**AOS Assignment-1**

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**QN.1 ) List five services provided by an operating system that is designed to make it more convenient for users to use the computer system. In what cases it would be impossible for user-level programs to provide these services? Explain.**

Five services provided by an operating system that is designed to make it more convenient for users to use the computer system are listed below:

1. Memory management:

Allocating and Deallocating memory for running programs, and ensuring that they donot interfere with each other's memory.

1. Process management: Creating, destroying, and managing processes, and providing means for communication between them.
2. File system management: Organizing and managing files on disk, and providing a standardized interface for programs to access them.
3. Input/output management: Managing input and output operations, such as reading from and writing to disk and communication with other devices.
4. Security: Controlling access to system resources, such as files and devices, and enforcing security policies.

It would be impossible for user-level programs to provide these services because they do not have the necessary privileges or access to the underlying hardware and system resources. For example, a user-level program does not have the privilege to directly access the memory management, process management, input/output management, and security features of the system. Because of the privilege level difference the operating system is responsible for providing these services as a mediator between the hardware and user-level programs.

**QN.2) What are the advantages and disadvantages of using the same system call interface for manipulating both files and devices?**

Advantages of using the same system call interface for manipulating both files and devices are listed below :

* 1. Simplifies programming, as developers only need to learn one set of system calls instead of two.
  2. Makes it easier to write software that works with both files and devices, as the same code can be used to manipulate them.
  3. Reduces complexity and duplications of the codebase
  4. Can increase the compatibility and uniformity of the software
  5. Potentially increase the performance if the same underlying systems are managing files and devices.

Disadvantages of using the same system call interface for manipulating both files and devices are listed below :

1. Can make the interface more complex, as it needs to accommodate the different behavior and capabilities of both types of resources.
2. Can make it harder to ensure that the interface is secure and stable, as there may be more potential for bugs or security vulnerabilities when handling both types of resources.
3. Can make it harder to reason about the behavior of a program when it interacts with both files and devices using the same interface.
4. May lead to confusion when using the same function to interact with both file and devices.
5. Can be ambiguous in some cases if the implementation of the system call may be different for files and devices.
6. Can be less efficient as the implementation of system call might be more complex to handle different type of resources.

**QN.3) Describe the actions taken by a kernel to context-switch between processes.**

A kernel will take several actions in order to context-switch between processes.

**1. Save the current process's context**

When a process is scheduled to be switched out, the kernel will first save the current state of the process, including the values of the CPU registers, the contents of memory, and the state of any other resources being used by the process.

**2. Select the next process to run:**

The kernel selects the next process to run based on its scheduling algorithm.

**3. Load the new process's context:**

Next, the kernel will load the saved state of the next process that is scheduled to run. This will include loading the values of the CPU registers and memory from the saved state, and re-initializing any other resources that were being used by the previous process.

**4. Switch to the new process**

Once the next process has been loaded and its state has been restored, the kernel will transfer control to the next process by setting the instruction pointer to the entry point of the next process's code and then execute the instructions at that address. The kernel resumes execution of the new process

Additionally kernel has to deal with I/O operations, Memory management, CPU privilege modes, Interrupts and any other resources that processes might be using. This context switch will have overhead and takes small amount of time so kernel uses a technique called preemption that allows to interrupt any process and switch context if a higher priority process is ready to run.

In summary, context switching is the process of saving the state of one process, loading the saved state of another process, and then transferring control to the new process. This is done by the kernel in order to allow multiple processes to share a single CPU or other resources.

**QN4) Provide two programming examples in which multithreading does not provide better performance than a single-threaded solution.**

1) One example in which multithreading does not provide better performance than a single-threaded solution is when the task at hand is not computationally expensive. For instance, if we have a program that simply reads a small amount of data from a file and then writes it to a database, using multiple threads to perform this task would not likely result in a significant performance boost because the file I/O and database operations are the bottleneck, and not the computational power of the CPU.

2) Another example in which multithreading does not provide better performance than a single-threaded solution is when the program performs a lot of operations that are not thread-safe. In this case, synchronizing access to shared resources can lead to a lot of contention and overhead, which can actually slow down the program when compared to a single-threaded solution.

It's worth noting that multithreading can help improve the responsiveness of a program, for example, by allowing a user interface to remain responsive while a long-running task is being performed in the background. So in this cases the performance would not be necessary improved but the usability and user experience would be.

**QN5) Describe the actions taken by a thread library to context switch between user-level threads.**

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**1.** Save the current thread's register values, including the program counter, stack pointer, and other registers, to the thread's specific stack or data structure.

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Note that these actions may be performed using a variety of techniques, such as using special CPU instructions or system calls, or by manipulating the stack and register values directly.

**Under what circumstances does a multithreaded solution using multiple kernel threads provide better performance than a single-threaded solution on a single-processor system?**

A multithreaded solution using multiple kernel threads can provide better performance on a single-processor system in the following circumstances:

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In this case, having multiple threads allows the processor to switch between threads while waiting for the I/O operations to complete, effectively utilizing the idle time.

**2. If the system has a lot of parallelizable tasks:**

If the tasks can be divided into smaller chunks and processed concurrently, using multiple threads can speed up the overall processing time.

**3. If the system has a mix of I/O-bound and CPU-bound tasks:**

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It is important to note that the use of multiple kernel threads may not always provide a better performance, as it can also introduce overhead due to context switching and resource contention. It is recommended to carefully evaluate the workload and architecture of the system before implementing a multithreaded solution.

1. **Can a multithreaded solution use multiple user-level threads to achieve better performance on a multiprocessor system than on a single-processor system?**

It is possible for a multithreaded solution using multiple user-level threads to achieve better performance on a multiprocessor system than on a single-processor system. This is because a multiprocessor system allows for multiple threads to be executed concurrently on different processors, thereby increasing the overall performance of the system. However, the improvement in performance will depend on the specific characteristics of the multithreaded solution and the workload being processed. In some cases, the overhead of managing the multiple threads may outweigh the benefits of concurrent execution, leading to worse performance on a multiprocessor system.

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The term "busy waiting" is used to contrast this type of activity with "sleep waiting," in which the processor goes to sleep or enters a low-power mode while waiting for an event to occur. Busy waiting is generally less efficient than sleep waiting because it consumes more power and can cause the processor to generate more heat. However, it can be necessary for some situations where a process needs to respond to an event as quickly as possible.

There are several different types of waiting that can occur in an operating system:

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Timesharing systems can be more cost-effective than buying separate PCs or workstations for each user.

However, there are also circumstances in which a PC or single-user workstation might be more suitable, such as when a user needs a high level of performance or requires a dedicated machine for a specific task.

**Q. 8 Discuss how the following pairs of scheduling criteria conflict in certain settings.**

**a. CPU utilization and response time**

**b. Average turnaround time and maximum waiting time**

**c. I/O device utilization and CPU utilization**

a. CPU utilization and response time are two scheduling criteria that can conflict in certain settings. High CPU utilization means that the CPU is busy processing tasks and is able to handle a high workload, while response time refers to the amount of time it takes for a task to receive a response from the system. When a system is focused on maximizing CPU utilization, it may prioritize tasks that are computationally intensive, resulting in longer response times for other tasks that are not as computationally intensive. This can lead to a trade-off between high CPU utilization and low response times.

b. Average turnaround time and maximum waiting time are two scheduling criteria that can conflict in certain settings. Average turnaround time refers to the amount of time it takes for a task to complete, while maximum waiting time refers to the amount of time a task has to wait before it can be executed. When a system is focused on minimizing average turnaround time, it may prioritize tasks that are computationally intensive, resulting in longer waiting times for other tasks that are not as computationally intensive. This can lead to a trade-off between a low average turnaround time and a high maximum waiting time.

c. I/O device utilization and CPU utilization are two scheduling criteria that can conflict in certain settings. High I/O device utilization means that the system is performing a high number of I/O operations, while high CPU utilization means that the CPU is busy processing tasks and is able to handle a high workload. When a system is focused on maximizing I/O device utilization, it may prioritize tasks that perform a lot of I/O operations, resulting in less time for the CPU to process other tasks. This can lead to a trade-off between high I/O device utilization and low CPU utilization.

**Q.10 Consider the deadlock situation that could occur in the dining-philosophers the problem when the philosophers obtain the chopsticks one at a time. Discuss how the four necessary conditions for deadlock indeed hold in this setting. Discuss how deadlocks could be avoided by eliminating any one of the four conditions.**

The dining philosopher's problem is a classic example of a situation where deadlocks can occur due to resource contention. In this problem, there are five philosophers sitting at a round table, each with a plate of food in front of them. In order to eat, a philosopher must have two chopsticks, one on their left and one on their right. The problem is that the philosophers must coordinate their use of chopsticks to avoid deadlocks.

One way to model the problem is for the philosophers to obtain the chopsticks one at a time, rather than both at once. In this setting, the four necessary conditions for deadlock hold:

Mutual exclusion: Each chopstick can only be held by one philosopher at a time.

Hold and wait: A philosopher will hold onto one chopstick and wait for the other one to become available.

No preemption: Once a philosopher has a chopstick, they will not release it until they have obtained the other chopstick.

Circular wait: The philosophers are waiting for chopsticks in a circular pattern, with each philosopher waiting for the chopstick held by the philosopher to their left.

In this setting, the deadlock can be avoided by eliminating any one of the four conditions. For example, if the philosophers are allowed preemption, they can release their chopstick if they have held it for too long and no other philosopher can use it. Similarly, if the philosophers are able to pick up the chopsticks in a different order, the circular wait can be broken.

Another approach would be to have one extra chopstick, so there is one always available, this way the philosophers don't have to wait for the chopstick, avoiding deadlock.

Alternatively, one can use a different algorithm like the resource hierarchy algorithm, where philosophers are assigned a priority based on their position at the table and only philosophers with higher priority can access the chopstick first, avoiding the starvation of lower-priority philosophers and avoiding the deadlock.

**Q.13 In process creation, what are the possibilities in concerned (1) Parent**

**execution (2) Address space of the new process (child)?**

**Parent execution:** After creating a new process, the parent process has the option to continue its own execution, wait for the child process to complete, or synchronize with the child process using inter-process communication (IPC) mechanisms such as pipes or signals.

**Address space of the new process (child):** When creating a new process, the operating system creates a new address space for the child process. This new address space is a copy of the parent process's address space, or it can be a completely new and independent address space. The new child process is given its own program counter, stack pointer, and other state information. The child process can then execute its own code independently of the parent process. This is called copy-on-write, where the parent process shares the memory with the child process until one of them writes to the memory location, then the memory location is copied and each process gets its own memory space.

**Q.12 Consider the traffic deadlock depicted in the Figure below.**

**a. Show that the four necessary conditions for deadlock indeed hold in this**

**example.**

**b. State a simple rule for avoiding deadlocks in this system.**

**a. The four necessary conditions for deadlock in this example are**

Mutual Exclusion: Each road segment is exclusive to one vehicle at a time, as vehicles cannot pass each other on the same road segment.

Hold and Wait: Vehicles are waiting on the blocked road segments for other vehicles to move, thus holding their current position and waiting for the road to clear.

No Preemption: Vehicles cannot be forced off of the road segments, so once a vehicle enters a road segment, it holds that segment until it reaches the end.

Circular Wait: Vehicles are waiting in a circular pattern, with each vehicle waiting on the next one to move in order to proceed.

**b. One simple rule for avoiding deadlocks** **in this system** would be to use a traffic control system, such as traffic lights or roundabouts, to coordinate the movement of vehicles on each road segment and ensure that the circular wait condition is not met. This can be done by giving priority to certain vehicles on certain road segments, and ensuring that the movement of vehicles is coordinated to prevent any vehicles from getting blocked.

1. **List five services provided by an operating system that is designed to make it more convenient for users to use the computer system. In what cases it would be impossible for user-level programs to provide these services? Explain.**

The five services provided by an OS that is designed to make it more convenient are:

**1. Memory management:**

Operating systems provide services to manage the computer's

Processor scheduling: Operating systems provide services to schedule the execution of different programs on the processor, ensuring that each program gets a fair amount of CPU time. It would be impossible for user-level programs to provide this service as they do not have the necessary privileges to access and manipulate the processor scheduling.

**2. File system management:**

Operating systems provide services to manage the computer's file system, including creating, deleting, and modifying files and directories. It would be impossible for user-level programs to provide this service as they do not have the necessary privileges to access and manipulate the file system.

**3. Network communication:**

Operating systems provide services to enable programs to communicate over a network, including providing support for different protocols and handling network connections. It would be impossible for user-level programs to provide this service as they do not have the necessary privileges to access and manipulate the network communication of the computer system.

**4. Security:**

Operating systems provide services to ensure the security of the computer system, including implementing user authentication and access control. It would be impossible for user-level programs to provide this service as they do not have the necessary privileges to access and manipulate the security of the computer system.

There are several cases in which it would be impossible for user-level programs to provide certain services that are provided by an operating system:

**1. Memory management:**

User-level programs do not have direct access to the hardware, so they cannot allocate or deallocate memory as needed. The operating system provides this service, allowing programs to request and release memory as needed.

**2. Process management:**

User-level programs cannot create or terminate processes or manage the scheduling of processes. This is because the operating system has full control over the CPU and other hardware resources, and can allocate them to different processes as needed.

**3. Input/output (I/O) management:**

User-level programs cannot directly access the hardware devices, such as printers, keyboards, and hard drives. The operating system provides I/O services, allowing programs to request access to these devices and transfer data to and from them.

**4. Security:**

User-level programs do not have the authority to enforce security policies, such as user authentication and file permissions. The operating system provides these services, ensuring that only authorized users have access to certain resources.

**5. Networking:**

User-level programs cannot directly access the network hardware, such as routers and switches, or manage the communication of data over the network. The operating system provides networking services, allowing programs to send and receive data over the network.

1. **What are the advantages and disadvantages of using the same system call interface for manipulating both files and devices?**

Advantages of using the same system call interface for manipulating both files and devices:

**1. Simplicity:**

By using the same system call interface for both files and devices, it becomes easier for users to learn and use the system. It reduces the complexity of the operating system and makes it more user-friendly.

**2. Flexibility:**

Using the same system call interface for both files and devices allows for greater flexibility in the design of the operating system. It allows the operating system to support a wide range of devices and file types without requiring separate system call interfaces for each type.

**3. Efficiency:**

By using the same system call interface for both files and devices, the operating system can more efficiently manage and access these resources. This can lead to improved performance and faster access times.

Disadvantages of using the same system call interface for manipulating both files and devices:

**1. Security:**

Using the same system call interface for both files and devices can potentially compromise security. For example, if a user has access to a device's system call interface, they may be able to gain access to sensitive information or perform actions that could potentially harm the system.

**2. Compatibility:**

Using the same system call interface for both files and devices can potentially cause compatibility issues. Different devices and file types may have different requirements and constraints, and using the same system call interface for all of them may not be suitable for all cases.

**3. Complexity:**

Using the same system call interface for both files and devices can potentially lead to increased complexity in the operating system. It may be difficult to design a single system call interface that can effectively support all types of devices and files, and this can lead to more complex code and potentially more bugs.

1. **Describe the actions taken by a kernel to context-switch between processes.**

When a kernel needs to context-switch between processes, it performs the following actions:

**1. Save the current process's context:**

The kernel saves the current process's register values, program counters, and other processor state information.

**2. Select the next process to run:**

The kernel selects the next process to run based on its scheduling algorithm.

**3. Load the new process's context:**

The kernel loads the new process's register values, program counter, and other processor state information.

**4. Switch to the new process:**

The kernel switches to the new process by updating the processor's program counter and register values to those of the new process.

**5. Resume execution**

The kernel resumes execution of the new process.

1. **Provide two programming examples in which multithreading does not provide better performance than a single-threaded solution.**

**Example 1:**

When the program is primarily I/O-bound and spends most of its time waiting for external input or output operations to complete, multithreading may not provide any significant performance improvement. This is because the CPU is idle while waiting for the I/O operations to complete, and additional threads will not be able to utilize this idle time to perform useful work.

**Example 2:**

When the program is primarily CPU-bound and spends most of its time performing complex calculations, multithreading may not provide any significant performance improvement if the program is running on a single-core CPU. This is because the program will still be limited by the capacity of a single core, and additional threads will not be able to utilize multiple cores to perform the calculations in parallel.

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a. CPU utilization and response time are two scheduling criteria that can conflict in certain settings. High CPU utilization means that the CPU is busy processing tasks and is able to handle a high workload, while response time refers to the amount of time it takes for a task to receive a response from the system. When a system is focused on maximizing CPU utilization, it may prioritize tasks that are computationally intensive, resulting in longer response times for other tasks that are not as computationally intensive. This can lead to a trade-off between high CPU utilization and low response times.

b. Average turnaround time and maximum waiting time are two scheduling criteria that can conflict in certain settings. Average turnaround time refers to the amount of time it takes for a task to complete, while maximum waiting time refers to the amount of time a task has to wait before it can be executed. When a system is focused on minimizing average turnaround time, it may prioritize tasks that are computationally intensive, resulting in longer waiting times for other tasks that are not as computationally intensive. This can lead to a trade-off between a low average turnaround time and a high maximum waiting time.

c. I/O device utilization and CPU utilization are two scheduling criteria that can conflict in certain settings. High I/O device utilization means that the system is performing a high number of I/O operations, while high CPU utilization means that the CPU is busy processing tasks and is able to handle a high workload. When a system is focused on maximizing I/O device utilization, it may prioritize tasks that perform a lot of I/O operations, resulting in less time for the CPU to process other tasks. This can lead to a trade-off between high I/O device utilization and low CPU utilization.

**Q.10 Consider the deadlock situation that could occur in the dining-philosophers the problem when the philosophers obtain the chopsticks one at a time. Discuss how the four necessary conditions for deadlock indeed hold in this setting. Discuss how deadlocks could be avoided by eliminating any one of the four conditions.**

The dining philosopher's problem is a classic example of a situation where deadlocks can occur due to resource contention. In this problem, there are five philosophers sitting at a round table, each with a plate of food in front of them. In order to eat, a philosopher must have two chopsticks, one on their left and one on their right. The problem is that the philosophers must coordinate their use of chopsticks to avoid deadlocks.

One way to model the problem is for the philosophers to obtain the chopsticks one at a time, rather than both at once. In this setting, the four necessary conditions for deadlock hold:

Mutual exclusion: Each chopstick can only be held by one philosopher at a time.

Hold and wait: A philosopher will hold onto one chopstick and wait for the other one to become available.

No preemption: Once a philosopher has a chopstick, they will not release it until they have obtained the other chopstick.

Circular wait: The philosophers are waiting for chopsticks in a circular pattern, with each philosopher waiting for the chopstick held by the philosopher to their left.

In this setting, the deadlock can be avoided by eliminating any one of the four conditions. For example, if the philosophers are allowed preemption, they can release their chopstick if they have held it for too long and no other philosopher can use it. Similarly, if the philosophers are able to pick up the chopsticks in a different order, the circular wait can be broken.

Another approach would be to have one extra chopstick, so there is one always available, this way the philosophers don't have to wait for the chopstick, avoiding deadlock.

Alternatively, one can use a different algorithm like the resource hierarchy algorithm, where philosophers are assigned a priority based on their position at the table and only philosophers with higher priority can access the chopstick first, avoiding the starvation of lower-priority philosophers and avoiding the deadlock.

**Q.12 Consider the traffic deadlock depicted in the Figure below.**

**a. Show that the four necessary conditions for deadlock indeed hold in this**

**example.**

**b. State a simple rule for avoiding deadlocks in this system.**

**a. The four necessary conditions for deadlock in this example are**

Mutual Exclusion: Each road segment is exclusive to one vehicle at a time, as vehicles cannot pass each other on the same road segment.

Hold and Wait: Vehicles are waiting on the blocked road segments for other vehicles to move, thus holding their current position and waiting for the road to clear.

No Preemption: Vehicles cannot be forced off of the road segments, so once a vehicle enters a road segment, it holds that segment until it reaches the end.

Circular Wait: Vehicles are waiting in a circular pattern, with each vehicle waiting on the next one to move in order to proceed.

**b. One simple rule for avoiding deadlocks** **in this system** would be to use a traffic control system, such as traffic lights or roundabouts, to coordinate the movement of vehicles on each road segment and ensure that the circular wait condition is not met. This can be done by giving priority to certain vehicles on certain road segments, and ensuring that the movement of vehicles is coordinated to prevent any vehicles from getting blocked.

**13. In process creation, what are the possibilities in concerned (1) Parent**

**execution (2) Address space of the new process (child)?**

**Parent execution:** After creating a new process, the parent process has the option to continue its own execution, wait for the child process to complete, or synchronize with the child process using inter-process communication (IPC) mechanisms such as pipes or signals.

**Address space of the new process (child):** When creating a new process, the operating system creates a new address space for the child process. This new address space is a copy of the parent process's address space, or it can be a completely new and independent address space. The new child process is given its own program counter, stack pointer, and other state information. The child process can then execute its own code independently of the parent process. This is called copy-on-write, where the parent process shares the memory with the child process until one of them writes to the memory location, then the memory location is copied and each process gets its own memory space.