

OS organization and system calls

- Unix Interface

- abstracts the hardware resource
 - exec : Abstracts memory
 - processes : instead of CPU
 - files : instead of disk block
- so what we mean here is that we have once CPU abstracted away into a processes, so for instance the riscv processor we use has 4 cores, so it will run one process on each core, if we have 5 then one of the process has to wait for to get cpu cycle. multiple processors cannot use one core at the same time.

- OS should be defensive
app cannot crash the OS
app cannot out of its isolation
strong isolation between apps + OS.

User/Kernel mode

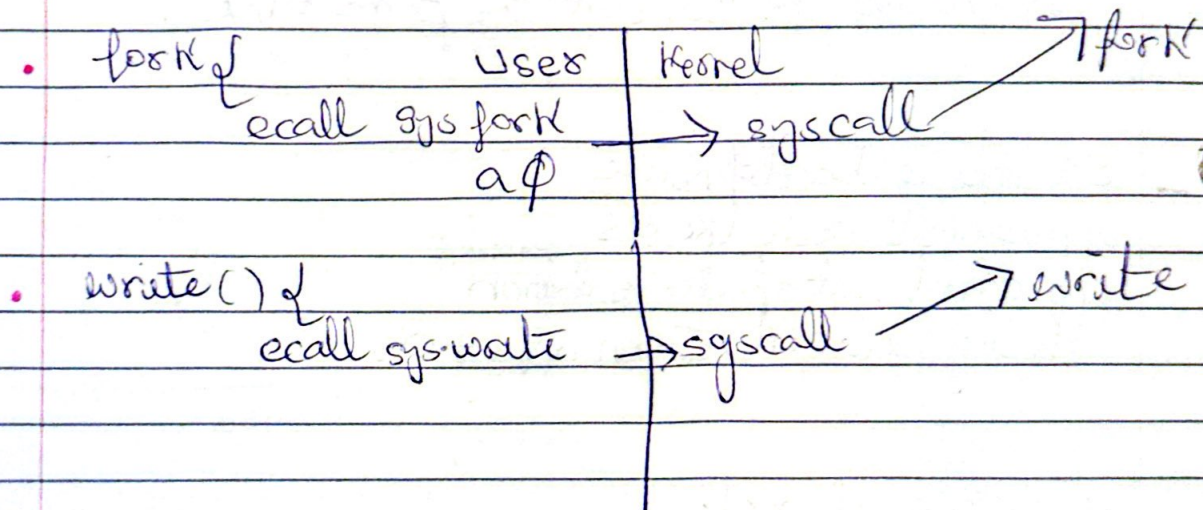
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unprivileged instructions

↘ privileged instructions

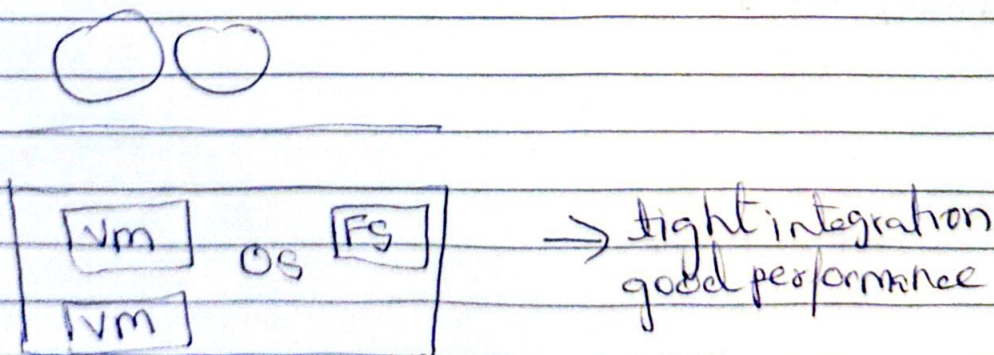
CPU's provide virtual memory.

- process has something called the page table which basically maps virtual address \rightarrow physical address.
- process has its own page table; so it is allowed to use only that physical memory that shows up in this page table, hence it provides secure isolation.

Entering kernel

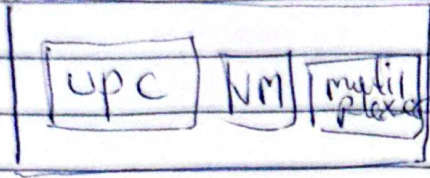


- Monolithic kernel design - linux



microkernel Design

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kernel is small (less bugs)
less integration
difficult to get high performance.