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Chapter 2

System Structures

Operating-System Structures

- Goals: Provide a way to understand an operating systems
 - Services
 - Interface
 - System Components
- The type of system desired is the basis for choices among various algorithms and strategies!

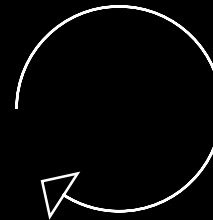
Operation-System Services

- Goal:
 - Provide an environment for the execution of programs.
 - Services are provided to programs and their users.
- User Interface (UI)
 - Command Line Interface, Batch Interface, Graphical User Interface (GUI), etc.
 - Interface between the user and the operating system

Operation-System Services

- Friendly UI's
 - Command-line-based interfaces or mused-based window-and-menu interface
- e.g., UNIX shell and command.com in MS-DOS

User-friendly?



Get the next command
Execute the command

- Program Execution
 - Loading, running, terminating, etc

Operation-System Services

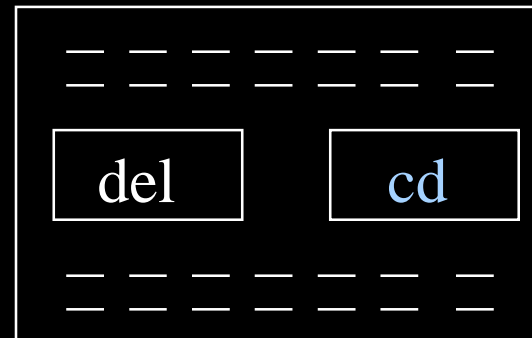
- I/O Operations
 - General/special operations for devices:
 - Efficiency & protection
- File-System Manipulation
 - Read, write, create, delete, etc.
 - Files and Directories
 - Permission Management privilege, protection
- Communications
 - Intra-processor or inter-processor communication – shared memory or message passing

Operation-System Services

- Error Detection
 - Possible errors from CPU, memory, devices, user programs → Ensure correct & consistent computing
 - *Resource Allocation*
 - *Utilization & efficiency*
 - *Accounting*
 - *Statistics or Accounting*
 - *Protection & Security*
- user convenience or system efficiency!

User OS Interface – Command Interpreter

- Two approaches:
 - Contain codes to execute commands
 - Fast but the interpreter tends to be big!
 - Painful in revision!



是 Command Interpreter
自己往上爬一層，所以放在
Command Interpreter 裡面

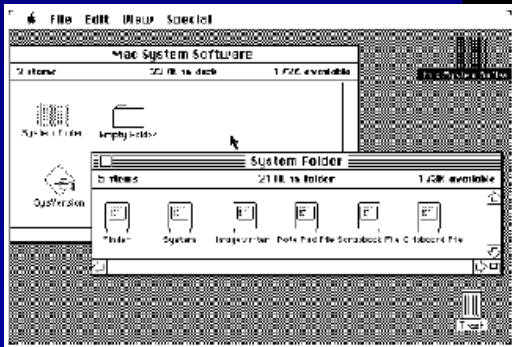
User OS Interface – Command Interpreter

- Implement commands as system programs → Search exec files which corresponds to commands (UNIX)
 - Issues
 - a. Parameter Passing
 - Potential Hazard: virtual memory
 - b. Being Slow
 - c. Inconsistent Interpretation of Parameters

User OS Interface – GUI

- Components
 - Screen, Icons, Folders, Pointer, etc.
- History
 - Xerox PARC research facility (1970's)
 - Mouse – 1968
 - Mac OS – 1980's
 - Windows 1.0 ~ 8

DOS + GUI



User OS Interface – GUI

- Unix & Linux
 - Common Desktop Environment (CDE), X-Windows, K Desktop Environment (KDE), GNOME
- Trend
 - Mixture of GUI and command-line interfaces
 - Multimedia, Intelligence, etc.

System Calls

OS 提供給 user 最基本的服務
eg. open()

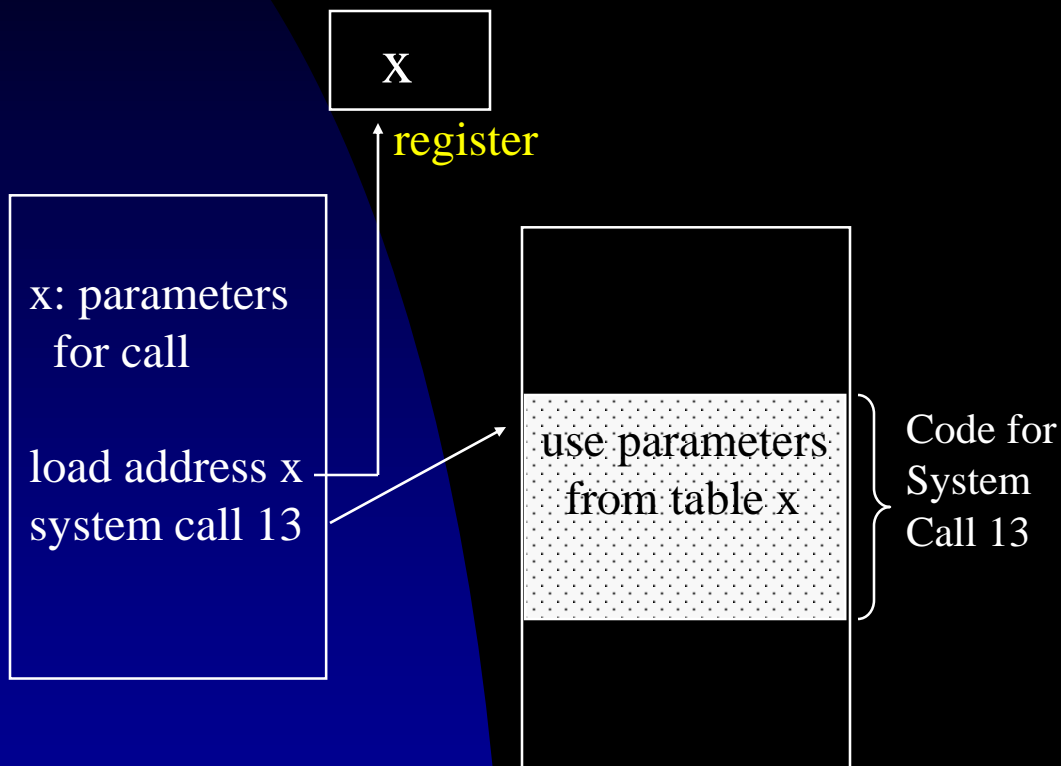
- System calls
 - Interface between processes & OS
- How to make system calls?
 - Assembly-language instructions or subroutine/functions calls in high-level language such as C or Perl?
 - Generation of in-line instructions or a call to a special run-time routine.
- Example: read and copy of a file!
 - Library Calls vs System Calls

System Calls

- Application Programming Interface (API)
 - Examples: Win 32 API for Windows, POSIX API for POSIX-based Systems, Java API for Java virtual machines
 - Benefits (API vs System Calls)
 - Portability
 - Ease of Use & Better Functionality

interpret

System Calls



- How a system call occurs? #?
 - Types and information
- Parameter Passing
 - Registers path 太長，不優
 - Registers pointing to blocks
 - Linux 放在 memory 裡，用 register 指向它
 - Stacks return address, variables, parameters...

System Calls

- Process Control
- File Management
- Device Management
- Information Maintenance
- Communications

System Calls

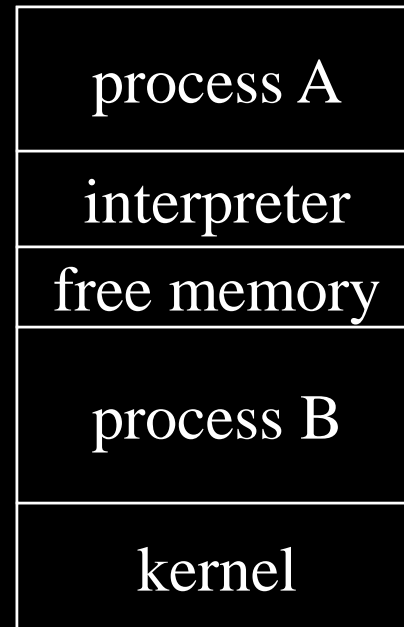
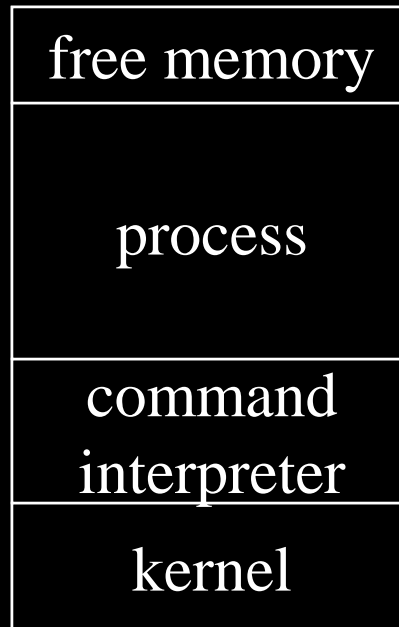
- Process & Job Control
 - End (normal exit) or abort (abnormal)
 - Error level or no
 - Interactive, batch, GUI-supported systems
 - Load and execute
 - How to return control?
 - e.g., shell load & execute commands
 - Creation and/or termination of processes
 - Multiprogramming?

System Calls

- **Process & Job Control (continued)**
 - Process Control
 - Get or set attributes of processes
 - Wait for a specified amount of time or an event
 - Signal event
 - Memory dumping, profiling, tracing, memory allocation & de-allocation

System Calls

- Examples: MS-DOS & UNIX



System Calls

- File Management
 - Create and delete
 - Open and close
 - Read, write, and reposition (e.g., rewinding)
 - lseek 沒有做 I/O
 - Get or set attributes of files
 - Operations for directories

System Calls

- Device management
 - Physical or virtual devices, e.g., files.
 - Request or release
 - Open and close of special files
 - Files are abstract or virtual devices.
 - Read, write, and reposition (e.g., rewinding)
 - Get or set file attributes
 - Logically attach or detach devices

System Calls

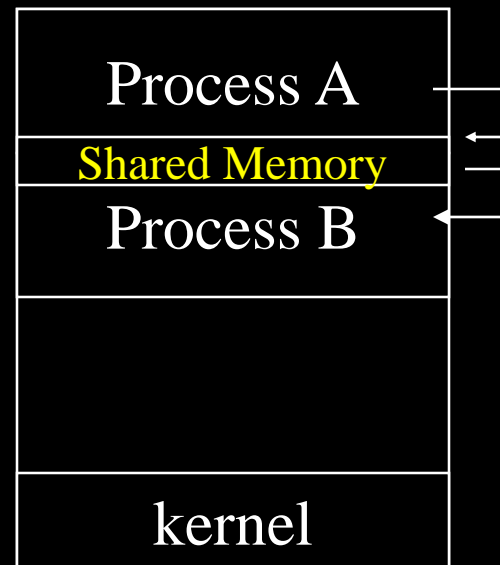
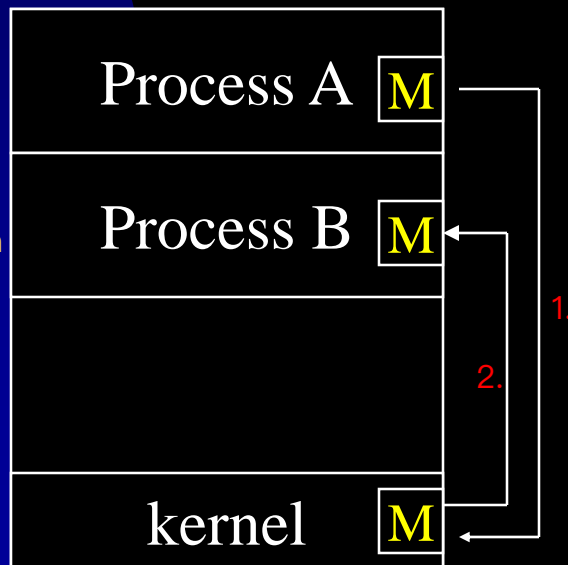
- Information maintenance
 - Get or set date or time
 - Get or set system data, such as the amount of free memory
- Communication
 - **Message Passing** e.g. socket (like pipe)
 - Open, close, accept connections
 - Host ID or process ID
 - Send and receive messages
 - Transfer status information
 - **Shared Memory**
 - Memory mapping & process synchronization
- Protection

System Calls

- Shared Memory
 - Max Speed & Comm Convenience
- Message Passing
 - No Access Conflict & Easy Implementation

pros: no
synchronization
problem

cons: the file
may be very
big!



pros: fast, easy

cons: since you
may see dirty
things, it needs
synchronization
protocol (lock)

System Programs

- Goal:
 - Provide a convenient environment for program development and execution
- Types
 - File Management, e.g., rm.
 - Status information, e.g., date.
 - File Modifications, e.g., editors.
 - Program Loading and Executions, e.g., loader.
 - Programming Language Supports and background services, e.g., compilers.
 - Communications, e.g., telnet.

System Design & Implementation

- Design Goals & Specifications:
 - User Goals, e.g., ease of use
 - System Goals, e.g., reliable
- Rule 1: Separation of **Policy** & **Mechanism**
 - **Policy** : What will be done? 先改誰的作業?
 - **Mechanism** : How to do things? 怎改?
 - Example: timer construct and **time slice**
- Two extreme cases:

Microkernel-based OS ←··········→ Macintosh OS

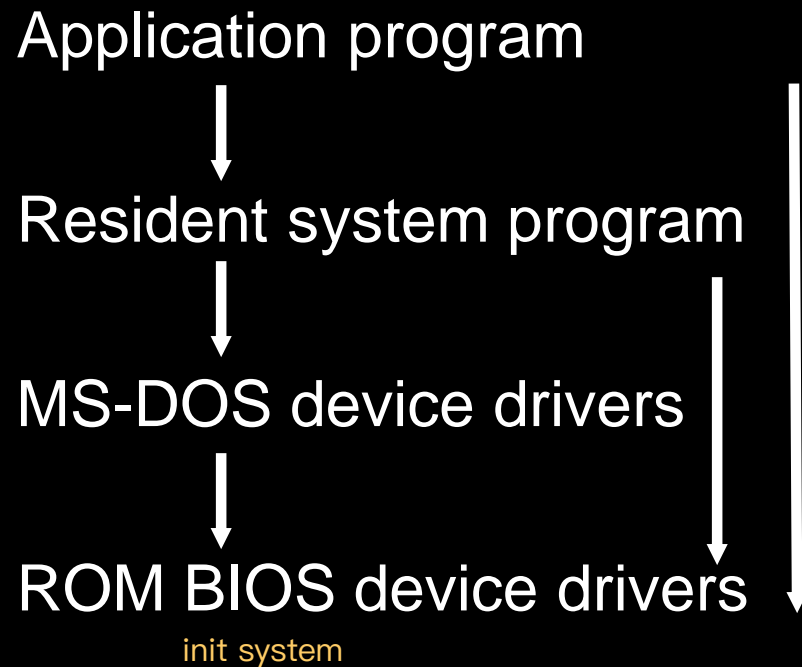
System Design & Implementation

- OS Implementation in High-Level Languages
 - E.g., UNIX, OS/2, MS NT, etc.
 - Advantages:
 - Being easy to understand & debug
 - Being written fast, more compact, and portable
 - Disadvantages:
 - Less efficient but more storage for code compiler 進步、儲存容量也變便宜

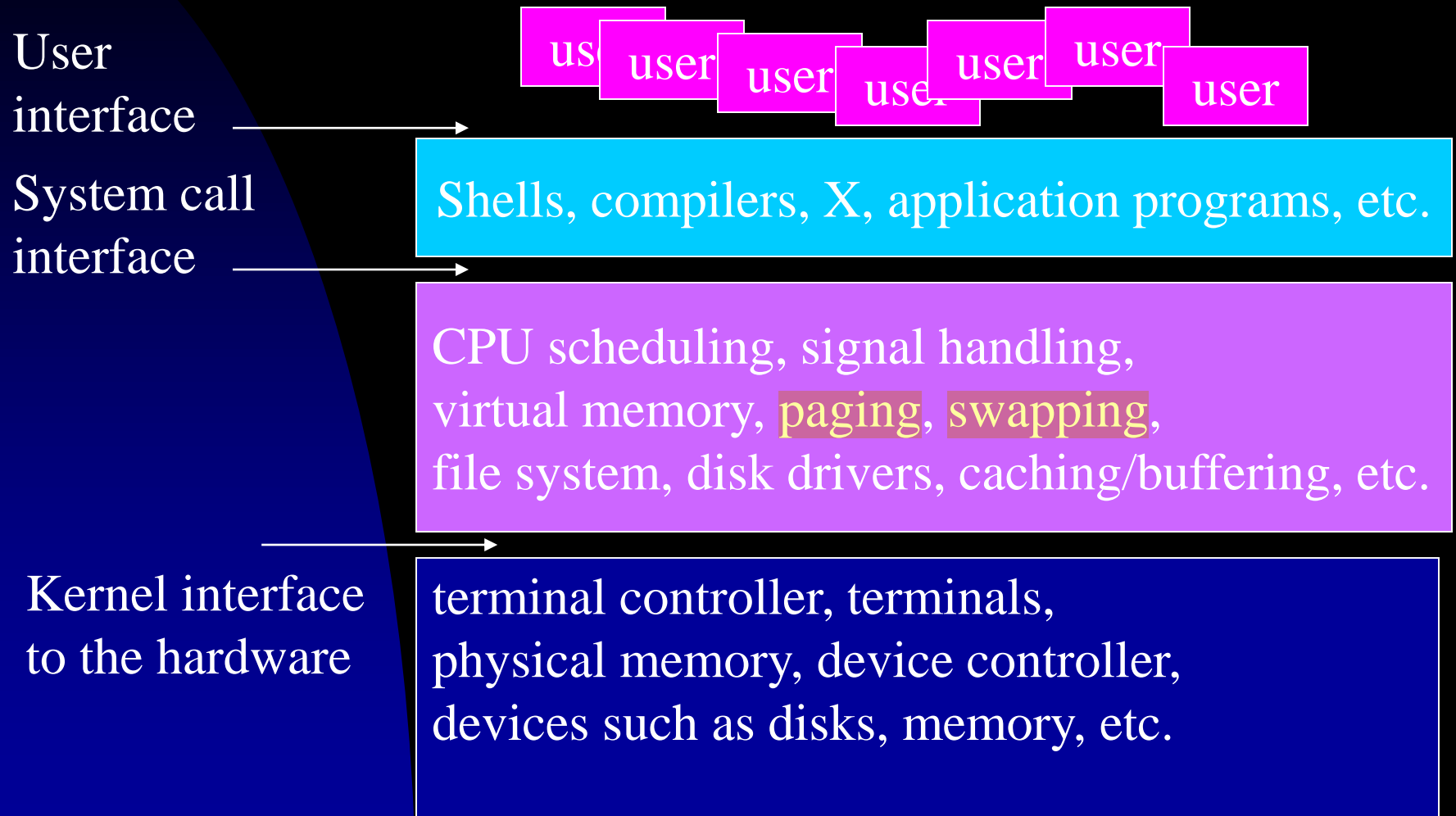
* Tracing for bottleneck identification, exploring of excellent algorithms, etc. ²⁵

OS Structure – MS-DOS

- MS-DOS Layer Structure

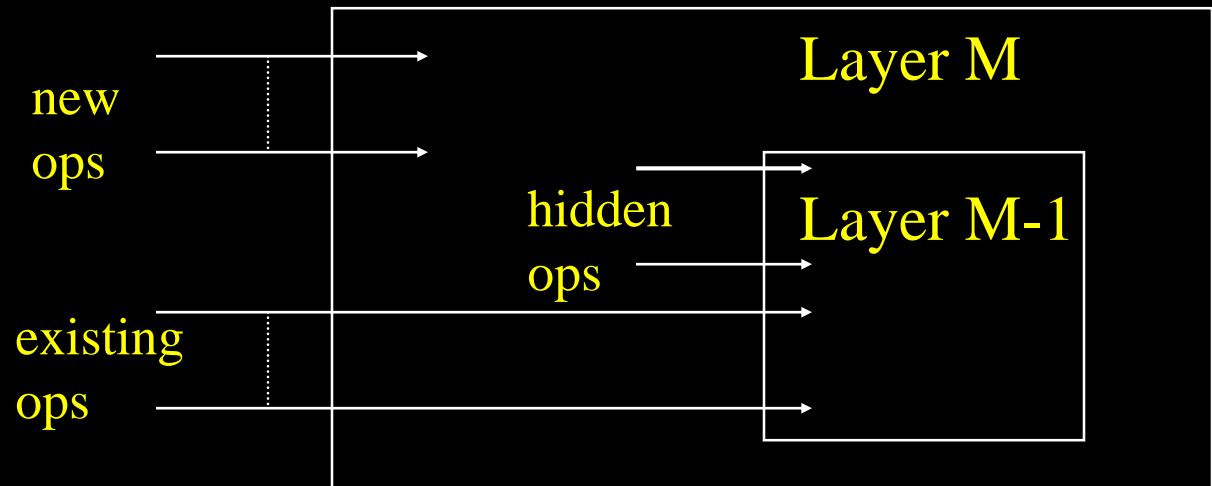


OS Structure – UNIX



OS Structure

- A Layered Approach – A Myth



Advantage: Modularity ~ Debugging & Verification

Difficulty: Appropriate layer definitions, less efficiency due to overheads !

OS Structure

■ A Layer Definition Example:

上面那層用下面的東西，需要一個好的 layer definition：誰在上面，誰在下面？

L5 User programs

L4 I/O buffering 做 I/O 時會用到 Memory management

L3 Operator-console device driver

L2 Memory management

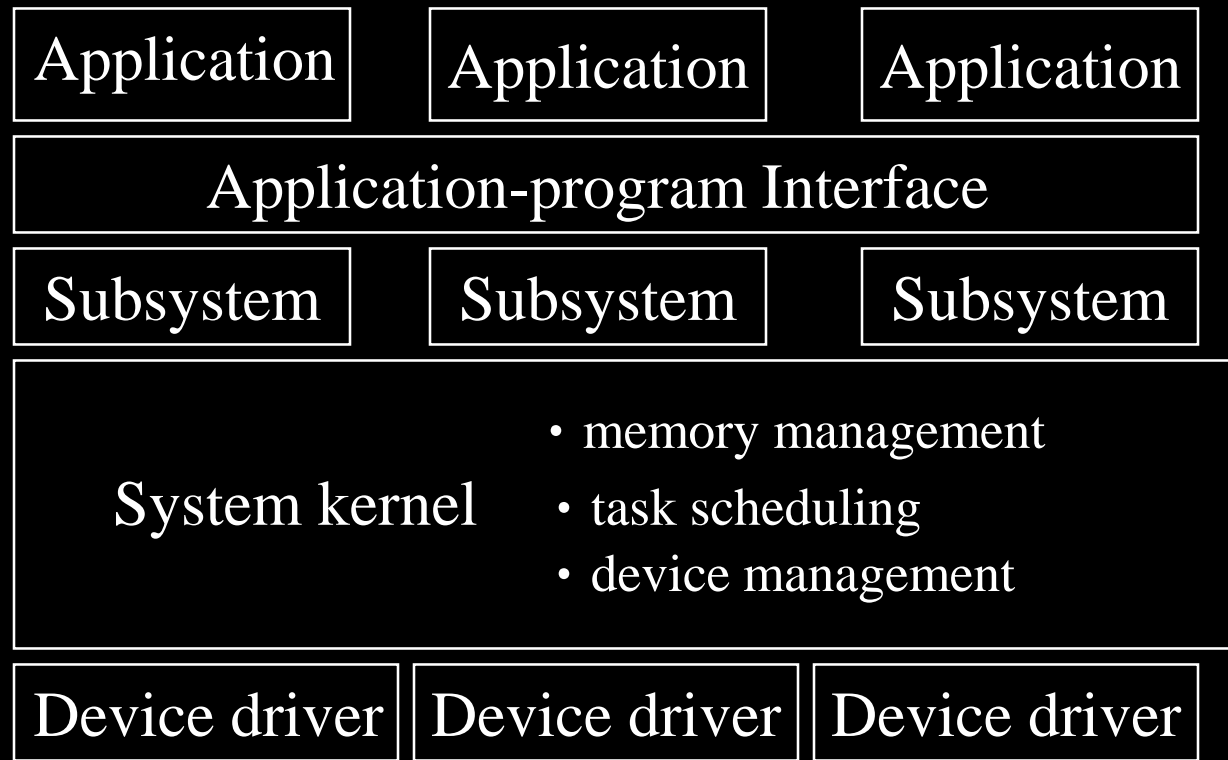
L1 CPU scheduling

L0 Hardware



OS Structure – OS/2

■ OS/2 Layer Structure



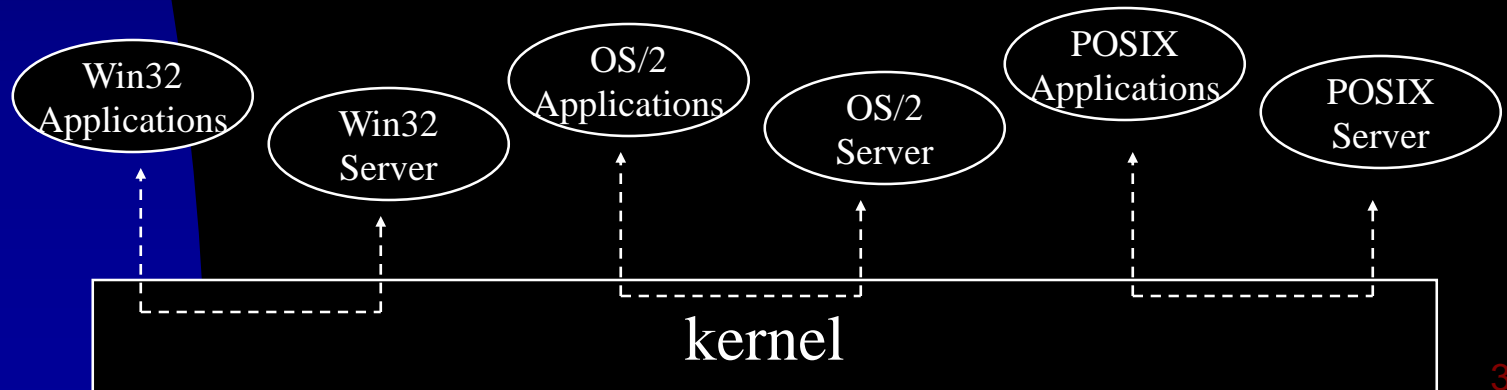
* Some layers of NT were from user space to kernel space in NT4.0 30

OS Structure – Microkernels

- The concept of microkernels was proposed in CMU in mid 1980s (Mach).
 - Moving all nonessential components from the kernel to the user or system programs! 多工系統，kernel 要有最基本的 memory management and communication
 - No consensus on services in kernel
 - Mostly on process and memory management and communication
- Benefits:
 - Ease of OS service extensions → portability, reliability, security

OS Structure – Microkernels

- Examples
 - Microkernels: True64UNIX (Mach kernel), MacOS X (Mach kernel), QNX (msg passing, proc scheduling, HW interrupts, low-level networking)
 - Hybrid structures: Windows NT



OS Structure – Modules

- A Modular Kernel
 - A Set of Core Components
 - Dynamic Loadable Modules
 - E.g., Solaris: Scheduling Classes, File Systems, Loadable System Calls, Executable Formats, STREAMS Modules, Miscellaneous, Device and Bus Drivers
 - Characteristics:
 - Layer-Like – Modules
 - Microkernel-Like – the Primary Module

OS Structure – Hybrid Systems

- Definition: A combination of different structures
- Example 1: Mac OS X
 - Application Environments and Common Services
 - BSD: Command Line Interface, Support for Networking and File Systems, an Implementation of POSIX APIs.
 - Mach: Memory Management, Support for Remote Procedure Calls, Interprocess Communication Facilities
 - The Kernel Environment: I/O Kit for the Development of Device Drivers and Dynamically Loadable Modules.

UNIX
kernel

Aqua Graphical
User Interface

App. Environ. &
Common Services

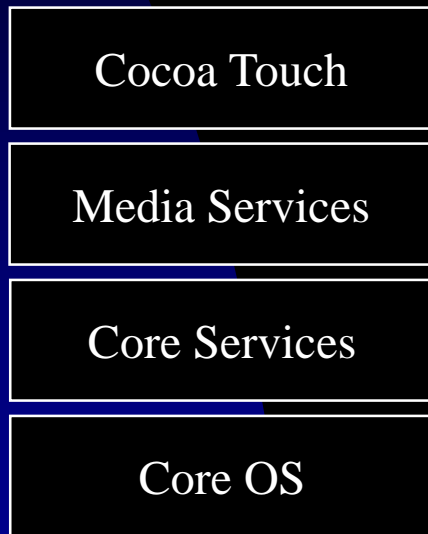
BSD

Mach

Kernel Environment

OS Structure – Hybrid Systems

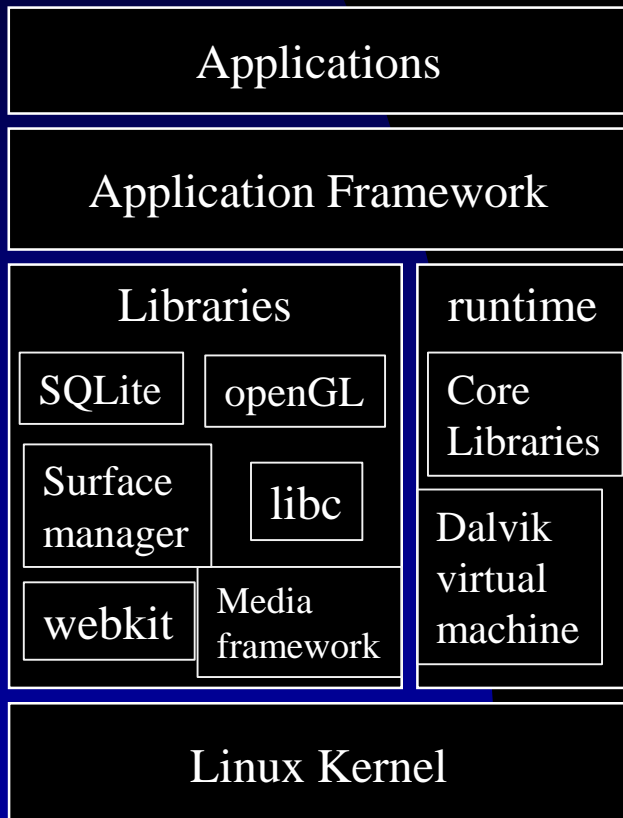
- Example 2: iOS



- It is structured on Mac OSX, where Cocoa Touch, Media Services, and Core Services provide an API to provide frameworks for application development, services for graphics and A/V, and many features, such as databases and cloud computing.

OS Structure – Hybrid Systems

- Example 3: Android
 - Designed by the Open Handset Alliance and primarily led by Google.
 - Android API is developed for Java program development to run on Dalvik.



Middle Layer = Libraries + runtime

Operating System Debugging

- Debugging
 - An activity in finding and fixing errors or bugs, including performance problem, that exist in hardware or software.
- Terminologies
 - **Performance Tuning** – A Procedure that Seeks to Improve Performance by Removing Bottlenecks.
 - Core Dump – A Capture of the Memory of a Process or OS
 - Crash – A Kernel Failure

System Generation

- SYSGEN (System Generation)
 - Ask and probe for information concerning the specific configuration of a hardware system
 - CPU, memory, device, OS options, etc.

No recompilation
& completely
table-driven

當有新的東西，OS 會去 table
搜尋

←.....→
Linking of
modules for
selected OS

Recompilation
of a modified
source code


- **Issues**

- Size, Generality, Ease of Modification

System Boot

- Booting
 - The procedure of starting a computer by loading the kernel.
 - The bootstrap program or the bootstrap loader
 - Firmware being ROM or EEPROM resident 他不希望你修改
 - Boot/system disk with a boot block
- 兩段式的 booting 有很多好處：security, more complex procedure...

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Chapter 3

Process Concept

Q & A

Projects – Nachos 4.0

- Not Another Completely Heuristic Operating System
- Written by Tom Anderson and his students at UC Berkeley
<http://www.cs.washington.edu/homes/tom/nachos/>
- It simulates an MIPS architecture on host systems
(Unix/Linux/Windows/MacOS X)
- User programs need a cross-compiler (target MIPS)
- Nachos appears as a single threaded process to the host operating system.

Multimedia Systems

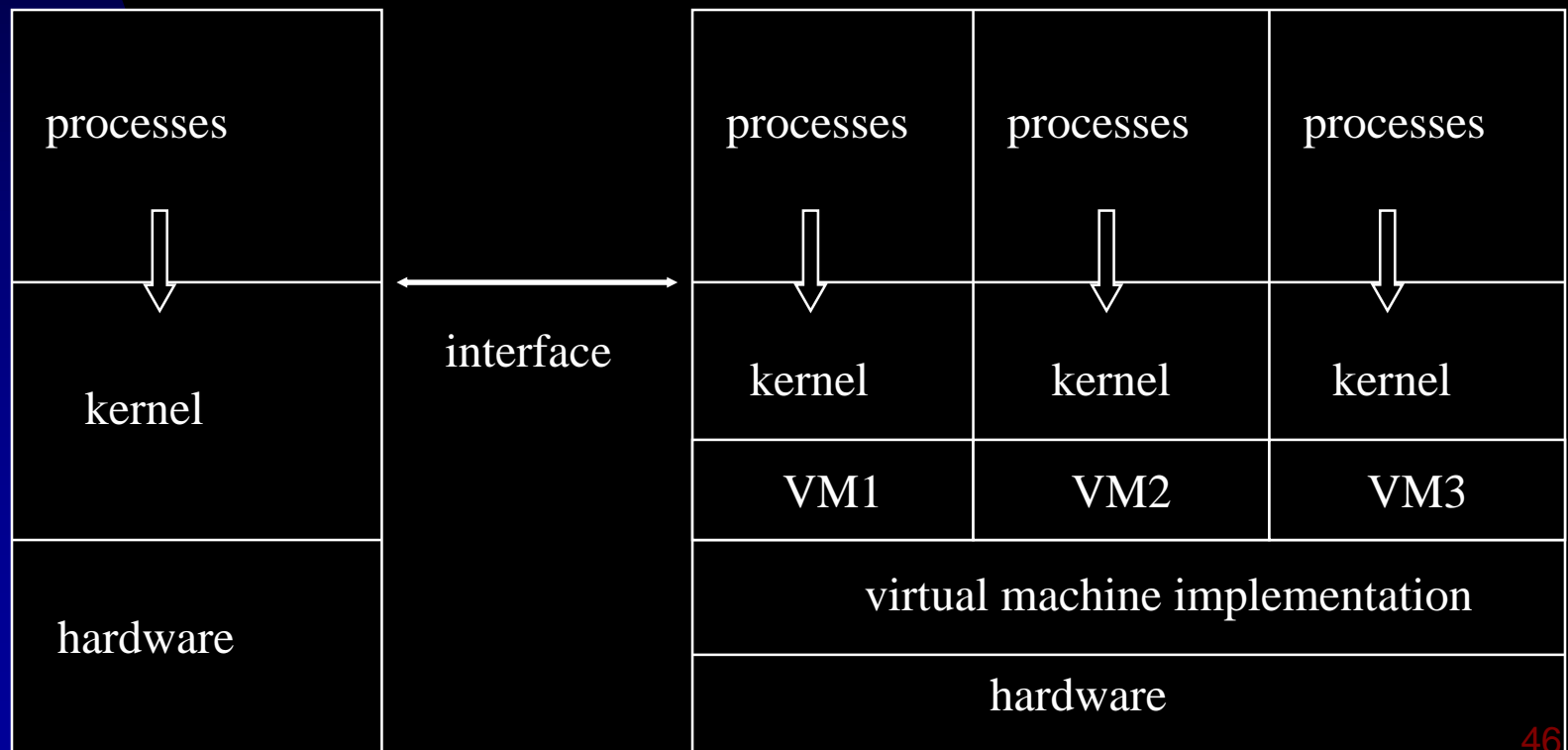
- Multimedia Data
 - Audio and video files and conventional files
 - Multimedia data must be delivered according to certain time restrictions (e.g., 30 frames per second)
- Variety on Platforms
 - Desktop personal computers, Personal Digital Assistant (PDA), cellular telephones, etc.

Handheld Systems

- Handheld Systems
 - E.g., Personal Digital Assistant (PDA) and cellular phones.
- New Challenges – convenience vs portability
 - Limited Size and Weight
 - Small Memory Size (e.g., 512KB ~ 128MB)
 - No Virtual Memory
 - Slow Processor
 - Battery Power
 - Small Display Screen
 - Web-clipping

Virtual Machine

- Virtual Machines: provide an interface that is identical to the underlying bare hardware

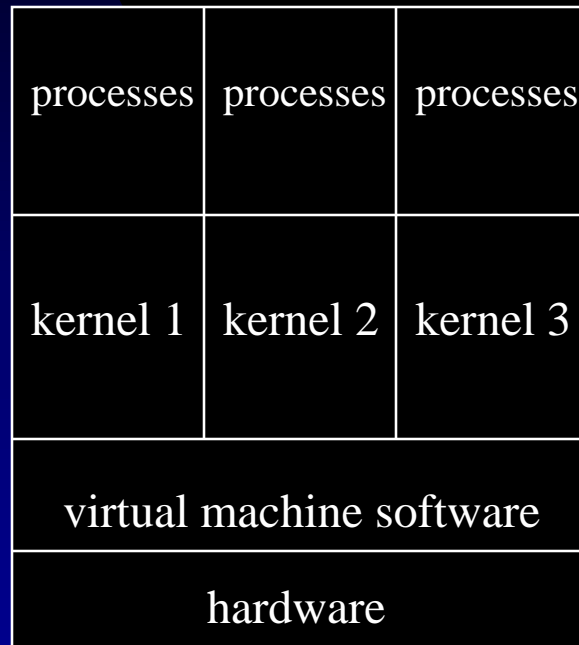


Virtual Machine

- Implementation Issues:
 - Emulation of Physical Devices
 - E.g., Disk Systems
 - An IBM minidisk approach
 - User/Monitor Modes
 - (Physical) Monitor Mode
 - Virtual machine software
 - (Physical) User Mode
 - Virtual monitor mode & Virtual user mode

Virtual Machine

virtual
user
mode
virtual
monitor
mode
monitor
mode



P1/VM1 system call

Trap

Service for the system call

Finish
service

Restart VM1

Set program counter
& register contents,
& then restart VM1

Simulate the
effect of the I/O
instruction

time

Virtual Machine

- Disadvantages:
 - Slow!
 - Execute most instructions directly on the hardware
 - No direct sharing of resources
 - Physical devices and communications

* I/O could be slow (interpreted) or fast (spooling)

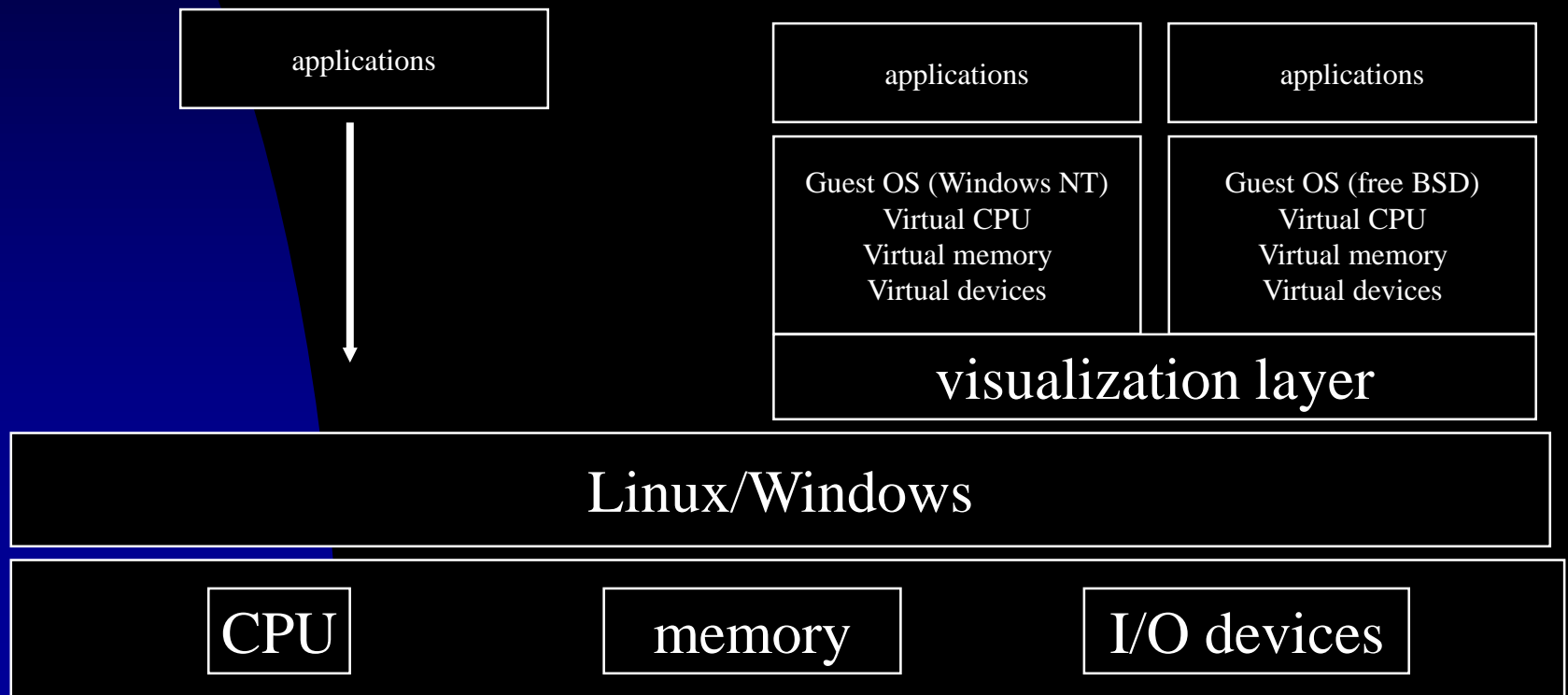
Virtual Machine

- Advantages:
 - Complete Protection – Complete Isolation !
 - OS Research & Development
 - System Development Time
 - Extensions to Multiple Personalities, such as Mach (software emulation)
 - Emulations of Machines and OS's, e.g., Windows over Linux
 - System Consolidation

* Simulation: Programs of a guest system are run on an emulator that translate each of the guest system instructions into the native instruction set of the host system.

Virtual Machine – VMware

- VMware – The visualization layer abstracts the physical hardware into isolated virtual machines running as guest operating systems.



Virtual Machine – Para-Virtualization

- Definition: A variation on virtualization that presents a guest/operating system that is similar but not identical to the underlying hardware.
 - Efficiency in Resource Utilization
 - Simplified Implementation
- Example: Container or Zone of Solaris 10
 - A Virtual Layer Between a Host OS and Applications
 - The OS and devices are virtualized.

Virtual Machine – Java

java .class files



class loader



verifier



java interpreter



host system

- Sun Microsystems in late 1995
 - Java Language and API Library
 - Java Virtual Machine (JVM)
 - Class loader (for bytecode .class files)
 - Class verifier
 - Java interpreter
 - An interpreter, a just-in-time (JIT) compiler, hardware

Virtual Machine – Java

java .class files



class loader



verifier



java interpreter



host system

- JVM
 - Garbage collection
 - Reclaim unused objects
 - Implementation being specific for different systems
 - Programs are architecture neutral and portable

Operating System Examples – Linux Ver. 2.5+

Numeric
Priority

Time
Quantum

0
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.
99
100
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.
.
140

Real
Time
Tasks

Other
Tasks

200ms

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. .
. .
. .
. .

10ms

- Scheduling Algorithm
 - $O(1)$
 - SMP, load balancing, and processor affinity
 - Fairness and support for interactive tasks
 - Priorities
 - Real-time: 0..99
 - Nice: 100..140

Operating System Examples – Linux Ver. 2.5+

- Each processor has a runqueue
 - An active array and an expired array
 - Switching of the two arrays when all processes in the active array have their quantum expired.
- Priority-Driven Scheduling
 - Fixed Priority – Real-Time
 - Dynamic Priority – nice $\pm x$, for $x \leq 5$
 - Interactive tasks are favored.
 - The dynamic priority of a task is recalculated when its quantum is expired.