CS 303: Operating Systems Lecture Set 1

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Is OS mandatory?

- NO, not necessarily, then too much efforts be put.....
- But if we use an OS, advantages:
 - Abstract interfaces to HW access
 - Reusability (no need to write code to implement common behaviour)

What Operating Systems Do?

Several perspectives -

- OS is program most involved with the hardware
 - hardware abstraction
- OS is a resource allocator
 - Manages all resources
 - Decides between conflicting requests for efficient and fair resource use
- OS is a control program
 - Controls execution of programs to prevent errors and improper use of the computer

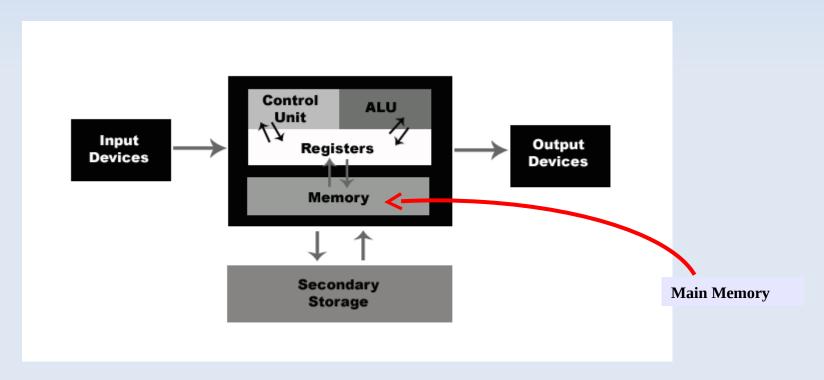
Operating System

- The low-level software on a computer which provides user-programs (i.e. applications) with necessary execution environment by:
 - (a) defining a framework for program execution and
 - (b) defining a set of services required
 - When no application program is running, it gives default interface to the user
 - OS: kernel together with
 - set of system programs which use facilities provided by the kernel to perform higher-level functionalities (house-keeping) tasks
- KERNEL: is the core (irreducible core from which entire OS func. Gets delivered)

Computer System Organization

(Abstract view)

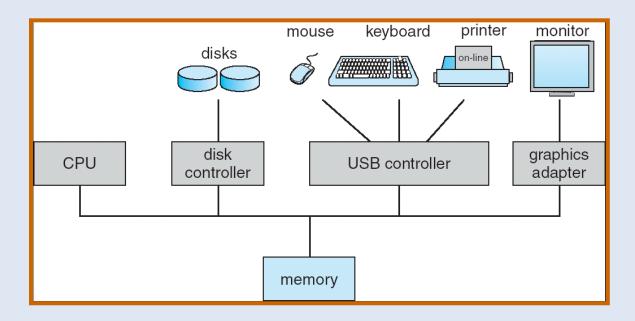
Typically, a common bus for all!



Requires: Dev. Controller HW for delegation → Dev. Driver (SW) is required

Computer System Organization (refined)

- One or more CPUs, device controllers connected through common bus providing access to shared memory
- Concurrent execution (CPUs and devices) competing for memory access (cycles)



Storage Structure

Primary storage

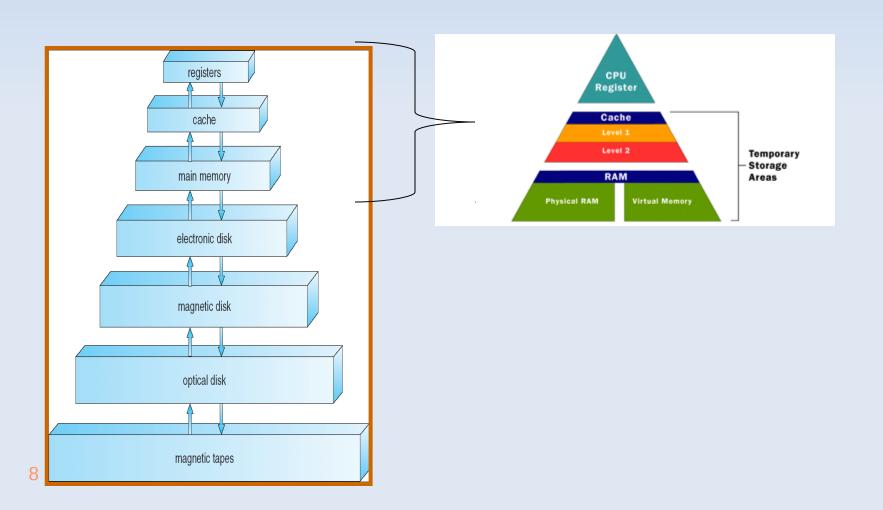
- Main memory, the only mem. directly accessible by CPU
 - Program must be in main memory in order to be executed
 - Main memory usually not large enough to hold all programs and data (paging)
 - Main memory is volatile

Secondary storage:

large quantities of data, permanently

In general, we have a hierarchy of storage devices varying by speed, cost, size and volatility

Storage-Device Hierarchy



Architecture Variants

- Single-processor system
 - From PDAs to mainframes
- Multi-processor systems
 - Increase throughput
 - Economy of scale
 - Increased reliability
 - Asymmetric multiprocessing
 - Each processor assigned a specific task (master-slave)
 - Clusters, distributed systems
- Multiple cores, blade servers, etc.

Operating System Services

Services provided to user programs:

- I/O operations
 - User program cannot directly access I/O hardware, OS does the low level part for them
- Communications
 - Both inter-process on the same computer, and between computers over a network
 - via shared memory or through message passing
- Error detection
 - Errors do occur: in the CPU and memory hardware, in I/O devices, in user programs

 - Low level debugging tools really help: DUMA, GDB, DDD, etc.

Memory Management

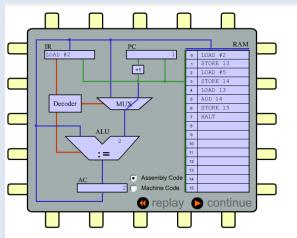
- OS keeps track of which part of memory is currently being used
- Deciding which process to move in or out of the memory
- Allocating and deallocating memory

Storage Management

- Creating and deleting files/directories
- File/directory organization
- Mapping files into secondary storage
- Making file back-ups

Process

- This concept provides a systematic way of monitoring and controlling program execution
- addTwoNums.c → addTwoNums
 - Both are just files residing on secondary memory
 - They are NOT processes
- An (executable) program when loaded into MM



Process

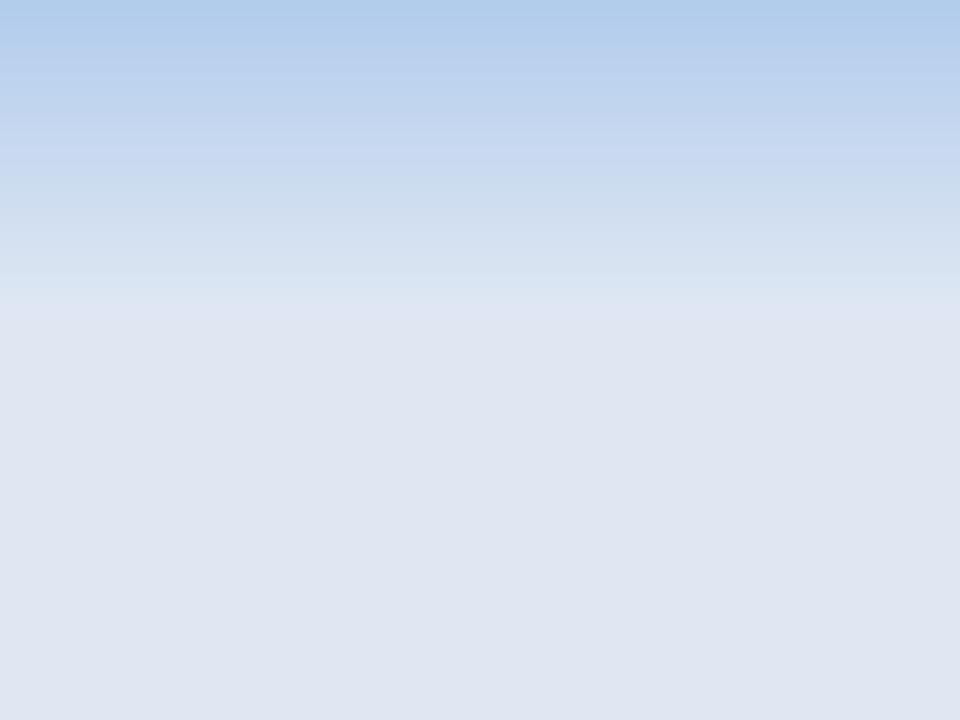
- PROCESS is a program in execution with:
 - associated data (variables, buffers...)
 - execution context: i.e. all the information that (the CPU needs to execute the process + content of the processor registers)
- the OS manages:
 - Creation and deletion of user and system processes
 - Suspending and resuming processes
 - Process synchronization
 - Process communication
 - Deadlocks (priorities)

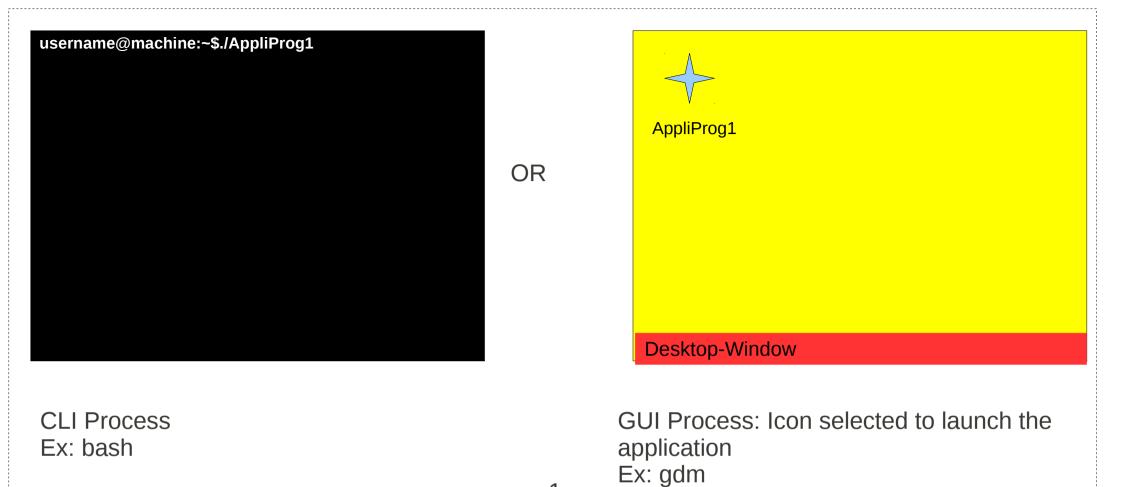
OS User Interfaces

- Command Line Interface (CLI)/ Character User Interface (CUI)
 - (CLI) Shells: bash, sh, csh, bash, etc.
 - Means of interacting with computer by keying in text
 - Such programs/shells are called CL interpreters
- Graphic User Interface (GUI)
 - interacting via graphical icons and visual indicators
 - GNOME/metacity, KDE/kwin, etc.
- Natural Lang. User Interface (NLUI)
 - Voice based NL UI controls
 - Briana (for win), GNOME Do (for linux), etc.

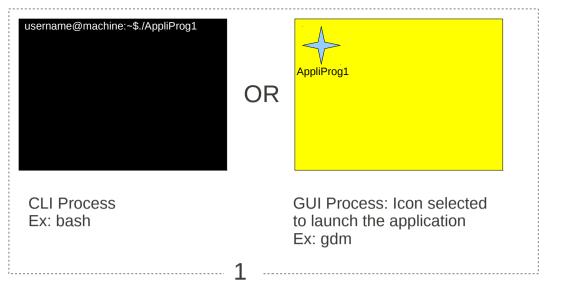
User Interface Interpreters

- Any interface in essence would have an appropriate interpreter
- On identifying a well formed input, a set of default locations for a matching executable program is looked for
- The matching program is launched
- These interpreters are themselves processes (i.e. programs in execution)





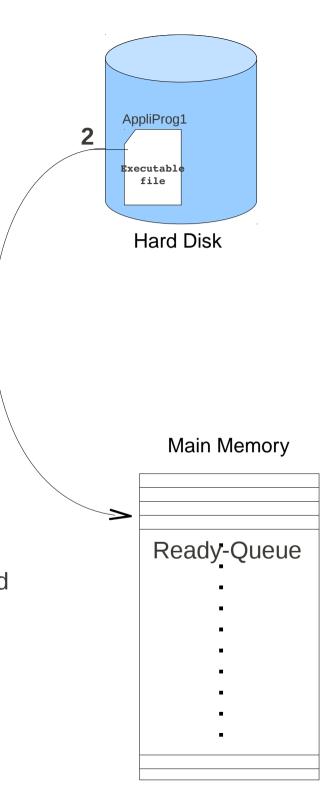
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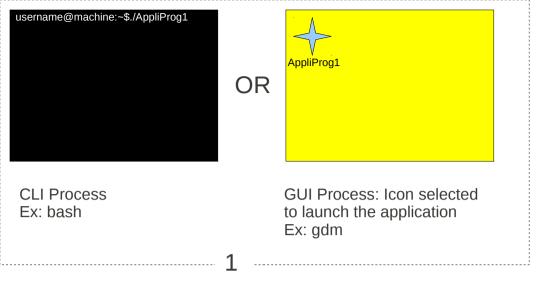


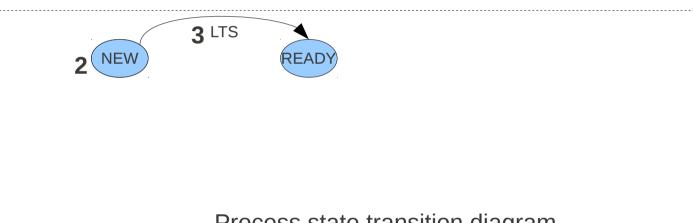
2 NEW

Process state transition diagram

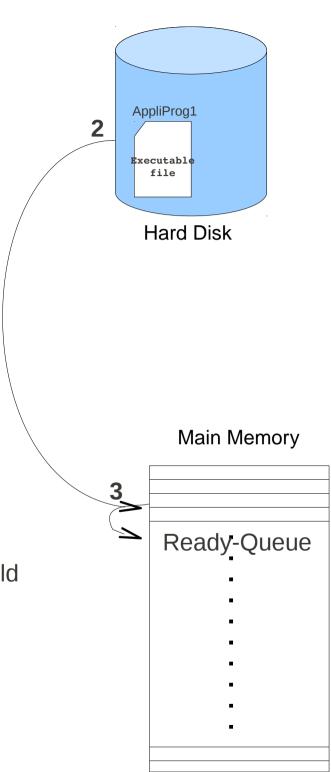
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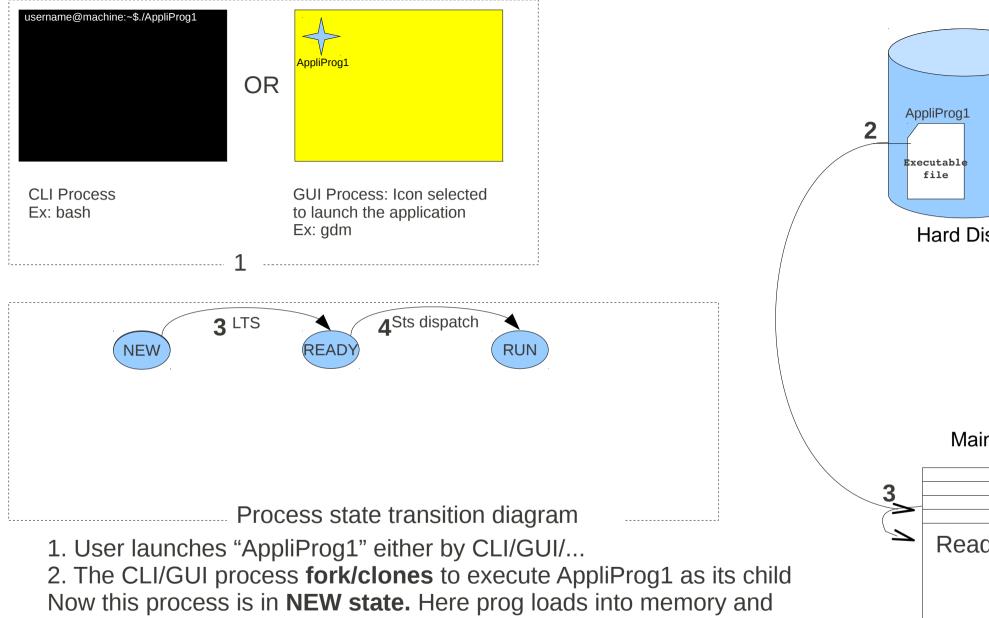






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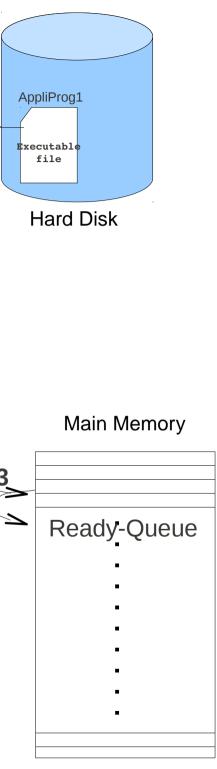


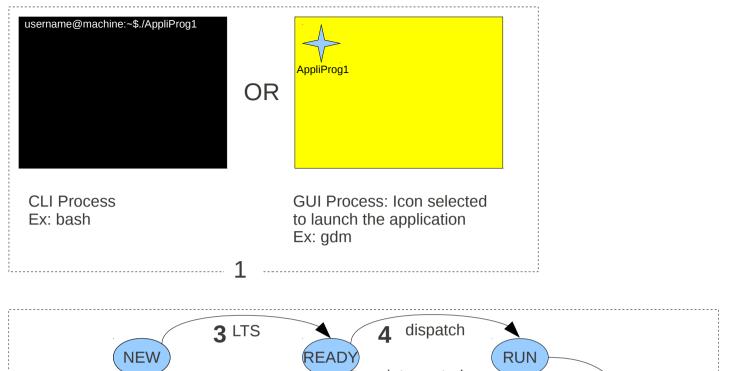


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3 LTS

READY
Interrupted

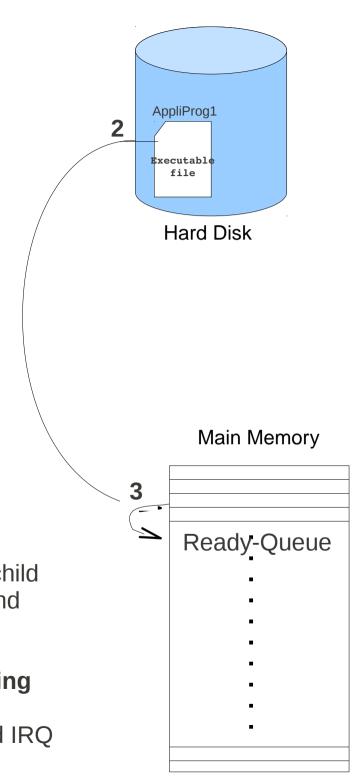
Wait I/O

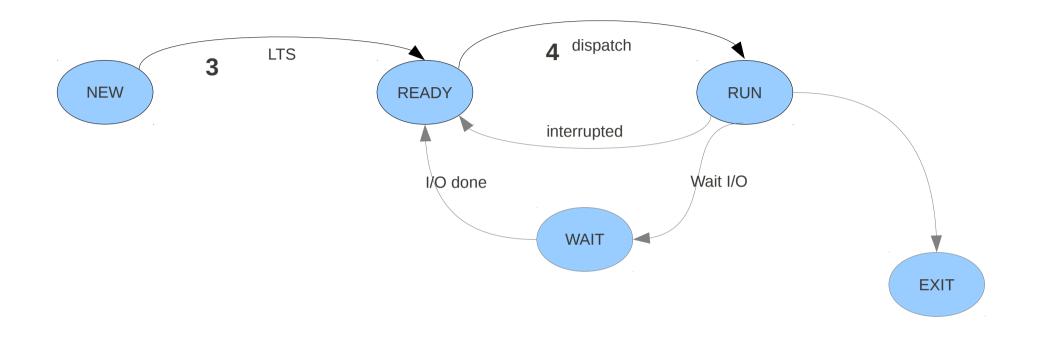
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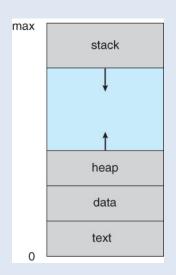




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Program Vs. Process MMAP

- Program has
- text/code
- data: global/static/constant (init + uninit) and local (to methods)
- These take different locations in process memory map



Stack: local variables + arguments [rw]

Heap: dynamic variables (get created at R/T) [rw]

Data: init + uninit [rw]

Text: machine code [wo]

Process Control Block

 Process is represented in the OS as Process Control Block (PCB)

process state process number program counter registers memory limits list of open files

Process State: state from PSTD

Process number: ID

Program Counter: PC value

Registers: CPU's SPR, GPR, etc

Memory Limits: base and limit

register values

Open files: open files during the

course at a PP

Process Preemption/Switch

