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Exam: Open notes/book (~~no~~ no network!)

- RE
- Perl
- Cmd Line {shell tools}
- Shell
- Permissions
- Filesystem
- Package
- C
- Dir structure
- Makefiles

"IOCTL"
"i/o control"
→ Big Lock ←
↑ Problem Solved

Kernel Stuff

*Transition into kernel space using interupt

*What is the kernel?

⇒ Resource manager!

↓ memory, network, gpio, video, i2c, storage

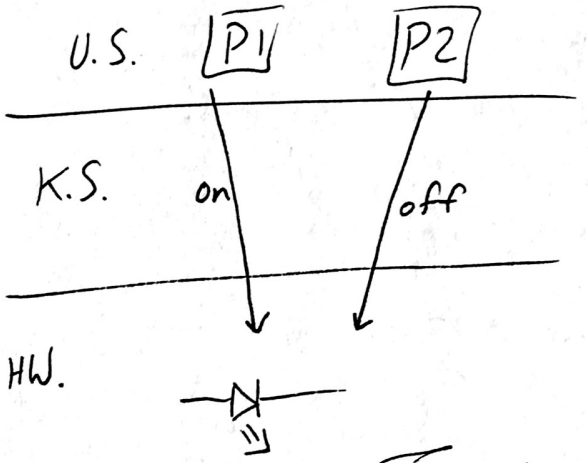
↳ manage processes (want to be 'fair')

{*have to use global variables in kernel}

"Concurrency" (multiple code running)

"Premptive Kernel"

*Can have this issue on our dude (interupts!)



→ 3 terms
- "race conditions"
- "locking" - "coherency" (atomic variable)
- "deadlock" (lock nvr released :-)

[*Try to minimize locking and the code required]

Kernel

* No main() in kernel (only usr space)
  - → entry : init_module ; called when we run #insmod module.ko
  - → exit : cleanup_module ; then, #rmmod module ; gotta be root, loads "kernel object"

* Code should compile with 0 warnings

* KERN_NOTICE
  - _INFO
  - DEBUG

* lsmod - lists module

lsmod | head (shows 5 modules)

* messages printed to /var/log

sudo rmmod systimer ; sudo insmod systimer.ko

* static on a function: only visible in that file (scope)
* Kernel can be compiled as monolithic

* Use const, static, etc in kernel

ex.) __init //throw away after it's run (saves memory)

* objdump -h <kernel_module>
  - *dump sections

[Linux Device Drivers]

Module : Attributes

- MODULE_LICENSE("GPL")
- AUTHOR
- DESCRIPTION
- SUPPORT_DEVICE

* modinfo <module>