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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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1 Introduction

This section will introduce the purpose and current status of the operating system research. The setup of the development environment will also be presented here.

1.1 Background

Contemporary software systems are beset by problems that create challenges and opportunities for broad new OS research. There are five areas could improve user experience including dependability, security, system configuration, system extension, and multiprocessor 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 speaking 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 problem 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 configuration, system extension, and multi-processor programming illustrate areas where contemporary operating systems have failed to meet the software challenges of the modern computing environment^[2].

1.2 Preliminary Works

1.2.1 Development Environment

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

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:

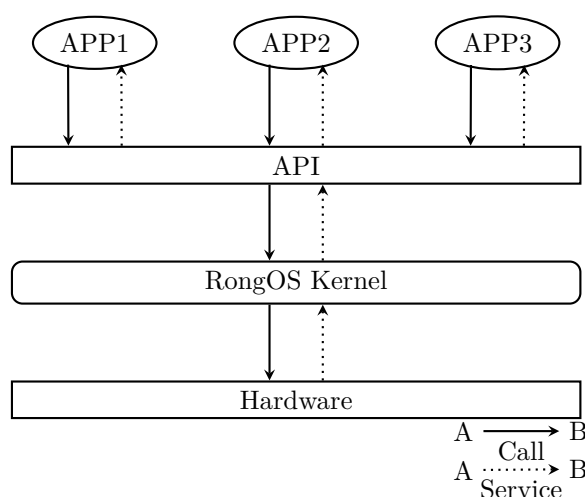


Fig. 2-1 Top-level design

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. `ip1` 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. `graph` 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

The following describes the data structure used in the RongOS operating system.

1. NAME

BOOTINFO

SYNOPSIS

The structure `BOOTINFO` stores 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.

MEMBER

char `cyls`

number of cylinders to read

char `leds`

keyboard state at boot

char `vmode`

bits of color of graphics card

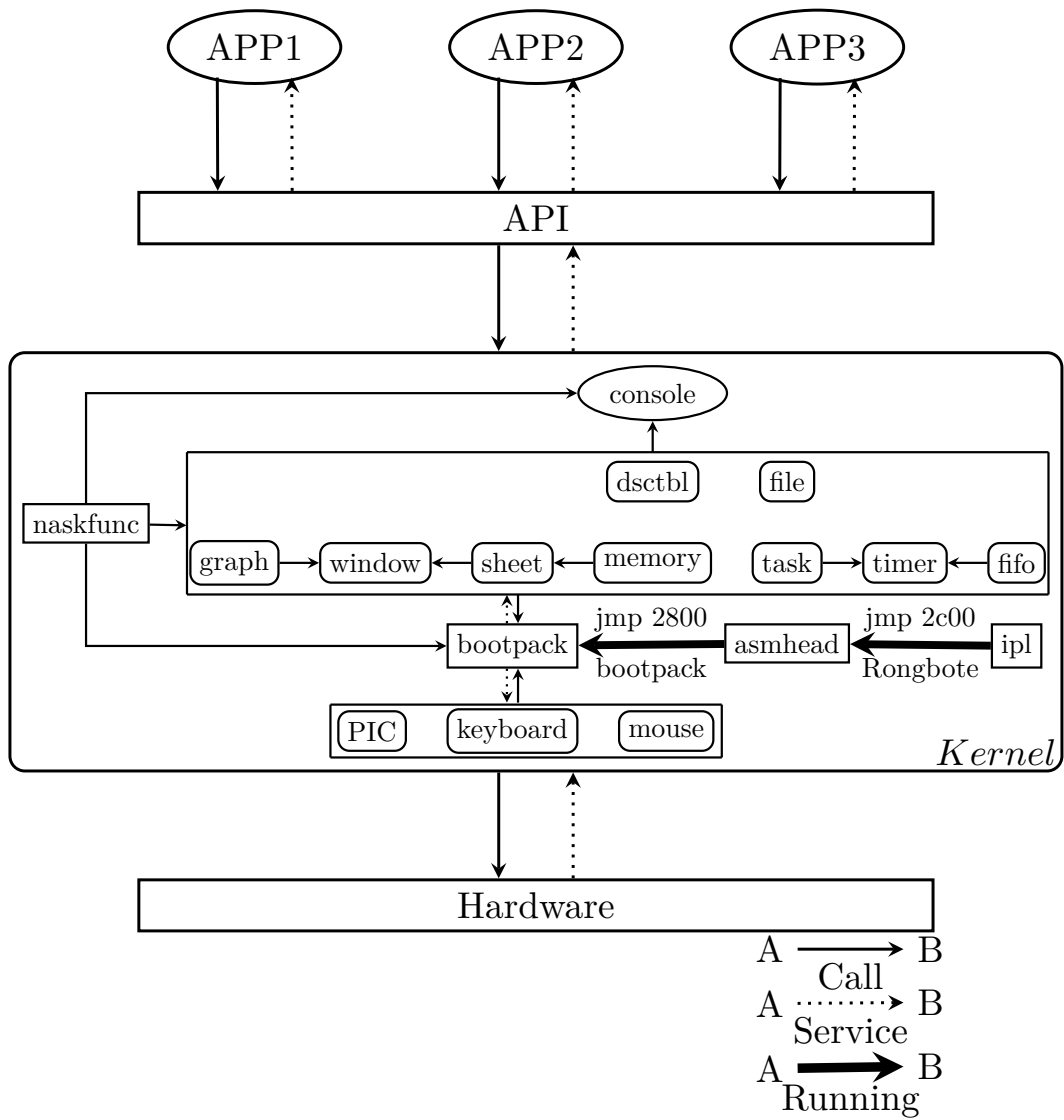


Fig. 2-2 modules in kernel

char reserve

reserved bytes

short scrnx

screen resolution of x

short scrny

screen resolution of y

char* vram

the starting address of the image buffer

2. NAME

FIFO32

SYNOPSIS

FIFO32 is used to describe a FIFO structure. This structure is used to receive various kinds of information. FIFO32 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.

MEMBER

int* buf

the address of FIFO32 buffer

int p

the writing address

int q

the reading address

int size

the size of FIFO32 buffer

int free

how many space free

int flags

the states of FIFO32 buffer

struct TASK* task

point to a task

3. NAME

SEGMENT_DESCRIPTOR

SYNOPSIS

SEGMENT_DESCRIPTOR 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.

MEMBER

short limit_low

the low part of segment size

short base_low

the low part of base address

char base_mid

the middle part of base address

char access_right

read and write permissions etc

char limit_high

the high part of segment size

char base_high

the high part of base address

4. NAME

GATE_DESCRIPTOR

SYNOPSIS

GATE_DESCRIPTOR 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.

MEMBER

short offset_low

the low part of offset

short selector

which interrupt to choose

char dw_count

how many interrupts are registered

char access_right

access permission

short offset_high

high part of offset

5. NAME

MOUSE_DEC

SYNOPSIS

MOUSE_DEC structure is used to store information about the mouse, such as the location of the mouse, whether the mouse is pressed or not.

MEMBER

unsigned char buf[3]

store the data from mouse

unsigned char phase

the stage of receiving mouse data

int x

the x point of mouse

int y

the y point of mouse

int btn

whether the mouse is pressed

6. NAME

FREEINFO

SYNOPSIS

FREEINFO structure stores how many bytes are free from where in memory.

MEMBER

unsigned int addr
the starting address of free space

unsigned int size
how many size is free

7. NAME

MEMMAN

SYNOPSIS

MEMMAN structure is used to store the entire memory usage, such as the total remaining memory space and entries.

MEMBER

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 failures

struct FREEINFO free[MEMMAN_FREES]
record all free memory block information

8. NAME

SHEET

SYNOPSIS

SHEET structure is used to record the position, usage, and color of a layer.

MEMBER

char* buf
the address of the graphic content depicted

int bxszie
the size of x coordinate of sheet

int bysize
the size of y coordinate of sheet

int vx0
the x coordinate of sheet

int vy0
the y coordinate of sheet

int col_inv
the number of invisible color

int height
the height of sheet

int flags
the states of sheet, using or not

9. NAME

SHTCTL

SYNOPSIS

SHTCTL 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.

MEMBER

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

int ysize
the y size of screen

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

10. NAME

TIMER

SYNOPSIS

TIMER 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.

MEMBER

struct TIMER* next
the next timer that is about to timeout
unsigned int timeout
how long is the timeout
char flags
the states of timer
char flgas2
whether to allow automatic cancellation
struct FIFO32* fifo
store data(from mouse, keyboard etc)
int data
accept data

11. NAME

TIMERCTL

SYNOPSIS

TIMERCTL 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.

MEMBER

- unsigned int count
 - count variable
- unsigned int next
 - the next timeout timer
- struct TIMER* t0
 - the shortest timeout timer
- struct TIMER timers0
 - all timers

12. NAME

TSS32

SYNOPSIS

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

MEMBER

- int esp0, esp1, esp2
 - stack pointer register
- int ss0, ss1, ss2
 - stack segment register
- int cr3
 - control register
- int eip
 - instruct pointer register
- int eflags
 - registers flag
- int eax
 - accumulator register
- int ecx

counter register
int edx
data register
int ebx
base register
int esp
stack pointer register
int ebp
base pointer register
int esi
source index register
int edi
destination index register
int es
extra segment register
int cs
code segment register
int ss
stack segment register
int ds
data segment register
int fs
segment part 2
int gs
segment part 3
int ldtr
LDT segment selector
int iomap
I/O map base address

13. NAME

FILEHANDLE

SYNOPSIS

FILEHANDLE is used to record an open file related data structure

MEMBER

char* buf

store the handler of file

int size

the size of file

int pos

where to read the file

14. NAME

TASK

SYNOPSIS

TASK is used to manage variables for a task. Record the task's sections, permissions, stacks, etc.

MEMBER

int sel

the number of GDT

int flags

the state of task

int level

the level of task

int priority

the priority of task

struct FIFO32 fifo

a fifo buffer

TSS32 tss

TSS segment for a 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]
 two LDT segments of task

struct FILEHANDLE* fhandle
 file handles for manipulating files

int* fat
 file allocation table

char* cmdline
 store the command line context

unsigned char langmode
 which font to use

unsigned char langbyte1
 store the first byte of the full-width character

15. NAME

TASKLEVEL

SYNOPSIS

TASKLEVEL is used to record information for all tasks on a layer

MEMBER

int running
 how many tasks are running

int now
 which task is currently running

struct TASK* tasks[MAX_TASKS_LV]
 all tasks in one level

16. NAME

TASKCTL

SYNOPSIS

TASKCTL is used for all levels of tasks in the entire system.

MEMBER

int now_lv

current activity level

int lv_change

does the hierarchy need to be changed next time the task is switched

17. NAME

CONSOLE

SYNOPSIS

CONSOLE controls terminal window-related variables

MEMBER

struct SHEET* sht

which layer is used on the command line

int cur_x

the x position of console

int cur_y

the y position of console

int cur_c

the color of console

struct TIMER* timer

timer to control cursor blinking

18. NAME

FILEINFO

SYNOPSIS

FILEINFO is used to record file-related information, such as file name, size, etc.

MEMBER

unsigned char name[8]

file name

unsigned char ext[3]

extend name of file

unsigned char type

file attributes

char reserve[10]

reserve byte

unsigned short time

the time for storing file

unsigned short date

the date for storing file

unsigned short clustno

the file from which sector on the disk is stored

2.2.2 API

2.2.3 APPs

3 Implementation

3.1 Kernel

3.1.1 Boot Loader(ipl.asm)

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

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

```

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

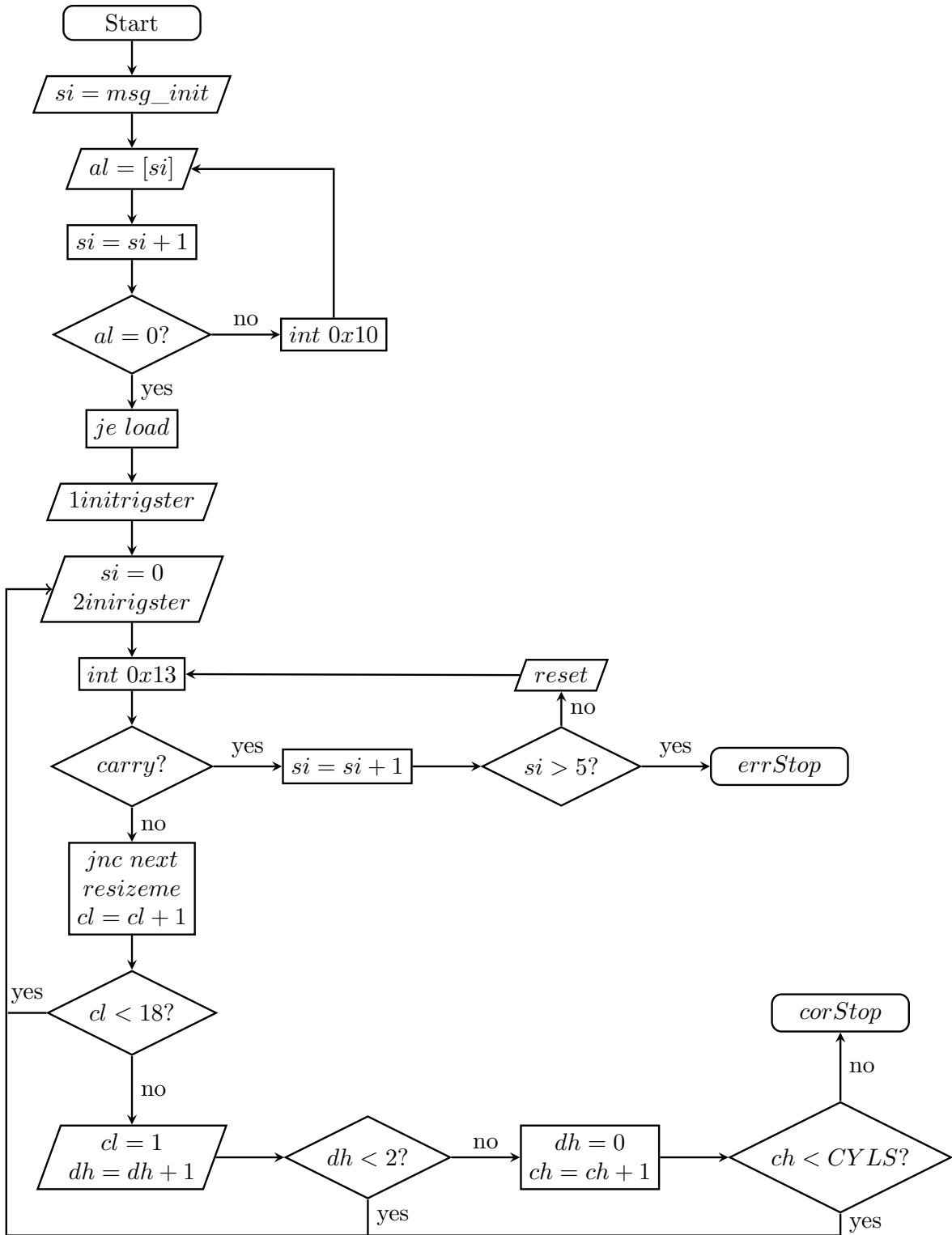


Fig. 3-1 the working flowchart of boot loader

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.

There are a couple of rules –one rigid, one common sense, for this chapter:

- All material presented in this chapter must have appeared already in the report; no new material can be introduced in this chapter. (rigid rule of technical writing)
- Usually, you would not present any new figures or tables in this chapter. (rule of thumb)

Generally, for most technical reports and Masters theses, the Conclusions chapter would be 3 to 5 pages long (double spaced). It would generally be longer in a large PhD thesis. Typically you would have a paragraph or two for each chapter or major subsection. Aim to include the following (typical) content.

1. Re-introduce the project and the need for the work –though more briefly than in the intro;
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.

⁰<https://thesistips.wordpress.com/2012/03/25/how-to-write-your-introduction-abstract-and-summary/>

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A Main Program Code

A.1 Boot loader

A.1.1 Display boot information

```
55  init:
56      mov al, [si]
57      add si, 1 ; increment by 1.
58      cmp al, 0
59      je load ; if al == 0, jmp to load, the msg_init info displayed.
60  ; the lastest character is null character, coding in 0.
61
62      mov ah, 0x0e ; write a character in TTY mode.
63      mov bx, 15 ; specify the color of the character.
64      int 0x10 ; call BIOS function, video card is number 10.
65      jmp init
```

A.1.2 Read the second sector

```
87  load:
88      mov ax, 0
89      mov ax, 0x0820 ; load C0-H0-S2 to memory begin with 0x0820.
90      mov es, ax
91      mov ch, 0 ; cylinder 0.
92      mov dh, 0 ; head 0.
93      mov cl, 2 ; sector 2.
94
95
96  readloop:
```

```
97         mov si, 0 ; si register is a counter, try read a sector
98 ; five times.
99
100
101 retry:
102     mov ah, 0x02 ; parameter 0x02 to ah, read disk.
103     mov al, 1 ; parameter 1 to al, read disk.
104     mov bx, 0
105     mov dl, 0x00 ; the number of driver number.
106     int 0x13 ; after prepared parameters, call 0x13 interrupted.
```

A.1.3 Read two sides of a track

```
108     jnc next ; if no carry read next sector.
109     add si, 1 ; tring again read sector, counter add 1.
110     cmp si, 5 ; until five times
111     jae error ; if tring times large than five, failed.
112
113     ; reset the status of floppy and read again.
114     mov ah, 0x00
115     mov dl, 0x00
116     int 0x13
117     jmp retry
118
119
120 next:
121     mov ax, es
122     ; we can not directly add to es register.
123     add ax, 0x0020 ; add 0x0020 to ax
124     mov es, ax ; the memory increase 0x0020 * 16 = 512 byte.
125     ; size of a sector.
126     add cl, 1 ; sector number add 1.
```

```
127      cmp cl, 18 ; one track have 18 sector.
128      jbe readloop ; jump if below or equal 18, read the next sector.
129      mov cl, 1 ; cl number reset to 1, ready to read the other side.
130      add dh, 1 ; the other side of floppy.
131      cmp dh, 2 ; only two sides of floppy.
132      jb readloop ; if dh < 2, read 18 sectors of the other sides
```

A.1.4 The next cylinder

```
134      mov dh, 0 ; after finished read the other side, reset head to 0.
135      add ch, 1 ; two sides of a cylinder readed, add 1 to ch.
136      cmp ch, CYLS ; read 10 cylinders.
137      jb readloop
```