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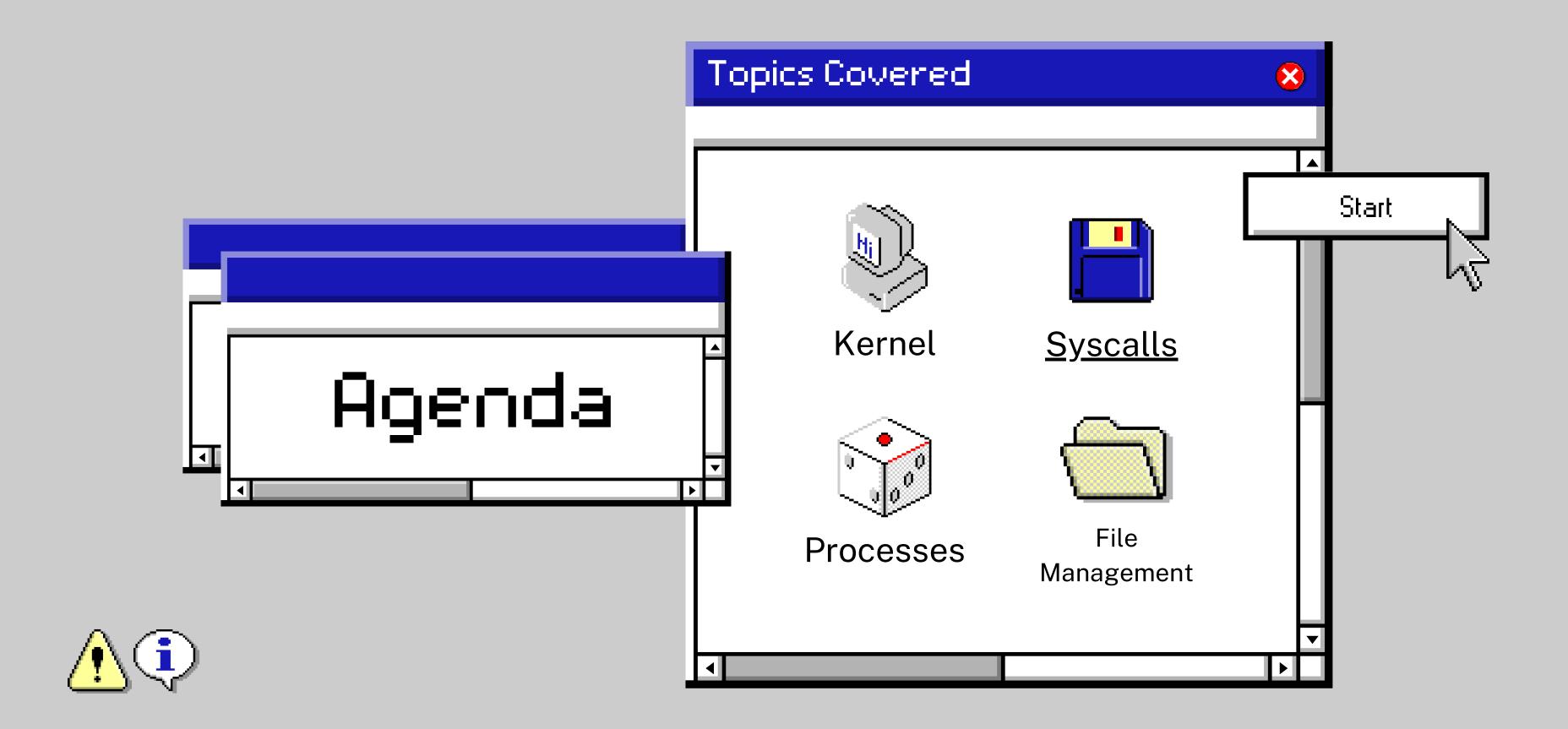


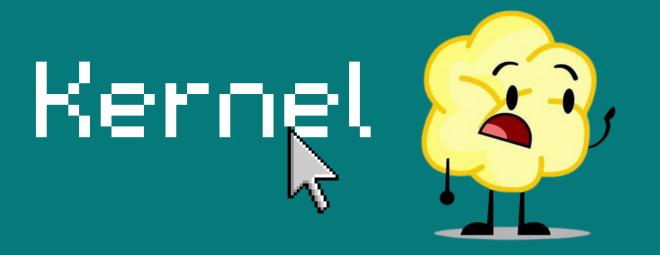


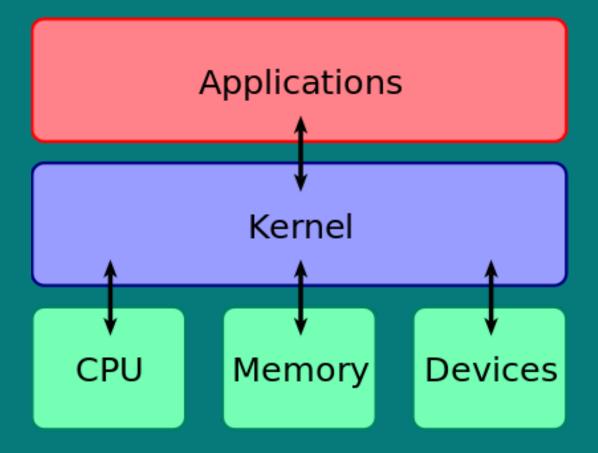


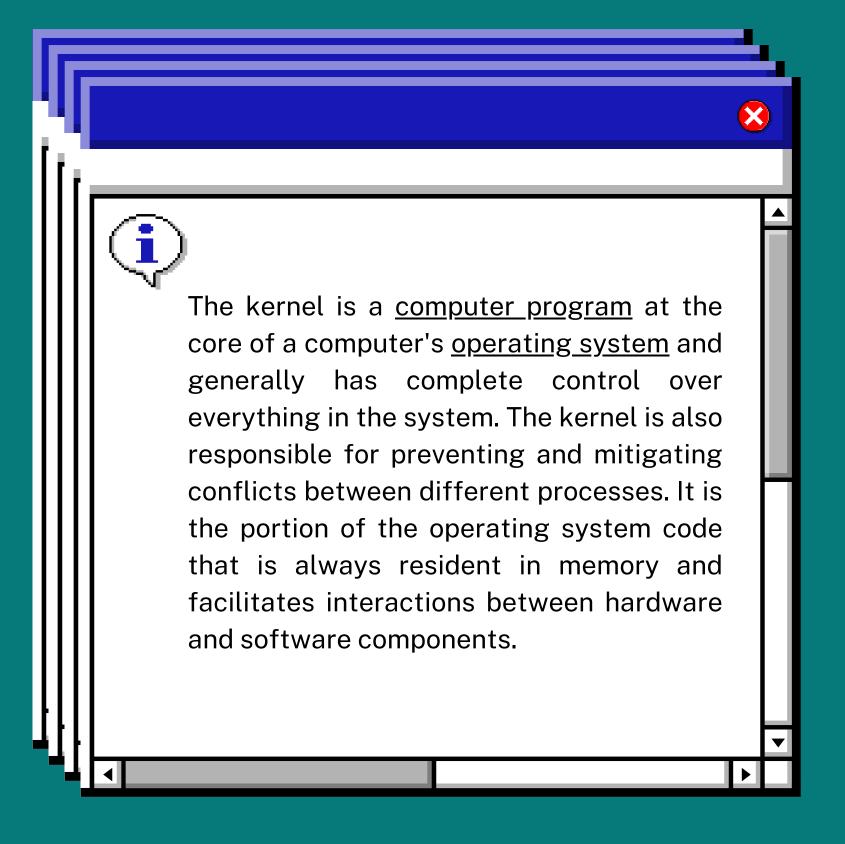




















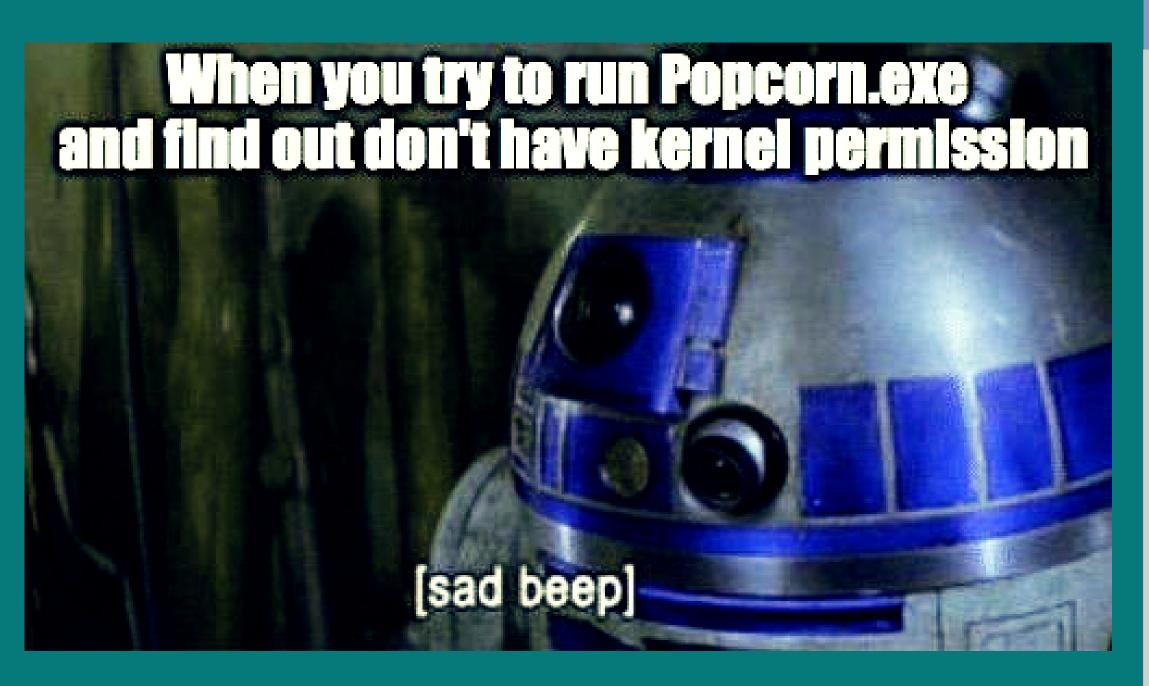


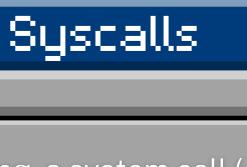




But what if I wanted to open a file,







In computing, a system call (commonly abbreviated to syscall) is the programmatic way in which a <u>computer program</u> requests a service from the <u>operating system</u> on which it is executed. This may include hardware-related services (for example, accessing a <u>hard disk drive</u> or accessing the device's camera), creation and execution of new <u>processes</u>, and communication with integral <u>kernel services</u> such as <u>process scheduling</u>. System calls provide an essential interface between a process and the operating system.



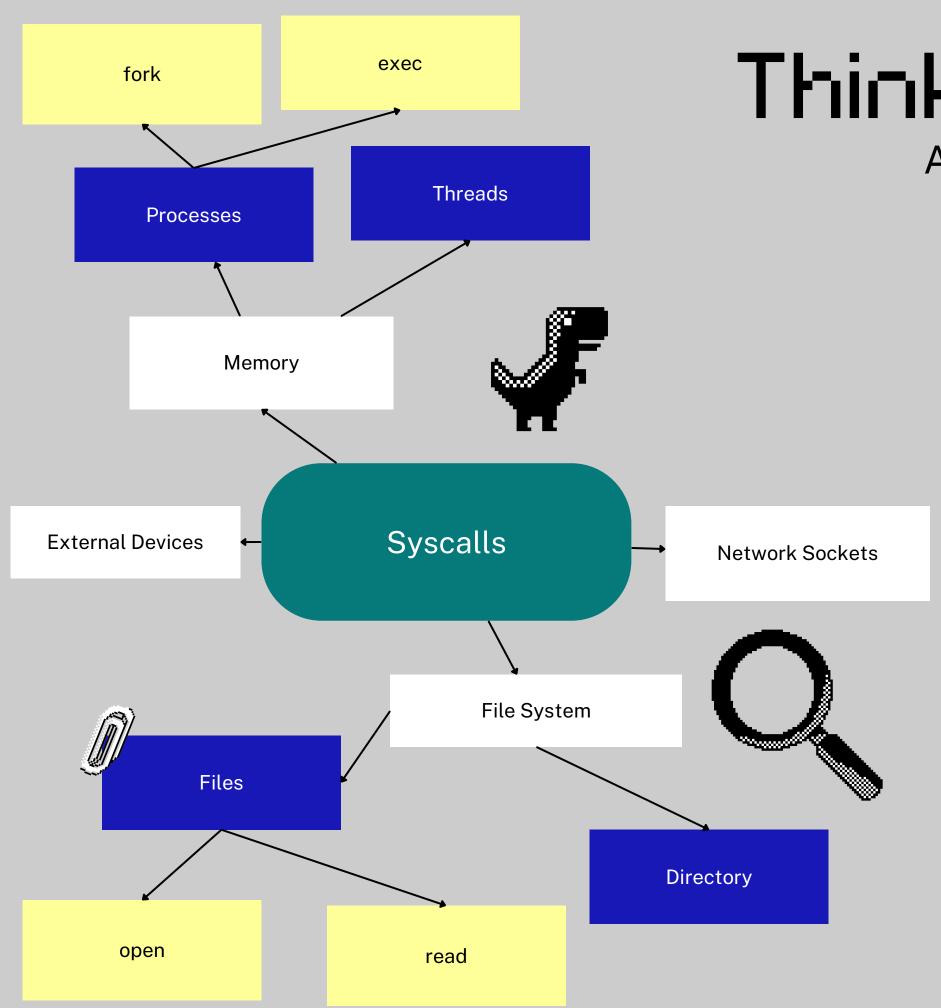






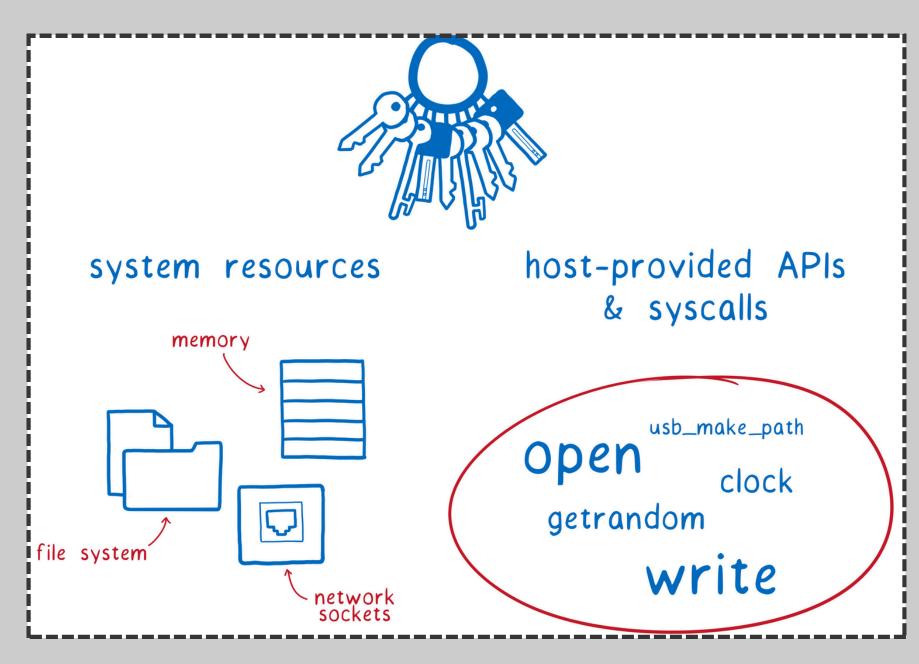






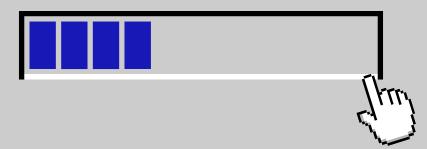
Think of Syscall as keys!

And the action of unlocking as Interupts





List of Syscalls

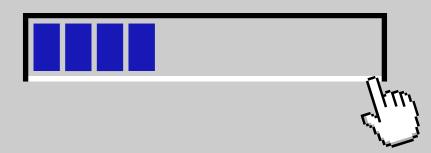


Name	Basic Synatx	Description	
fork	pid_t fork(void);	Creates a new process by duplicating the calling process.	
open	int open(const char *pathname, int flags, mode_t mode);	Opens a file.	
exec	exec() has family of system calls.(one of them) int execve(const char *filename, char *const argv[], char *const envp[]);	Replaces the current process image with a new process image.	
write	ssize_t write(int fd, const void *buf, size_t count);	Writes data to a file descriptor	
lseek	off_t lseek(int fd, off_t offset, int whence);	Repositions the offset of the file descriptor.	





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Name	Basic Synatx	Description (i)	
dup	int dup(int oldfd);	Duplicates a file descriptor.	
dup2	int dup2(int oldfd, int newfd);	Duplicates a file descriptor to a specified descriptor number	
waitpid	pid_t waitpid(pid_t pid, int *status, int options);	Waits for a child process to change state.	
munmap	int munmap(void *addr, size_t length);	Unmaps files or devices from memory.	
mmap	void *mmap(void *addr, size_t length, int prot, int flags, int fd, off_t offset);	Maps files or devices into memory.	









WHAT IS A PROCESS?

A process can be defined as an instance of a running program

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What is a program?

It is a set of instructions that are used to complete a specific task.













PROCESS ID & GETPID()



Process ID (PID) is a unique id that is assigned to every process in the system.



It can be any number lesser than 32768 (2¹⁵) and can be increased to 4194304 (2^{22}) on 64-bit systems.



- getpid() function can be called which returns the process ID of the calling process.
- Process management refers to the activities involved in managing the execution of multiple processes in an operating system











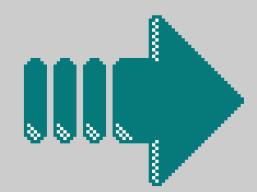




FORK() AND SPAWNING PROCESSES



fork() system call can be made to spawn a new process.



This new process is called the child of the process which made the system call

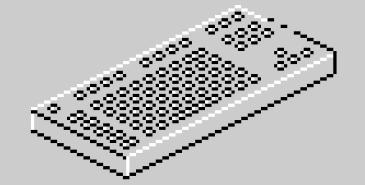




The original process making the system call is called the parent process.

The child process is an exact clone of the parent process and both of them execute the next instruction after fork()



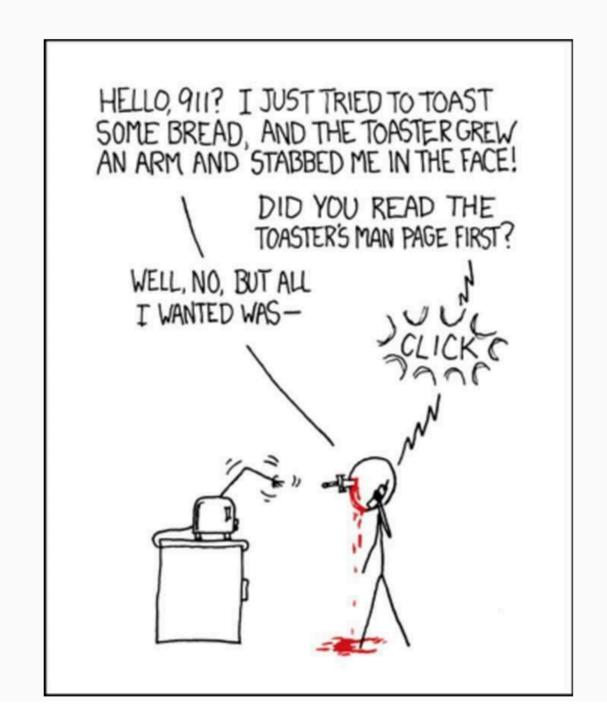


SOME GENERAL ADVICE

Read MAN pages.

Write modular code.

Start on time.





MAN PAGES



- Name: The name of the command.
- Synopsis: The command's syntax.
- Configuration: Configuration details for a device.
- Description: A description of the command.
- Examples: Several examples demonstrating the use of the command.
- Defaults: The default functions of the command and how they can be overridden.
- Options: A list of options and flags that the command accepts.
- Exit Status: A list of possible exit status values for the command.
- Environment: A list and description of environment variables that affect the command.
- Files: A list of files used by the command.
- See also: Commands related to the described topic.
- Authors: The people who wrote or maintain the command.
- History: Command development history.
- Notes: Various notes, including permissions required, dependencies, etc.
- Bugs: Any known issues in this program version.

man [option] [section number] [command name]
man -f [command name]
man [section number] [command name]















TEST your Concepts

















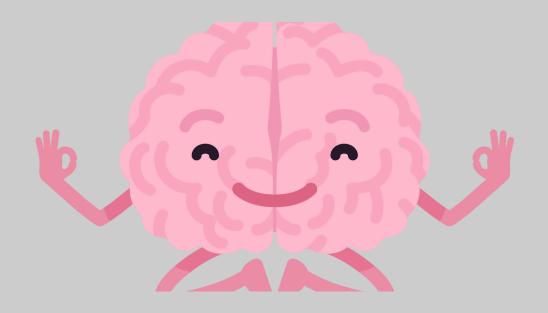








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