Overview of Operating Systems

Chapters 1.4, 1.5, 1.6, 1.7, 1.8

Agenda

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1. History: generations

Uniprogramming

- "One program at a time"
  - start, execute, {wait, execute}*, finish
  - wait for: input/output, other programs, etc
  - CPU may be idle most of the time

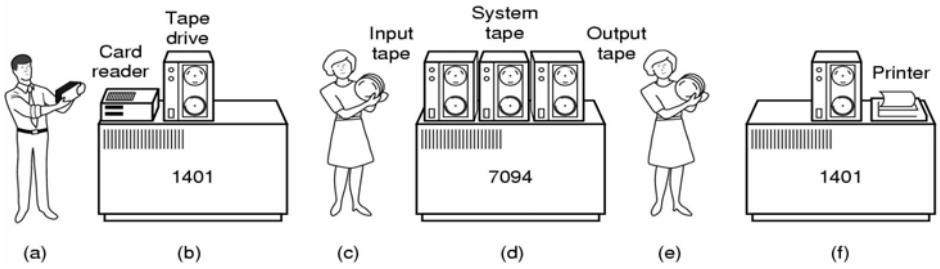
Multiprogramming

- "Many programs at a time"
  - try to keep CPU always busy
  - handle multiple programs at the same time
  - "share" (a) CPU

2. Batch Processing vs. Time Sharing (1)

Batch Processing:

- Load a pool of jobs
- Execute one job *until* it is blocked
- Pick another one to execute



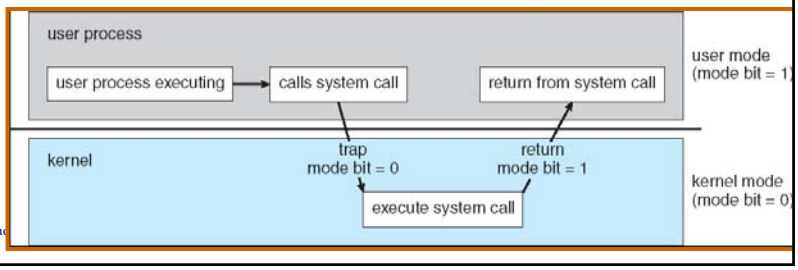
2. Batch Processing vs. Time Sharing (2)

Time Sharing:

- Execute one job up to a certain time
  - e.g., hardware timer with counter
- Switch to another one to execute
  - job scheduling, memory swapping
- Seem to execute *many* jobs at the same time
- Batch processing vs time sharing
  - job responsiveness
  - switching overhead

3. OS Operations

- Interrupt the current job
  - *yield*: system call trap (e.g., I/O)
  - *yank*: hardware timer interrupt
  - how about an “abusive” job?
- Dual-mode operation
  - user mode for regular applications
  - kernel mode with privileged instructions
  - trap: user to kernel entry



4. Process Management

- Process: a running program
  - vs thread
- Create, delete, suspend, resume process
  - resource allocation: CPU, memory, I/O, etc
- Schedule processes/threads
- Synchronize processes
- Communicate between processes
- Handle deadlocks

5. Memory management

- (Main) memory
  - store instructions for execution
  - store data for processing
- Keep track available memory
- Allocate and reclaim memory
  - provide protected access
  - trap invalid access
- Swap in/out (virtual) memory

6. Storage and I/O Management

- "In Unix, everything is a file"
  - a logical interface: open, read, write
- Create and delete files and directories
  - directory is a special file
  - file system hierarchy
- Manipulate files and directories
  - provide protected access
  - handle device-specific issues (disks, etc)

7. User Management

- Authentication
  - who's who
  - user credentials (e.g., password, token)
- Authorization
  - what can do what
  - access control (e.g., read, write, execute)
- Accounting
  - what has been done (e.g., logging)