

CS 354 - Machine Organization & Programming

Thursday, November 21, 2019

Project p5 (4.5%): DUE at 10 pm on Monday, December 2nd

Project p6 (4.5%): Assigned on Tuesday, November 26th

Homework hw7 (1.5%): DUE at 10 pm Wednesday, November 27th

Last Time

- Unions
- Pointers
- Function Pointers
- Buffer Overflow & Stack Smashing
- Flow of Execution
- Exceptional Events
- Kinds of Exceptions

Today

- Kinds of Exceptions (from last time)
- Transferring Control via Exception Table
- Exceptions in IA-32 & Linux
- Processes and Context
- User/Kernel Modes
- Context Switch
- Context Switch Example

Next Time

- Signals
- Read:** B&O 8.5 intro, 8.5.1 - 8.5.3, 8.5.4 p. 745

Transferring Control via Exception Table

Transferring Control to an Exception Handler

1. push return addr (I_{curr} or I_{next})
 2. push interrupted process's state so it can be restarted.
context switch.
- What stack is used for the push steps above?
kernel's stack if it takes control
otherwise it's the interrupted proc's stack.
3. do indirect function call, which runs the appropriate execution hardware.

indirect function call $M[R[ETBR] + ENUM]$
↑
exception table register.

EHA is for exception handler's address

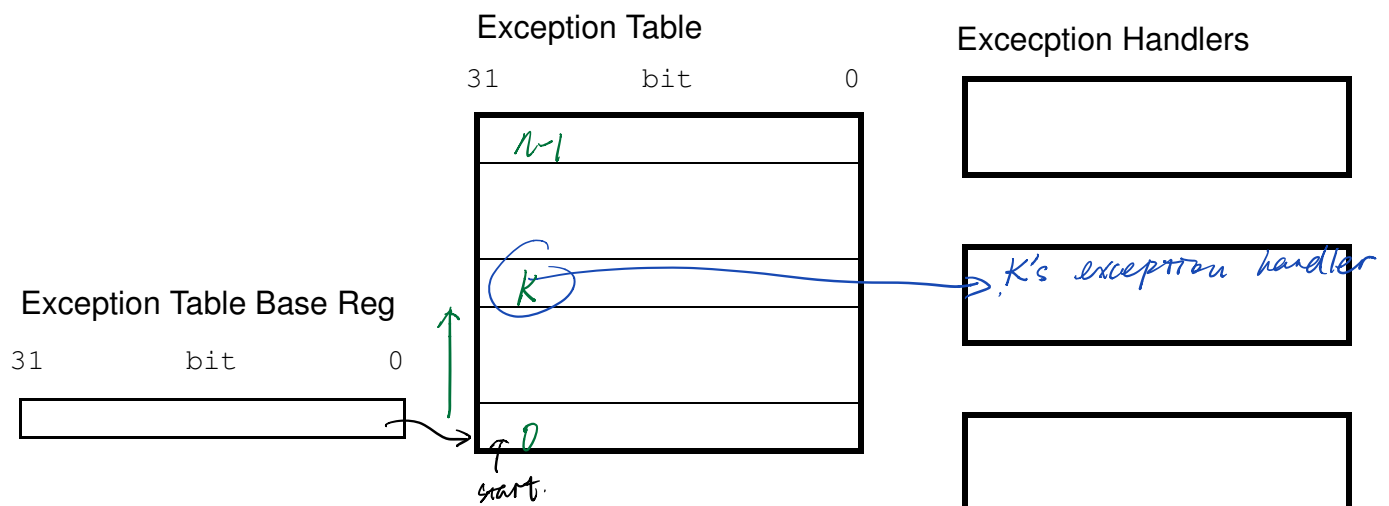
ETBR is for exception table base reg

ENUM is for exception number

Exception Table

is a jump table for exceptions that's allocated by OS on system boot

exception number (Enum)
unique non-negative integer associate with each exception type.



Exceptions in IA-32 & Linux

Exception Numbers and Types

0 - 31 are defined by processor

0 divide by 0
13 protection fault. \Rightarrow seg fault.
14 page fault.
18 machine check (hardware)

32 - 255 are defined by OS

128 (\$0x80) trap (make a system call)

System Calls and Service Numbers

1 exit *terminate the process*
2 fork *create a new process from existing process*
3 read file 4 write file 5 open file 6 close file
11 execve *starts a new program.*

Making System Calls

- 1.) *put service number in %eax*
- 2.) *put sys. call args in remaining regs except for %esp.*
- 3.) `int $0x80` *128₁₀*

System Call Example

```
#include <stdlib.h>
int main(void) {
    write(1, "hello world\n", 12);
    exit(0);
}
```

Assembly Code:

```
.section .data
string:
    .ascii "hello world\n"
string_end:
    .equ len, string_end - string
.section .text
.global main
main:
    movl $4, %eax      - ①
    movl $1, %ebx
    movl $string, %ecx  ②
    movl $len, %edx
    int $0x80           ③
    movl $1, %eax      - ①
    movl $0, %ebx      - ②
    int $0x80
```

Recall, a process

- ♦ is an instance of a running program
- ♦ has context, which is all the info needed to restart it.

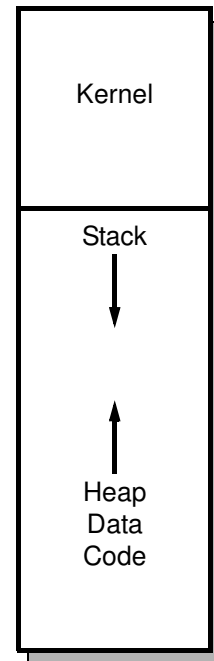
Why? easier to treat a process as a single entity running by itself.

Key illusions process exclusively uses

1. CPU
2. MEM
3. Devices

→ Who is the illusionist? OS

Process VAS



Concurrency

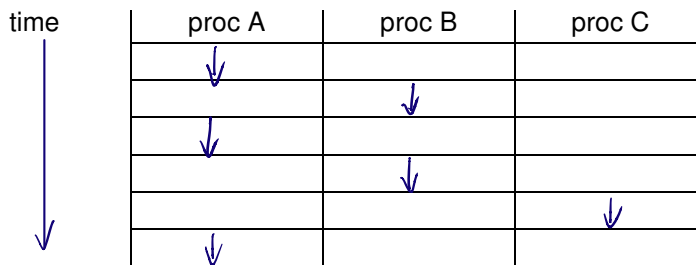
combined execution of 2 or more processes

scheduler kernel code to switch among processes

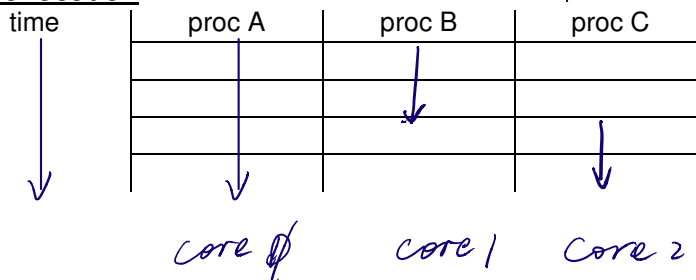
interleaved execution

one CPU is shared among processes.

time slice (AKA quantum) interval of time of a proc gets CPU



parallel execution (simultaneous) multiple CPU so each process gets its own



User/Kernel Modes

What? Processor modes are different primitive levels that a process can run in

mode bit indicates execution mode

kernel mode (1) can execute any instruction

can access any mem

can access any device

user mode (0) exec of some instruction is restricted

access to mem is limited

device access is through OS

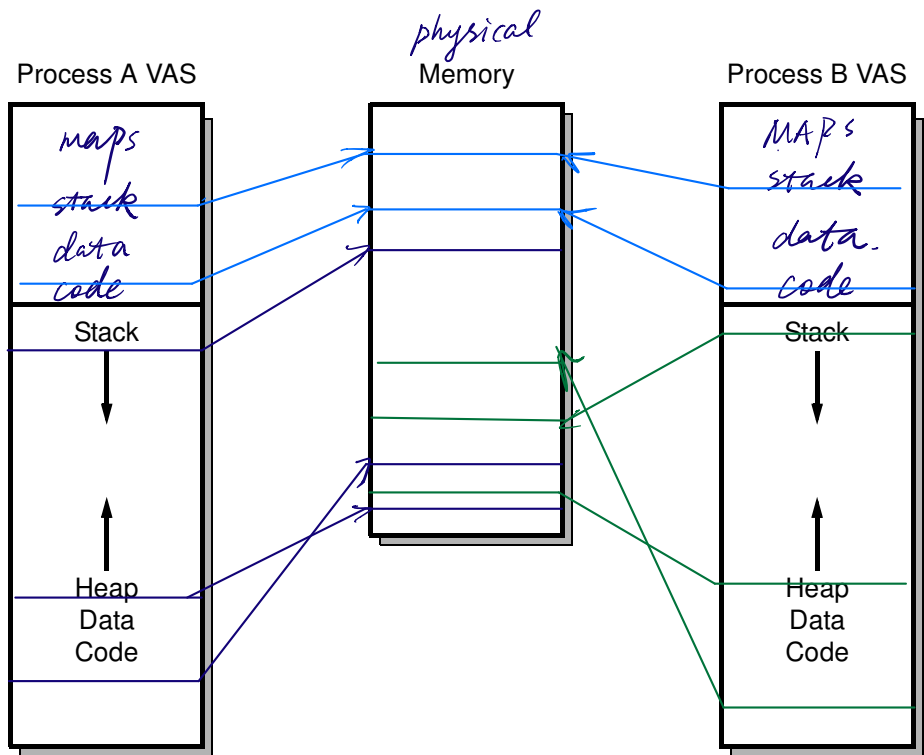
flipping modes

- ♦ start in user mode
- ♦ only an exception can switch to kernel mode
- ♦ kernel handler can switch back to user mode.

Sharing the Kernel

mem resident
part of OS

shared among all
user processes



Context Switch

What? A context switch

- ♦ is when the OS switches out one running program for another
- ♦ requires preservation of processes's context
 - ① CPU state
 - ② user stack
 - ③ kernel's stack.
 - ④ kernel's data structure
 - a. page table.
 - b. process table.
 - c. file table.

When? start of kernel execution
as a new process begins

Why?

OS enables exceptions to processes

How?

1. save context of current proc
2. restore context of new or restored proc
3. transfer control to new or restored proc.

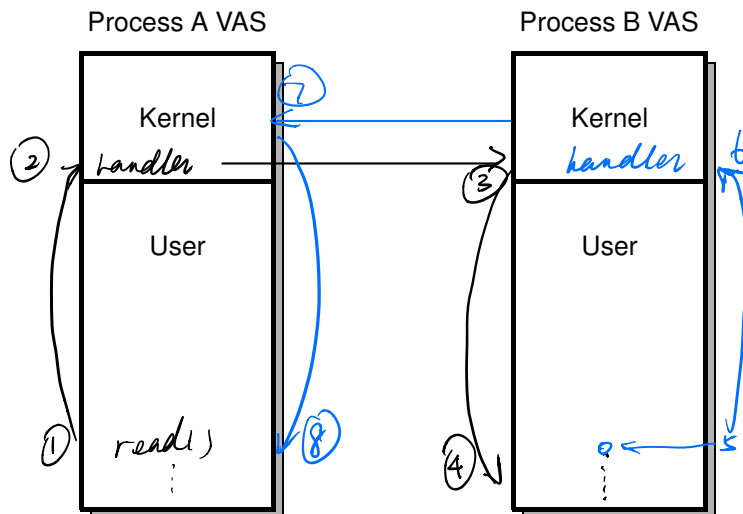
* Context switches are very expensive.

→ What is the impact of a context switch on the cache?

negative

Context Switch Example

read()



1. in user mode, proc A running -- read()
service #3, trap #128 (int x080)
2. switch to kernel mode, run handler.
arranges DMA (Direct Memory Access) so
Drive controller writes disk pages directly to mem
3. in kernel mode, do context switch.
preserve proc. A's context, restore proc B's context.
why? reading from nd storage is very slow, so use CPU for some other
processors.
4. switch to user mode, run proc A.
5. in user mode, proc B is running
interrupt from drive controller DMA is done.
6. switch to kernel mode, run handler
7. in kernel mode, do context switch
preserve B's context, restore A's context.
8. switch to user mode, to resume proc A.
execute after read()