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2.1 OS System Services

User interface - typically a gui with windows & keyboard & mice for input, sometimes uses CLI - command line interface

Program execution - must load programs into memory & run the program, also end program

IO Operations - The OS manages IO

File System manipulation - The OS has to allow programs to read and write files & directories & create and delete files by name by searching, some OS include permissions based on file ownership

Communication - An OS implements shared memory where 2 or more process read & write to a shared section of memory, message passing - packets of info are moved between process

Error detection - fix errors & also detect them, terminates error causing process, return error code or halt system

Resource Allocation - The OS is in charge of deciding who gets resources, cpu cycles, main memory, file storage

Logging - keep track of programs & record what computer resources they use

Protection & Security - OS has to make sure that access to system resources are controlled. Also makes user authenticate themselves before granting access, makes sure io devices don't make invalid access attempts

2.2 User & OS interface

CLI - Command Line Interface or Command interpreter user enters commands to be performed by OS

Shells - when a system has multiple command interpreters, include Cshell, Bash, Korn
2 ways for Command interpreter to do something. 1. the command interpreter has the code to execute the command, 2. doesn't understand command, just used to find a file and execute it. Example rm file.txt. Looks for a file named rm then loads into memory and executes with parameter file.txt

Gui - First one Xerox Alto computer 1973

2.3 System call

provides an interface to the services made available by an OS asking the OS to do something

Api - specifies a set of functions available to an application programmer

Why use Api? will run on a system that supports said Api, also using system calls is harder

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Run time environment - All the software needed to execute app written in a given programming language, Compiler/Interpreter, Libraries, Loaders

Compiled vs Interpreted - C, C++, are compiled to machine code then run. Interpreted - an interpreter translates each line of code line by line into machine code then executes. Python, Javascript, Ruby

System Call interface - the link to system calls made available by the OS. Intercepts calls from the API and calls the correct system call in the OS

Types of System Calls

Process Control - create/end process, load/execute, get/set process attributes, wait/signal event

File management - create/delete files, open/close, read/write/reposition, get/set file attributes

Device management - request/release device, read/write/reposition, get/set device attributes, logically attach or detach devices

Information maintenance - get/set time or date, get/set system date, get/set process file or device attributes

Communications - create/delete communication connection, send/receive messages, transfer status info, attach or detach remote devices

Protection - get/set file permission

Boot Loader - Locates a piece of software then loads into memory & executes

Process Communication - message passing model & shared-memory model
share info by reading & writing data in shared memory

2.4 System Services

System Services - AKA system Utilities provide a convenient environment for program development & execution, Some are user interfaces to system calls
registry - used to store & retrieve config info

2.5 Linkers & Loaders

Daemons/Services/Subsystems - Constantly running system-programs process

relocatable object files - Files designed to be loaded into physical memory location

Linker - combines relocatable object files into a single binary executable file

Loader - Loads the binary executable file into memory where it can run on a CPU core

relocation - assigns final addresses to program parts & adjusts code & data in the program

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ELF - Executable & Linkable Format

entry point - the location of the first instruction when program executes

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Why Apps are OS specific

An app can run on multiple OS in 3 ways

1. The app can be written in an interpreted language. The interpreter can be used by many OS

2. The app can be written in a language with a virtual machine that runs app. The virtual machine is part of the Run time environment

3. The app developer can use a standard language or Api where the compiler generates binaries into machine & OS specific language

ABI - Application Binary Interface - used to define how different components of binary code can interface for a given OS on a given architecture. An ABI is the architecture equivalent to an Api

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OS System Design & Implementation

Mechanism / Policy - Mechanism How something will be done, Policy what will be done

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OS System Structure

monolithic - place all kernel functionality into a single static binary file, runs single address space

kernel - provides the File System, CPU scheduling & memory management... through system call

tightly coupled - would be the monolithic, one change can effect whole system

loosely coupled - divided into separate, smaller components. Changes to one thing might not break everything

Layered System - Layer 0 is hardware highest layer is user interface

micro kernel - removes all nonessential components from kernel & implements them as user level programs that reside on separate address space

modules or Loadable kernel modules - kernel has a set of core components & can Link additional services over modules

kernel environment - Darwin provides 2 system call interfaces, Mach systems

Known traps & BSD system calls. Darwin combines Mach, BSD, the I/O Kit

and any kernel extension into a single address space to address performance problems

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Building & Booting an OS

Booting - Starting a computer by loading the kernel

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How a system boots - bootstrap or boot loader locates the kernel
The kernel is loaded into memory & started. The kernel initializes hardware. The root file system is mounted

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Core dump - capture of memory of process

crash - failure in kernel

Counters - Keep track of system activity, system calls counter

tracing - collects data for a specific event

BCC - BPF Compiler Collection - toolkit that provides tracing features for Linux