

# Operating System Structures

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## System Structures



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## System Services

- User Interface
- Program Execution
- I/O Operations
- File-system manipulation
- Communications
- Error Detection

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# System Services

User Interface Services:

Command line (shell)

Graphical environment (windows)

Remote controls

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# System Services

System Calls (API):

Interface between  
**user** and **system**

Mechanism used to access  
the hardware

POSIX, Win32, Java API, ...

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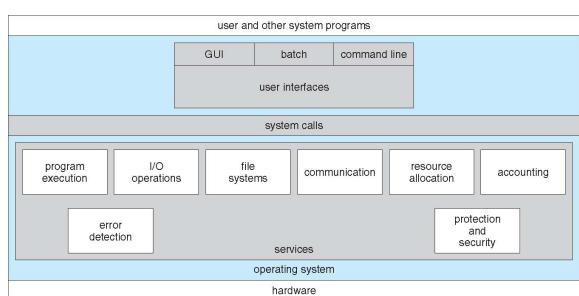
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# System Calls

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## System Call Implementation

Typically a **numbered table**

recall the **Interrupt Vector Table**

Trigger a swap from **user** to **protected** mode.

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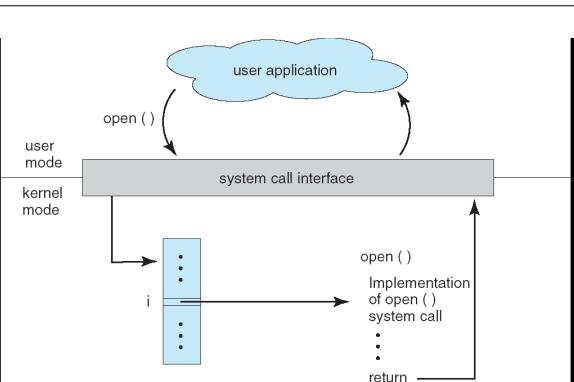
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## System Call in Action

## System Call Parameters

Three general methods to pass parameters

in **registers**.

in **memory**

in the **stack**.



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## Pintos System Call

Stack Pointer	0xbffffe80	'A'	...
	0xbffffe7c	2	third argument
	0xbffffe78	256	second argument
	0xbffffe74	42	first argument
	0xbffffe70	6	system call #
	0xbffffe6c	...	...

do\_this(42, 0xbffffe80, 2);

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## System Call Types

Process Control	File Manipulation
Device Manipulation	Information Maintenance
Communications	Protection

The System Call APIs consist of...

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## System Call Types

	Windows	Unix
Process Control	CreateProcess() ExitProcess() WaitForSingleObject()	fork() exit() wait()
File Manipulation	CreateFile() ReadFile() WriteFile() CloseHandle()	open() read() write() close()
Device Manipulation	SetConsoleMode() ReadConsole() WriteConsole()	ioctl() read() write()
Information Maintenance	GetCurrentProcessID() SetTimer() Sleep()	getpid() alarm() sleep()
Communication	CreatePipe() CreateFileMapping() MapViewOfFile()	pipe() shmget() mmap()
Protection	SetFileSecurity() InitializeSecurityDescriptor() SetSecurityDescriptorGroup()	chmod() umask() chown()

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## Pintos System Calls

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SYS_HALT,          /* Halt the operating system. */
SYS_EXIT,          /* Terminate this process. */
SYS_EXEC,          /* Start another process. */
SYS_WAIT,          /* Wait for a child process to die. */
SYS_CREATE,        /* Create a file. */
SYS_REMOVE,        /* Delete a file. */
SYS_OPEN,          /* Open a file. */
SYS_FILESIZE,      /* Obtain a file's size. */
SYS_READ,          /* Read from a file. */
SYS_WRITE,         /* Write to a file. */
SYS_SEEK,          /* Change position in a file. */
SYS_TELL,          /* Report current position in a file. */
SYS_CLOSE,         /* Close a file. */

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## System Programs

More aptly named **System Utilities**

command interpreter.

file and device manipulation.

status and communication tools.

compiler and debugger?

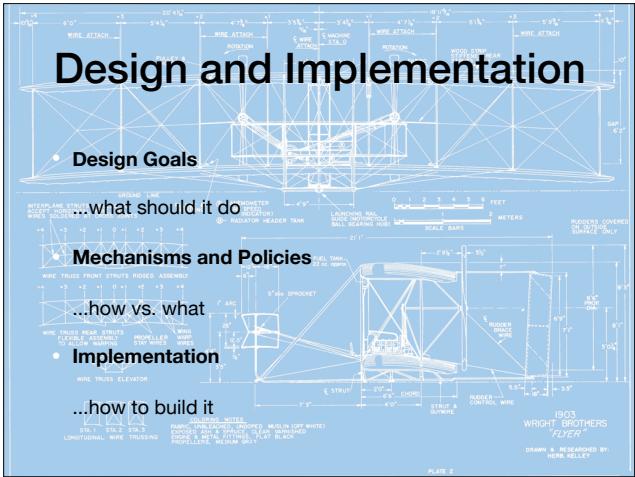
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# Design and Implementation

- ## • Design Goals

GROUND LINE  
...what should it do

## • Mechanisms and Policies

...how vs. what

## • **Implementation**

how to build it

Also called **monolithic** design

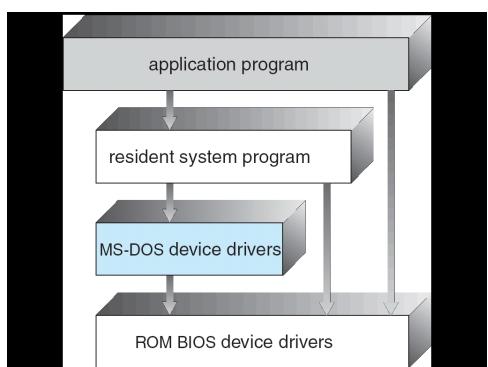
No well defined structure

Only kernel-level and user-level realms

Lots of functionality in least space

Often the “fastest”

# The Simple Structure



# Simple Structure

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# Layered Structure

Well defined interfaces of **progressive capability**

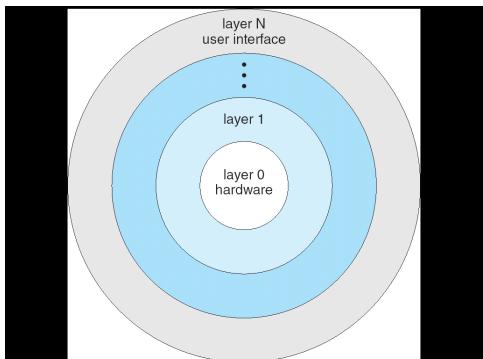
Layers are **protected** from each other

Only interacts with neighbor layers

Tend to be relatively slow



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# Layered Structure

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# Microkernels

Only what **needs** to be **in kernel** is in the kernel

- Do as much as possible in user space.

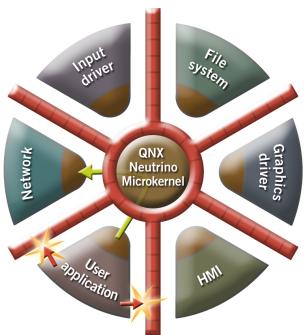
e.g. Memory allocation

## Small and optimized

Focused on message passing

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## Microkernel

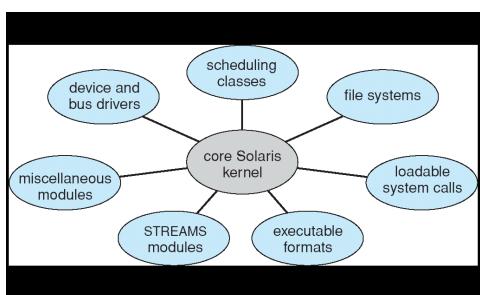
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## Modular Structure

Object-oriented techniques

Core components augmented by modules

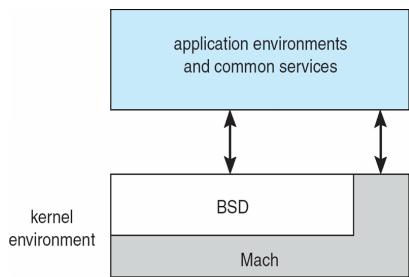
- Dynamically loadable modules
- Resembles layered structure (protection)
- Core has only basic function (load & communicate)



## Modular Structure

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## Mac OS X Hybrid

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## Virtual Machines

Continuation of Layered Structure

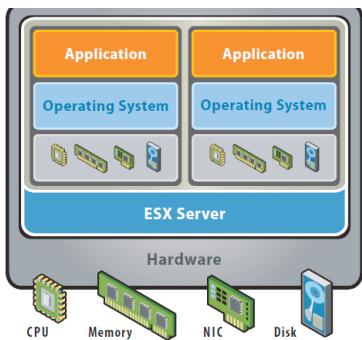
### Virtualize the hardware

Creates the illusion of hardware that an operating system can run on

Wicked Awesome!



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## Virtual Machine

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## Simulation

Emulate a different architecture

Must emulate all hardware

Simulate guest instructions

Slow.

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## Implementation

Must provide a *complete* machine.

Only one ***kernel*** mode.  
*virtual user* and *virtual kernel* modes

AMD provides hardware support for this.

VMWare, QEMU, bochs, VirtualBox, ...

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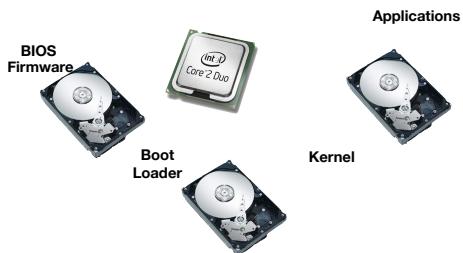
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## System Boot



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## Summary

Services Provided

Through System Call Interface

Designs and Implementation

Simple, Layered, Microkernel, Modular

Virtual Machines, Simulation, Para-virtualization.

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## Questions?

**2.11** How could a system be designed to allow a choice of operating systems from which to boot? What would the bootstrap program need to do?

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**End**

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