Lecture 1

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Welcome!

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Course Info

- Grades on Blackboard
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Why learn about Operating Systems?

A computer, and



More than a computer, and...

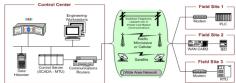
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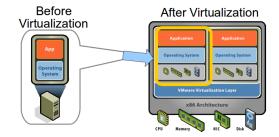
Cyber-assisted Critical Infrastructures







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Basic Idea

- Decouple [OS, service] pair from hardware
- Multiplex lightly-used services on common host hardware
- Migrate services from host to host as needed
- Introduce new [OS, service] pairs as needed
- Examples: VMWare, Xen, Parallel, etc.

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Examples

- Webinar
- Stock Information
- On-line TV/Video
- Group-based Apps: Google Docs, Multiplayer games

Operating Systems

Introduction

| Banking system | Airline reservation | Web browser | Application programs |
|-------------------|---------------------|---------------------|----------------------|
| Compilers | Editors | Command interpreter | System |
| Operating system | | | programs |
| Machine language | | | |
| Microarchitecture | | | Hardware |
| Physical devices | | | |

A computer system consists of:

- hardware
- system programs
- application programs



What is an Operating System?

It is an extended machine

- Hides messy details which must be performed
- Presents user with a virtual machine, easy to use abstractions

It is a resource manager

- Each program gets time with the resource
- Each program gets space on the resource

Floppy Disk I/O

Anybody who directly communicates with the floppy disk controller must deal with:

- Physical address on disk (disk block)
- The data recording format
- Turn on/off the motor
- Error detection/correction

Operating Systems History

- 1945-60: Batch Systems Cards
- 1960-70: Spooling Batch Systems Tapes
 - Spool: Simultaneous Peripheral Operation On Line
- 1960-: Multiprogramming
- 1970-: Timesharing
- 1990-: Real-time, distributed
- 2000-: Multi-OS?
- 2005-: WebOS (Web2.0, etc.)

MS-DOS History

- On August 12, 1981, IBM introduced its new revolution in a box, the "Personal Computer" complete with a brand new operating system from Microsoft and a 16-bit computer operating system called MS-DOS 1.0.
- "I don't think it's that significant." Tandy president John Roach on IBM's entry into the microcomputer field.
- "If you are intelligent and know how to apply your intelligence you can accomplish anything" – Bill Gates