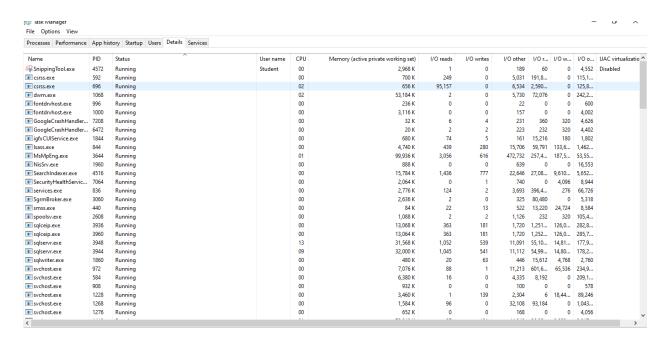
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- a. Which process has the greatest number of read I/O operations since it started?
- -NetBeans
- b. Which process has the least number of write I/O operations since it started?
- -Snipping tool
- c. Is the total number of I/O bytes read by a process always equal to the total number of I/O bytes written by the same process?
- No, In Task Manager there are columns called "I/O Reads", "I/O Writes", "I/O Read Bytes" and "I/O Write Bytes". In Process Explorer I see a number of processes which have zero "Disk Read Bytes" and "Network Receive Bytes", but a non-zero "I/O Read Bytes". And conversely, some processes have a "Disk Read Bytes" value larger than "I/O Read Bytes".
- d. Would you agree that suspended processes will always hold a zero (0) value for both read and write I/O operations?
- Yes, it will always be zero for both read and write I/O operations.
- e. Is the number of threads directly proportional to the number of bytes written by the process in I/O operation?

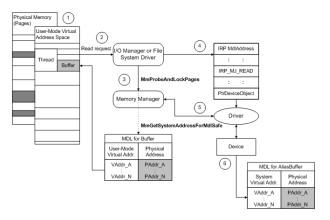
- No. A program's thread count is determined by the programmer and constrained by the operating system's capabilities. The number of threads and the amount of data written by a process during I/O operations are unrelated.

After analyzing the I/O details of the running processes in your computer, would you agree that your computer implements I/O buffering? Why or why not? (5 points)

- Yes, probably every single computer that does I/O implements buffering. It's possible to imagine a computer that didn't, but it would have to be doing something very simple.

Search for relevant and up-to-date literatures and studies about the Windows I/O Manager. Then, answer or provide the following:

- a. Describe the overall structure of the Windows I/O manager.
- The I/O manager has two subcomponents: The Plug and Play manager and power manager. They manage the I/O functionality for the technologies of Plug and Play and power management.
- b. Illustrate the structure of the Windows I/O manager based on your understanding.



- c. Differentiate the asynchronous and synchronous mode of operation of Windows I/O.
- While you wait, synchronous input/output (I/O) takes place. Applications processing must wait till the I/O operation is finished before moving on. Asynchronous I/O (AIO) activities, in contrast, take place in the background and do not impede user applications.
- d. Does the Windows I/O manager support any RAID configuration? Rationalize your answer.
- Yes, you can provision a file system with a better level of performance on a RAID 0 array than you can on a single Amazon EBS disk. RAID 0 should be used when I/O performance is crucial. I/O is striped across the volumes when using RAID 0.
- e. In your opinion, what other kernel components work closely with the Windows I/O manager? Elaborate on your answer.

- Plug and Play manager, because this device recognition and enumeration during boot up are two PnP-related operations that are carried out by the Plug and Play (PnP) manager, which supports PnP functionality in Windows.
- f. In your perspective, what is the most significant part of the Windows I/O model and why?
- For me device drivers, because this model offers the operating system's software interface for connecting devices. I/O is crucial to the device driver writer because of this. The communication between applications and the interfaces offered by device drivers is managed by the Windows kernel-mode I/O manager.

Properly cite all your references. (5 points)

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