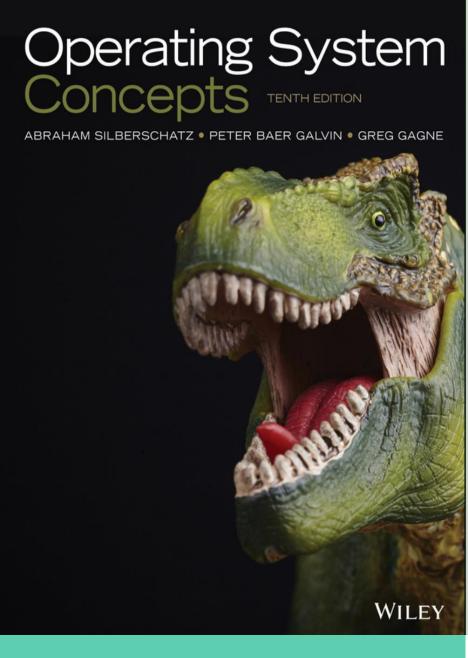
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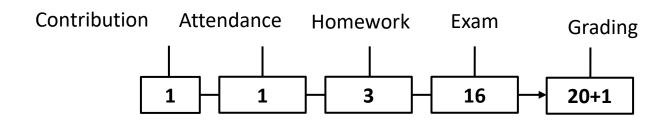
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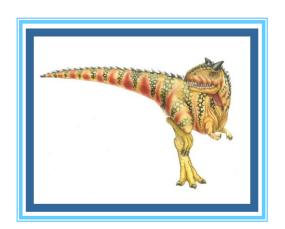


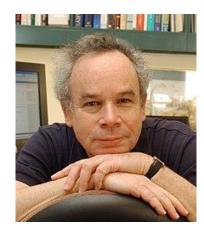


Outline of this Course

- Introduction
- Processes
- Threads and Concurrency
- CPU Scheduling
- Deadlocks
- Main Memory
- Virtual Memory
- Mass-Storage Structure

Chapter 1: Introduction







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- Open-Source Operating Systems



Objectives

- To describe the basic organization of computer systems
- To provide a grand tour of the major components of operating systems
- To give an overview of the many types of computing environments
- To explore several open-source operating systems



What is an Operating System?

- A program that acts as an intermediary between a user of a computer and the computer hardware
- Operating system goals:
 - Execute user programs and make solving user problems easier
 - Make the computer system convenient to use
 - Use the computer hardware in an efficient manner (Resource Utilization)

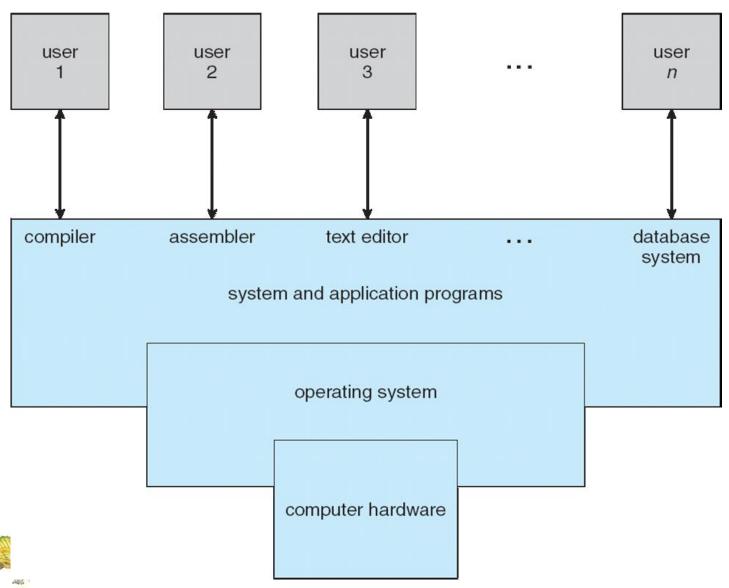


Computer System Structure

- Computer system can be divided into four components:
 - Hardware provides basic computing resources
 - ▶ CPU, memory, I/O devices
 - Operating system
 - Controls and coordinates use of hardware among various application The computerns and users
 - Application programs define the ways in which the system resources are used to solve the computing problems of the users
 - Word processors, compilers, web browsers, database systems, video games
 - Users
 - People, machines, other computers



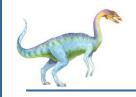
Four Components of a Computer System





What Operating Systems Do

- Depends on the point of view
- Users want convenience, ease of use and good performance
 - Don't care about resource utilization
- But shared computer such as mainframe or minicomputer must keep all users happy
- Users of dedicate systems such as workstations have dedicated resources but frequently use shared resources from servers
- Handheld computers are resource poor, optimized for usability and battery life
- Some computers have little or no user interface, such as embedded computers in devices and automobiles



Operating System Definition

- □ 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 Definition (Cont.)

- No universally accepted definition
- "Everything a vendor ships when you order an operating system" is a good approximation
 - But varies wildly
- "The one program running at all times on the computer" is the kernel.
- Everything else is either
 - a system program (ships with the operating system), or
 - an application program.



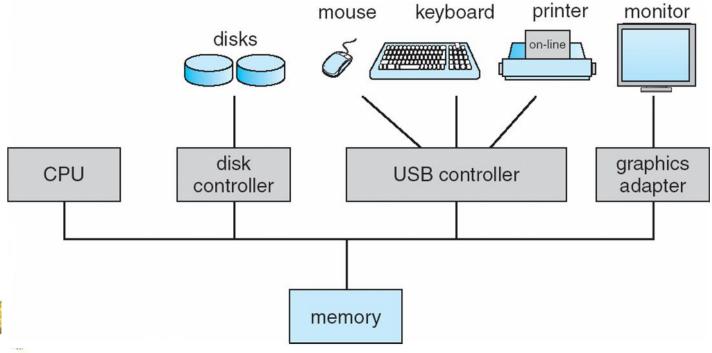
Computer Startup

- bootstrap program is loaded at power-up or reboot
 - Typically stored in ROM or EPROM, generally known as firmware
 - Initializes all aspects of system
 - Loads operating system kernel and starts execution



Computer System Organization

- Computer-system operation
 - One or more CPUs, device controllers connect through common bus providing access to shared memory
 - Concurrent execution of CPUs and devices competing for memory cycles





Computer-System Operation

- I/O devices and the CPU can execute concurrently
- Each device controller is in charge of a particular device type
- Each device controller has a local buffer
- CPU moves data from/to main memory to/from local buffers
- □ **I/O** is from the device to local buffer of controller
- Device controller informs CPU that it has finished its operation by causing an interrupt

Device controller

 □ A device controller in an operating system (OS) plays a crucial role in managing communication between the computer system and input/output (I/O) devices.

1. Definition:

- A device controller is an electronic component responsible for handling the communication between the CPU (central processing unit) and various I/O devices.
- 2. It acts as an **interface** between the computer system (operating system) and the I/O devices.
- 3. Convert Serial bits stream to blocks of Bytes.

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device controller

1. Controller's tasks:

- 1. It converts **serial bit stream** to **block** of bytes.
- 2. Perform error correction if necessary.
- 3. Block of bytes is first assembled bit by bit in buffer inside the controller.
- 4. After verification, the block has been declared to be error free and then it can be copied to main memory

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Interrupt

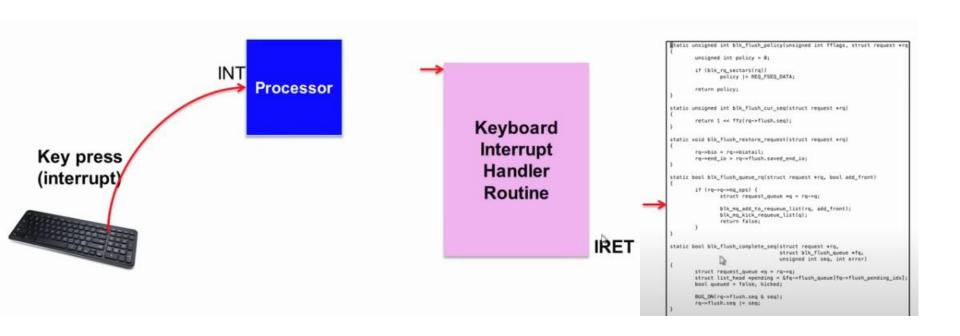
□ An interrupt in an operating system (OS) is a signal emitted by either hardware or software when a process or an event requires immediate attention (high-priority process).



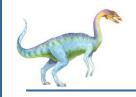
Interrupt

- Hardware Interrupts: These are related to the state of hardware devices.
 - Examples include interrupt request (IRQ) lines on a PC or signals from devices embedded in processor logic (e.g., CPU timers).
- Software Interrupts: These are produced by software or the system itself (as opposed to hardware). (Traps)
 - 1. Interrupt Latency: The delay between receiving an interrupt and starting the execution of the interrupt handler.

Hardware Interrupt



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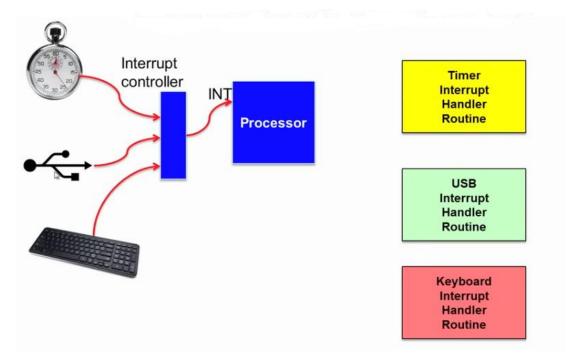
Common Functions of Interrupts

- Interrupt transfers control to the interrupt service routine generally, which contains the addresses of all the service routines
- Interrupt architecture must save the address of the interrupted instruction
- A trap or exception is a software-generated interrupt caused either by an error or a user request, System Calls, Synchronous Event
- An operating system is interrupt-driven



Interrupt Handling

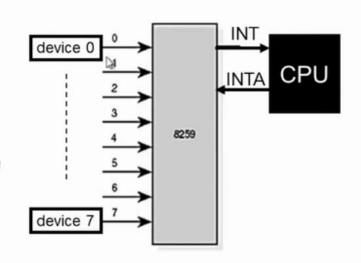
- The operating system preserves the state of the CPU by storing registers and the program counter
- Determines which type of interrupt has occurred
- Separate segments of code determine what action should be taken for each type of interrupt





Programmable Interrupt Controller

- 8259 (Programmable interrupt controller) relays upto 8 interrupt to CPU
- Devices raise interrupts by an 'interrupt request' (IRQ)
- CPU acknowledges and queries the 8259 to determine which device interrupted
- Priorities can be assigned to each IRQ line
- 8259s can be cascaded to support more interrupts



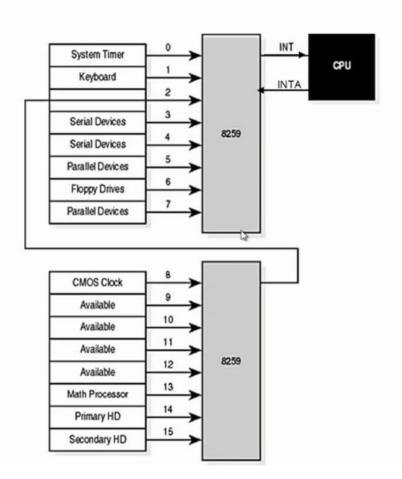
The <u>Intel</u> **8259** is a <u>programmable interrupt controller</u> (PIC) designed for the <u>Intel 8085</u> and <u>Intel 8086</u> <u>microprocessors</u>.



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Interrupts in legacy CPUs

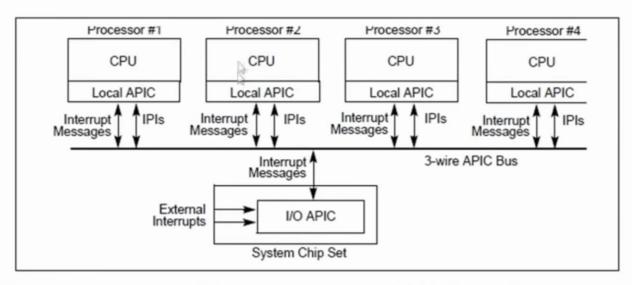
- 15 IRQs (IRQ0 to IRQ15), so 15 possible devices
- Limitations
 - Limited IRQs
 - Not suited for multi-processor / multi-core platforms



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New systems Interrupt handler per CPU

Advanced Programmable Interrupt Controller (APIC)



- External interrupts are routed from peripherals to CPUs in multi processor systems through APIC
- APIC distributes and prioritizes interrupts to processors
- Comprises of two components
 - Local APIC (LAPIC)
 - I/O APIC
- APICs communicate through a special 3-wire APIC bus.



Interrupt Timeline

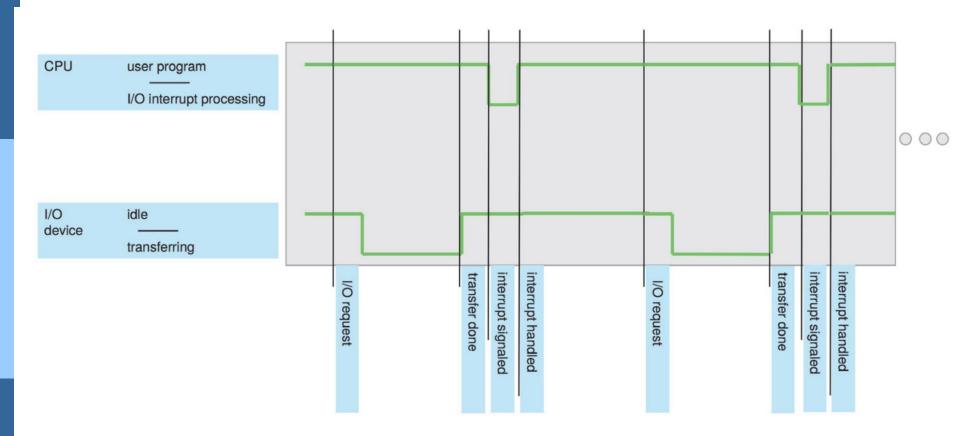
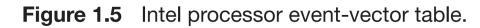


Figure 1.3 Interrupt timeline for a single program doing output.

vector number	description
0	divide error
1	debug exception
2	null interrupt
3	breakpoint
4	INTO-detected overflow
5	bound range exception
6	invalid opcode
7	device not available
8	double fault
9	coprocessor segment overrun (reserved)
10	invalid task state segment
11	segment not present
12	stack fault
13	general protection
14	page fault
15	(Intel reserved, do not use)
16	floating-point error
17	alignment check
18	machine check
19–31	(Intel reserved, do not use)
32–255	maskable interrupts





Storage Definitions and Notation Review

- The basic unit of computer storage is the bit. A bit can contain one
 of two values, 0 and 1.
- All other storage in a computer is based on collections of bits. Given enough bits, it represent: numbers, letters, images, movies, sounds, documents, and programs, to name a few.
- A byte is 8 bits, and on most computers it is the smallest convenient chunk of storage. A less common term is word, which is a given computer architecture's native unit of data.
- Computer storage, along with most computer throughput, is generally measured and manipulated in bytes and collections of bytes.
- A kilobyte, or KB, is 1,024 bytes
- a megabyte, or MB, is 1,024² bytes
- a gigabyte, or GB, is 1,024³ bytes
- a terabyte, or TB, is 1,024⁴ bytes
- a petabyte, or PB, is 1,024⁵ bytes



Storage Structure

- Main memory only large storage media that the CPU can access directly
 - □ Random access
 - Typically volatile
- Secondary storage extension of main memory that provides large nonvolatile storage capacity



Storage Structure

- Hard disks rigid metal or glass platters covered with magnetic recording material
 - Disk surface is logically divided into tracks, which are subdivided into sectors
 - The disk controller determines the logical interaction between the device and the computer
- Solid-state disks faster than hard disks, nonvolatile
 - Various technologies
 - Becoming more popular

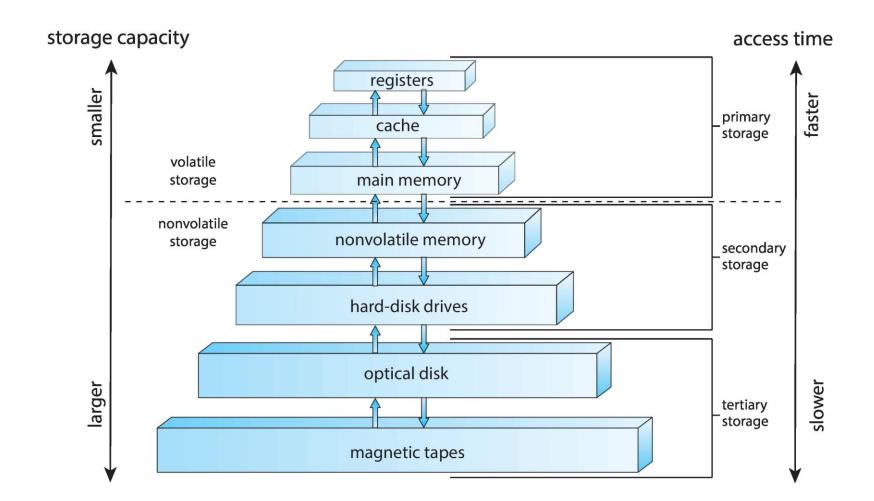


Storage Hierarchy

- Storage systems organized in hierarchy
 - Speed
 - Cost
 - Volatility
- Caching copying information into faster storage system; main memory can be viewed as a cache for secondary storage
- Device Driver for each device controller to manage I/O
 - Provides uniform interface between controller and kernel



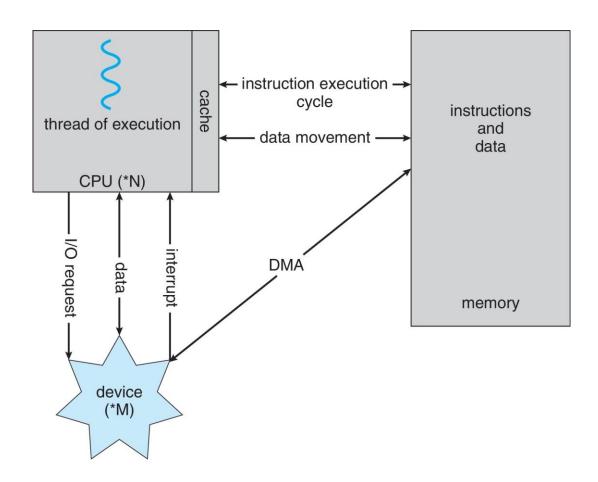
Storage-Device Hierarchy







How a Modern Computer Works



A von Neumann architecture





Direct Memory Access Structure

- It is a hardware device that allows certain hardware device that allows certain subsystems to access main memory (RAM), independent of the central processing unit (CPU).
- This feature is useful when the CPU needs to perform useful work while waiting for a relatively slow I/O data transfer.
- Hardware systems that use DMA: disk drive, graphics cards, network cards, sound cards

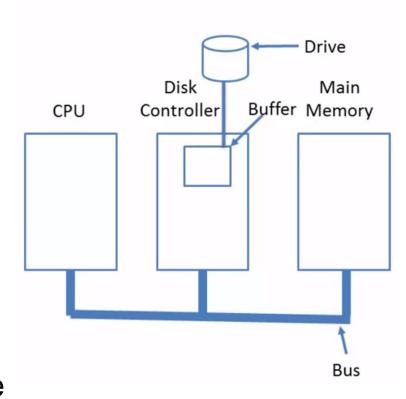


Direct Memory Access Structure

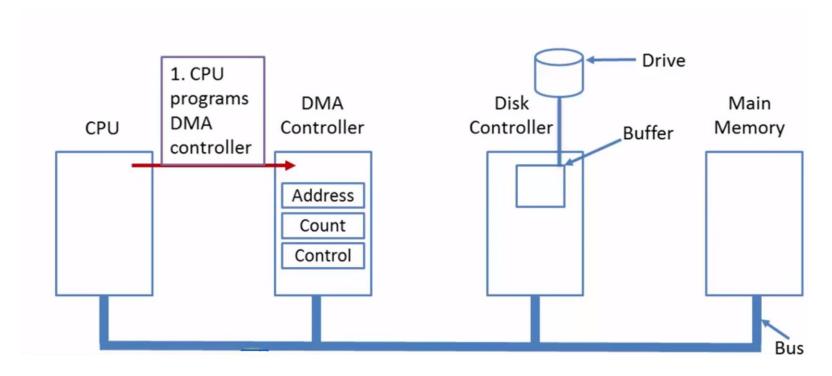
- Without DMA, when the CPU is using programmed input/output, it is typically fully occupied for the entire duration of the read or write operation, and is thus unavailable to perform other work.
- □ With DMA, the CPU first initiates the transfer, then it does other operations while the transfer is in progress, and it finally receives an interrupt from the DMA controller when the operation is done.

Disk read-write without a DMA

- The disk controller reads the block from the drive serially, bit by bit until the entire block is in the controller's buffer.
- It computes the checksum to verify that no read errors have occurred.
- Then the controller causes an interrupt so that OS can read the block from controller's buffer (a byte or a word at a time) by executing a loop.
- After reading every single part of the block from the controller device register, the operating system will store them in the main memory.



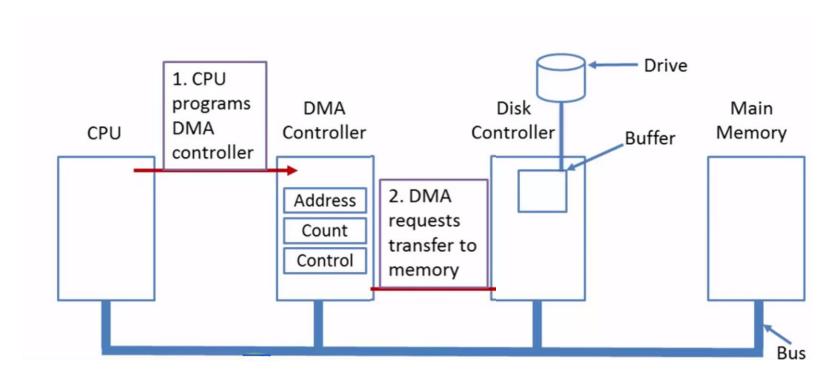
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Step 1:

- First the CPU programs the DMA controller by setting its registers so it knows what to transfer where.
- It also issues a command to the disk controller to read data from the disk into its internal buffer and verify the checksum.
- When valid data are in the disk controller's buffer, DMA can begin.

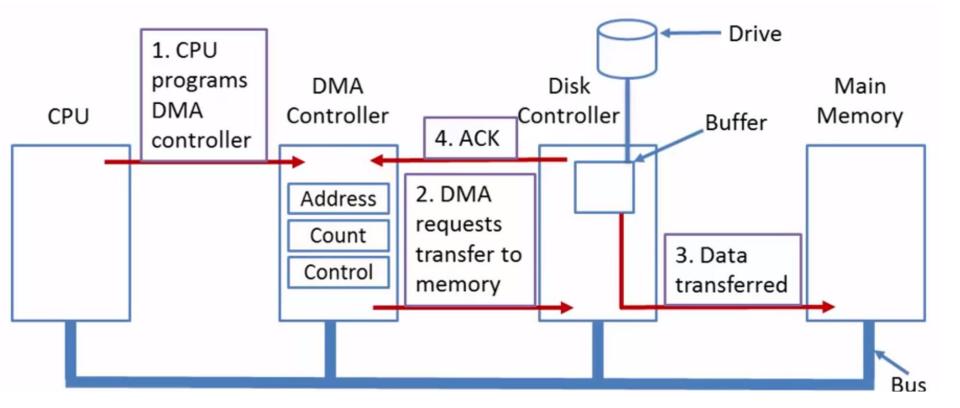
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Step 2:

- The DMA controller initiates the transfer by issuing a read request over the bus to the disk controller.
- The disk controller does not know (or care) whether it came from the CPU or a DMA controller.
- Step 3: The data from the buffer moves to main memory

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• Step 4:

- When the write is complete, the disk controller sends an ASK signal to the DMA controller over the bus.
- The DMA controller then increments the memory address in DMA control to use and decrements the byte Count.
- If the byte count is still greater than 0, steps 2 to 4 are repeated until it reaches 0. It lets the CPU know the transfer is completed by Interrupt.

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Modes of Bus operation

☐ The buses can be operated in **two modes** □1. Word-at-a-time mode: ☐ Here the DMA requests for the transfer of one word and gets it. ☐ If CPU wants the bus at the same time then it has to wait. ☐ This mechanism is known as Cycle. □2. Block mode: ☐ Here the DMA controller tells the device to acquire the bus, issues a series of transfers, and then releases the bus. ☐ This form of the operation is called Burst mode. ☐ It is more efficient than cycle.

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Operating-System Operations

- Bootstrap program simple code to initialize the system, load the kernel
- Kernel loads
- Starts system daemons (services provided outside of the kernel)
- Kernel 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 system call
 - Other process problems include infinite loop, processes modifying each other or the operating system



Multiprogramming (Batch system)

- Single user cannot always keep CPU and I/O devices busy
- Multiprogramming organizes jobs (code and data) so CPU always has one to execute
- A subset of total jobs in system is kept in memory
- One job selected and run via job scheduling
- When job has to wait (for I/O for example), OS switches to another job



Multitasking (Timesharing)

- the 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</p>
 - Each user has at least one program executing in memory, which is called 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

max	operating system
	process 1
	process 2
0	process 3
	process 4

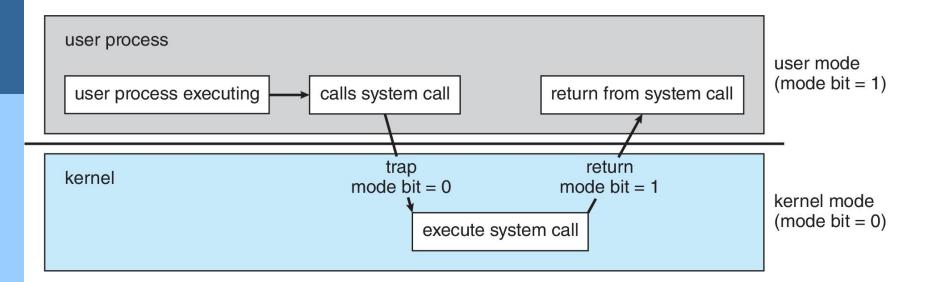


Dual-mode Operation

- 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.
 - When a user is running → mode bit is "user"
 - When kernel code is executing → mode bit is "kernel"
- How do we guarantee that user does not explicitly set the mode bit to "kernel"?
 - System call changes mode to kernel, return from call resets it to user
 - Some instructions designated as **privileged**, only executable in kernel mode



Transition from User to Kernel Mode

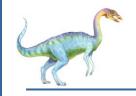


 At system boot time, the hardware starts in kernel mode. The operating system is then loaded and starts user applications in user mode



Timer

- Timer to prevent infinite loop (or 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** turn to **zero**, it generate an **interrupt**
 - Set up before scheduling process to regain control or terminate program that exceeds allotted time



Process Management

- A process is a program in execution. It is a unit of work within the system. Program is a passive entity; process is an active entity.
- Process needs resources to accomplish its task
 - □ CPU, memory, I/O, files
 - Initialization data
- Process termination requires reclaim of any reusable resources



Process Management

- ☐ Single-threaded process has one **program counter** specifying **location of next instruction** to execute
 - Process executes instructions sequentially, one at a time, until completion
- Multi-threaded process has one program counter per thread
- Typically, system has many processes, some user, some operating system running concurrently on one or more CPUs
 - Concurrency by multiplexing the CPUs among the processes / threads



Process Management Activities

- The **operating system is responsible** for the following activities in connection with process management:
- Creating and deleting both user and system processes
- Suspending and resuming processes
- Providing mechanisms for process synchronization
- Providing mechanisms for processcommunication
 - Providing mechanisms for deadlock handling



Memory Management

- To execute a program all (or part) of the instructions must be in memory
- All (or part) of the data that is needed by the program must be in memory
- Memory management determines what is in memory and when
 - Optimizing CPU utilization and computer response to users



Memory Management

- Memory management activities
 - Keeping track of which parts of memory are currently being used and by whom
 - Deciding which processes (or parts thereof) and data to move into and out of memory
 - Allocating and deallocating memory space as needed



File-system Management

- OS provides uniform, logical view of information storage
 - Abstracts physical properties to logical storage unit - file
 - Each medium is controlled by device (i.e., disk drive, tape drive)
 - Varying properties include access speed, capacity, data-transfer rate, access method (sequential or random)



File-system Management

- □ File-System management
 - Files usually organized into directories
 - Access control on most systems to determine who can access what
 - OS activities include
 - Creating and deleting files and directories
 - Primitives to manipulate files and directories
 - Mapping files onto secondary storage
 - Backup files onto stable (non-volatile) storage media



Mass-Storage Management

- Usually, disks are used to store data that does not fit in main memory or data that must be kept for a "long" period of time
- Entire speed of computer operation hinges on disk subsystem and its algorithms
- OS activities
 - Mounting and unmounting
 - Free-space management
 - Storage allocation
 - Disk scheduling
 - Partitioning
 - Protection





Caching

- Information in use copied from slower to faster storage temporarily
- Faster storage (cache) checked first to determine if information is there
 - If it is, information used directly from the cache (fast)
 - If not, data copied to cache and used there
- Cache smaller than storage being cached
 - Cache management important design problem
 - Cache size and replacement policy



Characteristics of Various Types of Storage

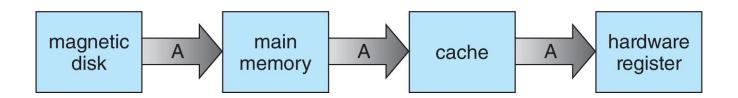
Level	1	2	3	4	5
Name	registers	cache	main memory	solid-state disk	magnetic disk
Typical size	< 1 KB	< 16MB	< 64GB	< 1 TB	< 10 TB
Implementation technology	custom memory with multiple ports CMOS	on-chip or off-chip CMOS SRAM	CMOS SRAM	flash memory	magnetic disk
Access time (ns)	0.25-0.5	0.5-25	80-250	25,000-50,000	5,000,000
Bandwidth (MB/sec)	20,000-100,000	5,000-10,000	1,000-5,000	500	20-150
Managed by	compiler	hardware	operating system	operating system	operating system
Backed by	cache	main memory	disk	disk	disk or tape

Movement between levels of storage hierarchy can be explicit or implicit



Migration of data "A" from Disk to Register

Multitasking environments must be careful to use most recent value, no matter where it is stored in the storage hierarchy



- Multiprocessor environment must provide cache coherency in hardware such that all CPUs have the most recent value in their cache
- Distributed environment situation even more complex
 - Several copies of a datum can exist
 - Various solutions covered in Chapter 19



Migration of data "A" from Disk to Register

- Cache coherency is a consistency mechanism for ensuring that all CPUs in a multiprocessor system observe a single, consistent view of the data.
 - When one CPU updates a location in its cache, the corresponding location in other caches must be updated or invalidated to maintain coherency.
- two processors, P1 and P2, that have their own caches and are both trying to access a memory location M.
- □ P1 Cache: M=10; P2 Cache: M=10; Main Memory: M=10
 - Now, P1 changes the value of M to 20 in its cache. Without a cache coherency protocol, P2 would still see the old value of M (10) in its cache.
 - With a cache coherency protocol in place, when P1 changes the value of M in its cache, the change is propagated to the main memory and P2's cache. So, P2 sees the updated value of M (20).



I/O Subsystem

- One purpose of OS is to hide peculiarities of hardware devices from the user
- I/O subsystem responsible for
 - Memory management of I/O including buffering (storing data temporarily while it is being transferred), caching (storing parts of data in faster storage for performance), spooling (the overlapping of output of one job with input of other jobs)
 - General device-driver interface
 - Drivers for specific hardware devices



Protection and Security

- Protection any mechanism for controlling access of processes or users to resources defined by the OS
- Security defense of the system against internal and external attacks
 - Huge range, including denial-of-service, worms, viruses, identity theft, theft of service



Protection and Security

- Systems generally first distinguish among users, to determine who can do what
 - User identities (user IDs, security IDs) include name and associated number, one per user
 - User ID then associated with all files, processes of that user to determine access control
 - Group identifier (group ID) allows set of users to be defined and controls managed, then also associated with each process, file
 - Privilege escalation allows user to change to effective ID with more rights



Virtualization

- Allows operating systems to run applications within other OSes
 - Vast and growing industry
- Emulation used when source CPU type different from target type (i.e. PowerPC to Intel x86)
 - Generally slowest method
 - When computer language not compiled to native code –
 Interpretation
- Virtualization OS natively compiled for CPU, running guest
 OSes also natively compiled
 - Consider VMware running WinXP guests, each running applications, all on native WinXP host OS
 - VMM (virtual machine Manager) provides virtualization services

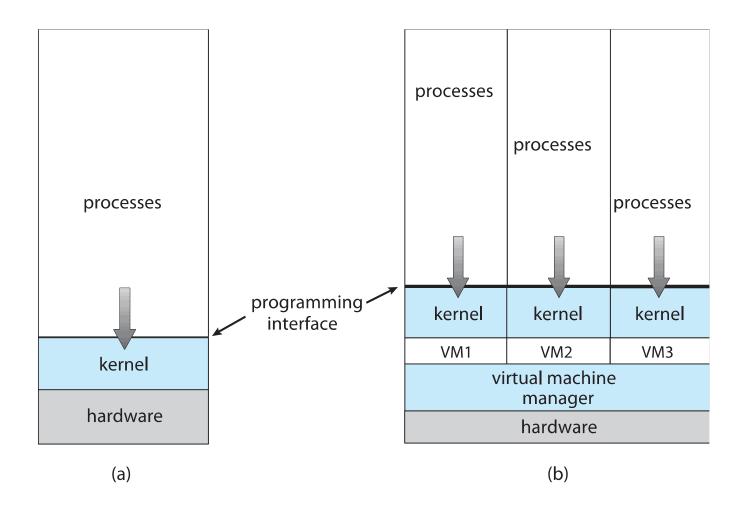


Virtualization (cont.)

- Use cases involve laptops and desktops running multiple OSes for exploration or compatibility
 - Apple laptop running Mac OS X host, Windows as a guest
 - Developing apps for multiple OSes without having multiple systems
 - Quality assurance testing applications without having multiple systems
 - Executing and managing compute environments within data centers
- VMM can run natively, in which case they are also the host
 - There is no general-purpose host then (VMware ESX and Citrix XenServer)



Computing Environments - Virtualization





Distributed Systems

Distributed computing

- Collection of separate, possibly heterogeneous, systems networked together
 - Network is a communications path, TCP/IP most common
- Network Operating System provides features between systems across the network
 - Communication scheme allows systems to exchange messages
 - Illusion of a single system

Network Operating System VS Distributed Systems

- Windows Server: A popular network operating system that allows centralized management of network resources like files, printers, and users. Computers on the network operate independently but can connect to the Windows server to access resources.
- Android OS: A distributed operating system that runs on smartphones and tablets. It communicates with other components of the operating system on other networked devices like smartwatches and smart speakers. This communication creates the illusion of a single operating system for the end user, while in reality, various tasks are distributed across different devices.

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Computer-System Architecture





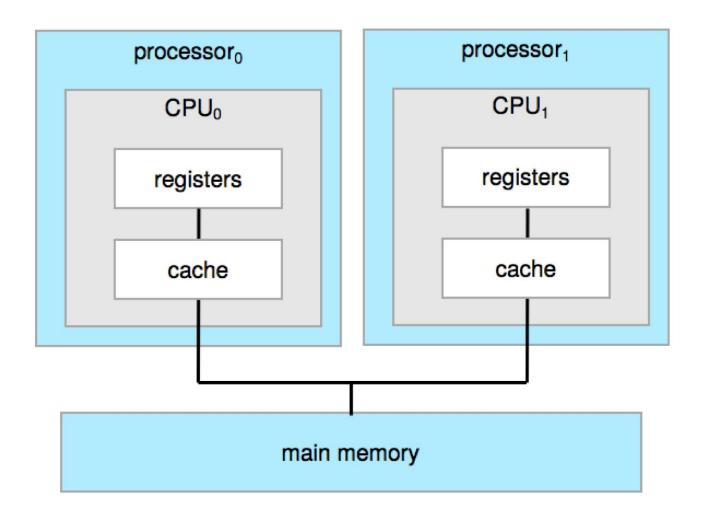
Computer-System Architecture

- Most systems use a single general-purpose processor
 - Most systems have special-purpose processors as well
- Multiprocessor's systems growing in use and importance
 - Also known as parallel systems, tightly-coupled systems
 - Advantages include:
 - 1. Increased throughput
 - 2. Economy of scale
 - 3. Increased reliability graceful degradation or fault tolerance
 - Two types:
 - Asymmetric Multiprocessing (AMP)

 each processor is assigned a specie task.
 - Symmetric Multiprocessing (SMP) each processor performs all tasks



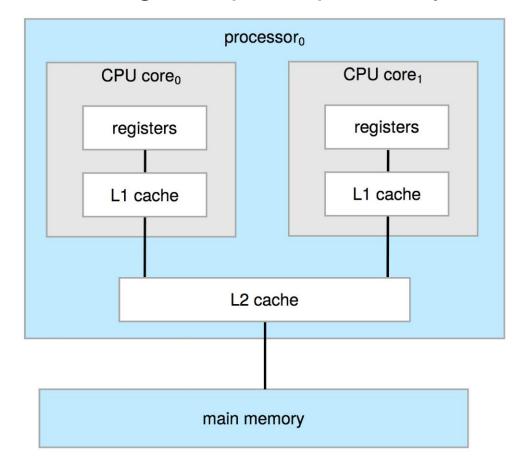
Symmetric Multiprocessing Architecture





Dual-Core Design

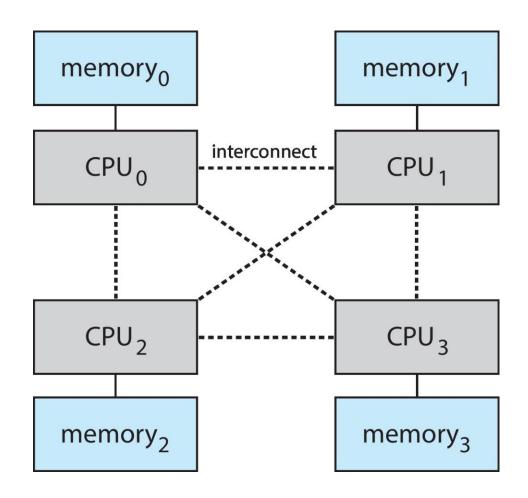
- Multi-chip and multicore
- Systems containing all chips
 - Chassis containing multiple separate systems







Non-Uniform Memory Access System





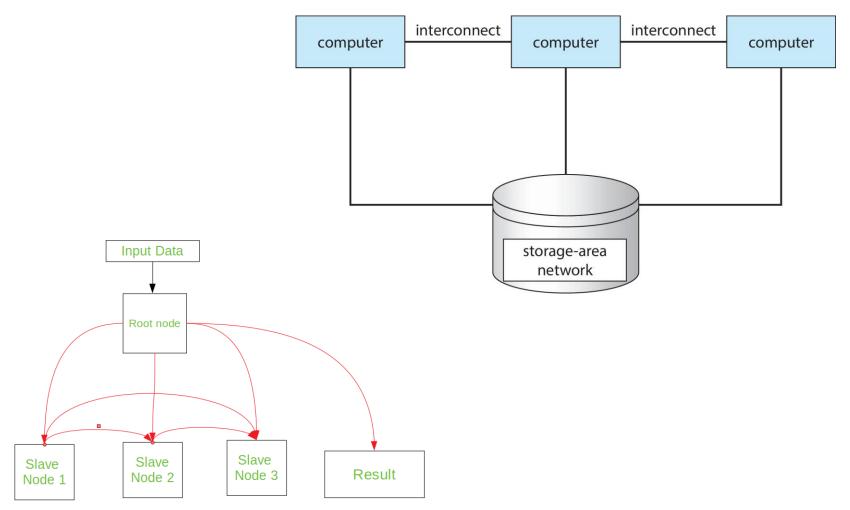


Clustered Systems

- Like multiprocessor systems, but multiple systems working together
 - Usually sharing storage via a storage-area network (SAN)
 - Provides a high-availability service which survives failures
 - Asymmetric clustering has one machine in hot-standby mode
 - Symmetric clustering has multiple nodes running applications, monitoring each other
 - Some clusters are for high-performance computing (HPC)
 - Applications must be written to use parallelization
 - Some have distributed lock manager (DLM) to avoid conflicting operations



Clustered Systems

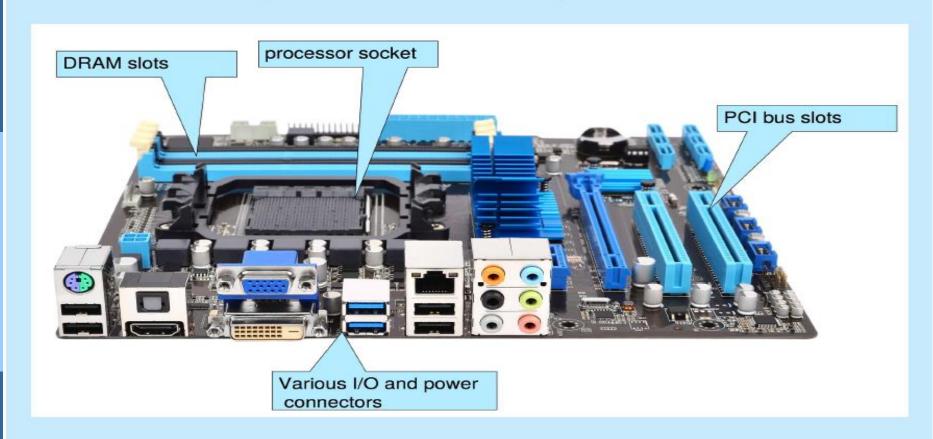






PC Motherboard

Consider the desktop PC motherboard with a processor socket shown below:

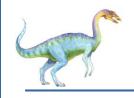


This board is a fully-functioning computer, once its slots are populated. It consists of a processor socket containing a CPU, DRAM sockets, PCIe bus slots, and I/O connectors of various types. Even the lowest-cost general-purpose CPU contains multiple cores. Some motherboards contain multiple processor sockets. More advanced computers allow more than one system board, creating NUMA systems.



Computer System Environments





Computing Environments

- Traditional
- Mobile
- Client Server
- Pear-to-Pear
- Cloud computing
- Real-time Embedded



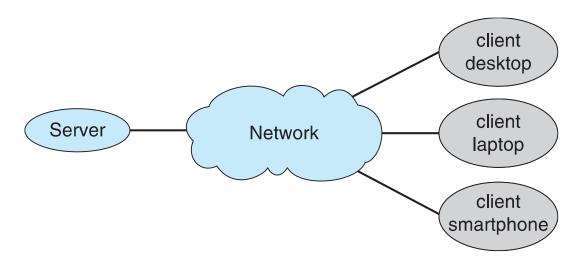
Mobile Computing

- □ Handheld smartphones, tablets, etc.
- What is the functional difference between them and a "traditional" laptop?
- Extra feature more OS features (GPS, gyroscope)
- Allows new types of apps like augmented reality
- Use IEEE 802.11 wireless, or cellular data networks for connectivity
- Leaders are Apple iOS and Google Android



Client Server Computing

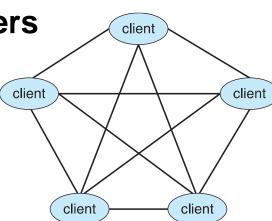
- Dumb terminals supplanted by smart PCs
- Many systems now servers, responding to requests generated by clients
 - Compute-server system provides an interface to client to request services (i.e., database)
 - File-server system provides interface for clients to store and retrieve files





Peer-to-Peer

- Another model of distributed system
- P2P does not distinguish clients and servers
 - Instead all nodes are considered peers
 - May each act as client, server or both
 - Node must join P2P network
 - Registers its service with central lookup service on network, or
 - Broadcast request for service and respond to requests for service via discovery protocol
 - Examples include Napster and Gnutella,Voice over IP (VoIP) such as Skype





Cloud Computing

- Delivers computing, storage, even apps as a service across a network
- Logical extension of virtualization because it uses virtualization as the base for it functionality.
 - Amazon EC2 has thousands of servers, millions of virtual machines, petabytes of storage available across the Internet, pay based on usage



Cloud Computing – Many Types

- Public cloud available via Internet to anyone willing to pay
- Private cloud run by a company for the company's own use
- Hybrid cloud includes both public and private cloud components
- □ Software as a Service (SaaS) one or more applications available via the Internet (i.e., word processor)
- □ Platform as a Service (PaaS) software stack ready for application use via the Internet (i.e., a database server)
- Infrastructure as a Service (laas) servers or storage available over Internet (i.e., storage available for backup use)



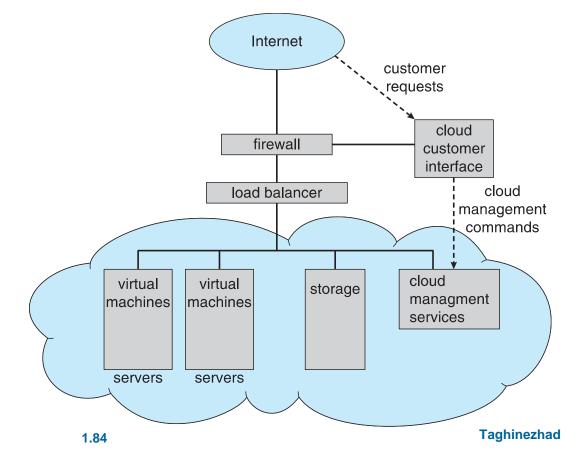
Cloud Computing (cont.)

 Cloud computing environments composed of traditional OSes, plus VMMs, plus cloud management tools

Internet connectivity requires security like firewalls

Load balancers spread traffic across multiple

applications





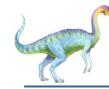
Real-Time Embedded Systems

- Real-time embedded systems most prevalent form of computers
 - Vary considerable, special purpose, limited purpose
 OS, real-time OS
 - Use expanding
- Many other special computing environments as well
 - Some have OSes, some perform tasks without an OS
- Real-time OS has well-defined fixed time constraints
 - Processing must be done within the constraint
 - Correct operation only if constraints met



Free and Open-Source Operating Systems

- Operating systems made available in source-code format rather than just binary closed-source and proprietary
- Counter to the copy protection and Digital Rights
 Management (DRM) movement
- Started by Free Software Foundation (FSF) by Richard Stallman, which has "copyleft" GNU Public License (GPL)
 - Free software and open-source software are two different ideas championed by different groups of people
 - http://gnu.org/philosophy/open-source-misses-thepoint.html/



Free and Open-Source Operating Systems

- □ Examples include GNU/Linux and BSD UNIX (including core of Mac OS X), and many more
- Can use VMM like VMware Player (Free on Windows), Virtualbox (open source and free on many platforms - http://www.virtualbox.com)
 - Use to run guest operating systems for exploration



The Study of Operating Systems

- The open-source movement has overtaken operating systems, causing many of them to be made available in both source and binary (executable) format.
- The list of operating systems available in both formats includes Linux, BUSD UNIX, Solaris, and part of macOS.
- The availability of source code allows us to study operating systems from the inside out. Questions that we could once answer only by looking at documentation or the behavior of an
- operating system we can now answer by examining the code itself.
- An extensive but incomplete list of open-source operating-system projects is available from https://curlie.org/Computers/Software/Operating_Systems/Open_Source/
- In addition, the rise of virtualization as a mainstream (and frequently free) computer function
- makes it possible to run many operating systems on top of one core system.
- The advent of open-source operating systems has also made it easier to make the move from student to operating-system developer. With some knowledge, some effort, and an Internet connection, a student can even create a new operating-system distribution.

End of Chapter 1

