Chapter 2: Computer-System Structures (6th Edition)

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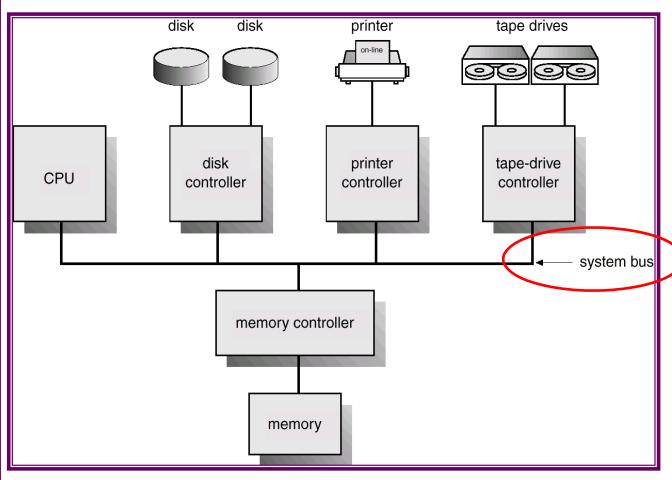
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Chapter 2: Computer-System Structures (6th Ed.)

- Computer System Operation
- I/O Structure
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Computer-System Architecture



- How does the OS get into system?
- How does app request for services?
- How does the OS know something has happened



Computer-System Operation

- I/O devices and the CPU can execute concurrently.
- Each device controller is in charge of a particular device type.
- Each device controller has a local buffer.



Computer-System Operation (Cont.)

- CPU moves data from/to main memory to/from local buffers of controllers
- I/O is from the device to local buffer of controller.
- Device controller informs CPU that it has finished its operation by causing an interrupt.



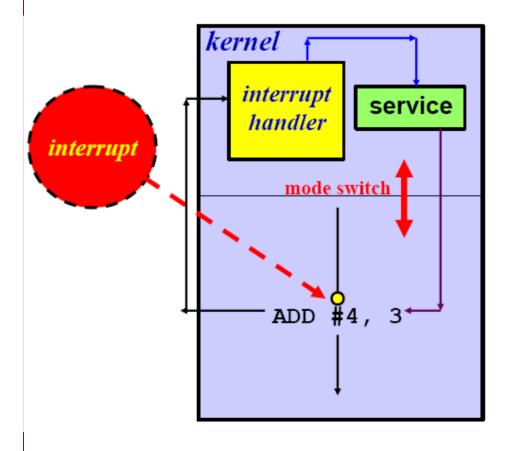


Interrupt

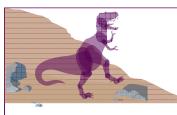
- An event that requires the attention of the OS is an *interrupt*. These events include the completion of an I/O, a keypress, a request for service, a division by zero and so on.
- Interrupts may be triggered by software.
 - ◆An interrupt generated by software (*i.e.*, division by 0, page fault, debug breakpoint) is usually referred to as a *trap*.
- Modern operating systems are interrupt driven, meaning the OS is in action only if an interrupt occurs.



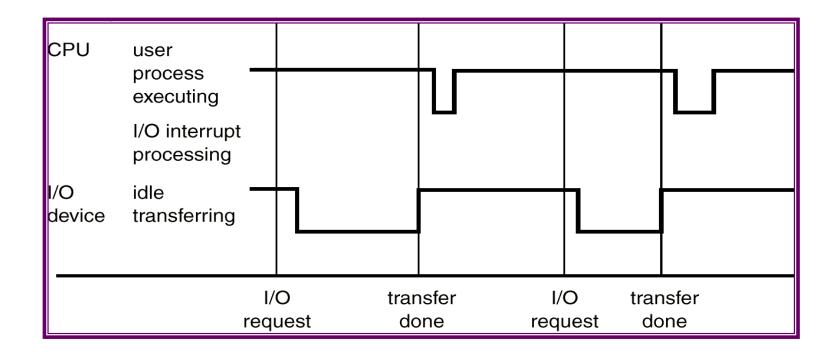
What is Interrupt driven?

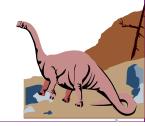


- The OS is activated by an interrupt.
- The executing program is suspended.
- Control is transferred to the OS.
- Program continues when the service completes



Interrupt Time Line For a Single Process Doing Output





Common Functions of Interrupts

- Interrupt transfers control to the interrupt service routine generally, through the interrupt vector, which contains the addresses of all the service routines.
- Interrupt architecture must save the address of the interrupted instruction.
- Incoming interrupts are disabled while another interrupt is being processed to prevent a lost interrupt.

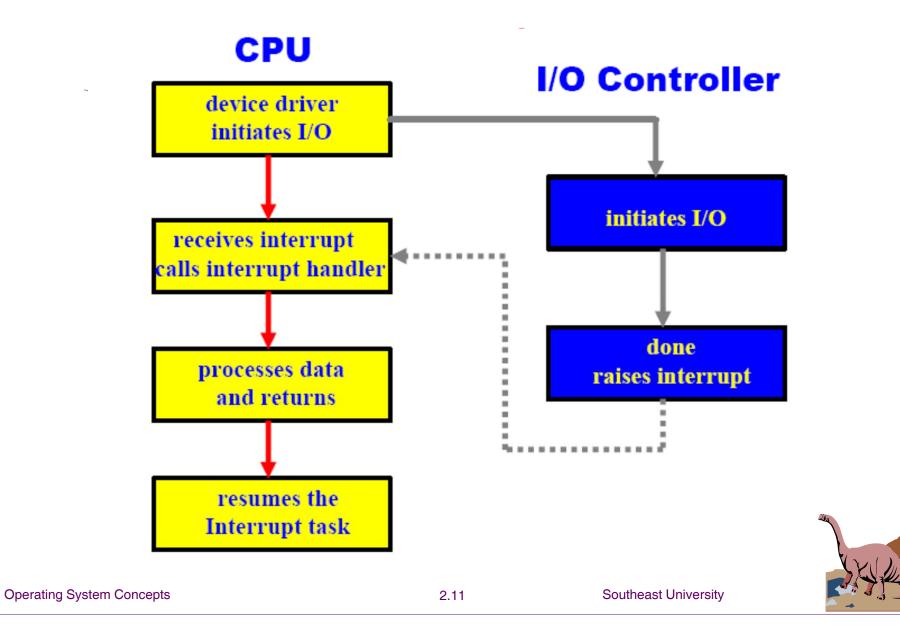


Interrupt Handling

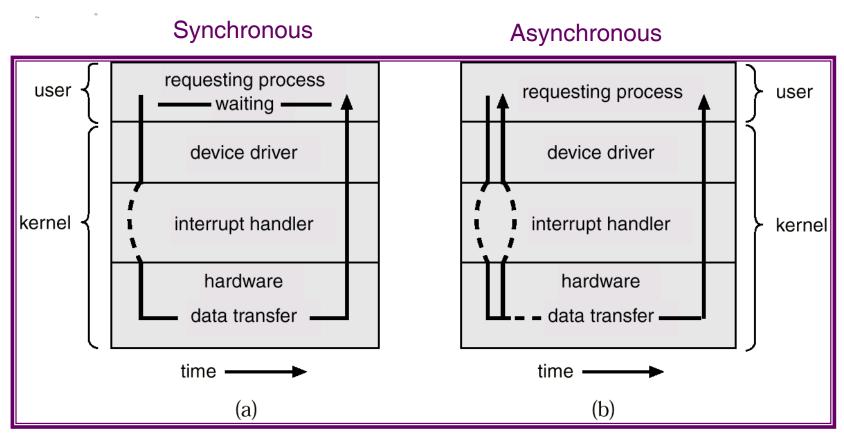
- The operating system preserves the state of the CPU by storing registers and the program counter.
- Determines which type of interrupt has occurred:
 - polling
 - vectored interrupt system
- Separate segments of code determine what action should be taken for each type of interrupt



I/O Interrupt



Two I/O Methods: Synchronous vs. Asynchronous



Synchronous IO from User View

- After I/O starts, control returns to user program only upon I/O completion.
 - Wait instruction idles the user process until the next interrupt
 - Wait loop (contention for memory access).
 - At most one I/O request is outstanding at a time, no simultaneous I/O processing.

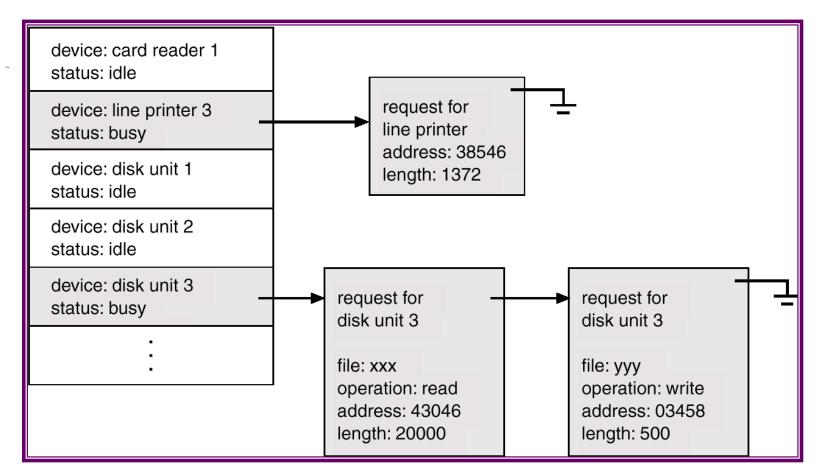


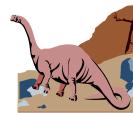
Asynchronous IO from User View

- After I/O starts, control returns to user program without waiting for I/O completion.
 - System call request to the operating system to allow user to wait for I/O completion.
 - Device-status table contains entry for each I/O device indicating its type, address, and state.
 - Operating system indexes into I/O device table to determine device status and to modify table entry to include interrupt.
- How does the user program receive the notification of I/O completion?



Device-Status Table





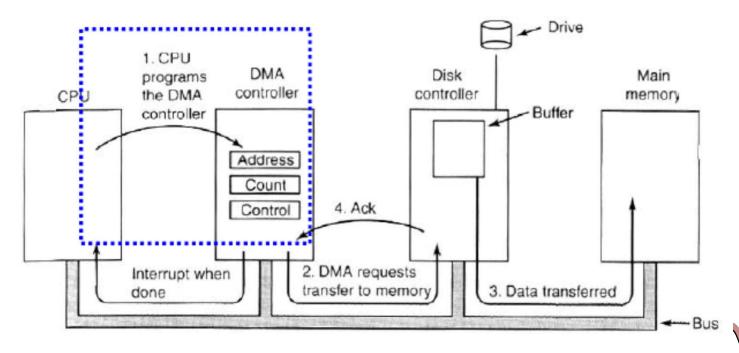
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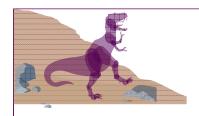
- Used for high-speed I/O devices able to transmit information at close to memory speeds.
- Device controller transfers blocks of data from buffer storage directly to main memory without CPU intervention.
- Only one interrupt is generated per block, rather than the one interrupt per byte.



Direct Memory Access Structure (2/2)

The CPU gives the controller (1) disk address, (2) memory address for storing the block, and (3) a byte count. Then, the CPU goes back to work.

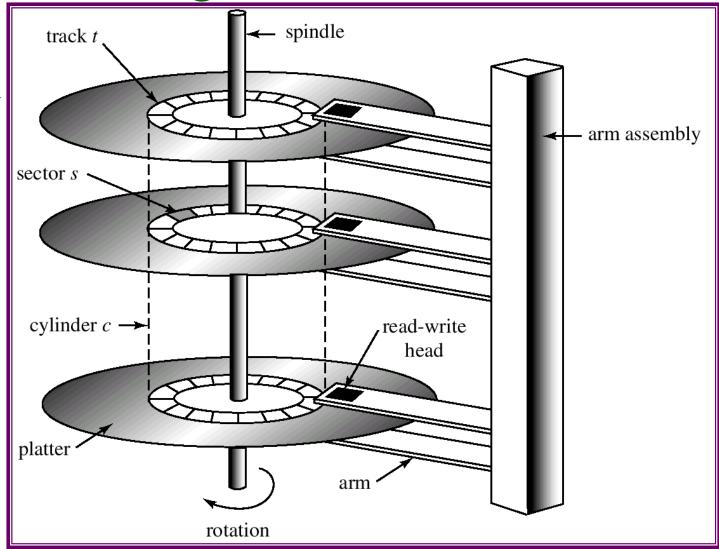




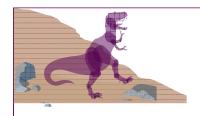
Storage Structure

- Main memory only large storage media that the CPU can access directly.
- Secondary storage extension of main memory that provides large nonvolatile storage capacity.
- Magnetic disks rigid metal or glass platters covered with magnetic recording material
 - Disk surface is logically divided into *tracks*, which are subdivided into *sectors*.
 - The disk controller determines the logical interaction between the device and the computer.

Moving-Head Disk Mechanism







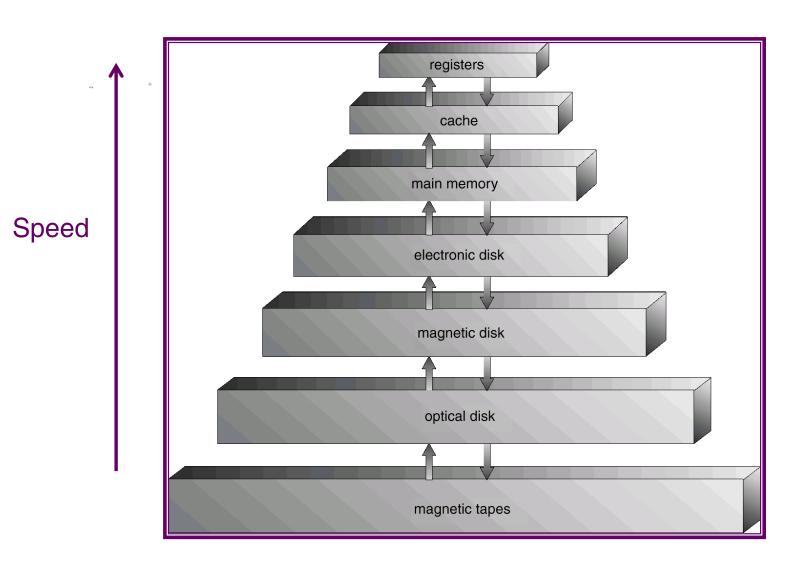
Storage Hierarchy

- Storage systems organized in hierarchy.
 - Speed
 - Cost
 - Volatility
- Caching copying information into faster storage system; main memory can be viewed as a last cache for secondary storage.

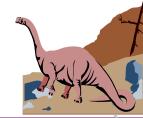




Storage-Device Hierarchy



Volume

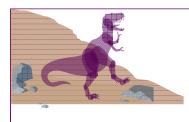




Caching

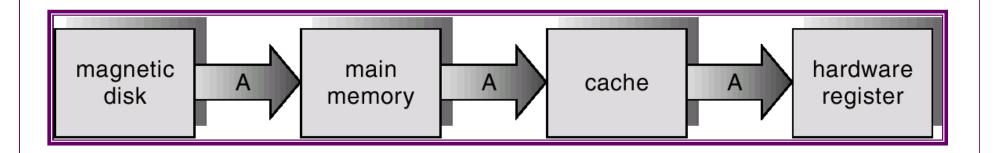
- Use of high-speed memory to hold recentlyaccessed data.
- Requires a cache management policy.
- Caching introduces another level in storage hierarchy. This requires data that is simultaneously stored in more than one level to be *consistent*.





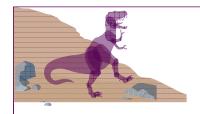
Migration of A From Disk to Register

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How to maintain the Cache Consistency?





Hardware Protection

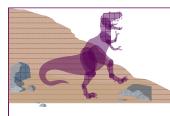
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- Memory Protection
- CPU Protection





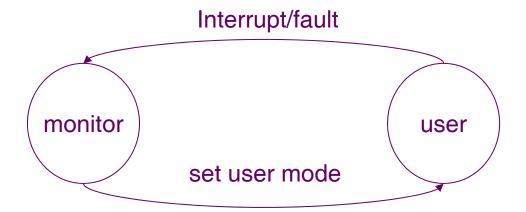
Dual-Mode Operation

- Sharing system resources requires operating system to ensure that an incorrect program cannot cause other programs to execute incorrectly.
- Provide hardware support to differentiate between at least two modes of operations.
 - 1. *User mode* execution done on behalf of a user. (用户态或目态)
 - 2. Monitor mode (also kernel mode or system mode) execution done on behalf of operating system. (核心态或管态)



Dual-Mode Operation (Cont.)

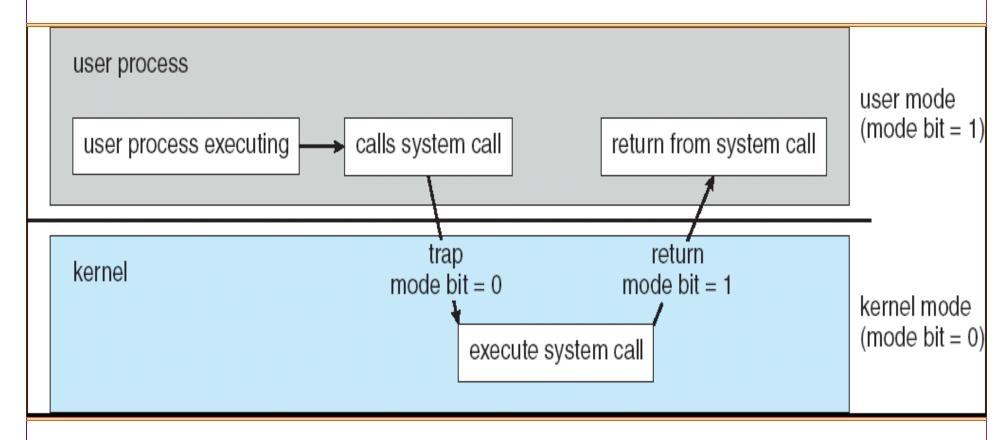
- Mode bit added to computer hardware to indicate the current mode: monitor (0) or user (1).
- When an interrupt or fault occurs hardware switches to monitor mode.



Privileged instructions can be issued only in monitor mode.









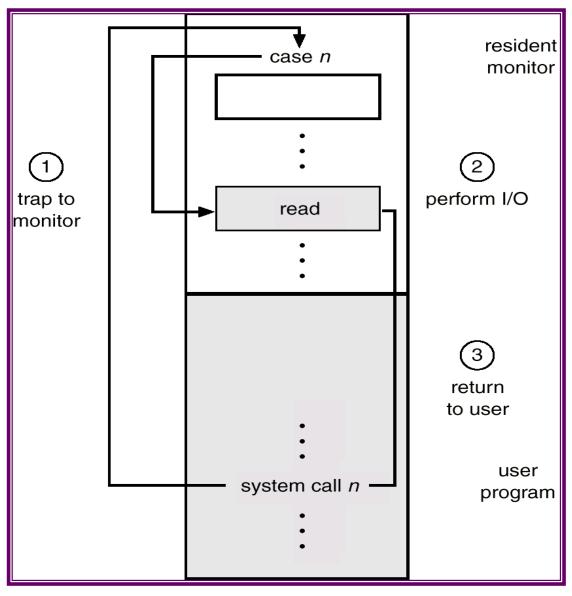


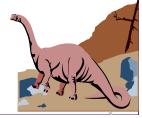
I/O Protection

- All I/O instructions are privileged instructions (特权指令), e.g., send commands to IO controllers
- Must ensure that a user program could never gain control of the computer in monitor mode (i.e., a user program that, as part of its execution, stores a new address in the interrupt vector).



Use of A System Call to Perform I/O





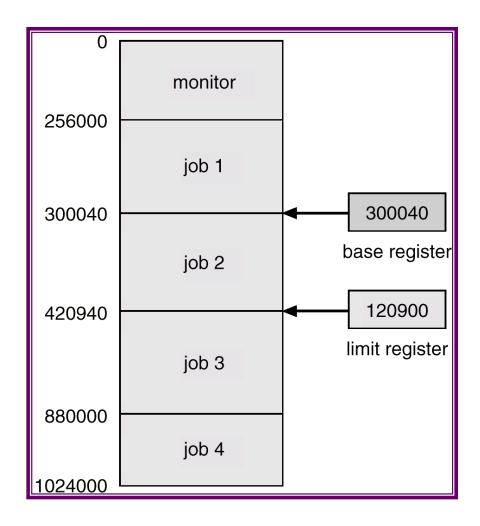


Memory Protection

- Must provide memory protection at least for the interrupt vector and the interrupt service routines.
- In order to have memory protection, add two registers that determine the range of legal addresses a program may access:
 - ◆Base register (基址寄存器) holds the smallest legal physical memory address.
 - ◆Limit register (界限寄存器) contains the size of the range
- Memory outside the defined range is protected



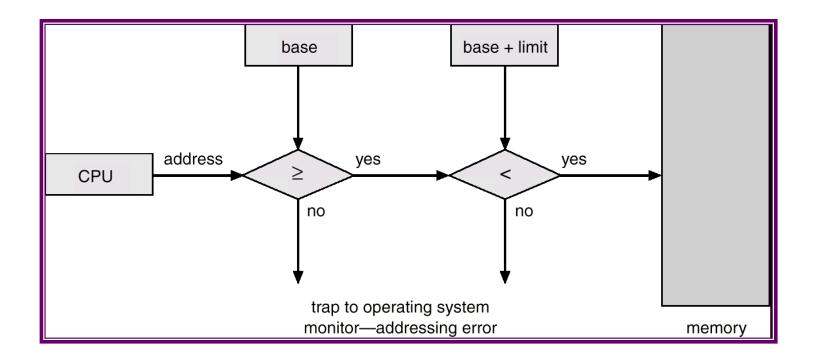
Use of A Base and Limit Register

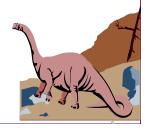


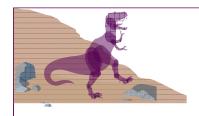




Hardware Address Protection



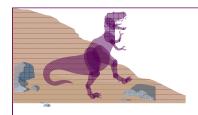




Hardware Protection

- When executing in monitor mode, the operating system has unrestricted access to both monitor and user's memory.
- The load instructions for the *base* and *limit* registers are privileged instructions (特权指令).





CPU Protection

- Timer interrupts computer after specified period to ensure operating system maintains control.
 - Timer is decremented every clock tick.
 - When timer reaches the value 0, an interrupt occurs.
- Timer commonly used to implement time sharing.
- ■Timer also used to compute the current time.
- ■Load-timer is a privileged instruction.