Operating System

MP2: Multi-Programming

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1 Code Tracing

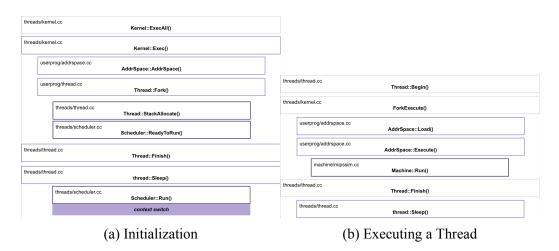


Figure 1: Code Flow

In this assignment, we begin tracing the code from Kernel::ExecAll(). The code flow is illustrated in Figure 1. First, we explain the Kernel::Kernel() function, then detail how the components involved in initializing and executing a thread work, to provide an understanding of how the system runs a single program.

1.1 Kernel::Kernel()

Kernel::Kernel() (shown in Figure 2) initializes system settings, including console devices, network reliability, and command-line flags for debugging, and other configurations. If the -e flag is specified (line 49), the system stores the file name into execfile, allowing it to access the program file the user wants to execute.

1.2 Initialization

1.2.1 Kernel::ExecAll()

Kernel::ExecAll(), in Figure 3, is called by the initial thread to execute each user program by invoking Kernel::Exec() for each program file store in execfile. After completing all executions, the thread calls Thread::Finish() to trigger a context switch.

```
Kernel::Kernel(int argc, char **argv) {
    randomSlice = FALSE;
    debugUserProg = FALSE;
    execExit = FALSE;
    consoleIn = NULL; // default is stdin
    consoleOut = NULL; // default is stdout
#ifndef FILESYS_STUB
    formatFlag = FALSE;
#endif
    reliability = 1; // network reliability, default is 1.0
    hostName = 0;
    for (int i = 1; i < argc; i++) {
        if (strcmp(argv[i], "-rs") == 0) {
           ASSERT(i + 1 < argc);
            RandomInit(atoi(argv[i + 1])); // initialize pseudo-random
            randomSlice = TRUE;
            i++;
        } else if (strcmp(argv[i], "-s") == 0) {
            debugUserProg = TRUE;
        } else if (strcmp(argv[i], "-e") == 0) {
            execfile[++execfileNum] = argv[++i];
```

Figure 2: Kernel::Kernel()

```
void Kernel::ExecAll() {
    for (int i = 1; i <= execfileNum; i++) {
        int a = Exec(execfile[i]);
    }
    currentThread->Finish();
    // Kernel::Exec();
}
```

Figure 3: Kernel::ExecAll()

Figure 4: Kernel::Exec()

1.2.2 Kernel::Exec()

Kernel::Exec() (shown in in Figure 4) creates a new thread, currently represented as a process, passes the function address and its arguments to Fork(), and initializes its thread (process) control block (a Thread object is a thread control block).

1.2.3 AddrSpace::AddrSpace()

```
AddrSpace::AddrSpace() {
    pageTable = new TranslationEntry[NumPhysPages];
    for (int i = 0; i < NumPhysPages; i++) {
        pageTable[i].virtualPage = i; // for now, virt page # = phys page #
        pageTable[i].valid = TRUE;
        pageTable[i].use = FALSE;
        pageTable[i].dirty = FALSE;
        pageTable[i].readOnly = FALSE;
        pageTable[i].r
```

Figure 5: AddrSpace::AddrSpace()

AddrSpace::AddrSpace(), called by Kernel::Exec(), creates a page table for the thread and clears the entire main memory (see Figure 17).

The function uses TranslationEntry objects to map logical memory to physical memory. Since the system currently supports only uniprogramming, this mapping is one-to-one, allowing the entire main memory to be reset.

1.2.4 Thread::Fork()

Figure 6: Thread::Fork()

Thread::Fork(), also called by Kernel::Exec(), allocates and initializes a stack for the thread using StackAllocate(). Finally, it puts the thread on the ready queue with interrupts disabled. The function is shown in Figure 6.

1.2.5 Thread::StackAllocate()

Thread::StackAllocate(), called by Thread::Fork(), initializes the stack for the thread (see Figure 7). The function sets the stack top based on the hardware architecture. It then places ThreadRoot, ThreadBegin, the function pointer and its arguments, and ThreadFinish on the stack. ThreadRoot enables interrupts, allowing the thread to execute upon context switching and ensures the thread stops upon completion. Specifically, ThreadBegin and ThreadFinish are invoked by ThreadRoot to call Thread::Begin() and Thread::Finish(), respectively.

1.2.6 Scheduler::ReadyToRun()

Scheduler::ReadyToRun() (see Figure 8), also called by Thread::Fork(), sets the thread status to ready and places it on the ready queue after ensuring interrupts are disabled.

1.2.7 Thread::Finish()

After placing all threads on the ready queue, the system returns to Kernel::ExecAll() and calls Thread::Finish(). Thread::Finish(), shown in Figure 9, first disable interrupts for Sleep(). If all threads have finished, it deallocats the thread; otherwise, it calls Sleep() to perform a context switch, as the thread may still be needed by other threads.

1.2.8 Thread::Sleep()

Thread::Sleep() (see Figure 10) blocks the current thread and attempts to retrieve the first thread from the ready queue. If no threads are available, the system enables interrupts to allow other programs to execute. Otherwise, it calls Run() to perform a context switch.

1.2.9 Scheduler::Run()

Scheduler::Run(), shown in Figure 11, is to perform a context switch. For each context switching, the system will save CPU state and machine state for the space for each user program. If the current thread has finished, it will be mark as destroyed and the system executes the next thread and invokes Thread::Begin()

```
stack = (int *)AllocBoundedArray(StackSize * sizeof(int));
  #ifdef PARISC
      #ifdef DECMIPS
     stackTop = stack + StackSize - 4; // -4 to be on the safe side!
*stack = STACK_FENCEPOST;
         stackTop = stack + StackSize - 8; // -8 to be on the safe side!
*stack = STACK_FENCEPOST;
                // the x86 passes the return address on the stack. In order for SWITCH()
// to go to ThreadRoot when we switch to this thread, the return addres
// used in SWITCH() must be the starting address of ThreadRoot.
stackTop = stack + StackSize - 4; // -4 to be on the safe side!
*(--stackTop) = (int)ThreadRoot;
*stack = STACK_FENCEPOST;
hdif
                             machineState[PCState] = PLabelToAddr(ThreadRoot);
machineState[StartupPCState] = PLabelToAddr(ThreadBegin);
machineState[InitialPCState] = PLabelToAddr(func);
machineState[InitialArgState] = arg;
machineState[WhenDonePCState] = PLabelToAddr(ThreadFinish);
  #achinestate[WhenDonerCstate] = FlaceTondon (The MachineState] | FlaceTondon (The MachineState] | WhenDonerCstate] | WhenDonerC
```

Figure 7: Thread::StackAllocate()

```
void Scheduler::ReadyToRun(Thread *thread) {

ASSERT(kernel->interrupt->getLevel() == IntOff);

DEBUG(dbgThread, "Putting thread on ready list: " << thread->getName());

// cout << "Putting thread on ready list: " << thread->getName() << endl;

thread->setStatus(READY);

readyList->Append(thread);

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}
```

Figure 8: Scheduler::ReadyToRun()

```
void Thread::finish() {
    (void)kernel->interrupt->SetLevel(IntOff);

ASSERT(this == kernel->currentThread);

DEBUG(dbgThread, "Finishing thread: " << name);

if (kernel->execExit && this->getIsExec()) {
    kernel->execRunningNum == 0) {
    kernel->execRunningNum == 0) {
    kernel->interrupt->Halt();
    }

Sleep(TRUE); // invokes SWITCH
    // not reached
}
```

Figure 9: Thread::Finish()

```
void Thread::Sleep(bool finishing) {
    Thread *nextThread;

    ASSERT(this == kernel->currentThread);
    ASSERT(kernel->interrupt->getLevel() == IntOff);

    DEBUG(dbgThread, "Sleeping thread: " << name);
    DEBUG(dbgTraCode, "In Thread::Sleep, Sleeping thread: " << name << ", " << kernel->stats->totalTicks

    status = BLOCKED;
    // cout << "debug Thread::Sleep " << name << "wait for Idle\n";
    while ((nextThread = kernel->scheduler->FindNextToRun()) == NULL) {
        kernel->interrupt->Idle(); // no one to run, wait for an interrupt
    }
    // returns when it's time for us to run
    kernel->scheduler->Run(nextThread, finishing);
}
```

Figure 10: Thread::Sleep()

Figure 11: Scheduler::Run()

of the next thread. Otherwise, after context switching, this thread will restore its data by writing the register state into machine registers to continue executing.

In the initialization phase, once the main thread finishes, the system performs a context switch to the next thread, marking the end of initialization.

1.3 Executing a Thread

1.3.1 Thread::Begin()

```
void Thread::Begin() {
141
          ASSERT(this == kernel->currentThread);
142
          DEBUG(dbgThread, "Beginning thread: " << name);</pre>
143
144
           kernel->scheduler->CheckToBeDestroyed();
145
146
           kernel->interrupt->Enable();
           if (kernel->execExit && this->getIsExec()) {
147
148
               kernel->execRunningNum++;
149
150
```

Figure 12: Thread::Begin()

Thread::Begin() is called by ThreadRoot after a context switch (see Figure 12). The function first releases resources of the previous thread if it has finished by calling Scheduler::CheckToBeDestroyed(), then enables interrupts to support time-sharing. Finally, it updates the count of running threads in the system.

1.3.2 Scheduler::CheckToBeDestroyed()

Scheduler::CheckToBeDestroyed(), as Figure 13 shows, deletes deletes the finished thread by deallocating its stack.

1.3.3 ForkExecute()

ForkExecute(), shown in Figure 14, is used to execute forked threads. If the current thread's data has not been loaded, it calls Load(). The system then uses the thread's stack, which stores the functions and their arguments, to execute the program.

```
void Scheduler::CheckToBeDestroyed() {

if (toBeDestroyed != NULL) {

delete toBeDestroyed;

toBeDestroyed = NULL;

}
```

Figure 13: Scheduler::CheckToBeDestroyed()

Figure 14: ForkExecute()

1.3.4 AddrSpace::Load()

AddrSpace::Load(), shown in Figure 15, loads the code and data of a user program into main memory by first segmenting and then paging.

It opens the program file and reads a special header, noffH, to get information about the program's segments. Using this header, it calculates the required memory size and the number of pages. If there is enough physical memory, it loads the code and data segments into memory using virtual address, where virtual addresses currently match physical addresses. Finally, it closes the file and returns TRUE to indicate successful loading.

1.3.5 AddrSpace::Execute()

AddrSpace::Execute(), in Figure 16, initializes the machine by calling InitRegisters() to set up the machine registers, including the stack register, the initial program counter, and the next program counter. It also specifies the page table location for the process using RestoreState() (in contrast to context switching, where it retrieves the machine state).

After this setup, it calls machine->Run() to begin executing the program (handling instruction fetching, etc.).

Machine::Run() continuously fetches and executes instructions one by one. If resources are insufficient, the current thread goes to sleep until resources become available. Execution continues until an SC Exit() exception occurs, which trig-

Figure 15: AddrSpace::Load()

Figure 16: AddrSpace::Execute()

gers kernel->currentThread->Finish(). The Thread::Finish() function has been explained above, so we will skip it here.

1.4 Questions in Spec

• How does Nachos allocate the memory space for a new thread (process)?

In Kernel::Exec(), a new AddrSpace is assigned to the new thread. The AddrSpace constructor initializes a page table using TranslationEntry to map logical memory directly to physical memory, as the system currently supports only uniprogramming.

• How does Nachos initialize the memory content of a thread (process), including loading the user binary code in the memory?

As mention, the AddrSpace constructor initializes a page table with TranslationEntry objects, mapping logical memory directly to physical memory. It sets the valid field to TRUE and the use, dirty, and readOnly bits to FALSE.

In Kernel::Exec(), Thread::Fork() is called with the function address and arguments. Thread::Fork() then calls Thread::StackAllocate(), which places the function pointer and arguments on the stack.

When ForkExecute() is invoked, it calls AddrSpace::Load() to load the user binary code. AddrSpace::Load() uses a special header (noffH) to load each segment, mapping virtual addresses to physical memory since they are currently identical.

How does Nachos create and manage the page table?

As mention, in Kernel::Exec(), a new AddrSpace is created and stored in the space attribute of the new thread. The AddrSpace constructor initializes a page table using TranslationEntry to map logical memory directly to physical memory, as the system currently supports only uniprogramming. This setup allows the system to access the page table through space.

How does Nachos translate addresses?

When loading a program file into main memory, AddrSpace::Load() loads the user binary code using a special header (noffH) by segmenting and paging as mention above. AddrSpace::Load() uses virtual addresses, which currently match physical addresses, to load each segment into memory.

During execution, Machine::OneInstruction() calls Machine::ReadMem(), which in turn calls Machine::Translate(). Machine::Translate() uses the virtual address and page size to determine the virtual page number and the offset within the page. It accesses the physicalPage attribute in the page table entry to get the frame number, allowing it to compute the physical address.

• How does Nachos initialize the machine status (registers, etc) before running a thread (process)?

When a thread is executed, ForkExecute() calls AddrSpace::Execute(). AddrSpace::Execute() initializes the machine by calling InitRegisters(), which sets up the machine registers, including the stack register, the initial program counter, and the next program counter.

Which object in Nachos acts the role of process control block?

Thread. Currently, each thread represents a single process. Thread objects include the thread ID, thread status, stack, page table, and other PCB-related information.

• When and how does a thread get added into the ReadyToRun queue of Nachos CPU scheduler?

A thread is added to the ready queue when it is forked in Thread::Fork(). Scheduler::ReadyToRun(), called by Thread::Fork(), sets the thread status to ready and places it on the ready queue.

If a thread is waiting for resources, Semaphore::V() will call Scheduler::ReadyToRun() once the resources become available, adding the thread back to the ready queue.

2 Page Table Implementation

In order to support multiprogramming, we need to take the following steps:

- 1. Construct a page table with an appropriate number of entries for each process.
- 2. Check whether there are enough frames to accommodate the process. If so, assign the available frames to it.

- 3. Load the corresponding code into these frames.
- 4. Finally, if the process has completed its work and is to be terminated, delete the page table and return the frames to the kernel.

2.1 Construct a page table

For the following explanation, please refer to Figures 17 through 20.

Unlike the original implementation in NachOS, multiprogramming requires constructing the page table based on the size of each process. Therefore, we first comment out the code in AddrSpace::AddrSpace() (As shown in Figure 17) and create a page table constructor that takes numPages as an argument (As shown in Figure 18 and Figure 19), which will be invoked in AddrSpace::Load() (As shown in Figure 20, line 164.). (Since we need to know the size of the process to construct the page table, which is only available in AddrSpace::Load().)

```
AddrSpace::AddrSpace() {

// pageTable = new TranslationEntry[NumPhysPages];

// for (int i = 0; i < NumPhysPages; i++) {

// pageTable[i].virtualPage = i; // for now, virt page # = phys page #

// pageTable[i].physicalPage = i; // modify in Load()

// pageTable[i].valid = TRUE;

// pageTable[i].use = FALSE;

// pageTable[i].dirty = FALSE;

// pageTable[i].readOnly = FALSE;

// // zero out the entire address space

// bzero(kernel->machine->mainMemory, MemorySize);

// bzero(kernel->machine->mainMemory, MemorySize);
```

Figure 17: Comment out AddrSpace::AddrSpace()

2.2 Assign the available frames

Before calling AddrSpace::ConstructPageTable(), we need to check the number of free frames to ensure that the process has enough space in memory. To track free frames, we add int frameTable[NumPhysPages] to record empty frames to the Kernel class in kernel.h. In this array, the index represents the frame number of a physical page, and if a frame is available, its value is set to 0 (and vice versa). Additionally, we add int NumFreeFrame, which represents the number of free frames in memory, too. Please refer to Figure 21 and Figure 22.

In addition, we add a new exception type, MemoryLimitException, in machine.h and set up a corresponding exception handler in exception.cc to handle situations where there is not enough space for the process (On line 153, Figure 20). You may refer to Figure 23 and Figure 24 for detail.

Figure 18: AddrSpace::ConstructPageTable() Declaration

```
void AddrSpace::ConstructPageTable(int numPages) {
    pageTable = new TranslationEntry[numPages];
    for (int i = 0; i < numPages; i++) {
        pageTable[i].virtualPage = i; // modify in Load()
        pageTable[i].physicalPage = i; // modify in Load()
        pageTable[i].valid = TRUE;
        pageTable[i].use = FALSE;
        pageTable[i].dirty = FALSE;
        pageTable[i].readOnly = FALSE;
    }
}</pre>
```

Figure 19: AddrSpace::ConstructPageTable()

Figure 20: Invokes ConstructPageTable in AddrSpace::Load()

Figure 21: int frameTable[NumPhysPages], int NumFreeFrame Declaration

```
Kernel::Kernel(int argc, char **argv) {
    randomSlice = FALSE;
    debugUserProg = FALSE;
    execExit = FALSE;
    consoleIn = NULL; // default is stdin
    consoleOut = NULL; // default is stdout
    frameTable[NumPhysPages] = {0};
    NumFreeFrame = NumPhysPages;
    #ifndef FILESYS_STUB
    formatFlag = FALSE;
    #endif
    reliability = 1; // network reliability, default is
```

Figure 22: int frameTable[NumPhysPages], int NumFreeFrame Initialization

Figure 23: New exception type: MemoryLimitException

Figure 24: Handling MemoryLimitException in exception handler.

Finally, we identify available frames by iterating through frameTable [NumPhysPages] with a for loop and record them in the page table. As shown in Figure 25. It is worth noting that we should also clean up the frame assigned to this process to avoid using incorrect data (Figure 25, line 171.).

```
kernel->currentThread->space->ConstructPageTable(numPages);

for (int i = 0, cnt = 0; i < NumPhysPages && cnt < numPages; i++) {
    if (kernel->frameTable[i] == 0) {
        kernel->frameTable[i] = 1;
        kernel->NumFreeFrame--;
        kernel->currentThread->space->pageTable[cnt].physicalPage = i;
        // zero out the entire address space
    bzero(&kernel->machine->mainMemory[i * PageSize], PageSize);
        cnt++;
}
```

Figure 25: Finding free frames withing frameTable [NumPhysPages]

2.3 Load the code

For those segments that are not read only, you may refer to Figure 26 and Figure 27 for more implementation details.

To place the code into the correct frame, we first determine its page number and offset, then calculate its physical address (You may refer to Figure 26, from line 179 to 184, and Figure 27, from line 196 to 202.). In this implementation, we use ReadAt() to read the code into memory. Here, the code is divided into code and initData, and the method for loading them are the same.

Figure 26: Loading code into corresponding free frame.

For the segments that place read only data, we need to change the readOnly variable to "True". As shown in Figure 28.

Figure 27: Loading initial data into corresponding free frame.

```
#ifdef RDATA

if (noffH.readonlyData.size > 0) {

int PhysAddr_base =

kernel->currentThread->space

->pageTable[noffH.readonlyData.virtualAddr / PageSize]

.physicalPage *

Pagesize;

int PhysAddr_offset = noffH.readonlyData.virtualAddr % PageSize;

int physAddr_offset = noffH.readonlyData.virtualAddr % PageSize;

int physAddr = PhysAddr_base + PhysAddr_offset;

kernel->currentThread->space

->pageTable[noffH.readonlyData.virtualAddr / PageSize]

.readOnly = TRUE;

DEBUG(dbgAddr, "Initializing read only data segment.");

DEBUG(dbgThread,

"virtualAddr: " << noffH.readonlyData.virtualAddr

| | | << ", size: " << noffH.readonlyData.size);

executable->ReadAt(&(kernel->mainMemory[physAddr]),

and the page Size is a continuated in the page Size is
```

Figure 28: Loading read only data into corresponding free frame.

2.4 Return the frames

Once the process completes its work, we need to delete the page table. There are a few things to keep in mind. First, frameTable[NumPhysPages] needs to be updated back to 0. Second, NumFreeFrame should be incremented to reflect the freed frames. Figure 29 shows our implementation of AddrSpace::~AddrSpace().

Figure 29: Returning frames to the kernel.