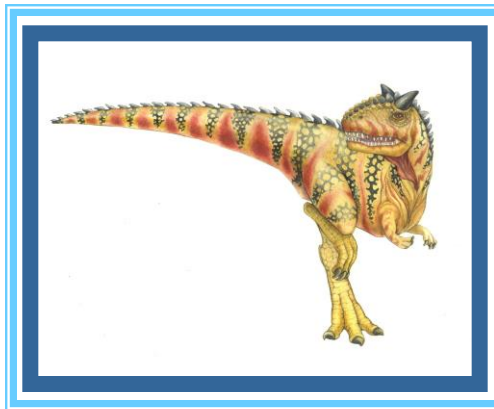


Chapter 1: Introduction





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

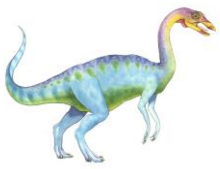




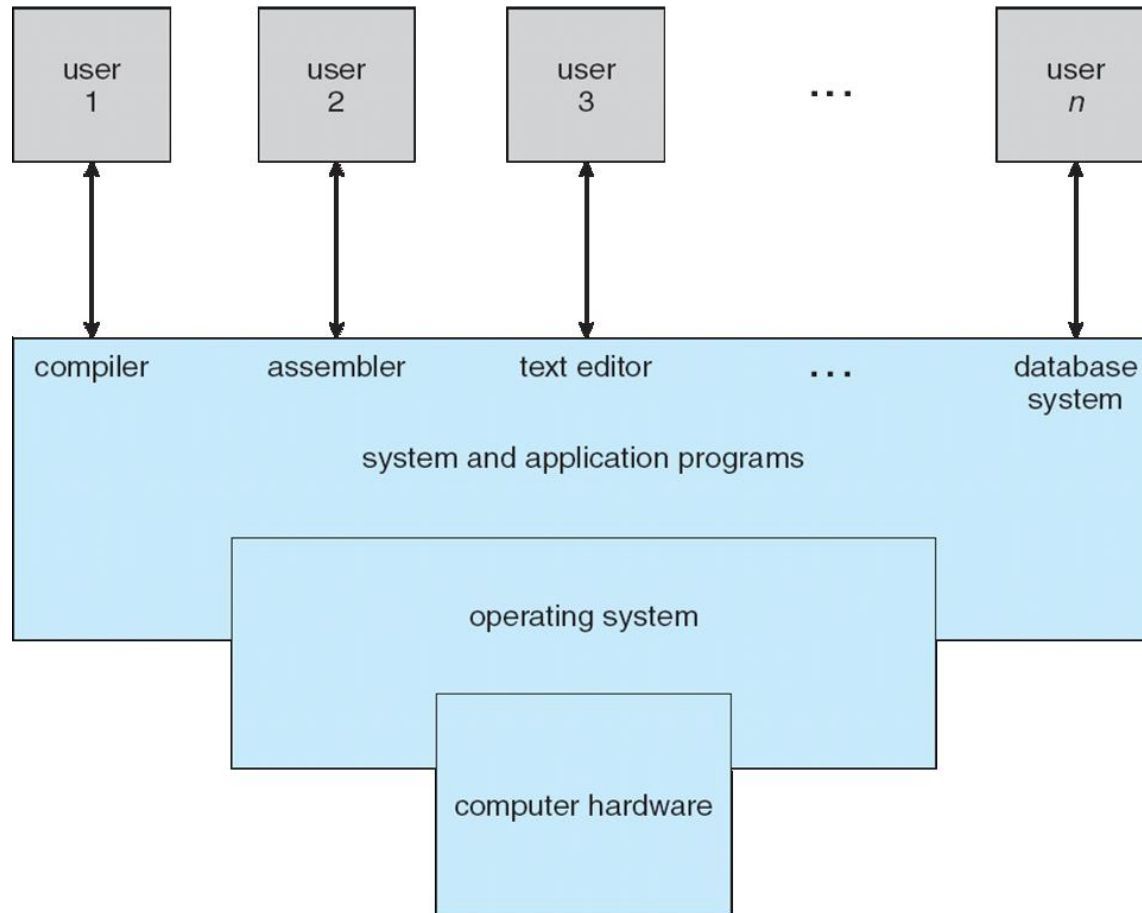
Computer System Structure

- 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 applications 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 dedicated 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

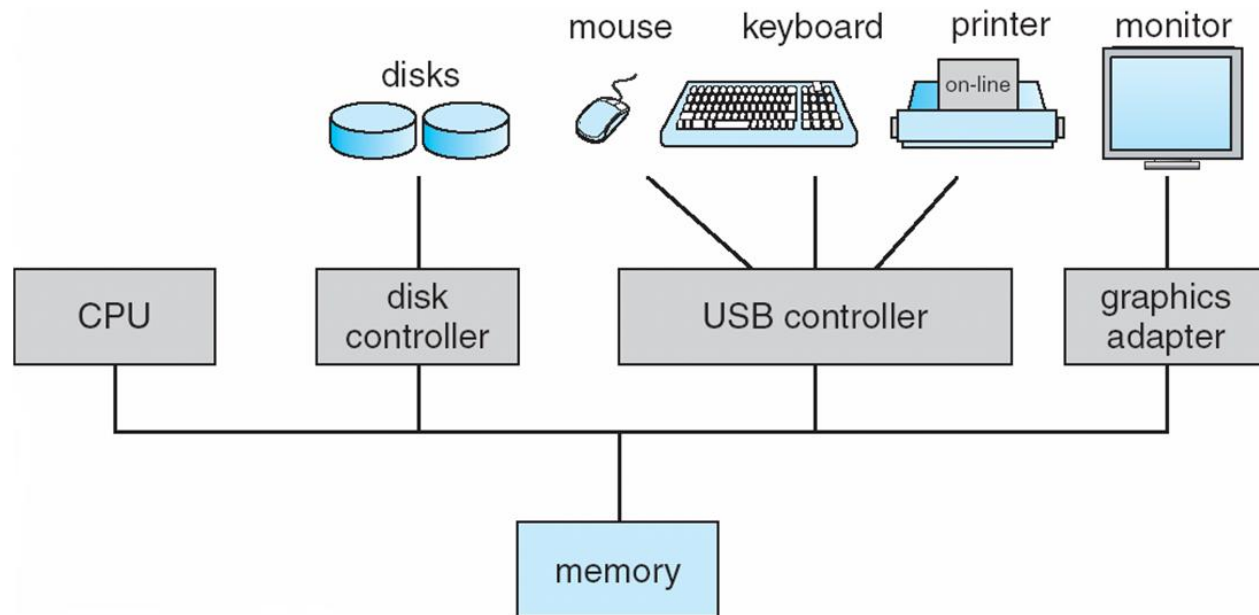
- **bootstrap program** is loaded at power-up or reboot
 - Typically stored in ROM or EPROM, generally known as **firmware**
 - Initializes all aspects of system
 - Loads operating system kernel and starts execution





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**





Common Functions of Interrupts

- Interrupt transfers control to the interrupt service routine generally, through the **interrupt vector**, 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
- An operating system is **interrupt driven**





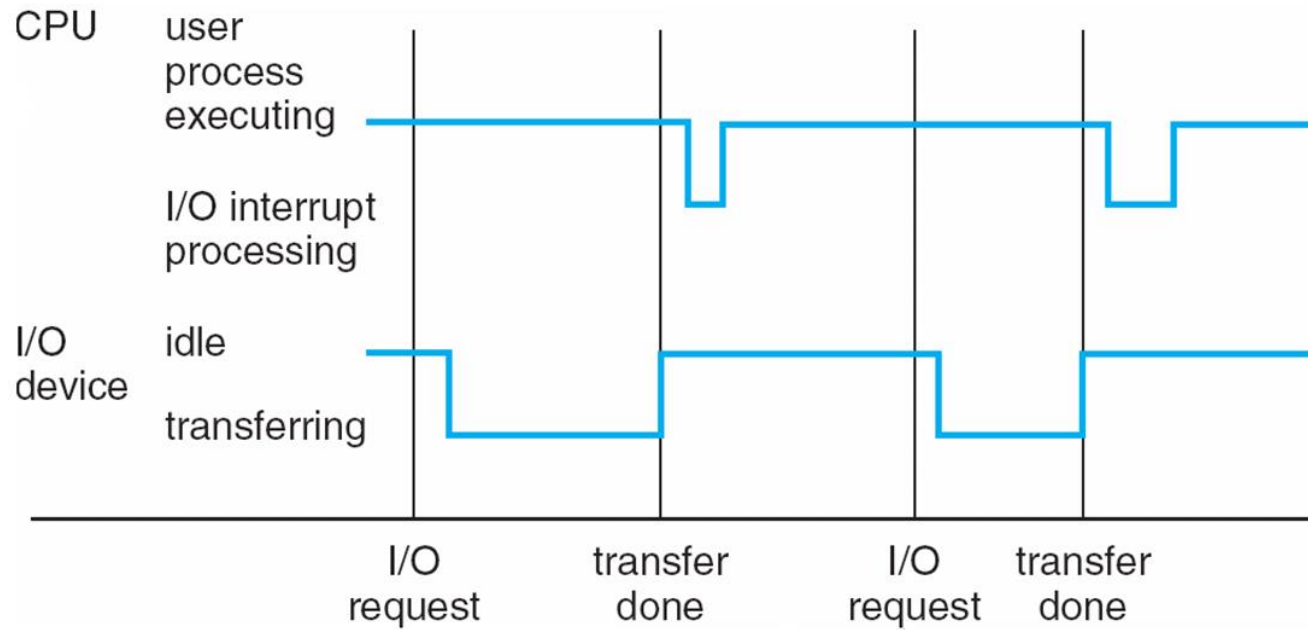
Interrupt Handling

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





Interrupt Timeline





I/O Structure

- After I/O starts, control returns to user program only upon I/O completion
 - Wait instruction idles the CPU until the next interrupt
 - Wait loop (contention for memory access)
 - At most one I/O request is outstanding at a time, no simultaneous I/O processing
- After I/O starts, control returns to user program without waiting for I/O completion
 - **System call** – request to the OS to allow user to wait for I/O completion
 - **Device-status table** contains entry for each I/O device indicating its type, address, and state
 - OS indexes into I/O device table to determine device status and to modify table entry to include interrupt





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
- 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

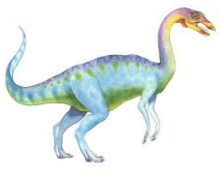




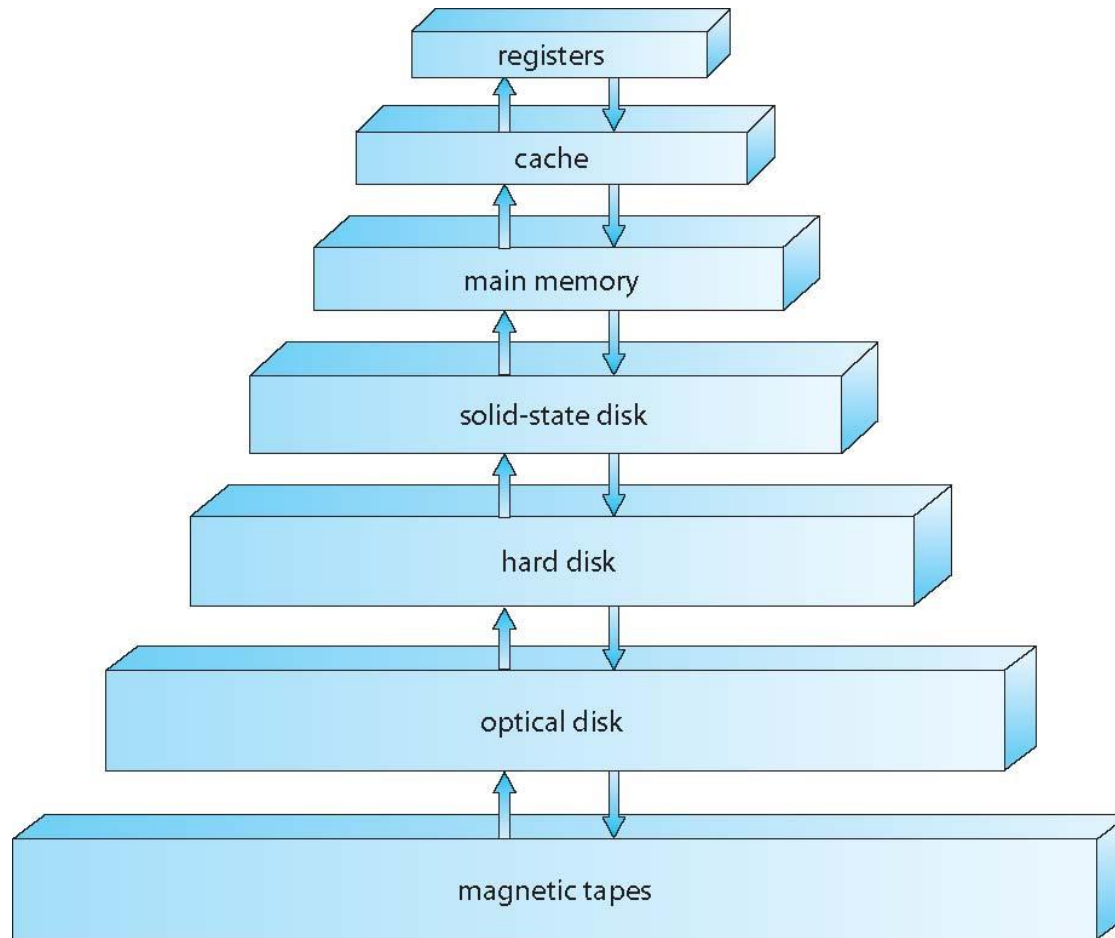
Storage Hierarchy

- 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





Caching

- Important principle, performed at many levels in a computer (in hardware, operating system, software)
- 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





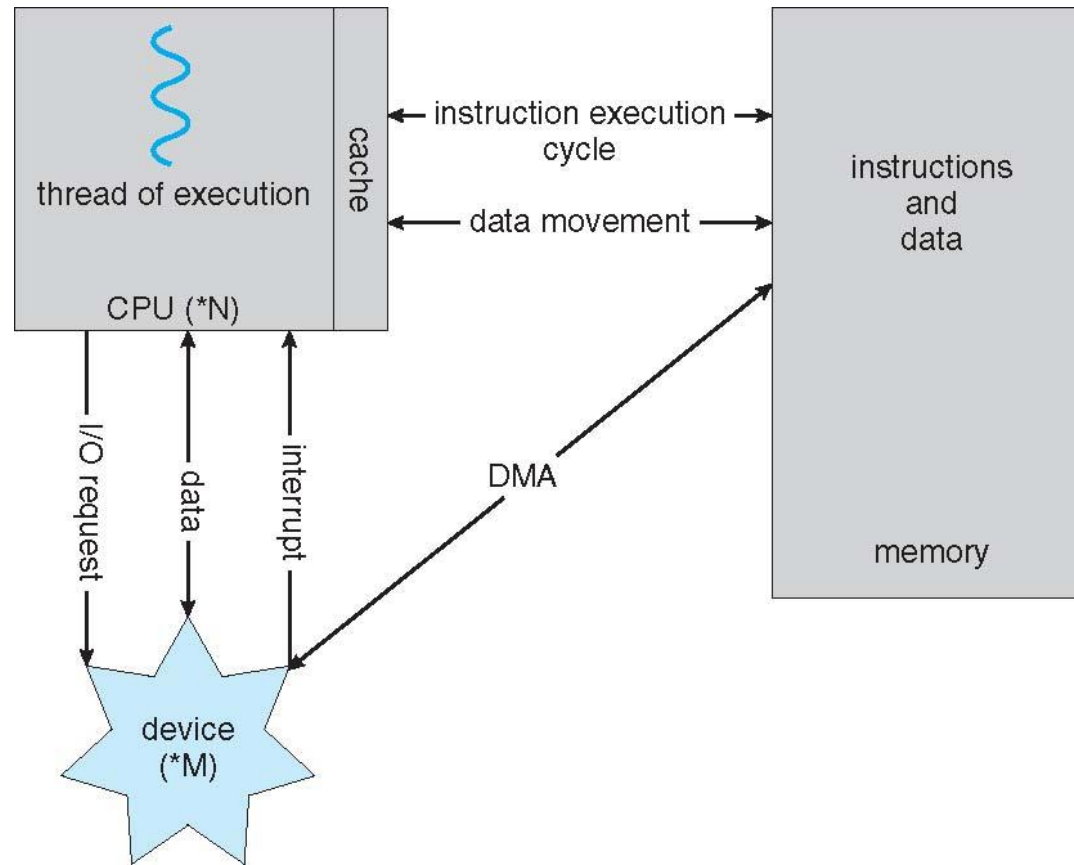
Direct Memory Access Structure

- ❑ Used for high-speed I/O devices able to transmit information at close to memory speeds
- ❑ Device controller transfers blocks of data from buffer storage directly to main memory without CPU intervention
- ❑ Only one interrupt is generated per block, rather than the one interrupt per byte





How a Modern Computer Works



A von Neumann architecture





Computer-System Architecture

- Most systems use a single general-purpose processor
 - Most systems have special-purpose processors as well
- **Multiprocessors** 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:
 1. **Asymmetric Multiprocessing** – each processor is assigned a specific task.
 2. **Symmetric Multiprocessing** – each processor performs all tasks

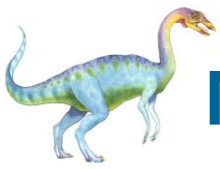




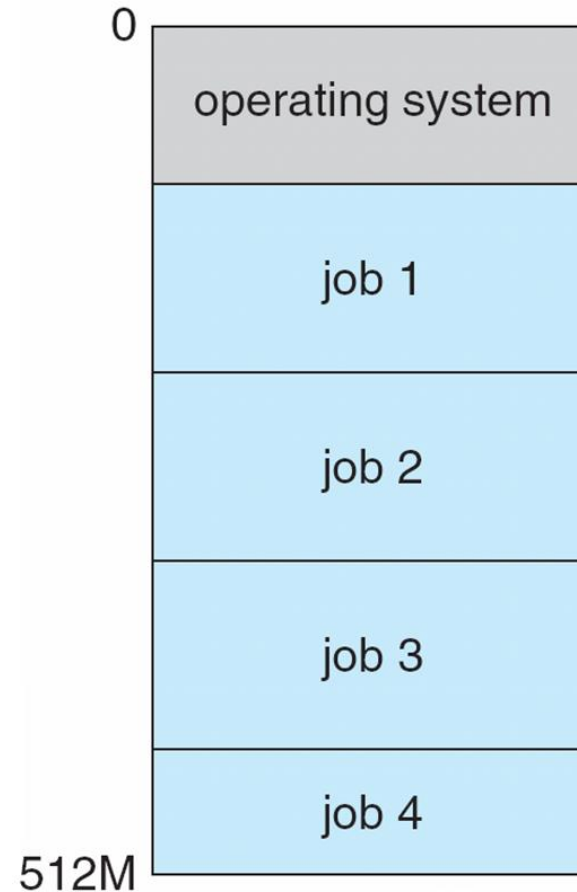
Operating System Structure

- **Multiprogramming (Batch system)** needed for efficiency
 - Single user cannot keep CPU and I/O devices busy at all times
 - 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 it has to wait (for I/O for example), OS switches to another job
- **Timesharing (multitasking)** is logical extension in which CPU switches jobs so frequently that users can interact with each job while it is running, creating **interactive** computing
 - **Response time** should be < 1 second
 - Each user has at least one program executing in memory \Rightarrow **process**
 - If several jobs ready to run at the same time \Rightarrow **CPU scheduling**
 - If processes don't fit in memory, **swapping** moves them in and out to run
 - **Virtual memory** allows execution of processes not completely in memory





Memory Layout for Multiprogrammed System





Operating-System Operations

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





Operating-System Operations (cont.)

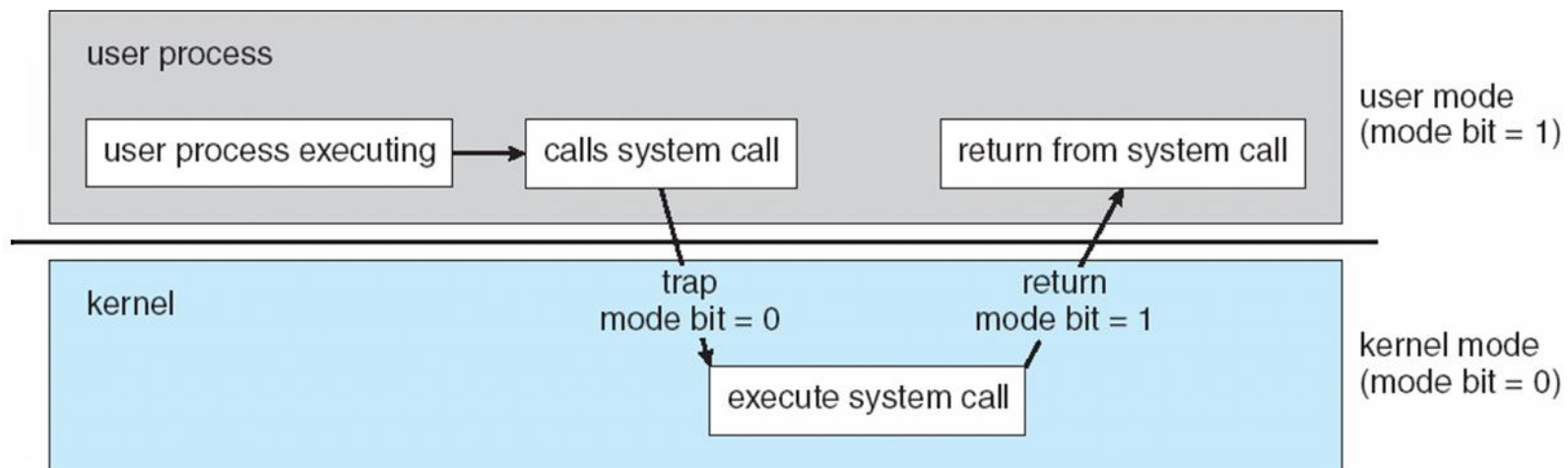
- **Dual-mode** operation allows OS to protect itself and other system components
 - **User mode** and **kernel mode**
 - **Mode bit** provided by hardware
 - ▶ Provides ability to distinguish when system is running user code or kernel code
 - ▶ Some instructions designated as **privileged**, only executable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





Transition from User to Kernel Mode

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





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
- 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 process communication
- Providing mechanisms for deadlock handling





Memory Management

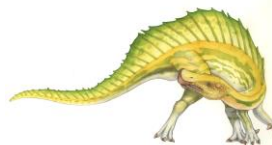
- To execute a program all (or part) of the instructions must be in memory
- All (or part) of the data that is needed by the program must be in memory.
- Memory management determines what is in memory and when
 - Optimizing CPU utilization and computer response to users
- Memory management activities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





Storage 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
 - 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 used to store data that does not fit in main memory or data that must be kept for a “long” period of time
- Proper management is of central importance
- Entire speed of computer operation hinges on disk subsystem and its algorithms
- OS activities
 - Free-space management
 - Storage allocation
 - Disk scheduling
- Some storage need not be fast
 - Tertiary storage includes optical storage, magnetic tape
 - Still must be managed – by OS or applications
 - Varies between WORM (write-once, read-many-times) and RW (read-write)





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

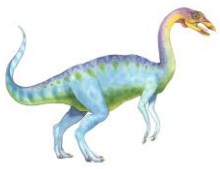




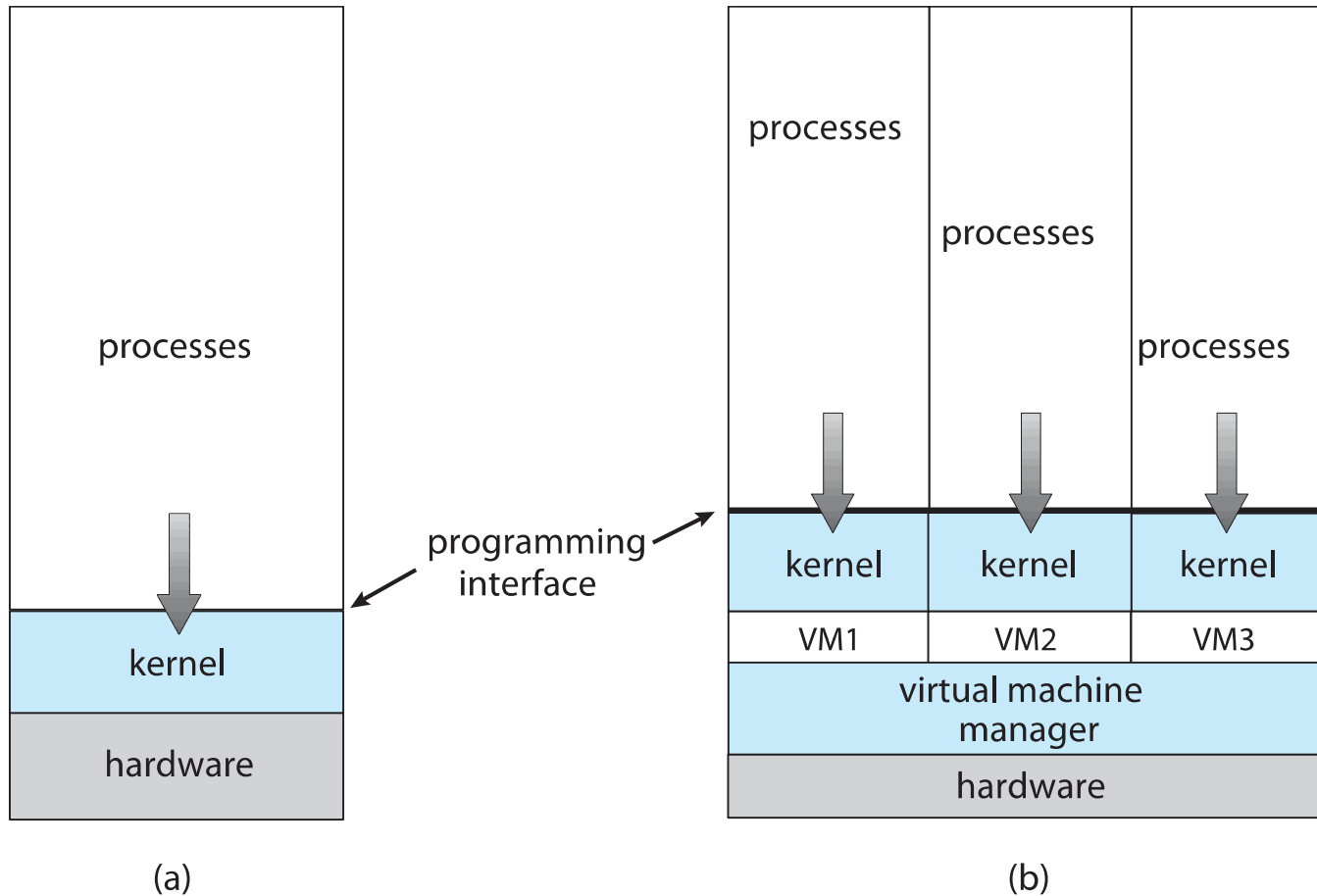
Protection and Security

- **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
- 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





Computing Environments - Virtualization





Computing Environments – Cloud Computing

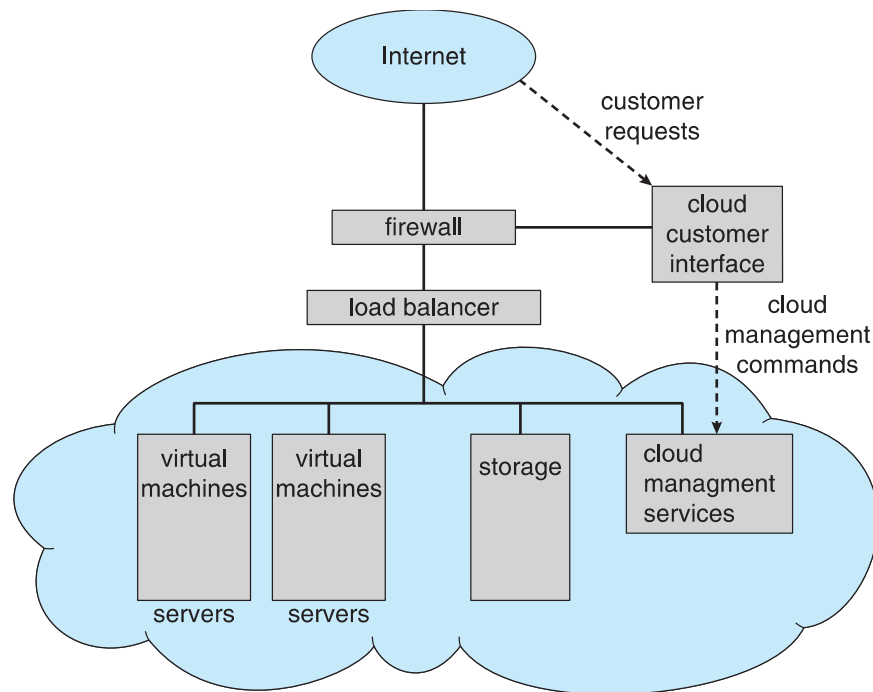
- Delivers computing, storage, even apps as a service across a network
- Logical extension of virtualization because it uses virtualization as the base for its functionality.
 - Amazon **EC2** has thousands of servers, millions of virtual machines, petabytes of storage available across the Internet, pay based on usage
- 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 (**IaaS**) – servers or storage available over Internet (i.e., storage available for backup use)





Computing Environments – Cloud Computing

- ❑ 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





Computing Environments – 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 constraint
 - Correct operation only if constraints met





Open-Source Operating Systems

- Operating systems made available in source-code format rather than just binary **closed-source**
- Counter to the **copy protection** and **Digital Rights Management (DRM)** movement
- Started by **Free Software Foundation (FSF)**, which has “copyleft” **GNU Public License (GPL)**
- 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



End of Chapter 1

