

OPERATING SYSTEM OS Structure and Operation

Dr Rahul NagpalComputer Science

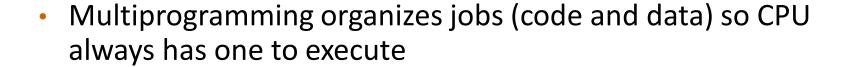


OS Structure and Operation

Dr. Rahul NagpalComputer Science

Operating System Structure

- Multiprogramming (Batch system) needed for efficiency
 - Single user cannot keep CPU and I/O devices busy at all times



- A subset of total jobs in system is kept in memory
- One job selected and run via job scheduling
- When it has to wait (for I/O for example), OS switches to another job Slides Adapted from Operating System Concepts 9/e © Authors



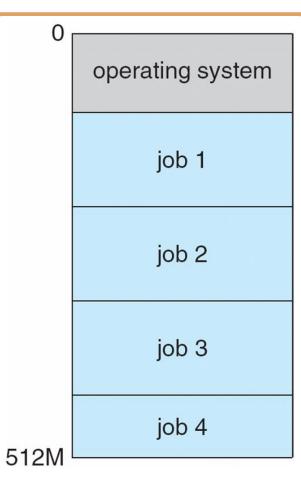
Operating System Structure

- Timesharing (multitasking) is logical extension in which CPU switches jobs so frequently that users can interact with each job while it is running, creating interactive computing
 - Response time should be < 1 second
 - Each user has at least one program executing in memory ⇒process
 - If several jobs ready to run at the same time ⇒ CPU scheduling
 - If processes don't fit in memory, swapping moves them in and out to run
 - Virtual memory allows execution of processes not completely in memory



Memory Layout for Multiprogrammed System





Operating System Operations



- Interrupt driven (hardware and software)
 - Hardware interrupt by one of the devices
 - Software interrupt (exception or trap):
 - Software error (e.g., division by zero)
 - Request for operating system service
 - Other process problems include infinite loop, processes modifying each other or the operating system

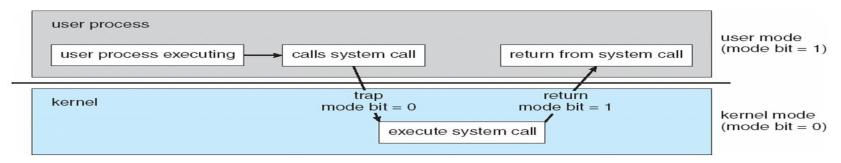
Operating System Operations (Cont.)

- Dual-mode operation allows OS to protect itself and other system components
 - User mode and kernel mode
 - Mode bit provided by hardware
 - Provides ability to distinguish when system is running user code or kernel code
 - Some instructions designated as privileged, only executable in kernel mode
 - System call changes mode to kernel, return from call resets it to user
- Increasingly CPUs support multi-mode operations
 - i.e. virtual machine manager (VMM) mode for guest VMs



Transition from User to Kernel Mode

- Timer to prevent infinite loop / process hogging resources
 - Timer is set to interrupt the computer after some time period
 - Keep a counter that is decremented by the physical clock.
 - Operating system set the counter (privileged instruction)
 - When counter zero generate an interrupt
 - Set up before scheduling process to regain control or terminate program that exceeds allotted time







THANK YOU

Dr Rahul Nagpal

Computer Science

rahulnagpal@pes.edu