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Lecture 2: OS Structures

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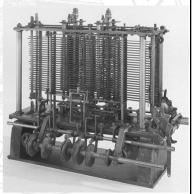
Operating System Generations

- Generation 1 (1945 55)
 Vacuum tubes and plugboards
- Generation 2 (1955 65)
 Transistors and batch systems
- Generation 3 (1965 80)
 ICs and multiprogramming
- Generation 4 (1980 Present)
 Personal computers

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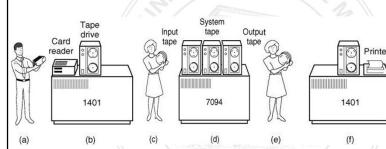
Pre-history

- · Babbage's Analytical Engine
 - arithmetic logic unit
 - control flow
 - conditional branching
 - loops
 - integrated memory



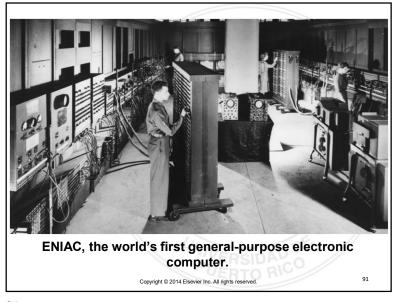
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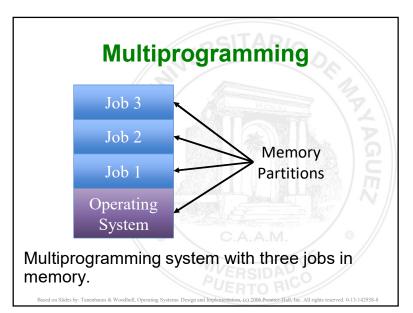
Early Batch Systems (1)

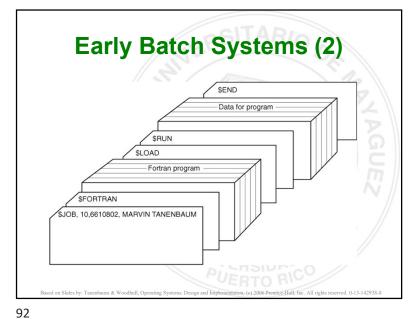


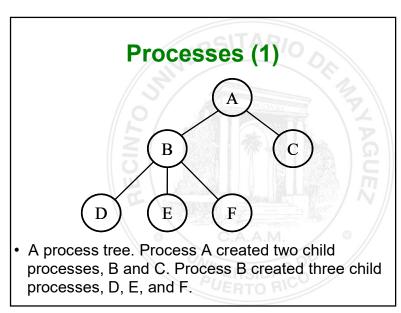
Early batch system. (a) Programmers bring cards to 1401. (b)1401 reads batch of jobs onto tape.

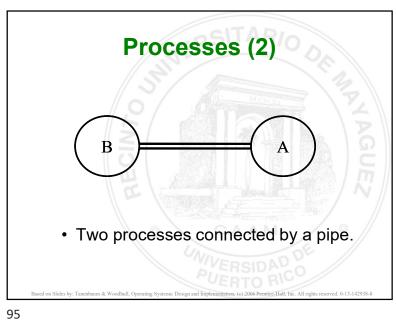
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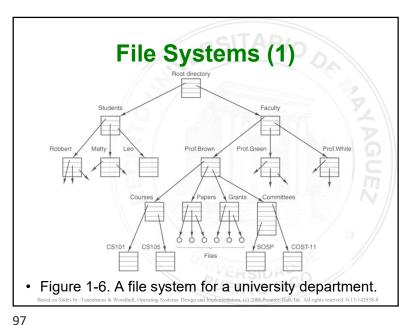


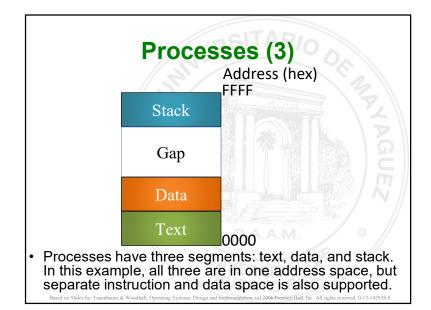


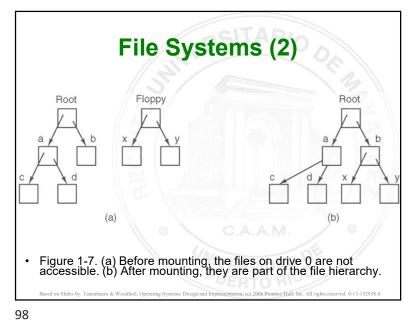


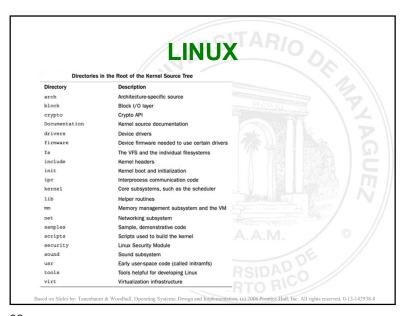


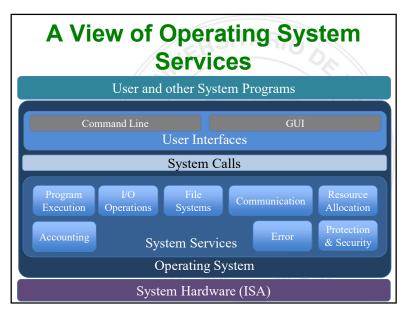












System Calls

- Interface that the Operating System uses to provide services to processes:
 - Process Management
 - Signals
 - File Management
 - File System and Directory Management
 - Protection
 - Time Management

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Operating System Services (1)

 One set of operating-system services provides functions that are helpful to the user:

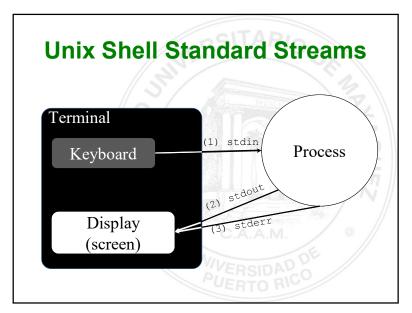
User Interfaces

- User interface Almost all operating systems have a user interface (UI)
 - Varies between Command-Line (CLI), Graphical User (GUI), Batch

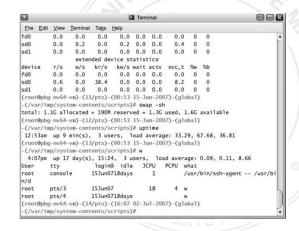
User OS Interfaces - CLI

- Command Line Interface (CLI) or command interpreter allows direct command entry
 - Sometimes implemented in kernel, sometimes by systems program, sometimes multiple flavors implemented – shells
 - Primarily fetches a command from user and executes it
 - Standard streams:
 - -standard in (stdin) keyboard, standard out (stdout) and standard error (stderr)

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UNIX Shell Command Line Interface



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User OS Interfaces - GUI

- User-friendly desktop metaphor interface
 - Usually mouse, keyboard, and monitor
 - Icons represent files, programs, actions, etc
 - Various mouse buttons over objects in the interface cause various actions (provide information, options, execute function, open directory (known as a folder)
 - Invented at Xerox PARC

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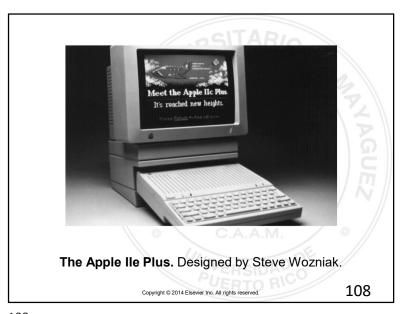
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- The Xerox Alto: the primary inspiration for the modern desktop computer.
- It included:
 - mouse,
 - bit-mapped scheme,
 - windows-based user interface,
 - local network connection.

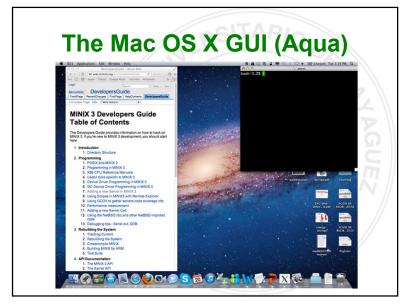


User OS Interfaces

- Many systems now include both CLI (emulated) and GUI interfaces
 - Microsoft Windows is GUI with CLI "command" shell
 - Apple Mac OS X as "Aqua" GUI interface with UNIX kernel underneath and shells available
 - Solaris is CLI with optional GUI interfaces (Java Desktop, KDE)



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Operating System Services (2)



- Program execution The system must be able to load a program into memory and to run that program, end execution, either normally or abnormally (indicating error)
- I/O operations A running program may require
 I/O, which may involve a file or an I/O device

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Operating System Services (4)



- Error detection OS needs to be constantly aware of possible errors
 - May occur in the CPU and memory hardware, in I/O devices, in user program
 - For each type of error, OS should take the appropriate action to ensure correct and consistent computing
 - Debugging facilities can greatly enhance the user's and programmer's abilities to efficiently use the system

Operating System Services (3)



- File-system manipulation Programs read and write files and directories, create and delete them, search them, list file Information, permission management.
- Communications Processes may exchange information, on the same computer or between computers over a network
 - Communications may be via shared memory or message passing (packets moved by the OS)

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Operating System Services (5)



- Resource allocation When multiple users or multiple jobs running concurrently, resources must be allocated to each of them
 - Many types of resources Some (such as CPU cycles, main memory, and file storage) may have special allocation code, others (such as I/O devices) may have general request and release code

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Operating System Services (6)

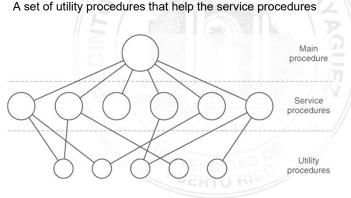


- Accounting To keep track of system behavior log
- Protection and security -
 - · Protection ensuring that all access to system resources is controlled
 - · Security requires user authentication, defending external I/O devices from invalid access attempts
 - If a system is to be protected and secure, precautions must be instituted throughout it. A chain is only as strong as its weakest link.

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Basic Structure for Operating System (Monolithic)

- 1. A main program that invokes the requested service procedure
- A set of service procedures that carry out the system calls
- 3. A set of utility procedures that help the service procedures

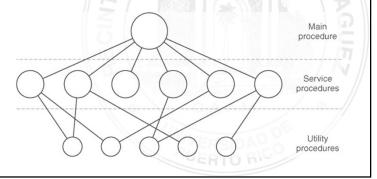


Operating System Structure 0xFFFFFFF Return to caller Trap to the kernel Put code for read in registe User space Increment SP Call read User program calling read Push &buffer Push nbytes Kernel space Figure 1-16. The 11 steps in making the system call read(fd, buffer, nbytes).

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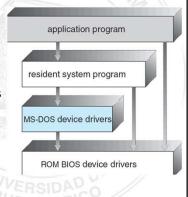
Monolithic Systems

• Figure 1-17. A simple structuring model for a monolithic system.



Monolithic (Simple) Structure

- MS-DOS written to provide the most functionality in the least space
 - Not divided into modules
 - Although MS-DOS has some structure, its interfaces and levels of functionality are not well separated



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Layered Systems (2)

• Figure 1-18. Structure of the THE Operating System (THEOS).

Layer	Function
5	The operator
4	User programs
3	Input/output management
2	Operator-process communication
1	Memory and drum management
0	Processor allocation and multiprogramming
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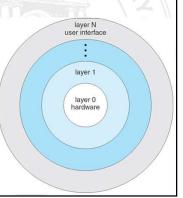
Layered Systems (1)

- The operating system is divided into a number of layers (levels), each built on top of lower layers. The bottom layer (layer 0), is the hardware; the highest (layer N) is the user interface.
- With modularity, layers are selected such that each uses functions (operations) and services of only lower-level layers

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Layered OS: The Multiplexed Information and Computer Services (MULTICS)

- Many novel ideas:
 - Memory mapped files
 - Dynamic linking
 - Online reconfiguration
 - Hierarchical filesystem
 - Too ambitious (complex) for its era



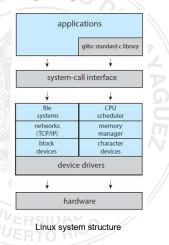
UNICS – UNIplexed Information and Computer Services (D. Ritchie and K. Thompson)

- UNIX limited by hardware functionality, the original UNIX operating system had limited structuring. The UNIX OS consists of two separable parts
 - -Systems programs
 - -The kernel

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The UNIX Kernel

- Consists of everything below the system-call interface and above the physical hardware
- Provides the file system, CPU scheduling, memory management, and other operatingsystem functions; a large number of functions for one level



Traditional UNIX System Structure (the users) shells and commands compilers and interpreters system libraries system-call interface to the kernel signals terminal file system handling swapping block I/O character I/O system demand paging terminal drivers disk and tape drivers kernel interface to the hardware terminal controllers device controllers memory controllers terminals disks and tapes physical memory

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Microkernel System Structure (1) Mini-Unix (MINIX)

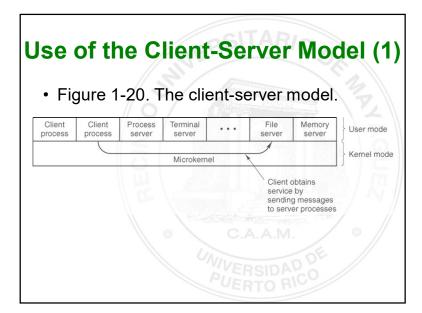
- Moves as much from the kernel into "user" space
- · Take advantage of the Client-Server model
 - Communication takes place between user modules using message passing

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Microkernel System Structure (2) Mini-Unix (MINIX)

- · Benefits:
 - Easier to extend a microkernel
 - Easier to port the operating system to new architectures
 - More reliable (less code is running in kernel mode)
 - More secure
- Detriments:
 - Performance overhead of user space to kernel space communication

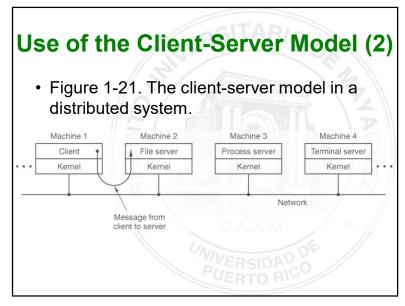
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• Darwin/Mach – iOS / MacOS X
• Minix

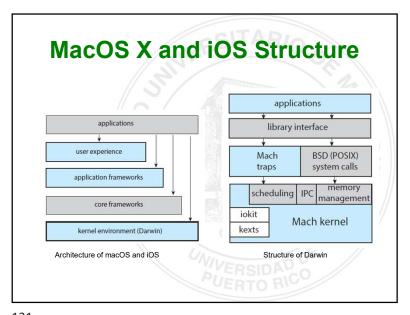
application program device driver user mode memory cpu scheduling microkernel microkernel hardware

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Solaris Modular Approach device and bus drivers core Solaris kernel miscellaneous modules STREAMS executable formats

Modules

- Most modern operating systems implement kernel modules
 - Uses object-oriented approach
 - Each core component is separate
 - Each talks to the others over known interfaces
 - Each is loadable as needed within the kernel
- · Overall, similar to layers but more flexible

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Virtual Machines

- A virtual machine (VM) takes the layered approach to its logical conclusion. It treats hardware and the OS kernel as they were all hardware
- A VM provides an interface identical to the underlying bare hardware
- The OS host creates the illusion that a process has its own processor and (virtual) memory
- Each guest has a (virtual) copy of underlying computer

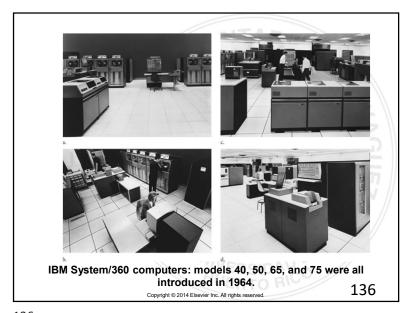
Virtual Machines History and Benefits (1)

- First appeared in IBM mainframes (VM/370 1972)
- Fundamentally, multiple execution environments (different operating systems) can share the same hardware
- Protect from each other
- Some sharing of file can be permitted, controlled

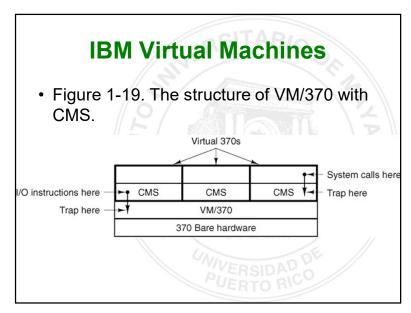
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Virtual Machines History and Benefits (2)

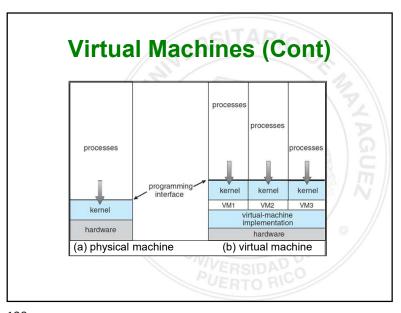
- Commutate with each other, other physical systems via networking
- · Useful for development, testing
- Consolidation of many low-resource use systems onto fewer busier systems
- "Open Virtual Machine Format", standard format of virtual machines, allows a VM to run within many different virtual machine (host) platforms

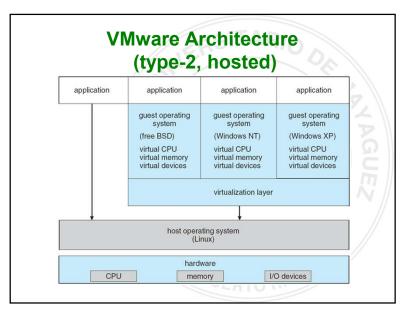


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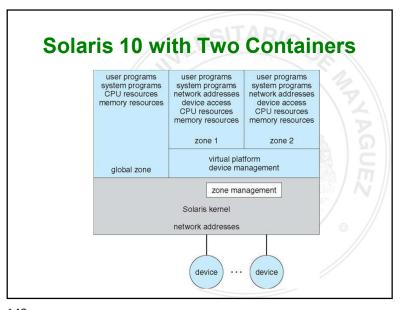
VMware Architecture (type-1,hostless, unhosted) application application application guest operating guest operating guest operating system system (free BSD) (Windows XP) (Windows NT) virtual CPU virtual CPU virtual CPU virtual memory virtual memory virtual memory virtual devices virtual devices virtual devices host operating system + Virtualization Layer (Linux) hardware CPU memory I/O devices

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Para-virtualization

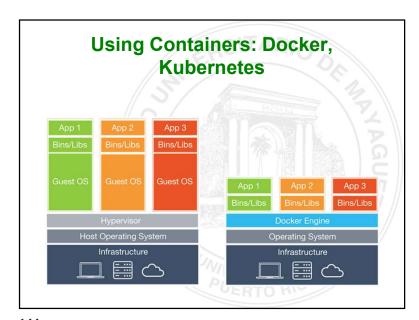
- Presents guest with system similar but not identical to hardware
- Guest must be modified to run on paravirtualized hardware
 - Performance limitations
 - Portability issues
- Guest can be an OS, or in the case of Solaris 10 applications running in containers

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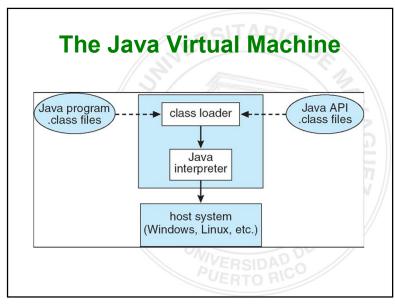


Java

- · Java consists of
 - Programming language specification
 - Application programming interface (API)
 - Virtual machine specification



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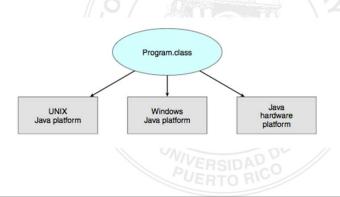


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The Java Virtual Machine

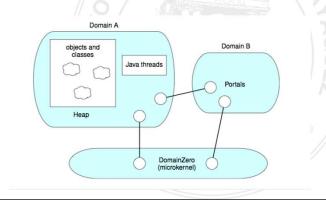
Java portability across platforms.



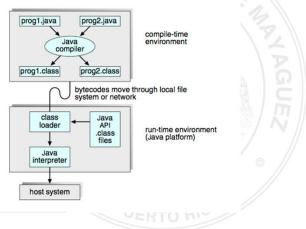
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Java Operating Systems

The JX operating system



The Java Development Kit



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Operating-System Debugging (1)

- Debugging is finding and fixing errors, or bugs
- OSes generate log files containing error information
- Failure of an application can generate core dump file capturing memory of the process
- Operating system failure can generate crash dump file containing kernel memory
- Beyond crashes, performance tuning can optimize system performance

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Operating-System Debugging (2)

Kernighan's Law: "Debugging is twice as hard as writing the code in the first place. Therefore, if you write the code as cleverly as possible, you are, by definition, not smart enough to debug it."

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Operating System Generation

- Operating systems are designed to run on any of a class of machines; the system must be configured for each specific computer site
 - SysGen program obtains information concerning the specific configuration of the hardware system
- Booting start computer by loading the kernel
 - Bootstrap program code stored in ROM that is able to locate the kernel, load it into memory, and start its execution

DTrace Following System Call

```
# ./all.d 'pgrep xclock' XEventsQueued
dtrace: script './all.d' matched 52377 probes
CPU FUNCTION
  0 -> XEventsQueued
     -> _XEventsQueued
        -> _X11TransBytesReadable
        <- X11TransBytesReadable
        -> _X11TransSocketBytesReadable
        <- X11TransSocketBytesreadable !
        -> ioctl
          -> ioctl
            -> getf
              -> set_active_fd
              <- set active fd
            <- getf
            -> get udatamodel
            <- get udatamodel
            -> releasef
              -> clear active fd
               <- clear active fd
               -> cv broadcast
               <- cv broadcast
            <- releasef
          <- ioctl
        <- ioctl
      <- XEventsQueued
```

• DTrace tool in Solaris, FreeBSD, Mac OS X allows live instrumentation on production systems

Probes fire when code is executed, capturing state data and sending it to consumers of those probes

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<- XEventsQueued

System Boot

- Operating system must be made available to hardware so hardware can start it
 - Small piece of code bootstrap loader, locates the kernel, loads it into memory, and starts it
 - Sometimes two-step process where boot block at fixed location loads bootstrap loader
 - When power initialized on system, execution starts at a fixed memory location
 - Firmware used to hold initial boot code

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