

can you read this?

CS 537

"operating  
systems"

2 lectures

→ Intro

→ Real info:  
process,  
CPU virtualization

# Why study OS?

=> security

=> apps / portability

=> reliability

=> file / program mgmt

=> how computers work

=> interesting

=> but, there's so much more

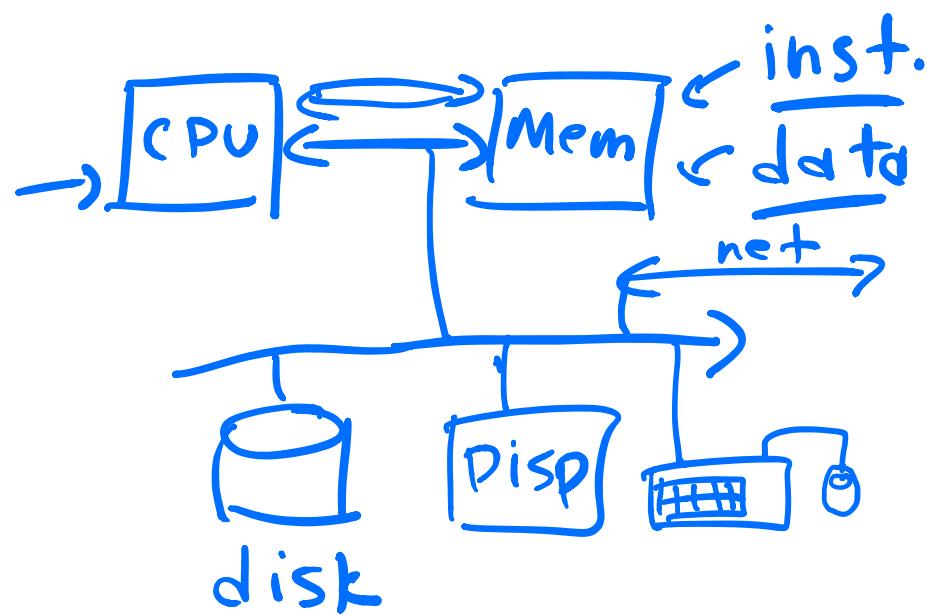
=> had to take it

Background :

→ CS 367/400 : Program

→ CS 354 :

→ how computer works



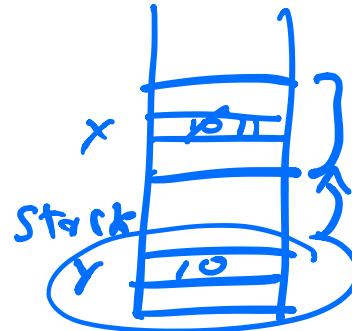
{  
fetch ←  
decode ←  
execute ←

low-level → C prog.  
= level

→ know ≤ (somewhat)

{ void inc(int x) {  
 x = x + 1;  
}

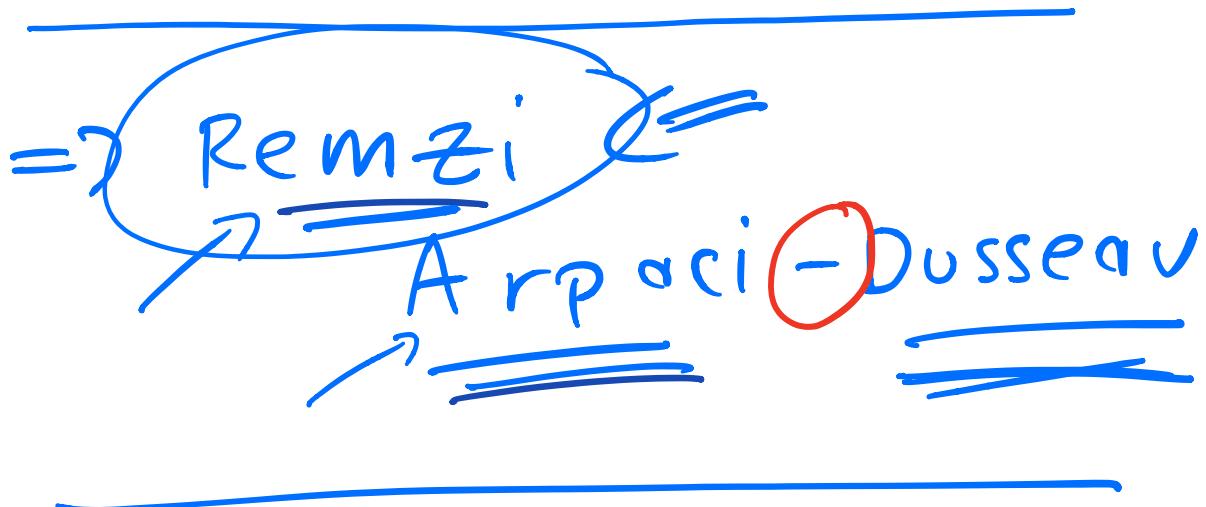
{ int y = 10;  
 inc(y);  
→ ? = why unchanged



should know:

[ code  
 heap  
 stack ] ↣

OS : what is it?



Course overview  
Virtualization

{ Physical  $\xrightarrow{\text{(one)}}$  many virtual }

$\rightarrow$  CPU       $\rightarrow$  Memory

Illusion

running program:

{  
  ⇒ own CPU  
  ⇒ own private  
    memory}

key aspects:

→ efficient

→ secure (restricted)

CPU virtualization:

1 CPU ⇒ many v.  
CPUs

time sharing:

A | B | C | A | ...

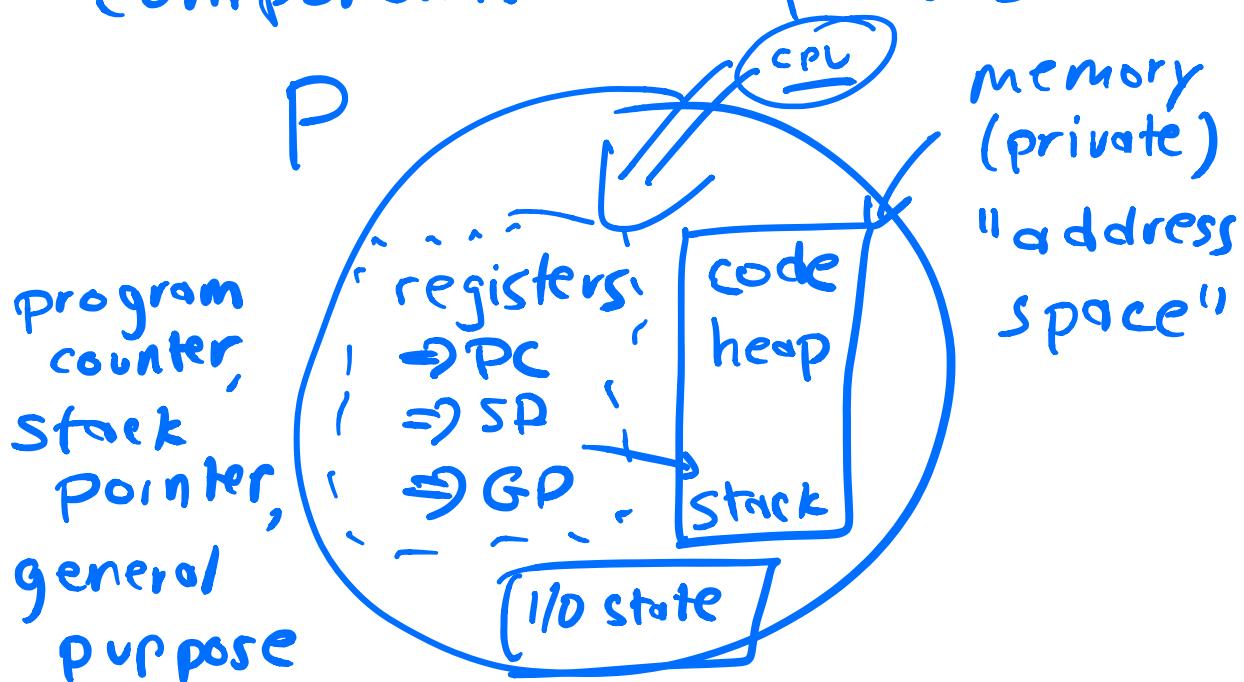
(vs. space sharing)

[ multiprogramming ]

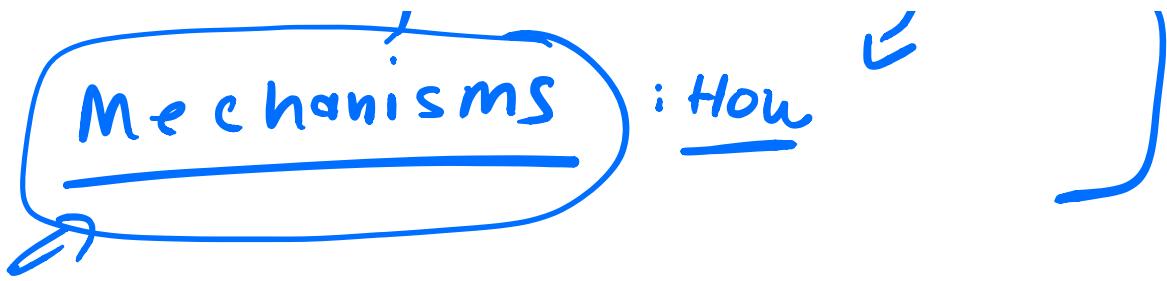
Abstraction : (Process)

~ running program

Components of a process:



Policies: higher level decision



Core mechanism:

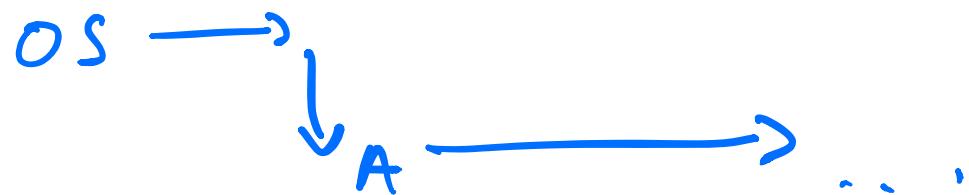
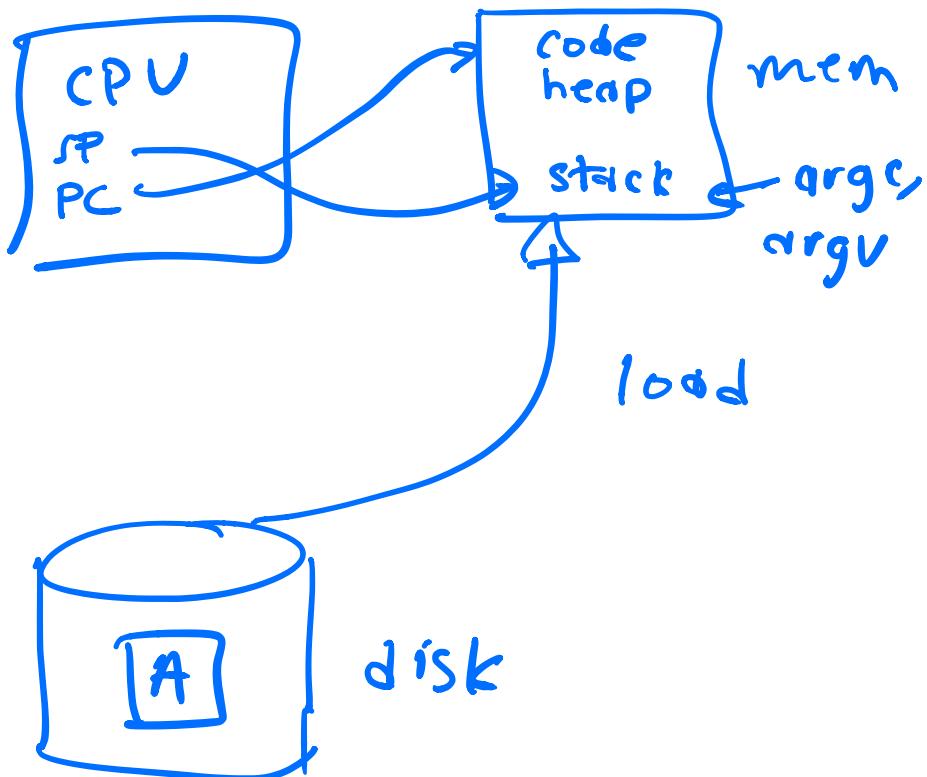
Limited security (protection)      Direct Execution efficiency  
CPUs: fast  
mostly, run directly on  
CPU (hardware)

(not limited)

Direct Execution :

=> OS : first prog to run

want : run prog 'A'



### Problems:

=> what if "A" (<sup>user</sup>process) wants to do something restricted?

} => What if OS wants to  
stop "A", run "B"? }  
(OS: how to regain  
control?)

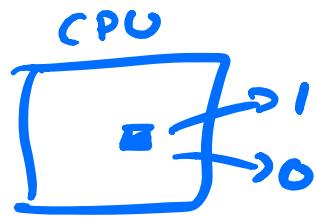
=> what if "A" does something  
that is slow? (disk I/O) }

Problem #: restricted OPS  
(in controlled way)

mode : per CPU bit  
—  
=> OS    "kernel mode"  
          OS can do anything

=> user    "user mode"  
program  
can only do limited  
# of things

how to get into  
these modes?



how to transition?

@ boot time:

boot in kernel mode

wants to run user prog:

=> special inst' that  
both 1) transitions into  
user mode

2) jumps to some  
location in user  
program

user prog: wants to do  
something restricted  
(disk I/O)

1) => kernel mode

? ? jump into kernel

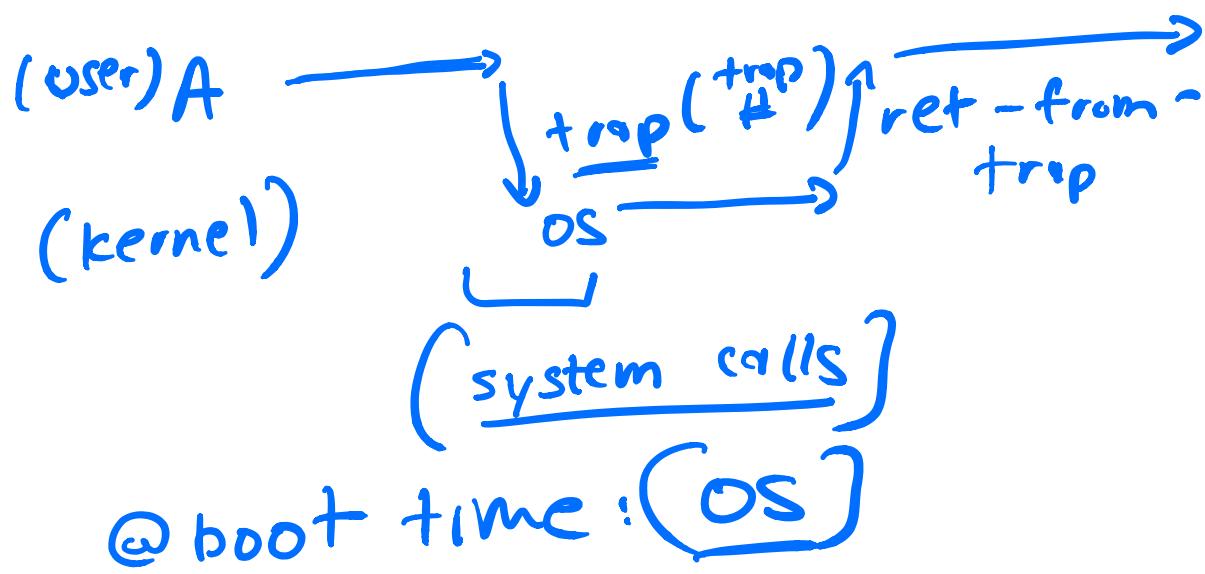
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(but restricted jump)

two instructions:

trap / return from  
trap.

↳ jump into kernel  
(but @ restricted  
location)  
elevate "privilege"  
(user → kernel)

save enough register  
state so that we  
can return properly



⇒ kernel mode

⇒ set up trap handlers

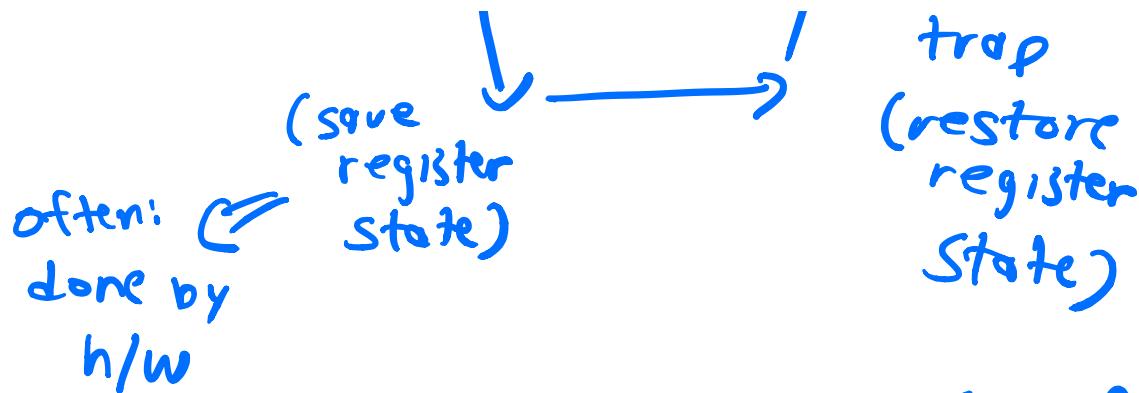
(issuing special instruction:

tell H/w where  
trap handlers

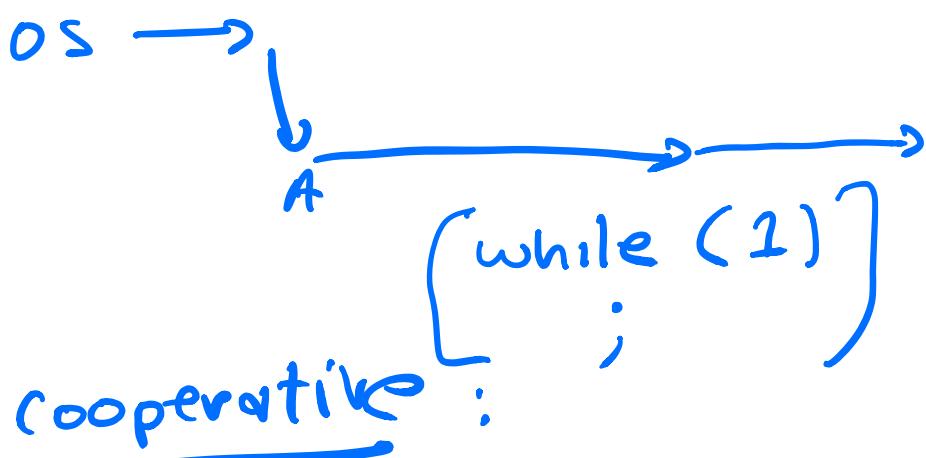
are in OS memory)

save/restore "state" of  
(register)  
process:





Problem #2 : How to stop A, run B ?



cooperative:

⇒ hope that A doesn't do bad stuff

non-cooperative : (preemptive)

based on h/w support:

# timer interrupt

@ boot : OS

kernel mode  
installs trap handlers  
start interrupt timer

