CSE 120 Principles of Operating Systems

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Lecture 1: Course Introduction

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Lecture 1 Overview

- Class overview
- Administrative info
- Introduction to operating systems

Personnel

- Instructor
 - Geoff Voelker
 - » Office hours: Mon 3-4pm & Wed 4-5pm
- TAs and Tutors
 - Ruohan Hu
 - Kyle Leung
 - Erin McGinnis
 - Sean Powers
 - Ashrith Sheshan
 - Edward Wong
- Discussion
 - Wed @ 8am in Warren 2005 (but not this week)

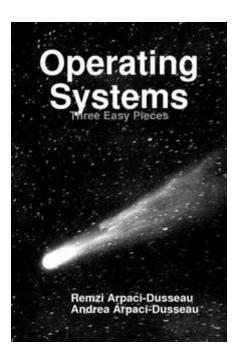
CSE 120 Class Overview

- Course material taught through class lectures, textbook readings, and handouts
- Course assignments are
 - Homework questions
 - Three large programming projects in groups
 - Midterm and final exams
- Discussion sections are a forum for asking questions
 - Lecture material and homework
- Other forums
 - Piazza

Textbook

Remzi Arpaci-Dusseau and Andrea Arpaci-Dusseau, *Operating Systems: Three Easy Pieces*, Version 0.91





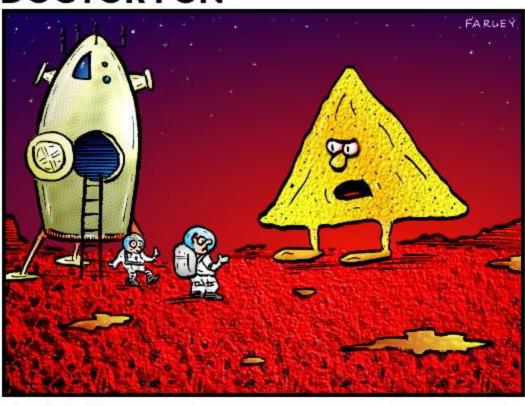
Homeworks

- There will be 4 homeworks throughout the quarter
 - Reinforce lecture material
- Homeworks provide practice learning the material
 - Unfortunately, wasted a lot of time and energy dealing with homework cheating in the past
 - So: You get full credit for a technical answer related to the homework question
 - Amount learned from doing homework is proportional to effort
 - Your choice on how much effort

Nachos Project

DOCTOR FUN

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"This is the planet where nachos rule."

Nachos

- Nachos is an instructional operating system
 - It is a user-level operating system and a machine simulator
 - » Not unlike the Java runtime environment
 - » Will become more clear very soon
 - Programming environment will be Java on Unix (Linux)
 - The projects will require serious time commitments
 - » Waiting until the last minute is not a viable option
- You will do three+ projects using Nachos
 - Concurrency and synchronization
 - System calls, processes, multiprogramming
 - Virtual memory
- You will work in groups of 1-3 on the projects
 - Start thinking about partners

Labs

- We will use the labs in the CSE basement
 - Linux running on x86 machines
- You may also use your home machine
 - The same project source will work on Windows (mostly)
 - Note: We will test and grade on ACMS machines
 - Be sure to test your projects there as well
 - » You will be able to test before the deadline
- Why work in the labs?
 - Classmates there to help (and have fun)
 - TAs there to help (will have posted hours in the lab)
 - I will visit the labs to help

Exams

- Midterm
 - Tuesday May 1st (put in your calendar)
 - Covers first half of class
- Final
 - Thursday June 14th (put in your calendar)
 - Covers second half of class + selected material from first part
 - » I will be explicit about the material covered
- No makeup exams
 - Unless absolute dire circumstances
- Crib sheet
 - You can bring one double-sided 8.5x11" page of notes to each exam to assist you in answering the questions
 - Not a substitute for understanding concepts

Grading

Homeworks: 6%

Midterm: 28%

• Final: 33%

• Projects: 33%

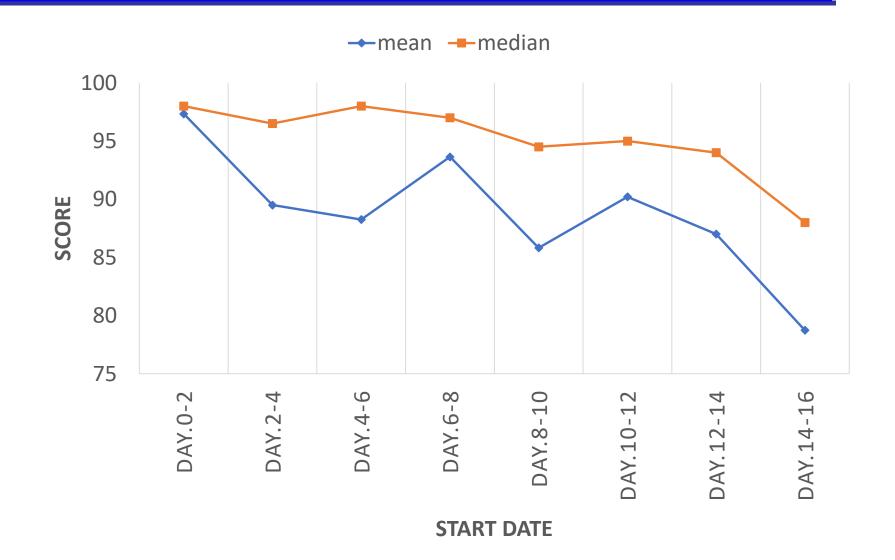
How Not To Pass CSE 120

- Do not come to lecture
 - Lecture is far too early, the slides are online, and the material is in the book anyway
 - Lecture material is the basis for exams and directly relates to the projects
- Do not do the homework
 - It's only 6% of the grade, get full credit for turning anything in
 - Concepts seem straightforward...until you apply them
 - Excellent practice for the exams, and some homework problems are exercises for helping with the project
- Violate academic integrity
 - It is much better to get a 0 for an assignment than to fail the course for academic integrity violations

How Not To Pass Even More

- Do not ask questions in lecture, office hours, or online
 - It's scary, I don't want to embarrass myself
 - Asking questions is the best way to clarify lecture material at the time it is being presented
 - Office hours and email will help with homework, projects
- Wait until the last couple of days to start a project
 - We'll have to do the crunch anyways, why do it early?
 - The projects cannot be done in the last few days
 - Repeat: The projects cannot be done in the last few days
 - Each quarter groups learn that starting early meant finishing all of the projects on time...and some do not
 - (p.s. The projects cannot be done in the last few days)

Project 1 Scores



Class Web Page

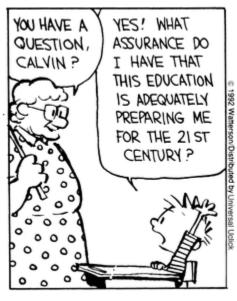
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- Serves many roles...
 - Course syllabus and schedule (updated over quarter)
 - Lecture slides
 - Homework handouts
 - Project handouts
- Supplemental readings on Unix, monitors, and threads
 - e.g., seminal research paper describing the early Unix system
 - fyi only, but you might find it interesting
 - Concepts in paper might seem obvious and familiar, but they were new at one time

Questions

• Before we start the material, any questions about the class structure, contents, etc.?

Why?



AM I GETTING THE SKILLS
I'LL NEED TO EFFECTIVELY
COMPETE IN A TOUGH, GLOBAL
ECONOMY? I WANT A HIGHPAYING JOB WHEN I GET OUT
OF HERE! I WANT OPPORTUNITY!

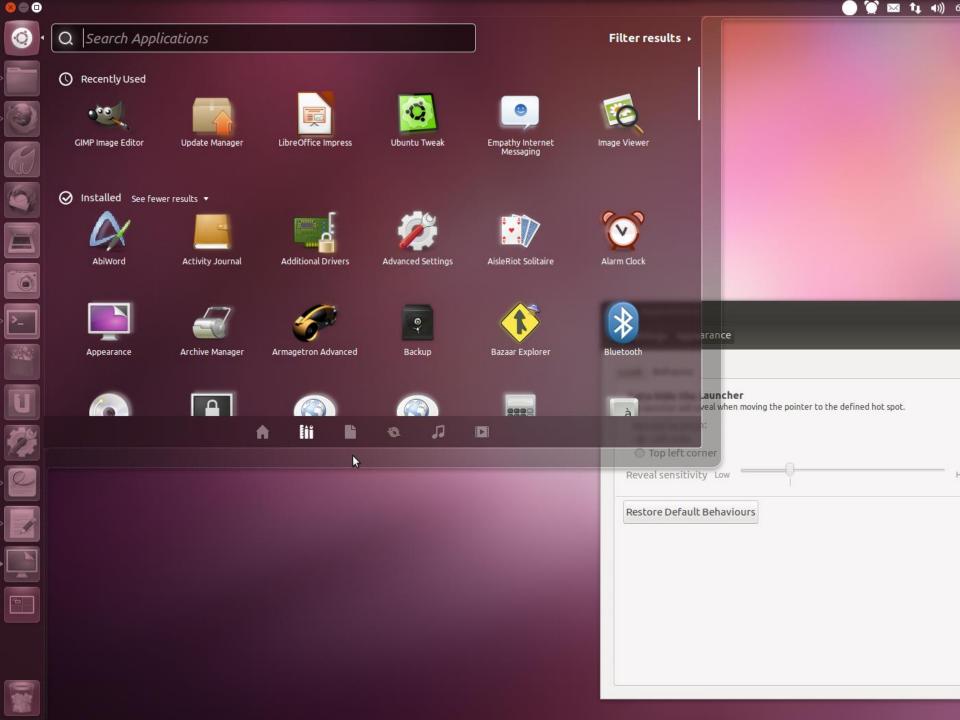


Why Operating Systems?

- Why are we making you sit here today, having to suffer through a core course in operating systems?
 - It's not like everyone will become OS developers, after all
- Understand what you use
 - Understanding how an OS works helps you develop apps
 - System functionality, performance, efficiency, etc.
- Pervasive abstractions
 - Concurrency: Threads and synchronization are common modern programming abstractions (Java, .NET, etc.)
- Complex software systems
 - Many of you will go on to work on large software projects
 - OSes serve as examples of an evolution of complex systems

CSE 120 Course Material

- This course addresses classic OS concepts
 - Services provided by the OS
 - OS implementation on modern hardware
 - Interaction of hardware and software
 - Techniques for implementing software systems that are
 - » Large and complex
 - » Long-lived and evolving
 - » Concurrent
 - » Performance-critical
- System software tends to be mysterious
 - Virtual memory? Wazzat?
- Our goal is to reveal all mysteries











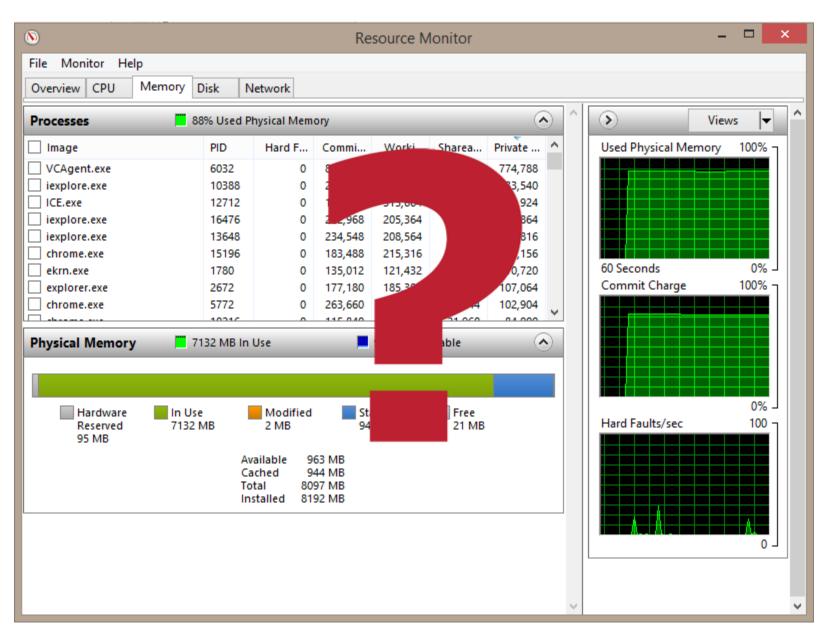












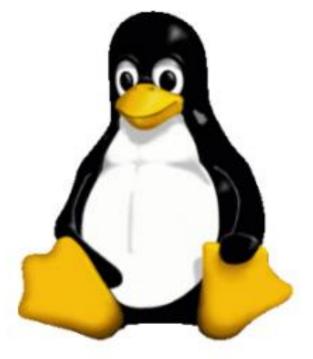
Fundamental OS Issues

- The fundamental issues/questions in this course are:
 - Structure: how is an operating system organized?
 - Sharing: how are resources shared among users?
 - Naming: how are resources named (by users and programs)?
 - Protection: how are users/programs protected from each other?
 - Security: how can information access/flow be restricted?
 - Communication: how to exchange data?
 - Reliability and fault tolerance: how to mask failures?
 - Extensibility: how to add new features?

Fundamental OS Issues (2)

- Concurrency: how to control parallel activities?
- Performance: how to make efficient use of resources, reduce OS overhead?
- Scale and growth: how to handle increased demand?
- Compatibility: can we ever do anything new?
- Distribution: how to coordinate remote operations?
- Accountability: how to charge for/restrict use of resources?
- And the principles in this course are the design methods, approaches, and solutions to these issues











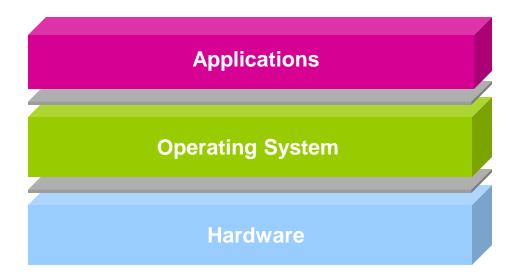


What is an Operating System?

- How would you answer?
 - (Yes, I know that's why you're taking the course...)
 - (Note: There are many answers...)

What is an Operating System?

 The operating system is the software layer between user applications and the hardware



 The OS is "all the code that you didn't have to write" to implement your application

The OS and Hardware

- The OS abstracts/controls/mediates access to hardware resources
 - Computation (CPUs)
 - Volatile storage (memory) and persistent storage (disk, etc.)
 - Communication (network, modem, etc.)
 - Input/output devices (keyboard, display, printer, camera, etc.)
- The OS defines a set of logical resources (objects) and a set of well-defined operations on those objects (interfaces)
 - Physical resources (CPU and memory)
 - Logical resources (files, programs, names)
 - Sounds like OO...

The OS and Hardware (2)

- Benefits to applications
 - Simpler (no tweaking device registers)
 - Device independent (all network cards look the same)
 - Portable (across Win95/98/ME/NT/2000/XP/Vista/7/8/10/...)
 - Transportable (same program across different OSes (Java))

The OS and Applications

- The OS defines a logical, well-defined environment...
 - Virtual machine (each program thinks it owns the computer)
- ...for users and programs to safely coexist, cooperate, share resources
 - Concurrent execution of multiple programs (timeslicing)
 - Communication among multiple programs (pipes, cut & paste)
 - Shared implementations of common facilities
 - » No need to implement the file system more than once
 - Mechanisms and policies to manage/share/protect resources
 - » File permissions (mechanism) and groups (policies)

Other Questions to Ponder

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- Popular OSes today are Windows, Linux, and OS X
 - How different/similar do you think these OSes are?
 - How would you go about answering that question?
- OSes change all of the time
 - Consider the series of releases of Windows, Linux, OS X...
 - What are the drivers of OS change?
 - What are the most compelling issues facing OSes today?

Pondering Cont'd

- How many lines of code in an OS?
 - Win7 (2009): 40M
 - OS X (2006): 86M
 - Linux (2011): 15M
 - What is largest kernel component?
- What does this mean (for you)?
 - OSes are useful for learning about software complexity
 - OS is just one example of many complex software systems
 - » Chrome (2015): 17M
 - » Apache (2015): 1.7M
 - » JDK (2015): 6M
 - » Unreal Engine 3: 2M
 - If you become a developer, you will face complexity

For next class...

- Browse the course web http://cseweb.ucsd.edu/classes/sp18/cse120-a/
- Sign up on Piazza
- Read Chapters 1 and 2
- No discussion this week
- Start thinking about partners for project groups
- Let the fun begin!