

Intro to Operating Systems All Midterm Questions

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	he ABI gives a program access to the	timer	17. Cache memory is invisible to the OS.	TRUE
	hardware resources and services available in the system through the user ISA.		18. The case of cooperation by sharing covers processes that interact with	TRUE
pr	is set at the beginning of each job to revent any single job from monopolizing		other processes without being explicitly aware of them.	
3.	the system. All processor designs include a register or set of registers, often known as the program status word, which contains status	TRUE	19. The central idea behind the simple batch-processing scheme is the use of a piece of software known as the	monitor
4.	A(n) is a set of resources for the movement, storage, and processing of data and for the control of these functions.	computer	20. The central themes of operating system design are all concerned with the management of processes and threads.	TRUE
5.	Any alteration of a resource by one thread affects the environment of the other threads in the same process.	TRUE	21. The chooses which block to replace when a new block is to be loaded into the cache and the cache	replacement algorithm
6.	Any resource allocation and scheduling policy must consider three factors: Fairness,	efficiency	already has all slots filled with other blocks.	
7.	Differential responsiveness, and are characterized by the presence of many single-threaded processes.	multiprocess applications	involves multiple readers that can read from a shared data area when no single writer is exclusively writing to it is the Problem. 23. The Clouds operating system implements the concept of a thread as primarily an entity that can move among address spaces which represents the Thread-to-Process relationship.	readers/writers
8.	are memory words used as a synchronization mechanism.	event flags		One-to-Many
9.	The are the fundamental entities that can be scheduled and dispatched to run on one of the system processors.	Kernel threads		one to riany
10.	arises in three different contexts: multiple applications, structured application,	concurrency		
11.	and operating system structure. As a default, the kernel dispatcher uses the policy of hard affinity in assigning threads to	FALSE	24. The collection of program, data, stack, and attributes is referred to as the	process image
12	processors. As an extension of the principles of modular	TRUE	25. A common strategy to give each process in the queue some time in turn	round robin
12.	design and structured programming, some		is referred to as a technique.	
	applications can be effectively programmed as a set of concurrent processes.		more processors on a single piece of	multicore
13.	Atomicity guarantees isolation from concurrent processes.	TRUE	silicon. 27. A computer platform consists of a	TRUE
14.	The basic form of communication between processes or threads in a micro kernel operating system is	messages	collection of hardware resources, such as the processor, main memory, I/O modules, timers, and disk drives.	
15. T	The blocked state in which the process is waiting for an event, such as the end of an I/O operation, the availability of a resource, or a signal from another process is the state.	interruptible	28. The concept of multiple programs taking turns in execution is known as	multiprogramming
			29. Concurrent processes do not come into conflict with each other when they	FALSE
16.	Both batch processing and time sharing use multiprogramming.	TRUE	are competing for the use of the same resource.	

30. The contains the data to be written into memory and receives the data read from memory.	memory buffer register	47. The idea of having a many-to-many relationship between threads and processes has been explored in the experimental operating system	TRIX
31. A Control/Status register that contains the address of the next instruction to be fetched is called the	Program Counter (PC)	48. An IDS comprises three logical components: sensors,, and user interface.	analyzers
32. A design change in the structure or semantics of the process control block could affect a number of modules in the OS.	TRUE	49. If a process is swapped out, all of its threads are necessarily swapped out because they all share the address space of the process.	TRUE
33. Digital Signal Processors deal with streaming signals such as audio and video.	TRUE	50. If a system does not employ virtual memory each process to be executed must be fully	TRUE
34. Each location in Main Memory contains a value that can be interpreted as either an instruction or data.	binary number	51. If there is an application or function that should be implemented as a set of related	FALSE
processing, a name derived by the way the users have access to the systems.	Serial	units of execution, it is far more efficient to do so as a collection of separate processes rather than a collection of threads.	
36. An example of a multicore system is the Intel Core i7.	TRUE	52. In a multiprocessor all processors can perform the same functions so the failure of a single processor does not halt the	symmetric
37. An example of an application that could make use of threads is a file server.	TRUE	machine.	
38. External, nonvolatile memory is also referred to as or auxiliary memory.	secondary memory	53. In a multithreaded environment, a is defined as the unit of resource allocation and a unit of protection.	process
39. The fetched instruction is loaded into the	Instruction Register (IR)	 54. In a multithreaded environment there are separate stacks for each thread, as well as a separate control block for each thread. 55. In a pure ULT facility, all of the work of 	TRUE
40. The fetched instruction is loaded into the Program Counter.	FALSE		TRUE
41. The first step in designing an OS to control processes is to describe the behavior that we would like the processes to exhibit.	TRUE	thread management is done by the application, and the kernel is not aware of the existence of threads.	
42. For efficiency, applications should be written directly for a given hardware platform.	FALSE	56. In a time-sharing, multiprogramming system, multiple users simultaneously access the	terminals
43. The four main structural elements of a computer system are:	Processor, Main Memory, I/O Modules	system through 57. In a time sharing system, a user's program is preempted at regular intervals, but due to the relatively slow human reaction time this occurrence is usually transparent to the user.	TRUE
The formalism of a new condition of the colonia	and System Bus	58. In a two-level memory hierarchy the Hit Ratio is defined as the fraction of all	FALSE
44. The functioning of a process, and the output it produces, must be independent of the	TRUE	memory accesses found in the slower memory.	
speed at which its execution is carried out relative to the speed of other concurrent processes.		59. In a uniprocessor system, multiprogramming increases processor efficiency by:	Taking advantage of time
45 Hardware features desirable in a batch- processing operating system include memory protection, timer, privileged instructions, and			wasted by long wait interrupt handling
46. The holds the address of the next instruction to be fetched.	Program Counter	60. Instruction processing consists of two steps:	fetch and execute

61. The interface is the interface that is the boundary between hardware and software.	ISA	75. The is a layer of software between the applications and the computer hardware that supports applications and utilities.	operating system
62. The interrupt can occur at any time and therefore at any point in the execution of a user program.	TRUE	76. A is a legitimate user who accesses data, programs, or resources for which such access is not authorized, or who is	misfeasor
63. Interrupts are provided primarily as a way to improve processor utilization.	TRUE	authorized for such access but misuses their privileges.	
64. In the case of competing processes three control problems must be faced: mutual exclusion, deadlock, and	starvation	77. A is a mutual exclusion mechanism in which a process executes in an infinite loop waiting for the value of a lock variable to indicate availability	spinlock
65. In the case of, messages are not sent directly from sender to receiver but rather are sent to a shared data structure consisting of queues that can temporarily	indirect addressing	78. A is an entity corresponding to a user job or application that owns resources such as memory and open files.	process
hold messages. 66. In the case of, processes are sharing resources without being aware of the other processes.	competition	79. A is an individual who is not authorized to use the computer and who penetrates a system's access controls to exploit a legitimate user's account.	masquerader
67. The invention of the was the hardware revolution that brought about desktop and handheld computing.	microprocessor	80. A is an individual who seizes supervisory control of the system and uses this control to evade auditing and access controls or to suppress audit collection.	clandestine user
68 involves moving part or all of a process from main memory to disk.	Swapping	81. A is an integer value used for signaling among processes.	semaphore
69. A is a data type that is used to block a process or thread until a particular condition is true.	condition variable	82. The is a point-to-point link electrical interconnect specification that enables high-speed communications among	QPI (Quick Path Interconnect)
70. The is a device for staging the movement of data between main memory and processor registers to improve performance and is not usually visible to the programmer or processor.	cache	connected processor chips. 83. A is a programming language construct that encapsulates variables, access procedures, and initialization code	monitor
71. A is a dispatchable unit of work that executes sequentially and is interruptible so that the processor can turn to another thread.	thread	within an abstract data type. 84. The is a programming language construct that provides equivalent functionality to that of semaphores and is easier to control.	monitor
72 is a facility that allows programs to address memory from a logical point of view, without regard to the amount of main memory physically available.	Virtual memory	85. An is a program that controls the execution of application programs and acts as an interface between applications and the computer hardware.	operating system
73 is a function or action implemented as a sequence of one or more instructions that appears to be indivisible; no other process can see an intermediate state or interrupt the	atomic operation	is a section of code within a process that requires access to shared resources and that must not be executed while another process is in a corresponding section of code.	critical section
operations. 74 is a good example of an OS using	Solaris	87. A is a semaphore that takes only the values of 0 and 1.	binary semaphore
a combined user-level and kernel-level thread approach.		88. A is a single execution path with an execution stack, processor state, and scheduling information.	thread

89. A is a static entity, consisting of an address space and ports through which messages may be sent and received. 90 is a technique in which a process,		105. It is possible in a single-processor system to not only interleave the execution of multiple processes but also overlap them	FALSE
executing an application, is divided into threads that can run concurrently.	Mottunedanig	106. It is the principal responsibility of the to control the execution of processes.	operating system
91. A is a unit of activity characterized by the execution of a sequence of instructions, a current state, and an	process	107. It takes less time to terminate a process than a thread.	FALSE
associated set of system resources. 92. A is a user-created unit of	user-level	108. The key states for a thread are: Running,, and Blocked.	Ready
execution within a process. 93 is concerned with the proper verification of the identity of users and the validity of messages or data.	Authenticity e	109. The key to the success of Linux has been its character as a free software package available under the auspice of the	Free Software Foundation
94 is more efficient than interrupt- driven or programmed I/O for a multiple- word I/O transfer.	Direct memory access	110. The management of multiple processes within a uniprocessor system is	multiprogramming
95. The is the collection of program, data, stack, and attributes defined in the process control block.	process image	A means for two processes to exchange information is with the use of	messages
96. The is the internal data by which the OS is able to supervise and control the process.	execution e context	112. A monitor supports synchronization by the use of that are contained within the monitor and accessible only within the monitor.	condition variables
97. The is the less-privileged mode.	user mode		TRUE
98. A is the maximum amount of time that a process can execute before being interrupted.	Time slice	113. A monolithic kernel is implemented as a single process with all elements sharing the same address space.	TRUE
99 is when the sequence of instruction is guaranteed to execute as a group, or not execute at all, having no	atomic operation	Most operating systems contain two fundamental forms of concurrent activity: processes and	interrupts
visible effect on system state.		115. Multiprogramming operating systems	uniprogramming
independent processes from interfering with each other's memory, both data and	Process isolation	are fairly sophisticated compared to single-program or operating systems.	
instructions.		116. A occurs when multiple	race condition
various threads so they do not interfere with each other or corrupt data structures	-	processes or threads read and write data items so that the final result depends on the order of execution of instructions in the multiple processes.	
102. It is not possible for a communications interrupt to occur while a printer interrupt is being processed.	FALSE :	On a uniprocessor, multiprogramming does not enable the interleaving of multiple threads within multiple	FALSE
103. It is not the responsibility of the operating system to control the execution of processes.	g FALSE	processes. 118. One mechanism Intel uses to make its	prefetching
104. It is possible for one process to lock the mutex and for another process to unlock it.	FALSE	caches more effective is in which the hardware examines memory access patterns and attempts to fill the caches speculatively with data that is likely to be requested soon.	

One of the driving forces in operating system evolution is advancement in the underlying hardware technology.	TRUE	133. The OS performs a protection function to prevent unwanted interference between processes with respect to resources.	TRUE
20. One of the first time-sharing operating systems to be developed was the	Compatible Time-Sharing System	134. An OS should be constructed in such a way as to permit the effective	TRUE
121. One of the most common problems faced in concurrent processing is the producer/consumer problem.	TRUE	development, testing, and introduction of new system functions without interfering with service.	
122. Only three operations may be performed on a semaphore: initialize, increment, and	decrement	135. Over the years memory access speed has consistently increased more rapidly than processor speed.	FALSE
123. The operating system acts as an interface between the computer hardware and the human user.	TRUE	136. The phrase "control is passed to a job" means that the processor is now fetching and executing instructions from the monitor program.	FALSE
124. Operating systems must evolve over time because:	new hardware is designed and implemented in the	137. The portion of the monitor that is always in main memory and available for execution is referred to as the	resident monitor
	computer system	138. The portion of the OS that selects the next process to run is called the	dispatcher
125. The operating system's refers to its inherent flexibility in permitting functional modifications to the system without interfering with service.	ability to evolve	The potential performance benefits of a multicore organization depend on the ability to effectively exploit the	TRUE
A organization has a number of potential advantages over a uniprocessor	TRUE long-term storage.	parallel resources available to the application.	
organization including performance, availability, incremental growth, and scaling.		140. The principal disadvantage of the approach is that the transfer of control from one thread to another	kernel-level thread
127. The OS frequently relinquishes control and must depend on the processor to		within the same process requires a mode switch to the kernel.	
allow it to regain control. 128. The OS has five principal storage management responsibilities: process		141. The principal function of the OS is to create, manage, and terminate processes.	TRUE
isolation, automatic allocation and management, support of modular		142. The principal objective of is to maximize processor use.	Batch Multiprogramming
programming, protection and access control, and		143. The principle objective of Batch Multiprogramming is to minimize	FALSE
129. The OS masks the details of the hardware from the programmer and provides the programmer with a convenient interface for using the system.		response time. 144. Probably the most useful combination, allows a process to send one or more messages to a variety of	nonblocking send, blocking receive
130. The OS may create a process on behalf of an application.	TRUE	destinations as quickly as possible.	TRUE
131. The OS may suspend a process if it detects or suspects a problem.	TRUE	145. A process consists of three components: an executable program, the associated data needed by the	INOL
132. The OS must maintain tables to manage processes.	process	program, and the execution context of the program.	

146. The process control block information can be grouped into three general categories: Process identification,, and process	processor state information	159. A process switch may occur any time that the OS has gained control from the currently running process.	TRUE
control information. 147. The process control block is the key tool that enables the OS to support	TRUE	160. A process that is not in main memory is immediately available for execution, regardless of whether or not it is awaiting an event.	FALSE
multiple processes and to provide for multiprocessing.		161. A process that is waiting for access to a critical section does not consume	FALSE
148. The process control block is the least important data structure in an OS.	FALSE	processor time. 162. The Program Status Word contains status	FALSE
149. Processes need to be synchronized to enforce mutual exclusion.	TRUE	information in the form of condition codes, which are bits typically set by the programmer as a result of program	
150. The processing required for a single instruction is called a(n)	instruction	operation. 163. Race condition is a situation in which two	FALSE
cycle. 151. A process in the state is in main memory and available for execution.	Ready	or more processes continuously change their states in response to changes in the other process(es) without doing any useful work.	
152. A process is in the state when it is in main memory and awaiting an event.	Blocked	refers to the ability of an OS to support multiple, concurrent paths of execution within a single process.	Multithreading
153. A process is in the state when it is in secondary memory and awaiting an event.	Blocked/Suspended	programs to minimize main memory references by optimizing register use are called	user-visible registers
154. The process is said to be operating in a fashion if each process in the queue is given a certain amount of time, in turn, to execute and then	round robin	relationship allows multiple server processes to provide concurrent service to multiple clients.	many-to-many
returned to the queue, unless blocked.		in a critical section that access shared resources, no other process may be in a	mutual exclusion
of the computer and performs its data processing functions	TRUE	critical section that accesses any of those shared resources is	
156. The processor itself is not a resource so the OS is not involved in determining how much of the	FALSE	nature of the interrupt and performs whatever actions are needed.	interrupt handler
processor time is devoted to the execution of a user program.		169. Security and protections as it relates to operating systems is grouped into four	Confidentiality
157. The processor itself provides only limited support for	software	categories: Availability, Data integrity, Authenticity, and	
multiprogramming, and is needed to manage the sharing of the processor and other resources by		170. A semaphore that does not specify the order in which processes are removed from the queue is a semaphore.	weak
multiple applications at the same time.		171. A semaphore whose definition includes the policy that the process that has been	strong
158. A process or task in Linux is represented by a data structure.	task_struct	blocked the longest is released from the queue first is called a semaphore.	

172. The sharing of main memory among processes is useful to permit efficient and close interaction among processes because such sharing does not leads to many problems.	FALSE	188. The technique where a system clock generates interrupts, and at each clock interrupt the OS regains control and assigns the processor to another user, is called	time slicing
173. A significant point about the is that it contains sufficient information so that it is	process control block	189. Termination of a process does not terminate all threads within that process.	FALSE
possible to interrupt a running process and later resume execution as if the interruption had not occurred.		190. The term refers to a technique in which a process can do nothing until it gets permission to enter its critical section	spin waiting
174. A situation in which a runnable process is overlooked indefinitely by the scheduler, although it is able to proceed, is	starvation	but continues to execute an instruction or set of instructions that tests the appropriate variable to gain entrance.	
175. A situation in which multiple threads or processes read and write a shared data item and the final result depends on the relative timing of their execution is a	race condition	191. "The process was placed in a suspended state by an agent; either itself, a parent process, or the OS, for the purpose of preventing its execution," is a characteristic of a process.	suspended
176. A situation in which two or more processes are unable to proceed because each is waiting for one of the others to do something is a	deadlock	192. There are four basic thread operations associated with a change in thread state: Block, Unblock, Finish, and	Spawn
177. The six states of a Windows thread are: Ready, Standby, Running, Waiting, Transition, and	Terminated	193. There are two broad categories of thread implementation: user-level threads and	kernel-level threads
178. Small, fast memory located between the processor and main memory is called:	Cache memory	194. A thread enters the state, after waiting, if it is ready to run but the	transition
179. An SMP can be defined as a stand-alone computer system with two or more similar processors of comparable capacity.	TRUE	resources are not available. 195. Three major lines of computer system development created problems in timing	real-time transaction
180. A special type of address register required by a system that implements user visible stack addressing is called a	stack pointer.	and synchronization that contributed to the development of the concept of the process: multiprogramming batch operations, time sharing, and	systems
181. A special type of programming language used to provide instructions to the monitor is	JCL	196. To satisfy the requirements of handheld devices, the classic microprocessor is	
182. The state is when the thread has terminated.	ZOMBIE	giving way to the, where not just the CPUs and caches are on the same chip, but also many of the other components of	
183. Swapping is not an I/O operation so it will not enhance performance.	FALSE	the system, such as DSPs, GPUs, I/O devices and main memory.	
184. System access threats fall into two general categories: and malicious software.	intruders	197. A total of process states are recognized by the UNIX SVR4 operating system.	9
185. A system bus transfers data between the computer and its external environment.	FALSE	198. The traditional approach of a single thread	single-
186 tables are used to keep track of both main (real) and secondary (virtual) memory.	Memory	of execution per process, in which the concept of a thread is not recognized, is referred to as a	threaded approach
187. The tables provide information about the existence of files, their location on secondary memory, their current status, and other attributes.	file	199. The two basic types of processor registers are:	User-visible and Control/Status

	Two essential elements of a process are and a set of data associated with that code. Two major problems with early serial	program code		When a new block of data is read into the cache the determines which cache location the block will occupy.	mapping function
	processing systems were scheduling and		214.	When an external device becomes ready to be serviced by the processor the device sends a(n) signal	interrupt
202.	Two or more processes can cooperate by means of simple signals, such that a process can be forced to stop at a specified place until it has received a specific signal.	TRUE	215.	to the processor. When an external device is ready to accept more data from the processor, the I/O module for that external	interrupt request
203.	Uniprogramming typically provides better utilization of system resources than multiprogramming.	FALSE		device sends an signal to the processor.	Ready/Suspended
204.	The unit of data exchanged between cache and main memory is	block size	2.0.	When a process is in the state it is in secondary memory but is available for execution as soon as it is loaded into main memory.	ous,, ocopoucu
205.	The unit of dispatching is usually referred to as a process or task.	FALSE	217.	When one process spawns another, the spawned process is referred to as the When processes cooperate by	child process
206.	The user has direct access to the processor with batch-processing type	FALSE	218		TRUE
207.	OS. A user program executes in a, in which certain areas of memory are	user mode	219.	communication, the various processes participate in a common effort that links all of the processes.	
	protected for the user's use and in which certain instructions may not be executed.			When the OS creates a process at the explicit request of another process, the action is referred to as	process spawning
208.	Virtualization technology enables a single PC or server to simultaneously run multiple operating systems or	TRUE	220	Windows is an example of a kernel- level thread approach.	TRUE
209.	multiple sessions of a single OS. was designed to keep the processor and I/O devices, including storage devices, simultaneously busy to achieve maximum efficiency.	Multiprogramming	221.	221. Windows makes use of two types of process-related objects: processes and	threads
			222	Windows process design is driven by the need to provide support for a	TRUE
210.	was invented to allow processing time to be dynamically shared among a number of active	multiprogramming	223	A windows process must contain at least thread(s) to execute.	1
211.	applications. A way to overcome the problem of	jacketing	224.	4. The Windows Process Object Attribute describes who created an	security descriptor
	blocking threads is to use a technology referred to as, which converts a blocking system call	, s. g		object, who can gain access to or use the object, and who is denied access to the object.	
212.	into a nonblocking system call. We can characterize the behavior of an individual process by listing the sequence of instructions, referred to	trace	225	With interrupts, the processor can not be engaged in executing other instructions while an I/O operation is in progress.	FALSE
	as a, that executes for that process.			p g	