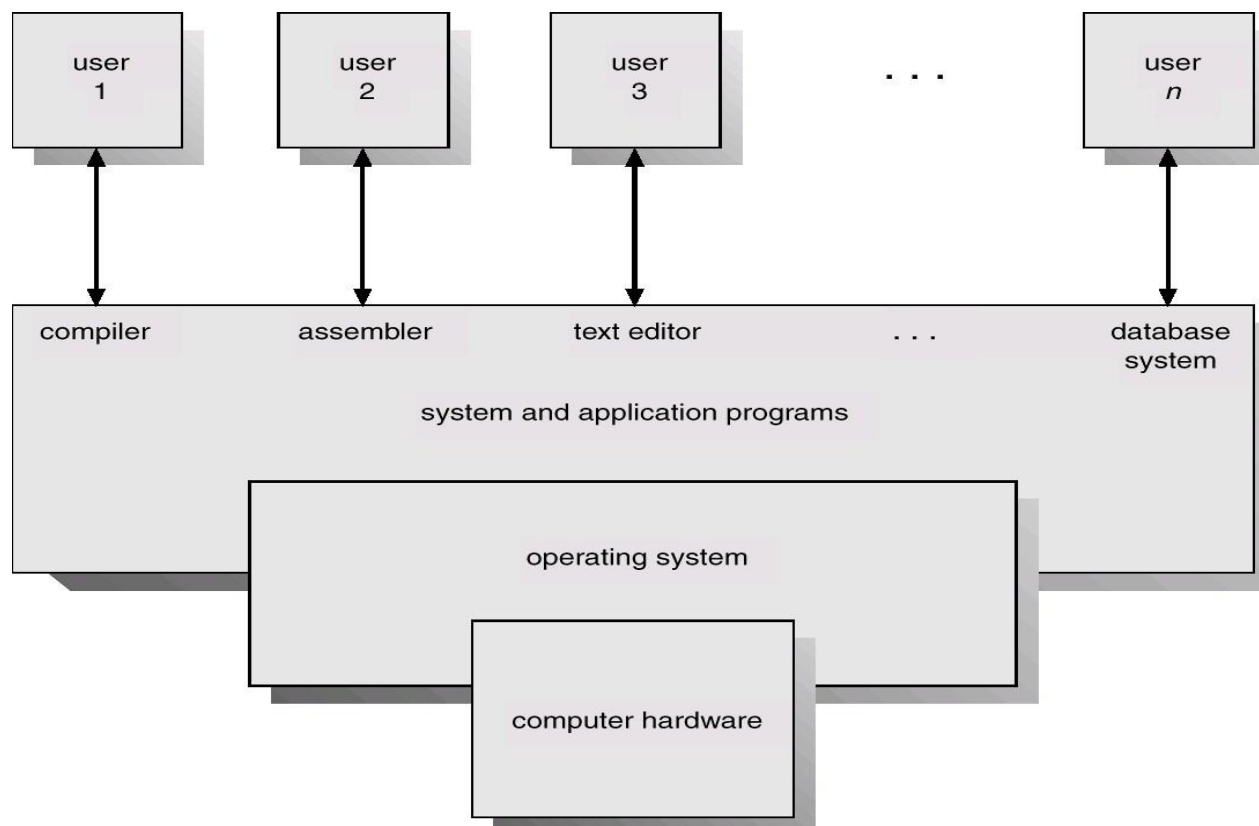
- Computer system
- What is an operating system?
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## **Reading:**

**Chapter 1 of Tanenbaum or chapter 1, 2 and 3 of silberschatz**

# Computer system

*Computer system provide a capability for gathering data, performing computations, storing information, communicating with other computer system and generating output.*



*Abstract view of  
computer system*

# Computer system

1. **Hardware** – provides basic computing resources (CPU, memory, I/O devices).
2. **Operating system** – controls and coordinates the use of the hardware among the various application programs for the various users.
3. **Applications programs** – define the ways in which the system resources are used to solve the computing problems of the users (compilers, database systems, video games, business programs).
4. **Users** (people, machines, other computers).

# What is an operating system?

*An operating system (OS) is a collection of system programs that together control the operation of a computer system.*

## 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.

*Provides an environment within which other programs can do useful work.*

# Two Functions of OS

- OS as an Extended Machine
- OS as a Resource Manager

## OS as an Extended Machine

OS creates higher-level abstraction for programmer 

**Example:** (Floppy disk I/O operation)

- disks contains a collection of named files

- each file must be open for READ/WRITE
- after READ/WRITE complete close that file
- no any detail to deal

OS shields the programmer from the disk hardware and presents a simple file oriented interface.

*OS function is to present the user with the equivalent of an extended machine or virtual machine that is easier to program than the underlying hardware.*

### Challenges:

What are the right abstractions? How to achieve this?

## OS as a Resource Manager

- What happens if three programs try to print their output on the same printer at the same time?
- What happens if two network users try to update a shared document at same time?



*OS primary function is to manage all pieces of a complex system.*

### Advantages:

- Virtualizes resource so multiple users/applications can share
- Protect applications from one another
- Provide efficient and fair access to resources
- What mechanisms? What policies?

### Challenges:

## OS evolution

## Computer Generation, Component and OS Types

1<sup>st</sup> (1945-55)

Vacuum Tubes

User Driven

2 <sup>nd</sup> (1955-65)	Transistor	Batch
3 <sup>rd</sup> (1965-80)	IC	Multiprogramming
4 <sup>th</sup> (1980-present)	PC	Client Server/Distributed

## Batch System

*During the 2<sup>nd</sup> generation, operator hired to run computer, the user prepared a job – which consisted of the program, the data, and some control information about the nature of the jobs – and submitted it to the computer operator. The operator perform the function of an OS.*

**Batch:** Group of jobs submitted to machine together

-Operator collects jobs; orders efficiently; runs one at a time

**Advantages:**

- Amortize setup costs over many jobs
- Operator more skilled at loading tapes
- Keep machine busy while programmer thinks **Problem:**
- User must wait for results until batch collected and submitted

(If bug receive, memory and register dump; submit job again!)

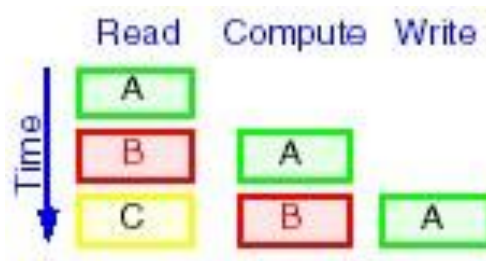
# Spooling

(During 3<sup>rd</sup> generation)

## Simultaneous Peripheral Operation On Line

**Problem:** Mechanical I/O devices much slower than CPU.

- Read 17 cards/sec vs. execute 1000s instructions/sec
- Spooling:** Overlap I/O (e.g., card reading and line printing) with execution



**Advantage:** Improves throughput and utilization

**Disadvantage:** Single job must wait during I/O for data

**New OS functionality**

- Buffering, DMA, interrupt handling

# Multiprogramming

(During 3<sup>rd</sup> generation)

**Problem:** - wait time still too long  
- long jobs delay everything

*Spooling provides pool of ready jobs.*

*Multiple jobs in memory at the same time. Each memory space protected from each other. OS picks one, execute it for a while, stops (e.g. when programs reads for input or randomly), picks other to run.*



**Advantage:** Improves throughput and utilization

**Disadvantage:** Still not interactive

**New OS functionality**

- Job scheduling policies
- Memory management and protection (virtual memory)

# Timesharing

(During 3<sup>rd</sup> generation)

## Problem:

- increasing number of users who want to interact with programs while they are running.
- humans' time is expensive don't want to wait.

*The CPU executes multiple jobs by switching among them, but the switches occurs so frequently that the user can interact with each program while it is running.*

**Goal:** Improve user's response time

## Advantage:

- Users easily submit jobs and get immediate feedback

## New OS functionality

- More complex job scheduling, memory management
- Concurrency control and synchronization

# Personal Computers

Dedicated machine per user  
CPU utilization is not a prime concern

*Hence, some of the design decision made for advanced system may not be appropriate for these smaller system. But other design decisions, such as those for security, are appropriate because PCs can now be connected to other computer and users through the network and the web.*

There are the different types of OS for PC such as Windows, MacOS, UNIX, Linux.

*Conclusion: OS Functionality changes with hardware and users*

# Real-Time Systems

Time is a key parameter

*Often used as a control device in a dedicated application such as controlling scientific experiments, medical imaging systems, industrial control systems, and some display systems.*

Real-Time systems may be either *hard* or *soft* real-time.

## ***Hard Real-Time:***

-well defined fixed time constraints, processing must be done within the defined constraints, or the system will fail. ***Soft Real-***

## ***Time:***

-less stringent timing constraints, and do not support the dead line scheduling.

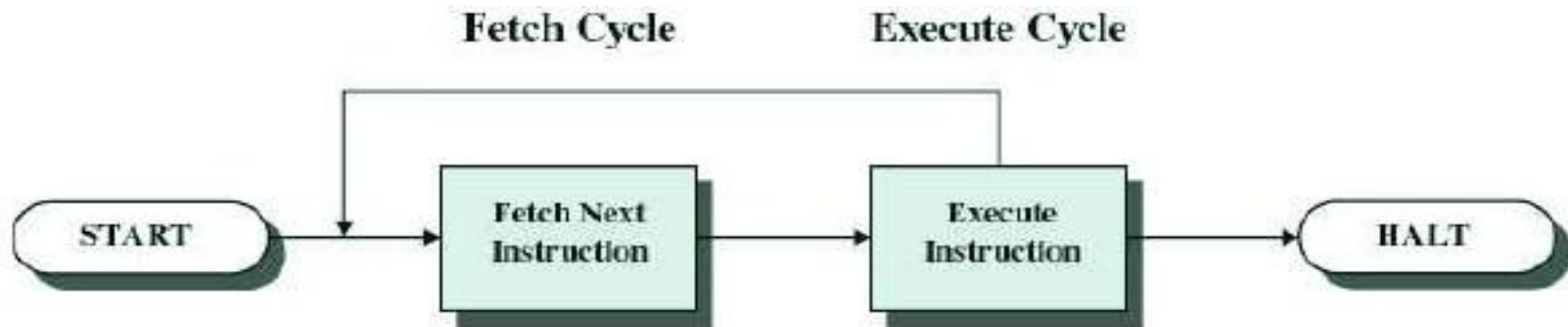
# Handheld Systems

- Personal Digital Assistants (PDAs)
- Cellular telephones
- Issues:
  - Limited memory
  - Slow processors
  - Small display screens.



# Computer System Operation

*CPU fetches the instructions from memory and executes them. The basic cycle of CPU is to fetch the first instruction from memory, decodes it to determine its type and operands, execute it, and then fetch, decode, and execute subsequent instructions.*



Registers are used to hold variables and temporary results.

**Program counter** – contains the memory address of next instruction to be fetched.

**Instruction register** – holds the actual instruction.

The instruction is decoded to determine what action to be performed. The action is specified by instruction's **opcode** bits.

# Computer System Operation

**The PSW (Program Status Word)** - contains the condition code bits, which are set by comparison instruction, the CPU priority, the modes ( user or kernel), and various other control bits.

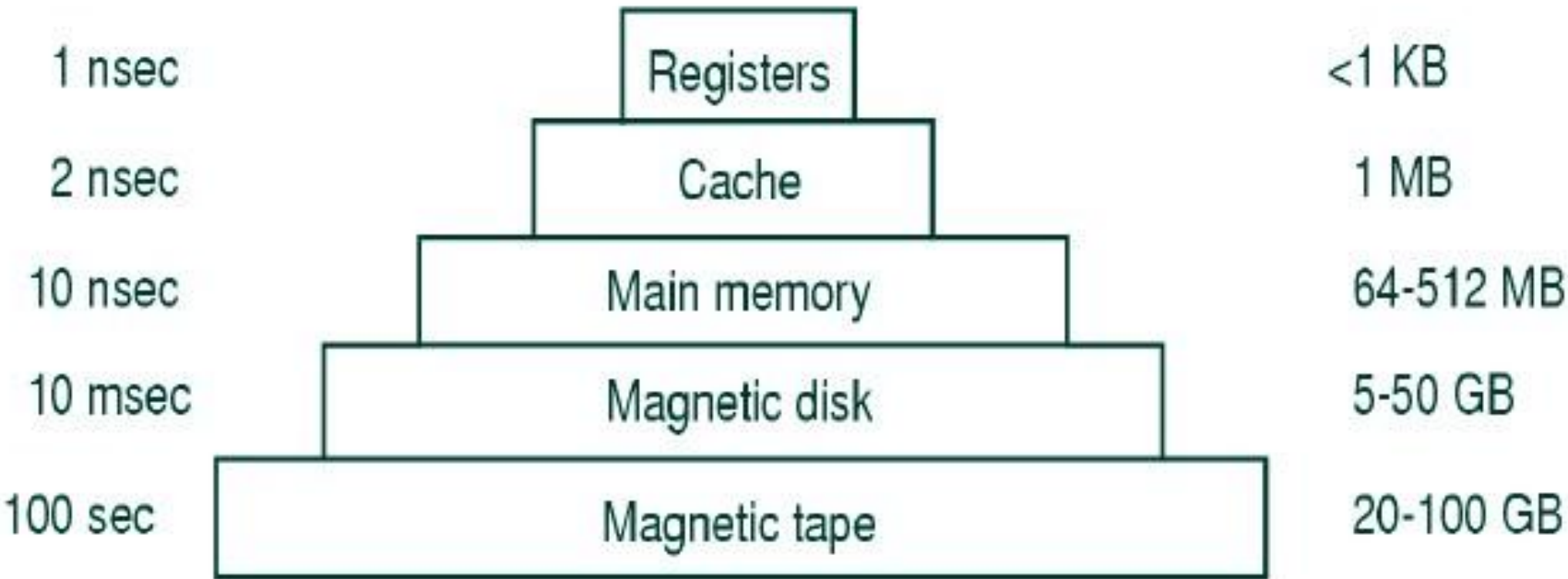
In timesharing system, OS stops a running program to start another one. When stopping a program it save all registers so they can be restored when the programs runs later.

Device controller informs CPU that it has finished its operation by causing an *interrupt* (Signal generated by hardware such as I/O), a *trap* is a software generated interrupt caused either by an error (e.g., division by 0, trying to excess the non existent I/O etc.) or by user (such as by calling System Calls). The CPU responds to the trap and interrupt by saving the current value of program counter.

# Memory Structure

Typical access time

Typical capacity



A typical memory hierarchy (based on year 2000)

# Hardware Protection

**Situation:** *Multiprogramming put several programs in memory at the same time. When one program contain erroneous data it might modify the program or data of another program.(MS-DOS and MacOS).*

OS must insure that an incorrect program can not cause other programs to execute incorrectly, and must terminate the such erroneous program.

- Dual-Mode Operation
- I/O Protection
- Memory Protection
- CPU Protection

# Dual-Mode Operation

- Provide hardware support to differentiate between at least two modes of operations.
  - 1. User mode** . execution done on behalf of a user.  
*User programs runs in user mode, which permits only the subset of instructions to be executed and subset of features to be accessed.*
  - 2. Kernel mode** (or supervisor mode) . execution done on behalf of operating system.  
*OS runs in kernel mode, giving it access to the complete hardware.*
- Mode bit is added to the hardware of the computer to indicate the current mode: kernel(0) and user(1).

# Dual-Mode Operation

*When an trap or interrupt occurs hardware switches from user mode to the kernel mode. Thus, whenever the OS gains control of computer, it is in kernel mode. The system always switches to user mode before passing control to the user program.*



*Privileged instructions can be issued only in kernel mode.*

## **Advantages:**

protect OS from errant users and errant user from one another.

# I/O Protection

**Situation:** *A user program may disrupt the normal operation of the system by issuing illegal I/O operation, by accessing memory locations within the OS itself.*

- All I/O instructions must be privileged instructions. Thus the user can not issue the I/O instruction directly.
- Must ensure that a user program could never gain control of the computer in kernel mode (i.e., a user program that, as part of its execution, stores a new address in the interrupt vector).

# Memory Protection

## Problem:

*- How to separate each program's memory space ? -  
How to handle relocation ?*

- Must provide memory protection at least for the interrupt vector and the interrupt service routines.
- In order to have memory protection, add two registers that determine the range of legal addresses a program may access:

**Base register** - holds the smallest legal physical memory address.

**Limit register** - contains the size of the range

- Memory outside the defined range is protected.



# CPU Protection

**Situation:** *To prevent a user program from getting stuck in an infinite loop or not calling system services, and never returning control to the OS.*

- **Timer** - interrupts computer after specified period to ensure operating system maintains control.
  - Timer is decremented every clock tick.
  - When timer reaches the value 0, an interrupt occurs.

*If the timer interrupts, control transfers automatically to the OS, which may treat the interrupt as a fatal error or may give the program more time.*

- Timer commonly used to implement time sharing.
- Time also used to compute the current time.
- Load-timer is a privileged instruction.

# Common OS Concepts

- Process Management
- Memory Management
- File system Management
- Device Management

# Process Management

*A process is a program in execution. A process needs certain resources, including CPU time, memory, files, and I/O devices, to accomplish its task.*

- The operating system is responsible for the following activities in connection with process management.
  - Process creation and deletion.
  - Process suspension and resumption.
  - Provision of mechanisms for:
    - process synchronization
    - process communication
    - deadlock handling

# Memory Management

*Memory is a large array of words or bytes, each with its own address. It is a repository of quickly accessible data shared by the CPU and I/O devices.*

- The operating system is responsible for the following activities in connections with memory management:
  - Keep track of which parts of memory are currently being used and by whom.
  - Decide which processes to load when memory space becomes available.
  - Allocate and deallocate memory space as needed.

# File Management

*A file is a collection of related information defined by its creator. Commonly, files represent programs (both source and object forms) and data.*

- The operating system is responsible for the following activities in connections with file management:
  - File creation and deletion.
  - Directory creation and deletion.
  - Support of primitives for manipulating files and directories.
  - Mapping files onto secondary storage.
  - File backup on stable (nonvolatile) storage media.

# I/O Management

*All computers have physical devices for acquiring input and producing output. The I/O system consists of:*

- A memory management component that includes buffering, caching, and spooling.
- A general device-driver interface.
- Drivers for specific hardware devices.
- Disk management.

## System calls

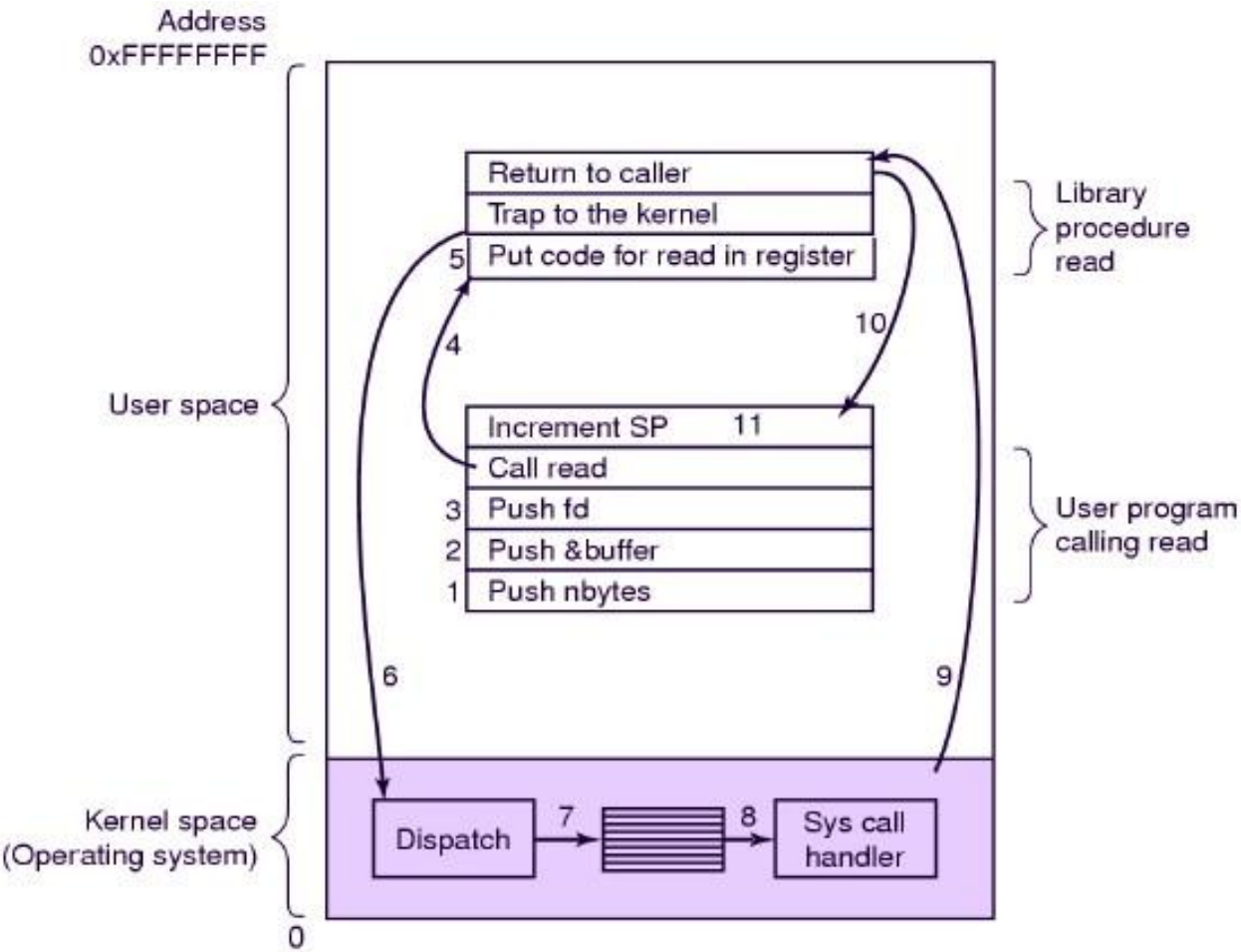
System calls provide the interface between a process and the operating system.

- Generally available as assembly-language instructions.
- Languages defined to replace assembly language for systems programming allow system calls to be made directly (e.g., C, C++)
- System calls performed in a series of steps. Most of the system calls are invoked as the following example system call: read  

`count = read(fd, buffer, nbytes)`

  - Push parameters into the stack (1-3)
  - Calls library procedure (4)
  - Pass parameters in registers.(5)
  - Switch from user mode to kernel mode and start to execute.(6)
  - Examines the system call number and then dispatches to the correct system call handler via a table of pointer.(7)
  - Runs system call handlers (8).
  - Once the system call handler completed its work, control return to the library procedure.(9)
  - This procedure then return to the user program in the usual way. (10) – Increments SP before call to finish the job.

## System calls



# Types of System calls



### Process management

Call	Description
<code>pid = fork( )</code>	Create a child process identical to the parent
<code>pid = waitpid(pid, &amp;statloc, options)</code>	Wait for a child to terminate
<code>s = execve(name, argv, environp)</code>	Replace a process' core image
<code>exit(status)</code>	Terminate process execution and return status

### File management

Call	Description
<code>fd = open(file, how, ...)</code>	Open a file for reading, writing or both
<code>s = close(fd)</code>	Close an open file
<code>n = read(fd, buffer, nbytes)</code>	Read data from a file into a buffer
<code>n = write(fd, buffer, nbytes)</code>	Write data from a buffer into a file
<code>position = lseek(fd, offset, whence)</code>	Move the file pointer
<code>s = stat(name, &amp;buf)</code>	Get a file's status information

# Types of System calls

**Directory and file system management**

Call	Description
s = mkdir(name, mode)	Create a new directory
s = rmdir(name)	Remove an empty directory
s = link(name1, name2)	Create a new entry, name2, pointing to name1
s = unlink(name)	Remove a directory entry
s = mount(special, name, flag)	Mount a file system
s = umount(special)	Unmount a file system

**Miscellaneous**

Call	Description
s = chdir(dirname)	Change the working directory
s = chmod(name, mode)	Change a file's protection bits
s = kill(pid, signal)	Send a signal to a process
seconds = time(&seconds)	Get the elapsed time since Jan. 1, 1970

**Some Win32 API calls**

UNIX	Win32	Description
fork	CreateProcess	Create a new process
waitpid	WaitForSingleObject	Can wait for a process to exit
execve	(none)	CreateProcess = fork + execve
exit	ExitProcess	Terminate execution
open	CreateFile	Create a file or open an existing file
close	CloseHandle	Close a file
read	ReadFile	Read data from a file
write	WriteFile	Write data to a file
lseek	SetFilePointer	Move the file pointer
stat	GetFileAttributesEx	Get various file attributes
mkdir	CreateDirectory	Create a new directory
rmdir	RemoveDirectory	Remove an empty directory
link	(none)	Win32 does not support links
unlink	DeleteFile	Destroy an existing file
mount	(none)	Win32 does not support mount
umount	(none)	Win32 does not support mount
chdir	SetCurrentDirectory	Change the current working directory
chmod	(none)	Win32 does not support security (although NT does)
kill	(none)	Win32 does not support signals
time	GetLocalTime	Get the current time

# Home Works

## HW #1:

1. Textbook: (Ch. 1) 1, 2, 3, 8, 9 & 14.
2. What does the CPU do when there are no programs to run?
3. What must user programs be prohibited from writing to the memory locations containing the interrupt vector?
4. Classify the following applications as batch-oriented or interactive.
  - a) Word processing
  - b) Generating monthly bank statements
  - c) Computing pi to a million decimal places
5. What is a purpose of system calls?