



ECE 391 Discussion

Week 13

Announcements & Reminders

- u MP3.5 demo is on Monday (Dec 10th) at 5pm
 - u Note the timechange!
- u Final demo will start after MP 3.5 demo
 - u Time slots (30 min) will be posted on Piazza by the end of this week
 - u Duplicate signups will be deleted
- u Final exam on Friday (Dec 14th) at 8-11am
 - u No conflict exam

MP3.5 Multiple Terminals

- u Support 3 terminals (ALT+F# to switch between)
 - u Initial bootup method: have all 3 terminals running shell
 - u After bootup method: first time you press ALT+F2/ALT+F3, boot up terminal 2/3
 - u Should be able to switch as fast as possible – no crashing!
- u Support at least 6 processes total
 - u How to manage 6 processes? Up to you...
 - u Don't crash or page fault on the 7th

MP3.5 Multiple Terminals

- u Separate input buffer per terminal, save current text screen/cursor position/anything relevant to your OS
- u Exiting any shell does not exit othershells
- u Exiting last shell: re-launch shell or prevent last one from being halted

MP3.5 Scheduling

- u Fixed/equal time slices with round-robin
- u Use PIT (not RTC...why?)
- u When typing, the characters should appear on the visible terminal (not the scheduled terminal)
- u Test with counter, pingpong, fish
- u Be mindful of timing/synchronization issues

MP3.5 Scheduling

- u Utilize the kernel stack (think about what you did for HALT)
- u Again you will be using assembly to do the context switch
- u Switch ESP/EBP to next process' kernel stack
- u Restore next process' TSS
- u Flush TLB on process switch

