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- E. W. Dijkstra, The Structure of the 'THE'-Multiprogramming System, Communications of the ACM, Vol. 11, No. 5, May 1968, pp. 341-346.

(Additional historical background on semaphores in Wikipedia.)

Q: Dijkstra explicitly states their goals for the THE operating system. How do these goals compare to, say, Microsoft's goals for the Windows operating system? Why do we no longer build operating systems with the same goals as THE?

- P. B. Hansen, The Nucleus of a Multiprogramming System, Communications of the ACM, Vol. 13, No. 4, April 1970, pp. 238-241, 250.

Optional related paper on a deployment experience of RC 4000:

P. B. Hansen, The RC 4000 Real-Time Control System at Pulway, BIT 7, pp. 279-288, 1967.

Q: How does synchronization in the RC 4000 system compare with synchronization in the THE system?

sephormer / Signal send
waite

① why paper - they are trying to build the system and they write down the experience.

② What is the main point of the paper?

OS hierarchical using a central abstraction (sequential processes) organized in a hierarchy (layers)

trying to unitlel -
so we can debug

Benefits? ① verify soundness ② Prove Correctness
Assume the lower layer to be working.

Why? Handle complexity
for simple system
maybe we don't need this complexity
think about complexity, goal?

Trade off? Efficiency, overhead if we only have one Application?

③ What layers do we have?

0) Process control, scheduling
- abstract away the processor

1) Memory management, paging

- Separation of data (**segment**) from storage location (core, drum) and address (re-location)

2) Console, message interpreter.
e.g. tty, virtual consoles

3) Peripherals, buffering, stream (virtual device)

4) User level programs

? 5) operator → foreground

Advantages

- ① modularity, abstraction
- ② debugging
- ③ verification

DisAds?

efficient

circularity - what is schedule (queued page out?)

Design issue → it will use physical, never page out. (Linux)
window page's memory

ctx → page

Against ? NT Graphics moved from user subsystem → kernel.

Relative performance - it is essential that you have a good intuition for the relative performance of hardware.

- ① abs #s
- ② change over time
- ③ relative change w.r.t. h/w.

e.g. hard drive 5x
CPU ~ 75,000,000 X

Synchronization Pb VT

- ① mutual sync
- ② writing queue (init to some certain number)

Summary

- ① Layered OS
- ② Central abstraction : sequential concurrent processes
- ③ Semaphores for synchronization
- ④ Correctness (proof + testing)

Nucleus

Interesting

- Howden (faculty at UCSO)?
- Griswold (his teacher)

Motivation

- Existing OS structure inhibits "freedom of design"
- Need a new structure to support this goal.

How?

- Small nucleus (kernel, today microkernel) for supporting multiple simultaneous operating system implementations

Reverse Trend

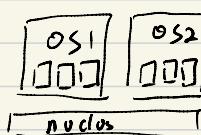
Nucleus tried to make things general and flexible

Opposite

make things more specific

Structure

- two layers?
Nucleus, user-level
- three parts of the nucleus
scheduling, communication, primitives for manipulating process



Exokernel

Communication Synchronization

Ads less likely to deadlock.
No Ads copy overhead limited buffer. (can overflow)

Resource Allocation

①

②

Schedule Round Robin
Not a good Design.

Implementation size 6200 24-bit words = 50 kbytes

- ① How to be flexible?
- ② Structure cons: nucleus on which OSes can be layered.
- ③ Syn and comm via message passing
- ④ small # of clean abstractions used thru Sys.

Small stuff.