

Operating Systems

Introduction to Operating Systems

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Information, programs, tutorials, previous exam texts, labs assignments and solutions, can be found at the address:

http://areeweb.polito.it/didattica/operating-systems/OS/index.html

Easier googling for "Operating Systems Laface"

Slides will be available on the official site of the course

Organization

- > Schedule
 - Lesson/Practice: 2 (+1) blocks of 1.5 hours
 - Laboratory: 1 block of 1.5 hours
- There is no formal distinction between teaching and practice hours
 - Theory is introduced, and examples and exercises can be illustrated in the same block
- Laboratory
 - Practice with Linux operating system
 - Application of the theoretical aspects on Linux
 - Script programming (bash and awk)

Topics

- > Introduction to Operating Systems
- > Processes (concept, control, signals, IPC, etc.)
- > Thread (concept, pthread library, etc.)
- > Synchronization (s/w, h/w, semaphores, etc.)
- Deadlock
- Linux environment
 - Commands and system administration
 - Shell (UNIX/Linux command interpreter)
 - Scripting languages (bash and awk)

Topics

- Preparing for Google Technical Internship Interviews
 - ...
 - Operating systems
 - You should understand processes, threads, concurrency issues, locks, mutexes, semaphores, monitors and how they all work. Understand deadlock, livelock and how to avoid them. Know what resources a process needs and a thread needs. Understand how context switching works, how it's initiated by the operating system and underlying hardware. Know a little about scheduling. The world is rapidly moving towards multi-core, so know the fundamentals of "modern" concurrency constructs

Textbooks

Operating System Concepts, Ninth Edition
 A. Silberschatz, P. Baer, and G. Gagne
 John Wiley & Sons, Inc.
 ISBN 978-1-118-06333-0

Other useful books

- W. R. Stevens: "Advanced programming in the UNIX Environment", Addison-Wesley Publishing Company
- D. Bovet and M. Cesati: "Understanding the LINUX Kernel- III Edition ", O'REILLY

Exam rules

- ➤ There are no intermediate tests, exemption, or alternative projects
- The access to the examinations rules are defined and described in the "Manifesto degli Studi" of the current academic year on any subsequent amendments thereof
- > It is essential to book to be admitted at an exam

Examination

- ➤ Written test lasting 100 minutes
- > There is no oral, or possibility of oral
- During the test is permitted
 - The use of **3 sheets** ("approved forms") provided by the teacher (commands, bash, awk) in original (not handwritten)
 - No other material is allowed (no notes, no textbooks, no computers, no cell phones, etc.).
- > The test includes 6 questions
 - 3/4 questions/theoretical exercises
 - 2/3 questions/exercises on Linux (commands / scripts)
- > You can withdraw during the test

Evaluation of the examination

- > Each exercise has a weight equal to 6 points
 - $6x6 = 36 \dots$
- Both the theory and the Linux parts have a minimum threshold
 - The threshold is about 50% of the cumulated points for each part
 - The exam is passed if **both** the theory and the Linux parts are nor below the threshold
- ➤ The final score is the sum of the points obtained in each question/exercise

Example of theory question

> Show the process generation tree and the output lines produced by the execution of this program:

```
#include ...
int main (){
  int i, j=-1;
  for (i=0;i<3;i++){
    printf ("i=%d\n", i);
    if (!fork()){
      for (j=2;j>0;j--){
        fork();
        execlp ("echo", "i", "j", (char *) 0);
      }
    }
}
```

Example of practice question

➤ Implement a bash script that takes two arguments, **n** and **f**. The script has to append in file **f** the content of the first **n** regular files in the user home directory tree. The script will also append at the end of the content of each file, its basename. The script must produce a warning message on the console if it finds less than **n** files.