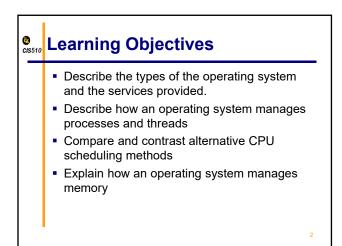
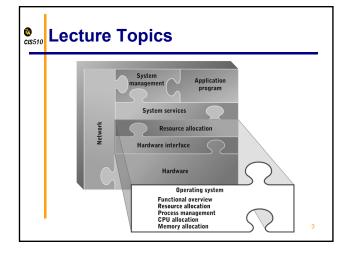
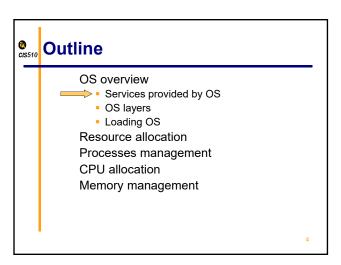
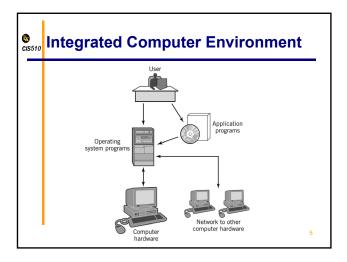
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# Definition of an Operating System

An *operating system* is a collection of computer programs that integrate the hardware resources of the computer and make those resources available to a user and the user's programs, in a way that allows the user access to the computer in a productive, timely, and efficient manner.

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# Operating System (OS) Overview

- OS is the most important component of system software.
- Primary purpose: Manages all hardware resources and allocates them to users and applications as needed
  - Manages CPU, memory, processes, secondary storage (files), I/O devices, and users
- Performs many low-level tasks on behalf of users and application programs
- Accesses files and directories, creates and moves windows, and accesses resources over a network

# Basic Services

- Programs that accept commands and requests from a user and a user's program
- Manages, loads, and executes programs
- Manages hardware resources of the computer
- Acts as an interface between the user and the system

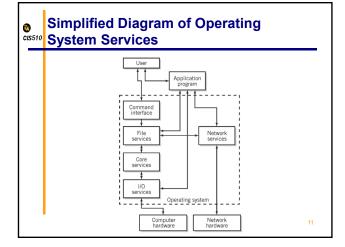
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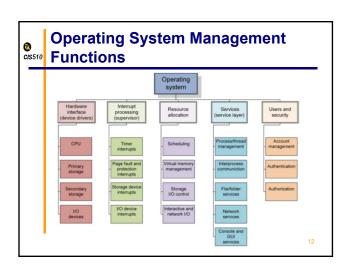
- Provides tools and services for concurrent processing for multitasking.
- Provides interfaces for the user and the user's programs
- Provides file support services
- Provides I/O support services
- Provides means of starting the computer
- Handles all interrupt processing
- Provides network services

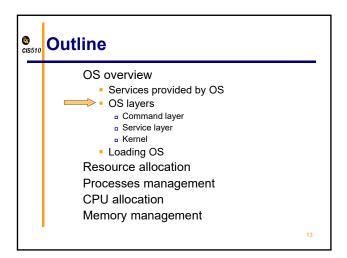
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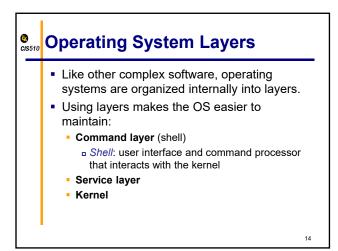
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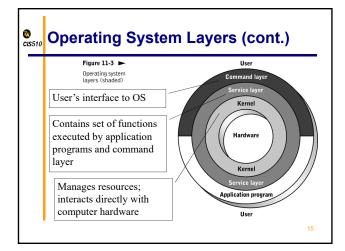
- Allocates resources such as memory,
   CPU time, and I/O devices to programs
- Protects users and programs from each other and provides for inter-program communication
- Provides feedback to the system administrators to permit performance optimization of the computer system

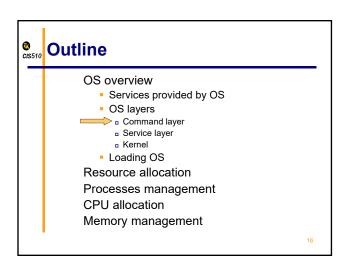












# © Command Layer

- Command layer The common user interface elements and set of tools to manage hardware and software, for example:
  - Usually a graphical user interface (GUI) though command languages are also used.
  - Programs and tools to manage files (e.g., File Explorer in Windows 10)
  - Tools to add or update hardware and software (e.g., Windows update, Add/remove hardware devices, ...)
  - Tools to execute application programs (e.g., double-click on an icon on the desktop or in Explorer)

User Interface Types

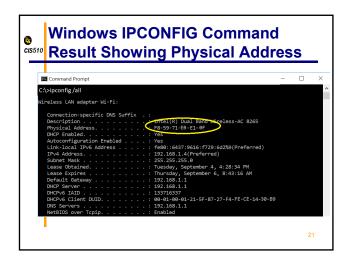
- The command layer, sometimes called the shell, is the user interface to the OS.
  - Through this layer, a user or system administrator can run application and OS utility programs and manage system resources, such as files, folders, and I/O devices.
- User interface types:
  - CLI Command Line Interface
    - A text interface that accepts user input from the keyboard.
  - GUI (pronounced goo-ee) Graphical User Interface

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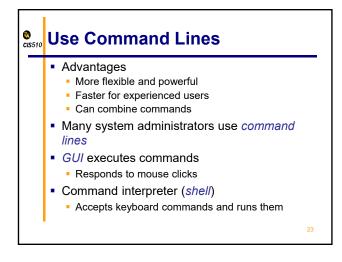
# © Command Line Interface (CLI)

- A set of commands and syntax requirements is called command language or job control language (JCL).
  - Example: MS-DOS, IBM MVS JCL, Unix Bourne shell
- Syntax: command <operand1> <operand2> ...
  - Operands: specify parameters that define the meaning of the command more precisely.
- Use examples:
  - Unix/Linux: ls cis5100/proj // Consists of command ls and operand cis5100/proj; Requests a directory listing from the subdirectory with path name cis5100/proj
  - Windows: javac Mycode.java // javac command reads Java source files and compiles them into bytecode class files that run on the Java Virtual Machine (JVM).

## **MS-DOS and UNIX Commands** Examples MS-DOS/Windows UNIX/Linux Is List a directory of files or get information about files Copy a file from one place to another copy Ср Move a file from one place to another move mv del or erase Delete (remove) a file rm Type a file out to the screen (or redirected to a printer) type cat mkdir mkdir Attach a new subdirectory to the tree at this tree junction rmdir rmdir Delete a subdirectory



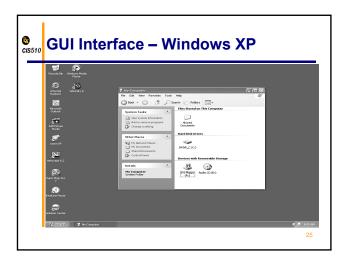




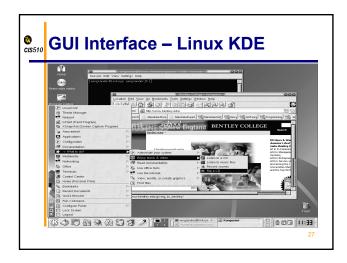
GUIS -- Windows Interfaces

• Modern OSs use Graphical User Interfaces (GUIs) that enable users to interact with visual representations (icons) of programs and other resources and manipulate them with actions, such as touching, clicking, or dragging them.

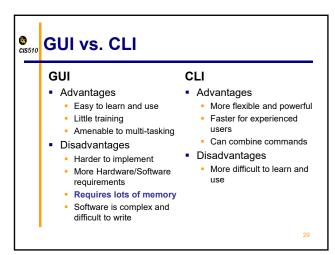
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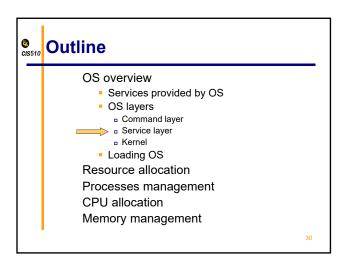


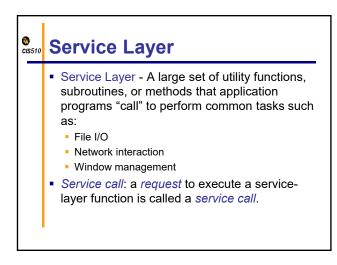


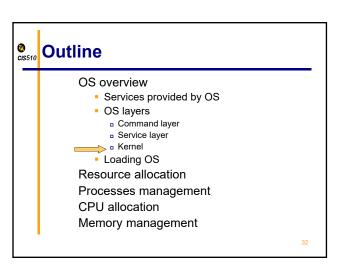


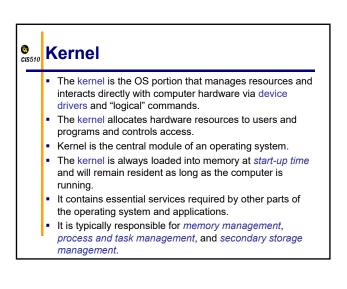


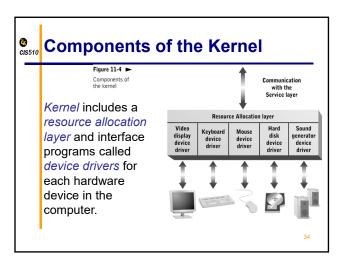


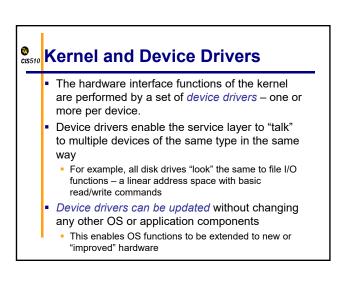


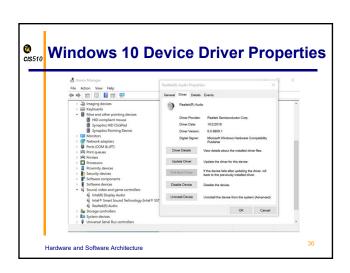






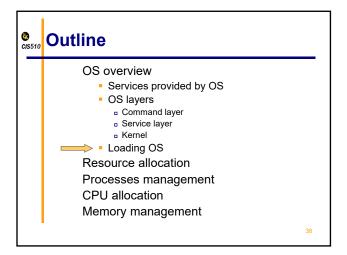






# Windows 10 Device Driver Properties (cont.)

- On a Windows computer do the following:
  - In the search bar located on the left-hand side of your taskbar, next to the Windows button, type Device Manager
  - Select Device Manager
  - Expand the category "Sound, video, and game controllers" (click the + sign)
  - Right-click on the audio device and select Properties
  - Examine the contents of the three tabs, especially the one titled *Driver*



# **When the Machine Is Powered Up**

- Execution begins with bootstrap loader stored in ROM (BIOS for PC)
  - When the computer is turned on, the CPU passes control to the BIOS program.
  - When BIOS boots up (starts up) the computer, it first determines whether all of the attachments (devices) are in place and operational.
  - The bootstrap loader looks for OS program in a fixed location (hard disk or diskette drive).
  - OS is loaded into memory.
  - The system control is passed to the operating system.
  - Then the loader program in OS is used to load and execute user programs.

Bootstrapping a Computer

- Cold vs. warm boot (does not retest the system)

- A. Transfers control to starting location of operating system program with a JMP instruction.

- ROM

- Location Degins with bootstrap loader occurrence in ROM.

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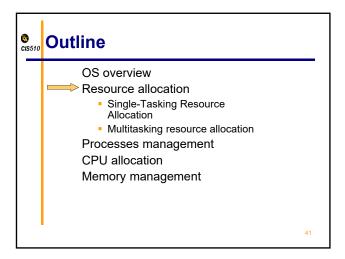
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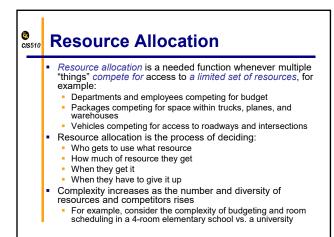
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# Resource Allocation Process Resource allocation: ensure that overall system objectives are achieved efficiently and effectively Resource allocation: ensure that overall system objectives are achieved efficiently and effectively Reeps detailed records of available resources Knows which resources are used to satisfy which requests Schedules resources based on specific allocation policies to meet present and anticipated demands Updates records to reflect resources commitment and release by processes and users

Real and Virtual Resources

Real resource – a computer system's physical devices and associated system software that physically exist

e.g., my laptop has one eight-core CPU and 16 GB of RAM

Virtual resource – the resources that are apparent to a process or user

A virtual resource "looks" real to the user (program) but may or may not physically exist.

E.g., My laptop is concurrently executing ten programs - each program "thinks" it has its own CPU.

# How is Virtual Resource Possible?

- A single program can be actively running, idle, or waiting – it needs few/no real resources in a non-running state.
- Real resources can be rapidly shifted among programs as they enter/leave a running state.
- To the extent possible, cheaper resources can be substituted for more expensive ones
  - For example, part of the instructions or data that program #6 "thinks" are stored in RAM are actually on disk --- virtual memory
  - Example: Memory is temporarily substituted for CPU registers while a program is suspended, pending completion of an I/O request. -- interrupt processing

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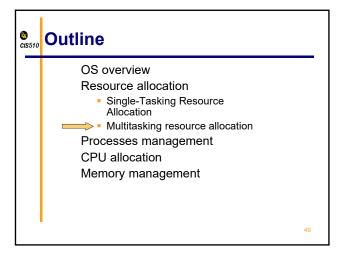
# Types of Operating Systems

- Single-tasking systems
- Multitasking systems
  - Commonly used
- Distributed systems
  - Processing power is distributed among computers in a cluster or network
- Network server systems
- Embedded systems
  - Designed to control a single piece of equipment, such as the automobile, cellular phone, or microwave oven
- Real-time systems
  - One or more processes must be able to access the CPU immediately when required. E.g., control rockets on a space flight, periodic measurements of the temperature in a nuclear reactor.

# Outline OS overview Resource allocation Single-Tasking Resource Allocation Multitasking resource allocation Processes management CPU allocation Memory management

# Single-Tasking Resource Allocation

- If a computer supports only one running application at a time it is said to be single-tasking.
- Single-tasking resource allocation is simple since there's little competition for hardware resources
  - Only one application program at a time is loaded into memory and executed.
  - Resource allocation in a single-tasking OS involves only two running programs -- an application and the OS.
  - There are two real-time "competitors" for resources:
    - The OS itself
    - Whatever application program is currently running
- Example: MS-DOS until the early 1990s



# Multitasking Systems

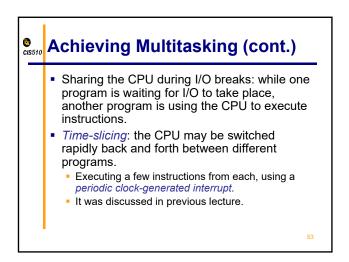
- OS support for running multiple programs (tasks) at one time is called *multitasking*.
- Multitasking (or multiprogramming) operating systems are the norm for general-purpose computers
- Multitasking allows application and system software to be more flexible especially because large programs can be built from smaller independent modules or processes.
- Multitasking operating systems must be able to handle multiple programs and users
  - Multiuser systems have to be multitasking.

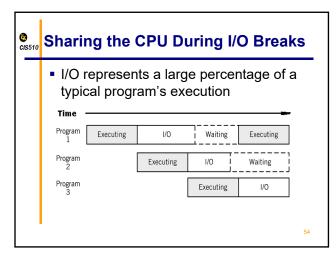
# Multitasking Resource Allocation Goals

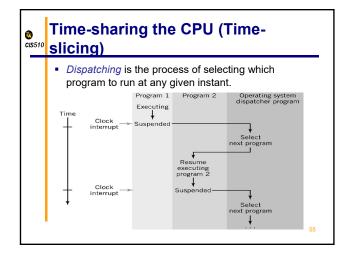
- A multitasking operating system manages hardware resources (CPU, memory, I/O) to achieve the following:
  - Meet the resource needs of processes
  - Prevent processes from interfering with one another
  - Efficiently use hardware and other resources

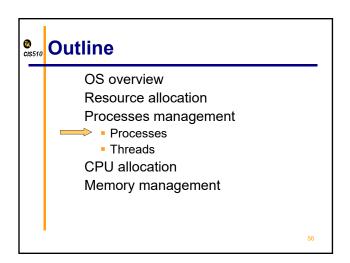
Achieving Multitasking

- Multitasking can be achieved by concurrent processing.
- The OS acts as a controller to provide concurrent processing.
  - OS makes rapid decisions about which programs receive CPU control and for how long that control is retained.
- Programs share CPUs (called concurrent or interleaved execution)









# Processes

- A process is the basic unit of work in the OS.
  - A Process is a program together with all the resources that are associated with it as it is executed.
  - I.e., A process contains all of the resources to execute as a stand-alone entity.
  - Program: a file or listing
  - Process: a program being executed
- Managed independently by OS.
- Can request and receive hardware resources and OS services.
- Can be stand-alone or part of a group that cooperates to achieve a common purpose.
- Can communicate with other processes executing on the same computer or on other computers.

# Process Control Data Structures

- The OS keeps track of each process by creating and updating a data structure called a PCB for each active process, kept in a memory area that is protected from the normal user access.
- The PCB (Process Control Block)
  - Created when the process is created, updated when the process changes and deleted when the process terminates.
  - Used by OS to perform many functions (e.g., resource allocation, secure resource access, protecting active processes from interference with other active processes)
- PCBs are normally organized into a larger data structure (called a linked list, process queue, or process list).

# Process Control Block (PCB)

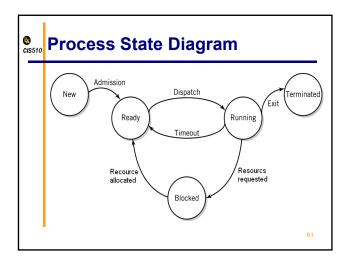
- A block of data for each process in the system
- Contains all relevant information about the process
  - Location of code in memory, stack pointer value, process ID, priority value and many more
  - PID (process ID): a unique identifier for each process
- Typical process control block on the right →

Process ID
Pointer to parent process
Pointer area to child processes
...
Process state
Program counter
Register save area
...
Memory pointers
Priority information
Accounting information
Pointers to shared memory
areas, shared processes and
libraries, files, and
other I/O resources

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# Process States

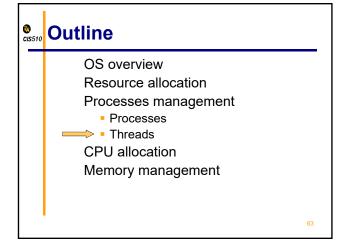
- Three primary process operating states:
  - Ready state: a process is waiting for access to a CDL
  - Running state: the process retains control of the CPU until it terminates normally or an interrupt occurs.
  - Blocked state: the process is suspended while an interrupt is being processed; Waiting for some event to occur (completion of service request or correction of an error condition)



# Interrupt Processing

- CPU automatically suspends currently executing process, pushes current register values onto the stack, and transfers control to OS master interrupt handler.
- Suspended process's state remains on the stack until interrupt processing is completed (Process is put into a blocked state)
- Once interrupt has been processed, OS can leave suspended process in blocked state, move it to ready state, or return it to running state.

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# Threads

- Processes can subdivide themselves into more easily managed subunits called threads.
- A process has at least one thread, but a thread is not necessarily a process.
- A thread is a portion of a process that can be scheduled and executed independently.
- Each thread consists of a program counter, a register set, and a stack space, but
  - shares all resources allocated to its parent process including primary storage, files and I/O devices.
- Advantage: reduce OS overhead for resource allocation and process management.

# Threads (Cont.)

- The OS keeps track of thread-specific information in a thread control block (TCB).
  - Each PCB contains pointers to its related TCBs.
- Threads can execute concurrently on a single processor or simultaneously on multiple processors.
- Like processes, threads can be created and destroyed and can be in ready, running, and blocked states.

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# Thread States

- Ready
- Waiting for access to the CPU
- Running
  - Retains control of CPU until the thread or its parent process terminates normally or an interrupt occurs
- Blocked
  - Waiting for some interrupt event to occur (completion of service request or correction of an error condition)

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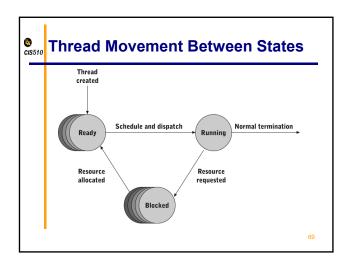
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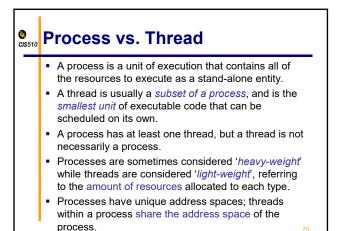
- Interrupts can occur for a variety of reasons, including the following
  - Executing a service call, such as a file I/O request
  - A hardware-generated interrupt indicating an error, such as overflow, or a critical condition, such as a power failure alarm from an uninterruptible power supply.
  - An interrupt generated by a peripheral device, such as a NIC when a packet arrives.

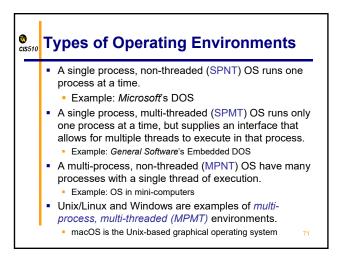
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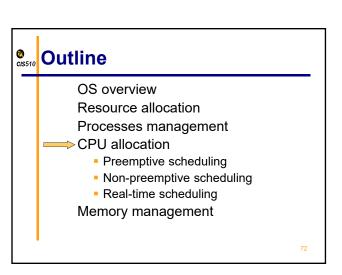
# Thread Waiting for Resources using Interrupt Processing

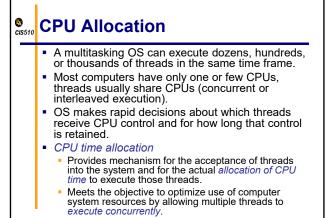
- Thread can be blocked waiting for resources.
- Thread is put into a wait state (blocked state) and its state stored on the stack.
- Some interrupt handler will process the blocked thread's request.
- When the resource has been allocated, thread is moved from blocked state to ready or running state.
- The thread remains in the blocked state until the request is satisfied or a time out occurs.

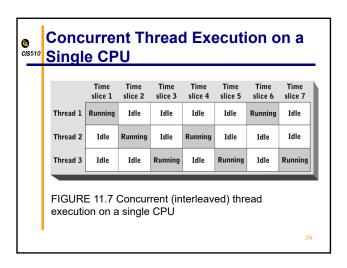












# Scheduling Decision-making process used by OS to determine which ready thread moves to the running state. The portion of the operating system that makes scheduling decisions is called the scheduler.

Scheduling Objectives

 Maximize throughput
 Maximize the number of jobs completed in a given time period
 Minimize turnaround time
 Minimize turnaround time
 Minimize the time between submission of a job and its completion
 Maximize CPU utilization
 Keep the CPU busy
 Maximize resource allocation
 Maximize the use of all resources by balancing processes that require heavy CPU time with those emphasizing I/O

# Scheduling Objectives (Cont.)

- Promote graceful degradation
  - As the system load becomes heavy, it should degrade gradually in performance.
- Provide minimal and consistent response time
  - An algorithm that allows a large variation in the response time may not be considered acceptable to users.
- Prevent starvation
  - Starvation is a situation that occurs when a process is never given the CPU time that it needs to execute.

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# Typical Scheduling Methods

- Non-preemptive scheduling
  - Program voluntarily gives up control
- Preemptive scheduling
  - Uses clock interrupt for multitasking
- Real-time scheduling
  - Actual selection of process(es) that will be executed at any given time

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# Outline

OS overview

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**CPU** allocation

- → Preemptive scheduling
  - Non-preemptive scheduling
  - Real-time scheduling

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# Preemptive Scheduling

- Preemptive systems will limit the time that the thread remains in the running state to a fixed length of time corresponding to one or more quanta.
- A running thread controls the CPU by controlling the content of the instruction pointer.
- In preemptive scheduling, a thread can be removed involuntarily from the running state.
  - CPU control of a thread is lost whenever an interrupt is received.
  - CPU then transfers control to the OS.
  - The portion of the OS that receives control is called the *supervisor*.

# Functions of the Supervisor and the Scheduler

- Functions of the *supervisor* 
  - Calls appropriate interrupt handler
  - Transfers control to the scheduler
- Functions of the scheduler
  - Updates status of any process or thread affected by last interrupt
  - Decides which thread to dispatch to the CPU
  - Updates thread control information and the stack to reflect the scheduling decision
  - Dispatches selected thread

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# Timer Interrupts

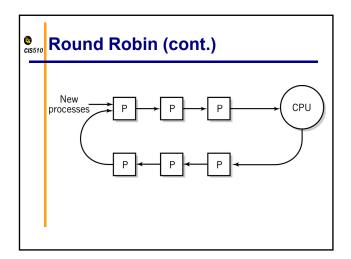
- Generated at regular intervals by CPU to give scheduler an opportunity to suspend currently executing thread
- Not a "real" interrupt; no interrupt handler to call; supervisor passes control to the scheduler.
- Important CPU hardware feature for multitasking OSs
  - Guarantee no thread can hold CPU for long period
- It is used in round robin scheduler.

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# Using a Timer Interrupt for CPU Time Sharing Program 1 Program 2 Operating system dispatcher program Vine Clock interrupt Suspended Resume Program 2 Operating system dispatcher program Vine Clock interrupt Suspended OS dispatcher loads a process (program) or thread onto the CPU for execution. Select Note of the CPU for execution.

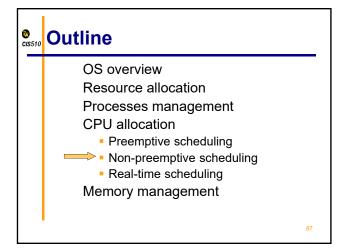
# Round Robin

- The simplest *preemptive algorithm*.
- Round robin gives each process a quantum of CPU time.
- If the process is not completed within its quantum, it is forced to return to the ready state to await another turn.
- It is inherently fair and maximizes the throughput since shorter jobs get processed quickly.



# Round Robin (cont.)

- A variation on round robin that is used by some UNIX systems calculates a dynamic priority based on the ratio of required CPU time to the total time that the process has been in the system.
- The smallest ratio is treated as the highest priority and is assigned the CPU next.
- Both Windows and Linux also use such a dynamic priority scheduling algorithm as their primary criterion for dispatch selection.
  - The algorithms on both systems adjust priority based on their use of resources.



# Non-preemptive Scheduling Non-preemptive systems will allow a running process (thread) to continue

- running until it is completed or blocked.
- Types of non-preemptive scheduling:
  - First come first served (FCFS)
  - Priority scheduling
  - Shortest time remaining (STR)

# First-Come, First Served (FCFS)

- Or First in, First out (FIFO)
- The simplest possible dispatch algorithm of non-preemptive scheduling
- Processes will be executed as they arrive, in order.
- Unfair to short processes and I/O based processes.

Priority Scheduling

- Uses a set of priority levels and assigns a level to each process or thread.
- Job with the highest priority is selected.
- If multiple jobs have the highest priority then the dispatcher selects among them using FIFO.

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# Shortest Remaining Time

- Or Shortest Job First (SJF)
- Chooses the next process to be dispatched based on the expected amount of CPU time needed to complete the process.
- Maximize throughput by selecting jobs that require only a small amount of CPU time.
- Longer jobs can be starved as short jobs will be pushed ahead of longer jobs.
  - Hence, when SJF is implemented, it generally includes a dynamic priority factor that raises the priority of jobs as they wait, until they reach a priority where they will be processed next regardless of length.

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Memory management

# Real-Time Scheduling

- Guarantees the minimum amount of CPU time to a thread if the thread makes an explicit real-time scheduling request when it is created.
- Guarantees a thread enough resources to complete its function within a specified time.
- Often used in transaction processing, data acquisition, and automated process control

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# Memory Management

- Memory management is the point at which the operating system and hardware meet and it is concerned with managing the main memory and disk drives.
- When computers first appeared, an address generated by the computer corresponded to the location of an operand in physical memory. Even today, 8-bit microprocessors do not use memory management.
- Today, the logical address generated by highperformance computers in PCs and workstations is not the physical address of the operand accessed in memory.

Virtual Memory – Basic Ideas

- Virtual memory (VM) increases the apparent amount of memory by using far less expensive hard disk space.
- Provides for process separation
- Demand paging
  - Pages reside on hard disk and are brought into memory as needed
- Page table
  - Keeps track of what is in memory and what is still out on hard disk

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# VM Terminology

- The processes are divided into pages fixed size chunks, e.g., 4KB
- The memory is also divided into the page-sized chunks called the page frames (or frames) – same size as the process pages
- For each process, OS creates a page table residing in memory which stores the information about all pages of a single process.
- The OS memory manager software maintains the page tables for each program (process).

	Process	Memory
Unit	Page	Page Frame
Address	Logical	Physical
Size	2 to 4KB	2 to 4KB
Amount	# of bits in instruction word	Installed memory

Portion of a Process's Page Table Page number Memory status Frame number Modification status In memory 214 101 On disk n/a On disk 44 n/a 110 yes n/a

# Virtual Memory Management The only portion of a process that must be in memory at any point during execution are the next instruction to be fetched and any operands stored in memory. Only a few bytes of any process must reside in memory at any one time. OS minimizes the amount of process code and data stored in memory at one time, which frees large quantities of memory for use by other processes and substantially increases the number of processes that can execute concurrently. During process execution, one or more pages are allocated to frames in memory, and the rest are still held in secondary storage (auxiliary storage).

# Virtual Memory Management (cont.)

- As pages in secondary storage are needed for current processing, the OS copies them into page frames in memory.
- If necessary, pages currently in memory are written to secondary storage to make room for other pages being loaded.

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# Handling Page Fault

- When the program is loaded, an exact, pageby-page *image* of the program is also stored in a known auxiliary storage location (called a backing store or swap space, swap file).
- The auxiliary storage area is usually found on disk or SSD.
- When an instruction or data reference is on a page that does not have a corresponding frame in memory, the CPU hardware causes a special type of *interrupt* called a *page fault* or a *page fault trap*.

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# Handling Page Fault (cont.)

- When a page fault interrupt occurs, the OS memory manager software answers the interrupt, selects a memory frame in which to place the required page.
- It then loads the required page from its program image in the backing store (disk or SSD) into the selected memory frame.
- If every memory frame is already in use by other pages, the manager software must pick a page in memory to be replaced.

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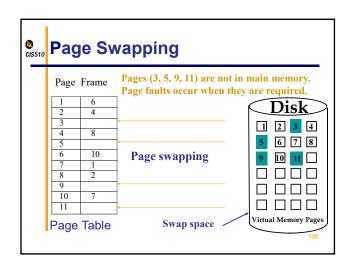
# Handling Page Fault (cont.)

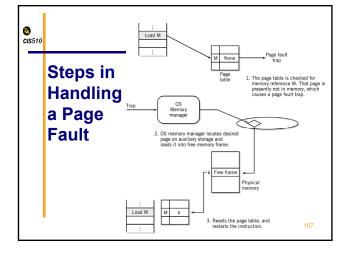
- If the page being replaced has been altered, it must first be stored back into its own image, before the new required page can be loaded.
  - This is a requirement, because the page may have to be reloaded again later.
- That way, the backing store always contains the latest version of the program and data as the program is executed.

# Handling Page Fault (cont.)

- The process of page replacement is known as page swapping.
- Most OSs perform page swapping only when it is required as a result of a page fault. This procedure is called demand paging.
- Since the virtual memory mapping assures that any program page can be loaded anywhere into memory, there is no need to be concerned about allocating particular locations in memory. Any free frame will do.

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# Memory Address

- The physical memory address is divided into two parts: a frame number and the offset (because it represents the offset from the beginning of the frame).
  - The first address in a frame is 0.
- The instruction and data memory address references in a program is logical or virtual memory references.
- The logical (virtual) address is also separated into its page number and an offset.
- Since each page fits exactly into a frame, the offset of a particular address from the beginning of a page is also exactly the same as the offset from the beginning of the frame where the page is physically loaded.

# **Dynamic Address Translation**

- The dynamic address translation (DAT) automatically and invisibly translates every individual address in a program (the logical or virtual address) to a different corresponding physical location (the physical address) in memory.
- A lookup in the program's page table locates the entry in the table for the page number, then translates, or maps, the virtual memory reference into a physical memory location consisting of the corresponding frame number and the same offset.
- This operation is implemented in hardware by processor's memory management unit (MMU).

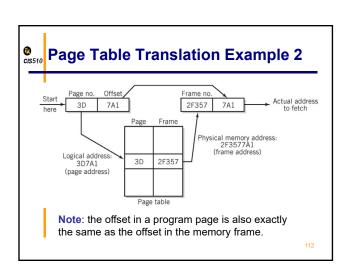
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# Dynamic Address Translation (cont.)

- Every memory reference in a fetch-execute cycle goes through the same translation process.
- The address that would normally be sent to the memory address register (MAR) is now mapped through the page table and then sent to the MAR.

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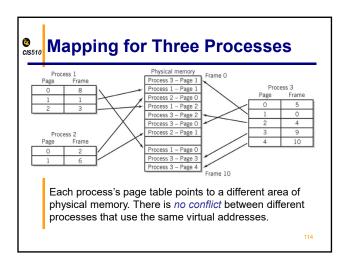
# Page Table Translation Example 1 Pages and Frames A Simple Page Table Translation Frame 0 12KB 2 1 16KB 3 1 16



# Address Mapping for Multiple CISSTO Processes in Multitasking System

- With virtual storage, each process in a multitasking system has its own virtual memory, and its own page table.
- Physical memory is shared among the different processes.
- Since all the pages are of the same size, any frame may be placed anywhere in memory.
  - The pages selected do not have to be contiguous to be placed in memory.
- The ability to load any page into any frame solves the problem of finding enough contiguous memory space in which to load programs of different sizes.

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# How are Memory Frames Managed and Assigned to Pages?

- Physical memory is shared among all of the active processes in a system.
- Since each process has its own page table, it is not practical to identify available memory frames by accumulating data from all of the tables.
- Rather, there must be a single resource that identifies the entire pool of available memory frames from which the memory manager may draw, when required.
- It can be done by using the inverted page table.

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# • Inverted Page Table • Inverted Page Table lists every memory

lists every memory frame with its associated process and page.

 The table represents what is in physical memory at every instant.

 Any frame without an associated page entry is available for allocation.

	Page	Process #	Frame
	1	3	0
	1	1	1
	0	2	2
	2	1	3
	2	3	4
	0	3	5
	1	2	6
Free page frame			7
	0	1	8
	3	3	9
	4	3	10

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# Page Replacement Algorithms

- Algorithms to manage swapping
  - FIFO First-In, First-Out
  - LRU Least Recently Used
  - NUR Not Used Recently

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# FIFO – First-In, First-Out

- The simplest realistic page replacement algorithm.
- The oldest page remaining in the page table is selected for replacement.
- Not a good page replacement algorithm:
  - A page that has been in memory for a long period of time is probably there because it is heavily
  - Belady's Anomaly when increasing number of page frames results in more page faults.
    - This phenomenon is commonly experienced when using the FIFO page replacement algorithm.

# LRU – Least Recently Used

- Replace the page in the memory that has not been used for the longest time, on the assumption that the page probably will not be needed again.
- The algorithm performs fairly well, but requires a considerable amount of overhead.
  - To implement it, the page tables must record the time every time the page is referenced.
  - Then when page replacement is required, every page must be checked to find the page with the oldest recorded time.
  - If the number of pages is large, this can take a considerable amount of time.

# NUR – Not Used Recently

- Add two additional bits for each entry in the page tables: whole reference bit and dirty bit.
- Whole reference bit: One bit is set (changed to 1) whenever the page is referenced (used).
- Dirty bit: The other bit is set (changed to 1) whenever that data on the page is modified, that is written to.

# NUR – Not Used Recently (cont.)

- It is a commonly used algorithm.
- The memory manager software will attempt to find a page with both bits set to 0 to be replaced in memory.
  - This is the page that has not been used for a while and not been modified. So it is necessary only to write the new page
- The second choice will be a page whole dirty bit is set, but whole reference bit is unset.
- The third choice will be a page that has been referenced, but not modified.
- Finally, least desirable will be a page that has been recently referenced and modified.

# Thrashing

- A condition that can arise when a system is heavily loaded is called thrashing.
- Thrashing occurs when every frame of memory is in use, and programs are allocated just enough pages to meet their minimum requirement.
- A page fault occurs in a program, and the page is replaced by another page that will itself be needed for replacement almost immediately.
- Too many page faults affect system performance.

# Virtual Memory Tradeoffs

## Disadvantages

- SWAP file takes up space on disk.
- Paging takes up resources of the CPU.

## Advantages

- Programs share memory space.
- More programs run at the same time.
- Programs run even if they cannot fit into memory all at once.
- Process separation

# Virtual Memory vs. Caching

- Cache speeds up memory access.
- Virtual memory increases amount of perceived storage.
  - Independence from the configuration and capacity of the memory system
  - Low cost per bit compared to main memory