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OS DAY-01:

Section-B – 9 Questions are reserved

All questions are mostly concepts based/theory – no practical/no numericals.
+ GK of OS (Google).

Q. Why there is a need of an OS?

As any user cannot directly interacts with any computer hardware system, and hence there is a need of some interface between user & hardware, so an OS provides this interface.

Q. What is an OS?

- **Software:** collection of programs

- **what is Program?**

- **there are 3 types of programs:**

1. **system programs:** programs which are part of an OS i.e. inbuilt programs of an OS.

e.g. kernel, cpu scheduler, memory manager, loader etc....

2. **application programs:**

e.g. compiler, google chrome, games, notepad, ms office, ide etc....

3. **user programs:** programs defined by programmer user

e.g. addition.c, hello.cpp, linkedlist.java etc.....

- as any user cannot directly interacts with any OS, an OS provides 2 types of interfaces for user in the form of programs:

1. **CUI/CLI (Command User Interface)/Command Line Interface:**

- by using this type of interface user can interacts with an OS by means of entering commands in a text format through **command line**.

e.g.

to compile a program => `$gcc program.c`

to execute a program => `$/program.out` OR `$/a.out` OR `$/a.exe`

to copy one file => `$cp`

In Windows => command prompt => name of the program in Windows that provides CUI => **cmd.exe, powershell**

In Linux => **terminal** => name of the program in Linux that provides CUI => **shell**

In MSDOS => **command.com**

2. GUI (Graphical User Interface):

- by using this type of interface user can interact with an OS by means of making an events like right click, left click, double click, click on buttons, exit, menu bar etc

double click on icon of an executable file

In Windows - name of the program that provides GUI => explorer.exe

In Linux - name of the program that provides GUI => GNOME/KDE

```
#include<stdio.h>
```

declarations of standard i/o functions like printf(), scanf() etc...

#include is a file inclusion preprocessor directive, due to this preprocessor included contents of header file into the source file.

- Header files contains only declarations of lib functions.
- definitions of all lib functions are present inside lib folder in a **precompiled object module format**.

Compiler Construction

By Aho Ulman

C Programming Language + DS + OS + Hardware Knowledge

Programs - passive entity

What is a Process?

- running instance of a program is called as a process
- when a program gets loaded into the main memory it becomes a process
- active/running program is called as a process
- process is an active entity
- program in execution is called a process

- for an execution of any program it must be loaded into the main memory

- **loader**: it is a system program (i.e. inbuilt program of an OS), which loads an executable file/code from HDD into the Main Memory.

- to starts an execution of any program => loader (OS)

- **dispatcher**: it is a system program (i.e. inbuilt program of an OS), which loads an data & instructions of a program from main memory onto the CPU (on CPU registers).

Msoffice/MScIT

- **CPU registers** : inbuilt memory of the CPU in which currently executing data & instructions can be kept temporarily.

Why RAM is also called as Main Memory:

For an execution of any program RAM memory is must, and hence it is also called as main memory.

Q. What is an OS?

- An OS is a **system software** (i.e. collection of system programs) which acts as an interface between user & hardware.

- An OS also acts an interface between programs (i.e. application programs & user programs) and computer hardware.

- An OS allocates required resources like main memory, CPU time, IO devices access etc.... to all running programs, it is also called as **resource allocator**.

- An OS manages limited available resources among all running programs, it is also called as a **resource manager**.

- An OS not only controls an execution of all running programs it also controls hardware devices which are connected to the computer system, it is also called as a **control program**.

Scenario-1:

Machine-1: Linux : program.c

Machine-2: Windows : program.c ==> compile + execute ==> YES

Portability of C: program written in C on one machine/platform can be compile and execute on any other machine/patform.

Scenario-2:

Machine-1: Linux : program.c --> compile ==> program executable file/code

Machine-2: Windows : program executable file/code ==> execute ???

Why ???? - file format

- file format of an executable file in Linux is **ELF(Executable & Linkable Format)**, whereas file format of an executable file in Windows is **PE(Portable Executable)**.

What is a file format?

It is a specific way to store/keep data (i.e. data & instructions of a program) into a file.

Way to keep/store data into an executable file is vary from OS to OS.

- When we try to execute a program, loader first verifies file format, if file format matches then only it checks magic number, and if file format as well as magic number both matches then only it loads program/executable code from HDD into the main memory.

Linux -> loader ==> ELF

Windows -> loader ==> PE

What is a magic number?

- It is a constant number generated by the compiler which is file format specific i.e. magic number of an executable file in Linux starts with ELF in its eq hexadecimal format.

- magic number of an executable file in Windiows starts with MZ in its eq hexadecimal format.

Marks Zebeski - Windows OS Architect @Microsoft.

magic number is file format specific ==> file format is OS specific
magic number ==> OS specific

Structure of an ELF file format:

- ELF file format divides an executable file logically into sections, and in each section specific data can be kept.

1. elf header/exe header/primary header:

- **main()** is also called as entry point function, as an execution of every c program starts from **main()** function.

Q. Why an execution of every C program starts from main() only ????

- bydefault **compiler** writes an addr of **main()** function inside exe header as an entry point function.

2. bss section

3. data section

4. rodata section

5. code/text section

6. symbol table

2. bss section: it contains uninitialized global and static vars

```
int g_num;//global var  
int static num;
```

3. data section: it contains initialized global and static vars

```
int g_num=99;//global var  
int static num=1000;
```

4. rodata section (read only data section): it contains constants & string literals

e.g.

```
1000 --> int constant  
100L -> long int const  
012 -> octal constant  
0x10 -> hex constant  
'A' -> char constant  
1.2f -> float constant  
3.5 -> double constant
```

char str[32] = "sunbeam"; - str is a string variable whose value is "sunbeam" which can be modified later.

char *cptr = "sunbeam"; - sunbeam is string literal which cannot be modified

lvalue required error

"SunBeam"

5. code/text section : it contains executable instructions

6. symbol table: it contains info about functions and its vars in a tabular format.

- An OS is a software (i.e. collection of thousands of system programs and application programs which are in a binary format), comes with CD/DVD/PD has 3 main components:

1. Kernel: it is a **core program/part of an OS** which runs continuously into the main memory and does **basic minimal functionalities** of it.

- Kernel is heart of an OS

- Kernel is OS OR OS is Kernel

must functionalities

e.g.

speaking - basic minimal functionality

teaching - extra utility functionality

to give speech - extra utility functionality

to sing - extra utility functionality

breathing -

teaching -

OS DAY-02:

Installation of an OS ==> to install an OS onto the machine is nothing to store OS software (i.e. collection of thousands system programs & application programs which are in a binary format) onto the HDD.

- Linux Kernel source code is freely available on internet => Open Source OS

Linux - CD ==>

=> If any OS want to become active, at least its core program i.e. kernel must be loaded first into the main memory

- to load kernel from HDD into the main memory is done by **bootstrap program** is this is called as a **booting**.

- **bootloader program**

bootable device: if any storage device contains one special program called as **bootstrap program** in its first sector i.e. in a boot sector (usually size of sector = 512 bytes), then it is referred as bootable device.

and if boot sector of storage device empty => non-bootable.

If in a PD bootstrap program is there in boot sector i.e. first 512 bytes => bootable PD.

If in a PD boot sector i.e. first 512 bytes is empty => non-bootable PD.

There are 2 steps of booting:

1. Machine boot (hardware boots):

step-1: when we switched on the power supply current gets passed to **motherboard**, on which one **ROM memory** is there, which contains one micro-program called as **BIOS (Basic Input Output System)** gets executes first.

step-2: first step of BIOS is **POST(Power On Self Test)**, under POST it check wheather all peripherals are connected properly or not and their working status.

step-3: after POST, BIOS invokes(executes) **bootstrap loader program**, which searches for available bootable devices present in the computer system and it selects only one boootable device at a time as per the priority decided in BIOS settings. (HDD, CD, PD, SSD), bydefault it selects HDD.

2. System Boot:

step-4: upon selection of bootable device as HDD, **bootloader program** which is present in a boot sector of HDD gets invokes, which displays list of names of OS's installed on it, from which user has to select any one OS at a time.

step-5: upon selection of any OS, bootstrap program of that OS gets invokes, it locates the kernel and load it into the main memory.

iPhone – iOS

MAC Machine – MAC OS X

Desktop OS

different types of OS as per user requirement.

Windows

Linux

UNIX

MACOSX

iOS

Android

Kali Linux

Solaris

etc.....

there are 1000's of OS available in a market

UNIX:

Q. Why UNIX?

Ken Thompson : B.E. Electricals from UCB

Denies Ritchie : M.Sc. Physics & Maths

AT&T Bell : Transistor, UNIX

- **System arch design** of UNIX is followed in all modern OS (Linux, Windows, MACOSX, android, iOS etc....), and hence UNIX is also referred as mother of all modern OS.

- Mainframe Server Machine ==>

C - B + BCPL

- UNIX can run from nailtop to Super Computer => It was rewritten in C in 1973 => 10,000 = 9000 C + 1000 Assembly.

- Linux is UNIX like OS, which was invented by linus torwards in 1990's as his academic project by getting inspired from MINIX OS (UNIX).

- Windows OS designed basically/specially for end users.

UNIX: System Arch Design Of UNIX:

Human Body System:

- Nervous System
- Reproduction System
- Digestive System

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OS:

- File Subsystem
- Process Control subsystem
- System call interface
- Hardware Control
- Devices

- there are two major subsystems in any OS:

1. file subsystem
2. process control subsystem

- for any OS - file & process are very imp concepts

In UNIX - file has space & process has life

In UNIX, whatever that can be stored is considered as a file and whatever is in active state is considered as a process.

KBD => input device/hardware

HDD => memory device

Monitor => output device

From UNIX system point of view => KBD is file

From UNIX system point of view => HDD is file

From UNIX system point of view => Monitor is file

From UNIX system point of view => PD is file

UNIX categorised devices into

- Copy data from HDD to PD => UNIX OS treats this as copy of data from one file to another file.

Human Body - Soul => Dead Body => file

Human Body + Soul => Living Being - active - process

Kernel Functionalities/Services: Process Management + File & Storage Management +
IO Devices Management + IPC + Scheduling + Memory Management

programmer user => to use kernel services

kernel provides interface in the form of system calls:

Kernel => Program
functions: system calls

calculator: program
main() => client function

functionalities: services

addition()
subtraction()
division()
multiplication()

Q. What are system calls?

System calls are the functions defined in C, C++ & assembly, which provides interface of the services made available by the kernel for user.

- if any programmer user wants to use kernel services in his/her program then it can be called indirectly gets called from inside library functions, or directly it can be called by giving call to system calls (system programming).

System calls – system defined code

file handling program in C:

fopen() C lib function => to open a file/to create a new file

fopen() => open() sys call which actually opens a file/creates a new file

`fread()/fscanf()/scanf()/fgetc()/fgets()` => `read()` sys call => to read data from file

- In UNIX 64 system calls are there
- In Linux more than 300 system calls are there
- In Windows more than 3000 system calls are there

`mkdir` - command -> to create a new dir/s

system call to create a new process/child process

UNIX => `fork()`

Linux => `fork()`, `clone()`

Windows => `CreateProcess()`

- `exit()` C lib function which internally makes call to `_exit()` sys call due to which process gets exited/terminated.

- irrespective of any OS, there are 6 categories of system calls:

1. **file operations system calls:** e.g. `open()`, `close()`, `write()`, `read()`, `lseek()` etc....

2. **device control system calls:** e.g. `open()`, `close()`, `write()`, `read()`, `lseek()` `ioctl()` etc....

3. **process control system calls:** e.g. `fork()`, `_exit()`, `wait()` etc....

4. **inter process communication system calls:** e.g. `pipe()`, `signal()` etc...

5. **accounting information system calls:** e.g. `getpid()`, `getppid()`, `stat()` etc...
`stat()` sys call is used to get info about the file

`getpid()` sys call gives process id of calling process/program

`getppid()` sys call gives process id parent of calling process/program

6. **protection & security system calls:** e.g. `chmod()`, `chown()` etc...

files & filesystem

`chmod()` - to assign/change access perms by means of changing mode bits

`chown()` - to change owner of file

etc...

addition of two numbers: user defined code

```
#include<stdio.h>

int main( void )
{
    int n1, n2, res;

    printf( "enter n1 & n2: "); //write( ) sys call - system defined code
    scanf("%d %d", &n1, &n2); //read( ) sys call - system defined code

    res = n1 + n2;
    printf("res = %d\n", res); //write( ) sys call - system defined code

    return 0; //successful termination
}
```

- whenever system call gets called the CPU stops an execution of user defined code and it starts executing system defined code, and hence system calls are also called as **software interrupts/trap**.

What is an hardware interrupt?

- an interrupt is a signal which received by the CPU from any hardware device due to which it stops an execution of one job/process and starts executing another job/process.

- throughout an execution of any program the CPU switches between user defined code and system defined code, and hence we can say system runs in 2 modes:

1. user mode: when the CPU executes user defined code instructions

2. kernel mode/system: when the CPU executes system defined code instructions

dual mode operation of an OS.

SunBeam