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摘 要:操作系统管理着计算机的硬件和软件资源,它是向上层应用软件提供服务(接口)的核心系统软件,这些服务包括进程管理,内存管理,文件系统,网络通信,安全机制等。操作系统的设计与实现则是软件工业的基础。为此,在国务院提出的《中国制造2025》中专门强调了操作系统的开发[1]。但长期以来,操作系统核心开发技术都掌握在外国人手中,技术受制,对于我们的软件工业来说很不利。本项目从零开始设计开发一个简单的操作系统,包括 boot loader,中断,内存管理,图形接口,多任务等功能模块,以及能运行在这个系统之上的几个小应用程序。尽管这个系统很简单,但它是自主开发操作系统的一次尝试。

关键词:操作系统,进程,内存,中断,boot loader

RongOS — A simple OS implementation

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Abstract: Operating system manages the hardware and software resources in a running computer system. It is the core of any modern software system and provides services (interfaces) to upper layer applications. The services it provides include process management, memory management, file system, network communication, security mechanism and more. Operating system development is the foundation and core of software industry. Therefore, *Made in China 2025* emphasizes the development of operating system that put forward by The State Council of China. For long time, however, the OS kernel development technology is dominated by foreigners. This technical limitation is detrimental to the development of our software industry. In this project, we presents a simple operating system which includes a boot loader, interrupt services, memory management functions, a graphic interface, and multi-process management functions. Also, some trivial user-level applications are provided for system testing purpose. This simple toy OS is an experimental trial for developing an operating system from scratch.

Key words: operating system, boot loader, interrupt, process management, memory management

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Introduction 1

This section will introduce the purpose and current status of the operating system re-

search. The setup of the development environment will also be presented here.

Background 1.1

Contemporary software systems are beset by problems that create challenges and op-

portunities for broad new OS research. There are five areas could improve user experience

including dependability, security, system configuration, system extension, and multiproces-

sor programming.

The products of forty years of OS research are sitting in everyone's desktop computer,

cell phone, car, etc., and it is not a pretty picture. Modern software systems are broadly speak-

ing complex, insecure, unpredictable, prone to failure, hard to use, and difficult to maintain.

Part of the difficult is that good software is hard to write, but in the past decade, this prob-

lem and more specific shortcomings in systems have been greatly exacerbated by increased

networking and embedded systems, which placed new demands that existing architectures

struggled to meet. These problems will not have simple solutions, but the changes must be

pervasive, starting at the bottom of the software stack, in the operating system.

The world needs broad operating system research. Dependability, security, system con-

figuration, system extension, and multi-processor programming illustrate areas were contem-

porary operating systems have failed to meet the software challenges of the modern comput-

ing environment^[2].

1.2 **Preliminary Works**

1.2.1 **Development Environment**

OS platform: Debian 9, Linux kernel 4.12.0-1-amd64

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1 Introduction

Editor: GNU Emacs 25.2.2

Run time VM: QEMU emulator 2.8.1

Assembler: Nask

Compiler: CC1(Based on gcc)

Debugger: GNU gdb 7.12

Version Control: git 2.15

1.2.2 Tools

Some tools were used to develop RongOS, See *tools*¹. Note that these tools are Windows executable. Please install wine if you want to run these tools on Linux. In these tools, the most important ones are:

nask.exe: the assembler, a modified version of NASM^[3]

cc1: the C compiler

1.2.3 Platform Setup

The development platform (mainly the Debian system) was set up by following the *Debian Installation tutorial*². The main steps include:

- 1. Installing the base Debian system;
- 2. Installing necessary software tools, such as emacs, web browser, qemu, wine, etc.;
- 3. Cloning configuration files by following the tutorial mentioned above;
- 4. Some more fine tweaks to satisfy my personal needs.

Qemu

QEMU is a generic and open source machine emulator and virtualizer^[4]. In this project, QEMU was used as the test bed.

Installing QEMU for my x86_64 architecture can be easily done by executing the following command:

\$ sudo apt-get install qemu-system-x86_64

1https://github.com/Puqiyuan/RongOS/tree/master/z_tools

2http://cs2.swfc.edu.cn/~wx672/lecture_notes/linux/install.html

Wine

Wine (originally an acronym for "Wine Is Not an Emulator") is a compatibility layer capable of running Windows applications on several POSIX-compliant operating systems, such as Linux, macOS, and BSD^[5].

Because the tools I used in this project are in Windows executable format, so on Debian system, Wine is needed to be installed:

```
$ sudo apt-get update
$ sudo apt-get install wine
```

Debian i386 support

On 64-bit systems you need to enable multi-arch support for running 32-bit Windows applications (many modern apps are still 32-bit, also for large parts of the Windows subsystem itself). Our development tools were 32-bit Windows applications, so we needed to have i386 support for our 64-bit Linux system.

```
$ sudo dpkg --add-architecture i386
$ sudo apt-get update
```

2 Design

In this section will introduce the design of the entire system including the kernel, API, and applications.

2.1 Top Level Design

All applications use the functions provided by the operating system kernel through API calls. This facilitates the application's ability to call the operating system. The overall system architecture is as 2-1 shown:

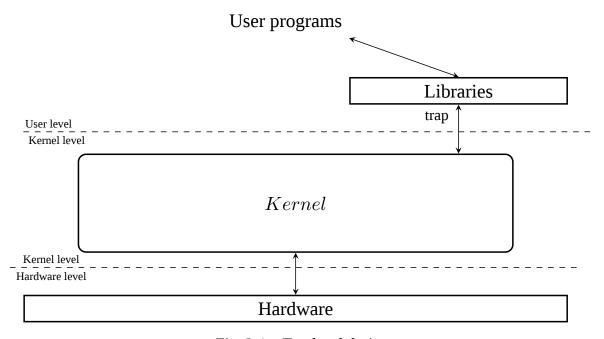


Fig. 2-1 Top-level design

2.2 Detailed Design

2.2.1 Kernel

The kernel receives the API call in the upward direction and the kernel requests the hardware service through the driver in the downward direction.

1. Module Relationship

Fig. 2-2 shows how the various modules in the kernel are related. bootpack completes startup-related settings such as keyboard, PIC, GDT/IDT and mouse settings. ipl loads the entire operating system into memory. asmhead completes the switch to 32-bit mode and calls the C function. naskfunc is used to provide functions that the C language cannot do and thus requires assembly. PIC, keyboard and mouse is used to complete hardware-related initialization. console is used to accept command line arguments and run various commands related to the application. graphic is used to depict the mouse, graphics etc. window for making windows. sheet is used to control layers, such as layer height settings etc. memory for managing memory. task is used to manage multiple tasks, such as task switching, scheduling. timer for managing time slices. fifo is used to manage FIFO buffers that are used to accept various data. dsctbl for GDT/IDT setting. file is used to manage file-related operations such as reading, loading, and searching for files.

2. Data Structure in Kernel

In this section data structures used in the RongOS operating system will be introduced in detail.

Code 2-1 struct BOOTINFO

BOOTINFO (code 2-1) is used to store startup-related information, such as how many cylinders were read, the status of the keyboard indicator, the mode of the screen, the size of the screen, and the memory address of the graphics card.

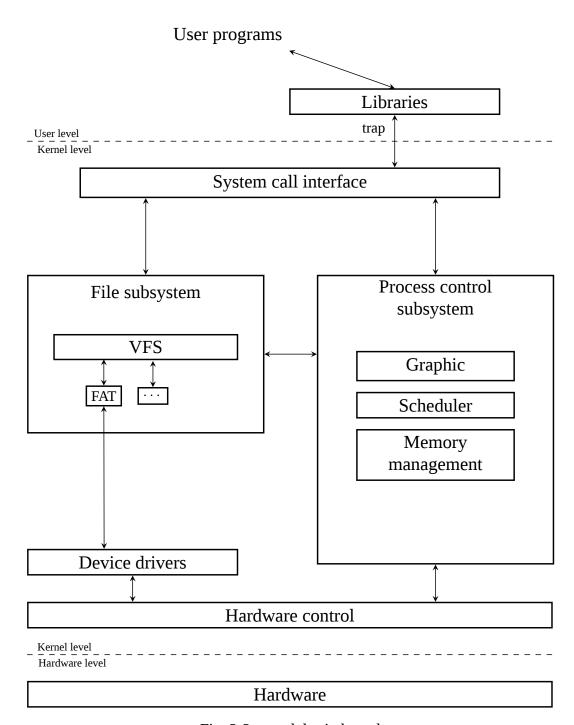


Fig. 2-2 modules in kernel

```
struct
2
                     /* the address of FIF032 buffer */
3
     int* buf;
                      /* the writing address */
     int p;
4
     int q;
                      /* the reading address */
5
                      /* the size of FIF032 buffer */
     int size;
                      /* how many space free */
     int free;
7
                       /* the states of FIF032 buffer */
8
    int flags;
     struct TASK* task; /* point to a task */
9
10 };
```

Code 2-2 struct FIF032

FIFO32 (code 2-2) is used to describe a FIFO structure. This structure is used to receive various kinds of information. It specifies where to read and write the FIFO structure and the size of the buffer, available size.

```
struct
  {
    short limit_low; /* the low part of segment size */
3
    short base_low; /* the low part of base address */
4
    char base_mid; /* the middle part of base address */
5
    char access_right; /* read and write permissions etc */
6
7
    char limit_high; /* the high part of segment size */
                     /* the high part of base address */
    char base_high;
9
 };
```

Code 2-3 struct SEGMENT DESCRIPTOR

SEGMENT_DESCRIPTOR (code 2-3) structure is used to store GDT related information, which is based on CPU specifications(3.5.1 and 3.4.5^[6]). GDT is stored at 270000 in memory.

Code 2-4 struct GATE_DESCRIPTOR

GATE_DESCRIPTOR (code 2-4) structure is used to store IDT related information, which is based on CPU specifications(3.5.1 and 3.4.5^[6]). IDT is at 26f800 memory.

```
struct
2
    unsigned char buf[3]; /* store the data from mouse */
3
    unsigned char phase; /* the stage of receiving mouse
4

→ data */

                          /* the x point of mouse */
    int x;
5
    int y;
                          /* the y point of mouse */
6
    int btn;
                          /* whether the mouse is pressed */
  };
```

Code 2-5 struct MOUSE DEC

MOUSE_DEC (code 2-5) structure is used to store information about the mouse, such as the location of the mouse, whether the mouse is pressed or not.

Code 2-6 struct FREEINFO

FREEINFO (code 2-6) structure stores how many bytes are free from where in memory.

```
struct
2
3
     int frees;
                                          /* how many memory
     → blocks are free */
     int maxfrees;
                                          /* the maximum of

    frees */

    int lostsize;
                                          /* release the sum
     → of the failed memory size */
     int losts;
                                          /* the number of
6
     → failures */
     struct FREEINFO free[MEMMAN_FREES]; /* record all free
     → memory block information */
   };
```

Code 2-7 struct MEMMAN

MEMMAN (code 2-7) structure is used to store the entire memory usage, such as the total remaining memory space and entries.

```
struct
2
   {
    char* buf; /* the address of the graphic content
3
     → depicted */
    int bxszie; /* the size of x coordinate of sheet */
4
    int vx0;
    int bysize; /* the size of y coordinate of sheet */
                 /* the x coordinate of sheet */
6
                 /* the y coordinate of sheet */
7
     int col_inv; /* the number of invisible color */
8
     int height; /* the height of sheet */
9
     int flags; /* the states of sheet, using or not */
  };
```

Code 2-8 struct SHEET

SHEET (code 2-8) structure is used to store the entire memory usage, such as the total remaining memory space and entries.

```
struct
2
3
    unsigned char* vram;
                                    /* the address of VRAM
     → */
    unsigned char* map;
                                     /* which layer the
     → pixel on the screen belongs to*/
    int xsize;
                                     /* the x size of screen
     → */
                                     /* the y size of screen
    int ysize;
6
     → */
    int top;
                                      /* the height of the

→ top layer */

    struct SHEET* sheets[MAX_SHEETS]; /* order all layer

→ addresses in order */
    struct SHEET sheets0[MAX_SHEETS]; /* all layers */
  };
```

Code 2-9 struct SHTCTL

SHTCTL (code 2-9) structure is used to manage the structure of multiple layer information, including how many layers there are in total, the size and height of each layer.

```
struct
1
     struct TIMER* next; /* the next timer that is about to
3
     \hookrightarrow timeout */
     unsigned int timeout; /* how long is the timeout */
4
     char flags; /* the states of timer */
5
                            /* whether to allow automatic
6
     char flgas2;
     \hookrightarrow cancellation */
     struct FIF032* fifo; /* store data(from mouse, keyboard
     \hookrightarrow etc) */
                             /* accept data */
     int data;
   };
9
```

Code 2-10 struct TIMER

TIMER (code 2-10) structure is used to manage the time slice of the CPU. The timer interrupts the CPU at regular intervals. This structure records the length of the timer, usage status and other information.

```
struct
this struct
this struct
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this struct
this struct this struct this struct this struct this struct this struct this struct this struct this struct this struct this struct this struct this struct this struct this struct this struct this struct this struct this struct this struct this struct this struct this struct this struct this struct this struct this struct this struct this struct this struct this struct this struct this struct this struct this struct this struct this struct this struct this struct this struct this struct this struct this struct this struct this struct this struct this struct this struct this struct this struct this struct this struct this struct this struct this struct this struct this struct this struct this struct this struct this struct this struct this struct this struct this struct this struct this struct this struct this struct this struct this struct this struct this struct this struct this struct this struct this struct this struct this struct this struct this struct this struct this struct this struct this struct this struct this struct this struct this struct this struct this struct this struct this struct this struct this struct this struct this struct this struct this struct this struct this struct this struct this struct this struct this struct this struct this struct this struct this struct this struct this struct this struct this struct this struct this struct this struct this struct this struct this struct this struct this struct this struct this struct this struct this struct this struct this struct this struct this struct this struct this struct this struct this struct this struct this struct this struct this struct this struct this struct this struct this struct this struct this struct this struct this struct this struct this struct this struct this struct this struct this struct this struct this struct this struct this struct this struct this struct this struct this struct this struct this struct this struct this struct this struct this struct this s
```

Code 2-11 struct TIMERCTL

TIMERCTL (code 2-11) structure is used to manage all timers in the system. Including how many timers are in total, current use, and the next timer to be used.

```
struct
     int esp0, esp1, esp2; /* stack pointer register */
3
     int ss0, ss1, ss2; /* stack segment register */
4
                         /* control register */
5
     int cr3;
                         /* instruct pointer register */
     int eip;
                        /* registers flag */
     int eflags;
                         /* accumulator register */
8
     int eax;
                         /* counter register */
     int ecx;
9
     int edx;
                         /* data register */
                         /* base register */
     int ebx;
                         /* stack pointer register */
     int esp;
                        /* base pointer register*/
     int ebp;
                        /* source index register */
     int esi;
                         /* destination index register */
     int edi;
                        /* extra segment register */
16
     int es;
                         /* code segment register */
     int cs;
                        /* stack segment register */
     int ss;
18
                         /* data segment register */
     int ds;
                         /* segment part 2 */
     int fs;
                         /* segment part 3 */
     int gs;
                         /* LDT segment selector */
     int ldtr;
     int iomap;
                         /* I/O map base address */
24
  };
```

Code 2-12 struct TSS32

TSS32 (code 2-12) structure holds information about task status segments, which are based on CPU specifications(See 6.2.1^[6]).

```
struct
this is struct
this int size; /* store the handler of file */
int size; /* the size of file */
int pos; /* where to read the file */
};
```

Code 2-13 struct FILEHANDLE

FILEHANDLE (code 2-13) is used to record an open file related data structure.

```
struct
   {
     int sel;
3
                                         /* the number of GDT */
                                         /* the state of task */
     int flags;
4
                                         /* the level of task */
     int level;
5
     int priority;
                                         /* the priority of task
      → */
     struct FIF032 fifo;
                                         /* a fifo buffer */
     TSS32 tss;
                                         /* TSS segment for a
8
      \rightarrow task */
      struct CONSOLE* cons;
                                         /* the console window
      → address of task */
     int ds_base;
                                         /* data segment address

→ of APPs */

      int cons_stack;
                                         /* the stack address of
      → APPs */
      struct SEGMENT_DESCRIPTOR ldt[2]; /* tow LDT segments of
      \hookrightarrow task */
     struct FILEHANDLE* fhandle;
                                         /* file handles for

→ manipulating files */

      int* fat;
                                         /* file allocation
14

→ table */

      char* cmdline;
                                         /* store the command
      → line context */
     unsigned char langmode;
unsigned char langbyte1;
                                         /* which font to use */
                                         /* store the first byte
      → of the full-width character */
   };
```

Code 2-14 struct TASK

TASK (code 2-14)is used to manage variables for a task. Record the task's sections, permissions, stacks, etc.

Code 2-15 struct TASKLEVEL

TASKLEVEL (code 2-15) is used to record the status of each task in a layer.

Code 2-16 struct TASKCTL

TASKCTL (code 2-16) is used to control all tasks in the system.

```
struct
2
    struct SHEET* sht;
                         /* which layer is used on the
3
     \rightarrow command line */
    int cur_x;
                         /* the x position of console */
4
                        /* the y position of console */
5
    int cur_y;
                         /* the color of console */
     int cur_c;
     struct TIMER* timer; /* timer to control cursor blinking
     → */
  };
```

Code 2-17 struct CONSOLE

CONSOLE (code 2-17)is used to record information about a console terminal, such as location, color, and so on.

```
struct
2
3
    unsigned char name[8]; /* file name */
    unsigned char ext[3]; /* extend name of file */
4
                            /* file attributes */
    unsigned char type;
5
                            /* reserve byte */
    char reserve[10];
                           /* the time for storing file */
    unsigned short time;
    unsigned short date; /* the date for storing file */
    unsigned short clustno; /* the file from which sector on
9
        the disk is stored */
  };
```

Code 2-18 struct FILEINFO

FILEINFO (code 2-18) is used to record file-related information, such as file name, size, etc.

3. Each Module

- 1. NAME
 - graphic
 - SYNOPSIS
 - graphic is used to depict the mouse, graphics. Finish the palette setting etc.
 - FUNCTION
 - void init palette(void)
 - * Objective: prepare the color definition and call the palette setting function set palete().
 - * Parameter: NULL
 - void set_palette(int start, int end, unsigned char *rgb)
 - * Objective: using the color variables prepared in the init_palette, the palette is set by calling the assembly function in naskfunc module to operate the hardware.
 - * Parameter
 - · int start: start color number
 - · int end: end color number

	· unsigned char* rgb: the address of color buffer
	_
	* Objective:
	* Parameter:
	•
	•
	•
	•
2.	• NAME
	_
	• SYNOPSIS
	_
	• FUNCTION
	_
	* Objective:
	* Parameter:
	_
	* Objective:
	* Parameter
	•
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	_
	* Objective:
	* Parameter:
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	•

- 2.2.2 API
- **2.2.3** APPs

3 Implementation

3.1 Kernel

This section is used to describe the detailed design of each module of the kernel.

3.1.1 Boot Loader(ipl.asm)

The boot loader is implemented in Intel assembly. It works as following:

- Display boot information: Firstly, the code in boot sector (See Appendix A.1.1) outputs some boot information. When al=0, the null character of boot information hit.
 Interrupt 0x10 is used for showing a character.
- Read the second sector: Then jump to load C0-H0-S2, ax register saved the address
 where beginning puts the sectors from floppy. And preparing parameters for interrupt
 0x13 in registers. The 0x13 interrupt used for read sector from floppy to memory. (See
 Appendix A.1.2).

3. Read two sides of a track:

If there is a carry indicating some thing went wrong while reading the floppy disk, reset the registers and try reading it again. The read process aborts after five unsuccessful read.

Register si is a counter. If no carry (success), jump to next segment, as one sector has been read into memory already. The address should increase 512 byte. Then sector number (cl register) is added by 1 and compare it to 18, if it's smaller than 18, jump to readloop, read the next sector.

If the value of cl register bigger or equal to than 18, meaning that one track 18 sector in this side of floppy read already, then reversed the head, add 1 to dh register.

If the value of dh register after adding larger than or equal to 2, it's saying the original head is 1, one track of two sides read already. Otherwise the value of dh register smaller than 2, read this side indicating by dh register, jump to readloop segmentation.

Appendix A.1.3 is the code to perform this function.

There is a pseudo code about this process:

```
Result: Read two sides of one track
1 ENTRANCE: call readloop();
2 Procedure readloop()
      clear the times of failed to 0, si \leftarrow 0;
      call retry();
5 Procedure retry()
      register parameter preparing;
      read a sector;
      if no carry then
 8
          call next():
 9
10
      else
          add 1 to si, si \leftarrow si + 1;
11
12
          compare si with 5;
          if si >= 5 then
13
             goto error, FINISHED;
14
          else
15
16
           reset registers and call retry() to read again;
17
18
      \mathbf{end}
19 Procedure next()
20
      memory address moved back 0x200;
      add 1 to cl, preparing for reading the next sector, cl \leftarrow cl + 1;
21
      if cl \ll 18 then
22
         call readloop() to read this sector;
23
24
          cl > 18, it means that one side of this track is read already;
25
26
          add 1 to dh, dh \leftarrow dh + 1, reverse the head pointer;
          if dh < 2 then
27
             it means the 1 side has not read yet, call readloop();
28
          else
29
             both sides have finished reading, FINSHED;
30
31
          end
      end
32
```

Algorithm 1: read two sides of one track

4. **The next cylinder:** So the next step is moving a cylinder, add 1 to register ch. Otherwise the value of dh register smaller than 2, read this side indicating by dh register, jump to readloop segmentation. After ch register add 1, if it's smaller than 10, jump to readloop, otherwise end loading floppy to memory process, for we only load ten cylinders of floppy. Appendix A.1.4 is the code to perform this function.

The above four steps can be intuitively reflected in the Fig. 3-1.

3.2 **API**

3.3 APPs

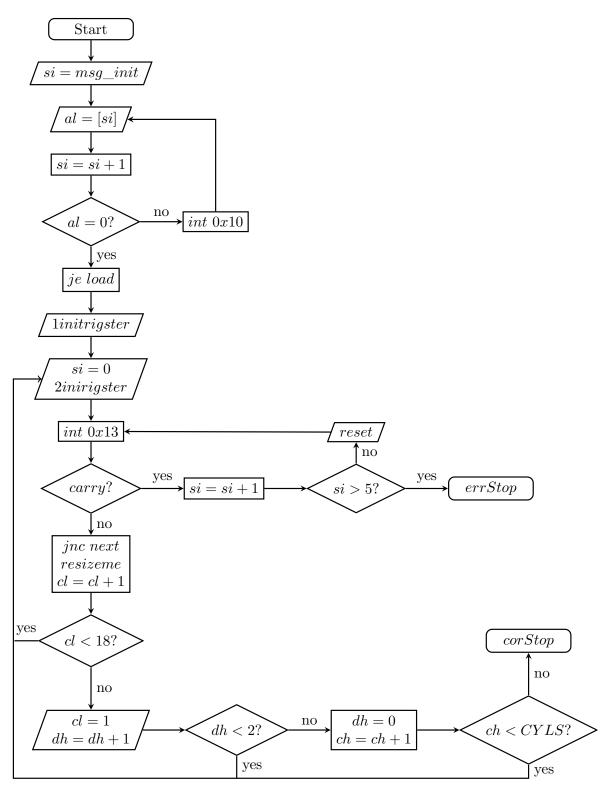


Fig. 3-1 the working flowchart of boot loader

4 Conclusions

What goes in your "Conclusions" chapter? The purpose of this chapter is to provide a summary of the whole thesis or report. In this context, it is similar to the Abstract, except that the Abstract puts roughly equal weight on all thesis/report chapters, whereas the Conclusions chapter focuses primarily on the findings, conclusions and/or recommendations of the project.

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- Usually, you would not present any new figures or tables in this chapter.
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- 2. Re-iterate the purpose and specific objectives of your project.
- 3. Re-cap the approach taken -similar to the road map in the intro; however, in this case, you are re-capping the data, methodology and results as you go.
- 4. Summarize the major findings and recommendations of your work.
- 5. Make recommendations for future research.

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A Main Program Code

A.1 Boot loader

A.1.1 Display boot information

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mov al, [si]
add si, 1; increment by 1.

cmp al, 0
je load; if al == 0, jmp to load, the msg_init info displayed.

the lastest character is null character, coding in 0.

mov ah, 0x0e; write a character in TTY mode.

mov bx, 15; specify the color of the character.

int 0x10; call BIOS function, video card is number 10.

jmp init
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A.1.2 Read the second sector

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mov ax, 0

mov ax, 0x0820; load CO-HO-S2 to memory begin with 0x0820.

mov es, ax

mov ch, 0; cylinder 0.

mov dh, 0; head 0.

mov cl, 2; sector 2.

readloop:
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mov si, 0; si register is a counter, try read a sector

; five times.

mov ah, 0x02; parameter 0x02 to ah, read disk.

mov al, 1; parameter 1 to al, read disk.

mov bx, 0

mov dl, 0x00; the number of driver number.

int 0x13; after prepared parameters, call 0x13 interrupted.
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A.1.3 Read two sides of a track

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jnc next; if no carry read next sector.
            add si, 1; tring again read sector, counter add 1.
            cmp si, 5 ; until five times
            jae error; if tring times large than five, failed.
            ; reset the status of floppy and read again.
            mov ah, 0x00
            mov dl, 0x00
            int 0x13
            jmp retry
    next:
            mov ax, es
            ; we can not directly add to es register.
            add ax, 0x0020 ; add 0x0020 to ax
            mov es, ax; the memory increase 0x0020 * 16 = 512 byte.
            ; size of a sector.
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            add cl, 1; sector number add 1.
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cmp cl, 18; one track have 18 sector.

jbe readloop; jump if below or equal 18, read the next sector.

mov cl, 1; cl number reset to 1, ready to read the other side.

add dh, 1; the other side of floppy.

cmp dh, 2; only two sides of floppy.

jb readloop; if dh < 2, read 18 sectors of the other sides
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A.1.4 The next cylinder

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mov dh, 0; after finished read the other side, reset head to 0.

add ch, 1; two sides of a cylinder readed, add 1 to ch.

cmp ch, CYLS; read 10 cylinders.

jb readloop
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