

COP 3402 Systems Software

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Course Topics: introduction to compilers and interpreters, virtual machines, computer architecture and assembler, loaders and linkers, macro-processors, run time environment and operating systems

Prerequisites:

COP3502 – Computer Science I

CDA3103 – Computer Organization

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Course outline (continued)

Material: Lecture notes: [On website.](#)

Required text:

Systems Software: *Essential Concepts*, First Edition, by Eurípides Montagne, Cognella, 2021.

Homework completion and textbook reading a critical determinant of your grade

Recommended

Compilers: Principles, Techniques, & Tools, Second Edition by Alfred V. Aho, Monica S. Lam, Ravi Sethi, and Jeffrey D. Ullman. Addison Wesley, 2007

Engineering a Compiler, Second Edition by Keith Cooper and Linda Torczon Morgan Kaufmann, 2012

Supplementary texts:

Compiler Construction: Principles and Practice by Kenneth C. Loudon, PWS, 1997

Concepts of Programming Languages, 8th Edition by Robert W. Sebesta. Addison Wesley, 2010

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Semester Plan

- System Software
- Computer System Structure
- Virtual machines
- Compilers and interpreters
- Syntax analysis
- Grammars and parsing
- Code generation
- Assemblers and ELF (Executable Linkable Files)
- Linkers and loaders
- Operating System Structure
- Interrupt Handling
- Processes and threads implementation
- Concurrency and process synchronization

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Some Things to Remember

- We are all growned up
 - “85% of life is just showing up” – Woody Allen
 - Do the homework, read the textbook, go to recitation section
 - Learn to manage your time (it’s all about planning)
 - “A failure to plan on your part does not constitute an emergency on my part”
 - “Everyone *wants* to win. Winners *plan* to win.” – Coach K
 - “He who questions training only trains himself in asking questions” – The Sphinx (Mystery Man)

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Please remember this statements

1) Webcourses is only used to post Lectures, assignments and exams grades. "The percentages on Webcourses are meaningless for this class".

2) To calculate your grade, You must use the syllabus grading policy.

3) Attendance is not mandatory but it is highly recommended to attend class because some times a student ask a question and that leads to exploring some concepts and enrich knowledge. Those discussions are not in the lectures.

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An Introduction to Systems Software

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Systems Software consists of a set of programs that support the operation of a computer system.

Systems software programs help, the programmer, to simplify the programming process.

Furthermore, systems software creates an environment to run application software efficiently.

Examples of systems software are:

**Text editors
Compilers
Loaders
Linker
Debugger
Assembler
Operating system**

Systems software can be classified in two groups:

1.- Software to create a program development environment

Text editor

Compiler

Assembler

Linker

Debugger (low-level)

2.- Software to create a run-time environment

Operating system

Loader

Dynamic Linker

Program libraries

Systems Software: Program Development Environment

Text editor: Software that permits the creation and editing of text files (i.e. application programs).

Compiler: Translates programs written in a high level language to machine code(or assembly Language).

Assembler: Translates programs written in assembly language to object code(binary).

Static Linker: Combines and resolves references between object programs and creates the executable code.

Debugger It is used to debug executable programs and their (low-level) related object code and source program.

Systems Software: Run-Time Environment

Loader: Loads an executable code and starts its execution.

Libraries:

Precompiled programs that create a set of functions to be used by other programs.

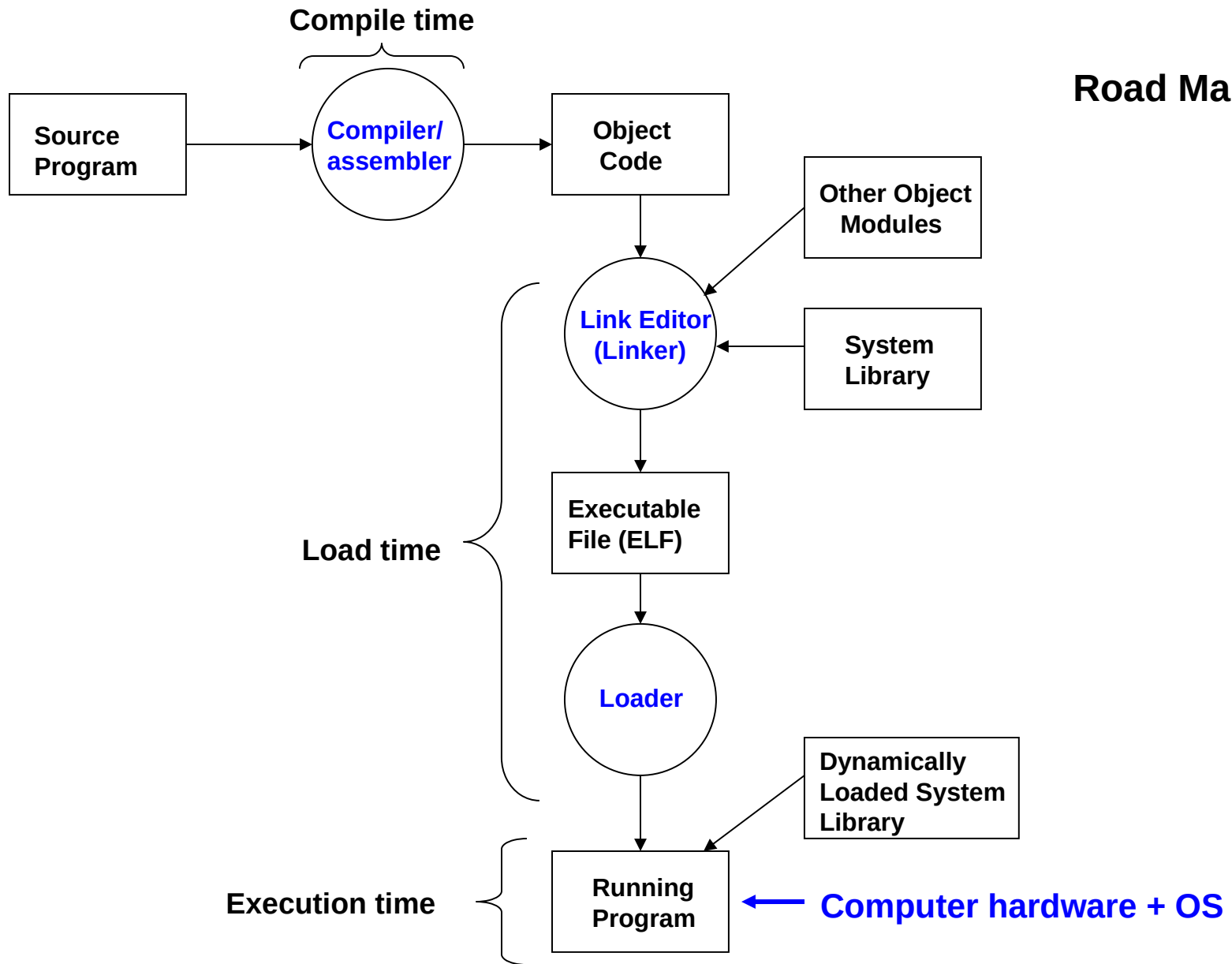
Dynamic Linker:

Loads and links shared libraries at run-time

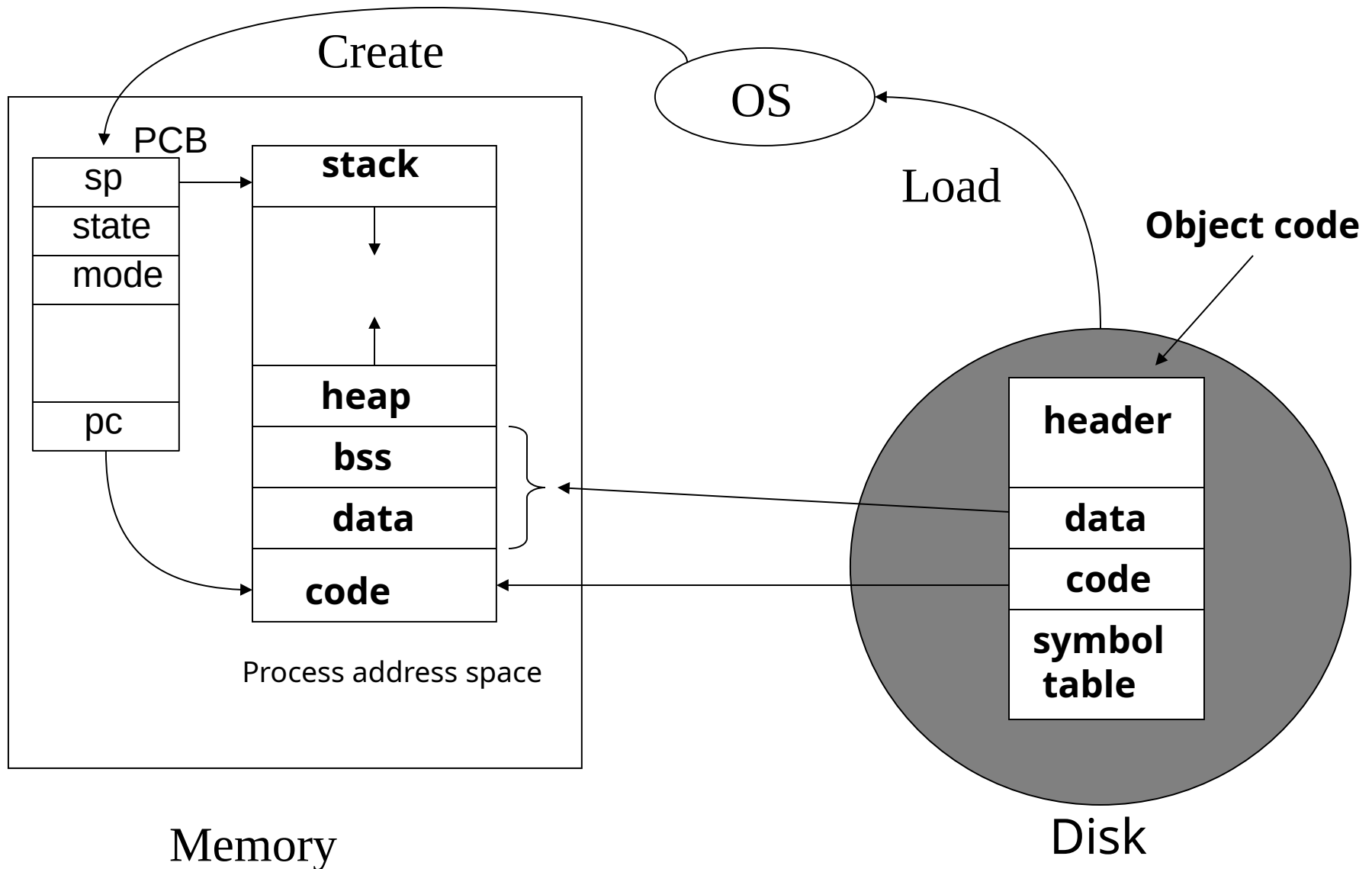
Operating system:

An event driven program that makes an abstraction of the computer system. The operating system handles all resources efficiently, creates an environment for application programs to run, and provides a friendly interface between the user and the computer system.

Road Map



Environment for programs to run



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Next class we will talk about

**The processor
as an instruction interpreter**