CSCC69 Operating Systems

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Why do we need operating systems?













Why learning about operating systems

- An exciting time for building operating systems
 New hardware, smart devices, self-driving cars, data centers, etc.
 Facing OS issues in performance, battery life, security, isolation
- Pervasive principles for systems in general Caching, concurrency, memory management, I/O, protection
- Understand what you use
 System software tends to be mysterious
 Understanding OS makes you a more effective programmer
- Complex software systems
 Many of you will go on to work on large software projects
 OSes serve as examples of an evolution of complex systems

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- An introductory course on Operating Systems' design principles
- A hands-on experience building an OS
- → Theory and practice goes hand-in-hand

New trends in OS same same but different

Different architectures but, in the end, the same concepts defined in the 70s

But there are some new trends

- Multicore
- Energy efficiency (mobile and IoT devices)
- Virtualization (cloud computing)

New version of the course (Summer 2020)

- Better reflect on industry current standards and the newest trends
- A very hands-on approach to better understand x86
 Operating Systems

This is a tough course ...

- Lots of things to read, materials to digest before being able to produce something that looks like the solution
- Half-way through implementing your solution, you will need to refactor it
- In the end, it will likely be one of the most challenging and significant piece of code that you have ever written

... but you will gain valuable learning and experience

Course Work

Pintos

- Developed in 2005 for Stanford's CS 140 OS class and used by many universities since then
- Written in C, built for x86 hardware
- √ Can run on a real machine!

Project Setup

Execute concurrent programs

- that run on Pintos
- that runs on Bochs/Qemu emulators
- that run on Linux
- that runs inside a Docker container
- that runs on your OS
- that runs on your personal computer



"Turtle all the way down" - Wikipedia

4 Projects

| Project I | Threads | Individual/Group | challenging |
|-----------|----------------|------------------|---------------------|
| Project 2 | User Programs | Individual/Group | challenging |
| Project 3 | Virtual Memory | Individual/Group | very challenging |
| Project 4 | File System | Individual/Group | very challenging |

Team spirit ... or not

- "Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much."
- Helen Keller
- "Coming together is a beginning; keeping together is progress; working together is success."
- Henry Ford
- "You rise as a team, you die as a team"
- Me

[disclaimer] Working as a team

We might look at individual contributions made to Github

- · We may assign different grades to different team members
- · You are fully responsible for the piece of work you submit

Projects deliverables and grading

I. Automated tests

- All tests are given so you immediately know how well your solution performs
- You either pass a test case or fail, there is no partial credit

2. Design document

Answer important questions related to your design for a lab

3. Coding style

- Code must be easy to read and follow coding style guidelines
- The TA will conduct a code review

The red line between collaboration and plagiarism

√ Collaboration is allowed

- · you can explain a concept to someone in another group
- you can discuss algorithms/testing strategies with other groups

Plagiarism is not allowed

- you cannot discuss specific implementation details
- you cannot look at other people's solutions, including solutions online (e.g., GitHub)
- you cannot publish your own solution online (even after the course term)

◆ Looking for materials is tolerated

- you can look for snippets of code online as long as this piece of code does not directly answer your a specific problem of the assignment
- if you copy more than 5 lines of code, put the source url as a comment in your code
- if you use more than 25 lines, do not copy it

Late policies

Each team will have **4 days grace period** that can spread into 4 projects for interview, attending conference, errands, and so on, no questions asked

→ use it wisely

Let's look at the syllabus

https://thierrysans.me/CSCC69/

How to succeed in the course

- Stay on top of lecture materials and readings
- Start working on projects from day I

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