last time

overall course themes

logistics

static versus dynamic linking

dynamic (.so, .dll, .dylib): libraries loaded at runtime static (.a, .lib): library code copied to executable file

steps for building applications + libraries

things programs on portal shouldn't do

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modify OS's memory

read other user's data in memory

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memory protection

reading from another program's memory?

memory protection

reading from another program's memory?

```
Program A
                                 Program B
 0 \times 10000: .word 42
                                 // while A is working:
      // ...
                                 movq $99, %rax
      // do work
                                 movq %rax, 0x10000
      // ...
       movq 0x10000, %rax
result: %rax (in A) is ...
A. 42 B. 99
               C. 0×10000
D. 42 or 99 (depending on timing/program layout/etc)
E. 42 or 99 or program might crash (depending on ...)
F. something else
```

program memory (two programs)

Program A

Used by OS

Stack

Heap / other dynamic

Writable data

Code + Constants

Program B

Used by OS

Stack

Heap / other dynamic

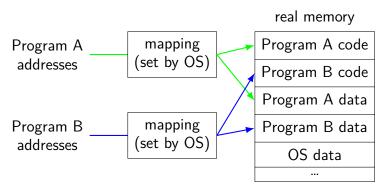
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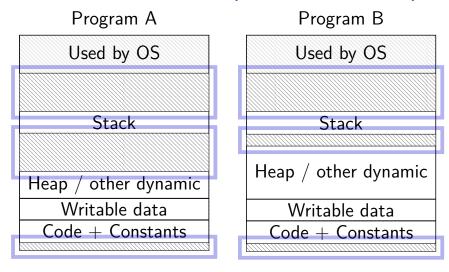
address space

programs have illusion of own memory

called a program's address space



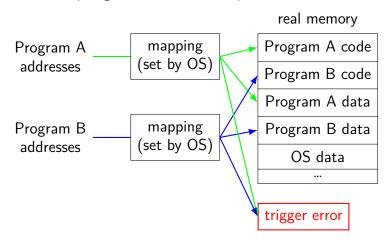
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address space mechanisms

topic after exceptions

called virtual memory

mapping called page tables

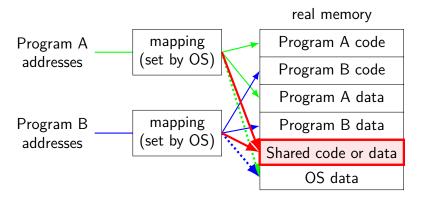
mapping part of what is changed in context switch

shared memory

recall: dynamically linked libraries

would be nice not to duplicate code/data...

we can!



one way to set shared memory on Linux

```
/* regular file, OR: */
int fd = open("/tmp/somefile.dat", O_RDWR);
/* special in-memory file */
int fd = shm_open("/name", O_RDWR);
/* make file's data accessible as memory */
void *memory = mmap(NULL, size, PROT_READ | PROT_WRITE,
                    MAP SHARED, fd, 0);
mmap: "map" a file's data into your memory
will discuss a bit more when we talk about virtual memory
part of how Linux loads dynamically linked libraries
```

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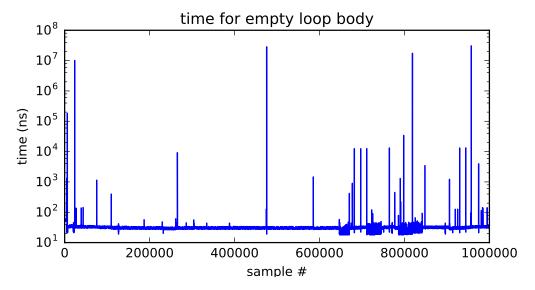
an infinite loop

```
int main(void) {
    while (1) {
        /* waste CPU time */
    }
}
If I run this on a shared department machine, can you still use it?
...if the machine only has one core?
```

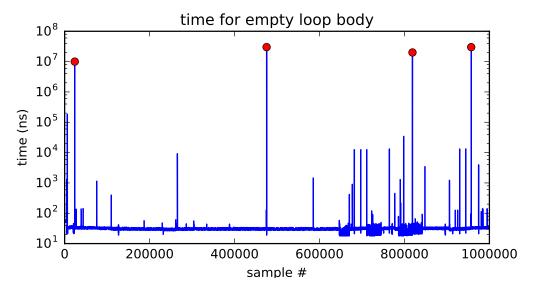
timing nothing

```
long times[NUM TIMINGS];
int main(void) {
    for (int i = 0; i < N; ++i) {
        long start, end;
        start = get_time();
        /* do nothina */
        end = get_time();
        times[i] = end - start;
    output_timings(times);
same instructions — same difference each time?
```

doing nothing on a busy system



doing nothing on a busy system



time multiplexing



time multiplexing

processor:



```
call get_time
// whatever get_time does
movq %rax, %rbp

million cycle delay

call get_time
// whatever get_time does
subq %rbp, %rax
```

time multiplexing

processor:



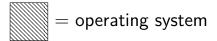
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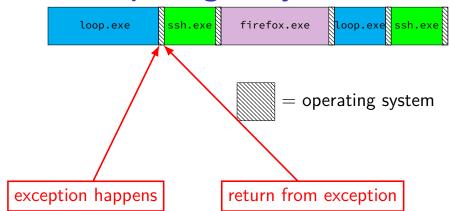
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threads

thread = illusion of own processor

own register values

own program counter value

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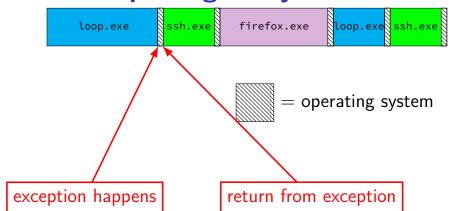
own register values

own program counter value

actual implementation: many threads sharing one processor

problem: where are register/program counter values when thread not active on processor?

time multiplexing really



OS and time multiplexing

starts running instead of normal program mechanism for this: exceptions (later)

saves old program counter, registers somewhere

sets new registers, jumps to new program counter

called context switch

saved information called context

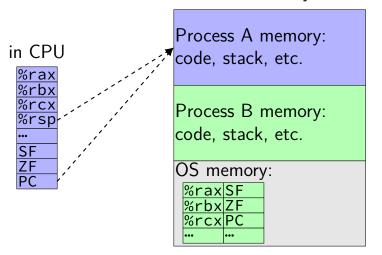
context

context switch pseudocode

```
context_switch(last, next):
   copy_preexception_pc last->pc
   mov rax,last->rax
   mov rcx, last->rcx
   mov rdx, last->rdx
   ...
   mov next->rdx, rdx
   mov next->rcx, rcx
   mov next->rax, rax
   jmp next->pc
```

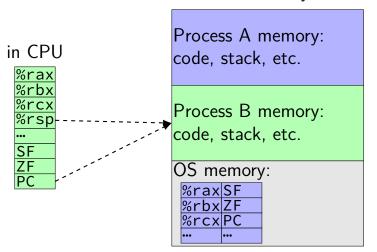
contexts (A running)

in Memory

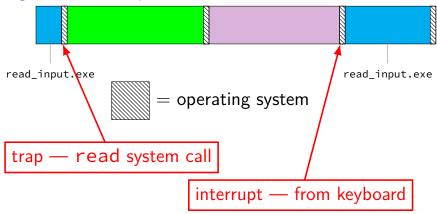


contexts (B running)

in Memory



keyboard input timeline



types of exceptions

externally-triggered

timer — keep program from hogging CPU I/O devices — key presses, hard drives, networks, ... hardware is broken (e.g. memory parity error)

asynchronous not triggered by running program

intentionally triggered exceptions

system calls — ask OS to do something

errors/events in programs

memory not in address space ("Segmentation fault") privileged instruction divide by zero invalid instruction

synchronous triggered by

terms for exceptions

terms for exceptions aren't standardized

```
our readings use one set of terms
interrupts = externally-triggered
faults = error/event in program
trap = intentionally triggered
all these terms appear differently elsewhere
```

exception implementation

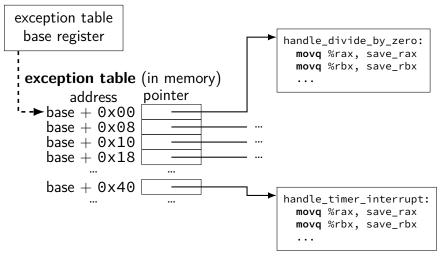
detect condition (program error or external event)
save current value of PC somewhere
jump to exception handler (part of OS)
jump done without program instruction to do so

exception implementation: notes

I describe a simplified version

real x86/x86-64 is a bit more complicated (mostly for historical reasons)

locating exception handlers



running the exception handler

hardware saves the old program counter (and maybe more)

identifies location of exception handler via table

then jumps to that location

OS code can save anything else it wants to , etc.

which of these require exceptions? context switches?

- A. program calls a function in the standard library
- B. program writes a file to disk
- C. program A goes to sleep, letting program B run
- D. program exits
- E. program returns from one function to another function
- F. program pops a value from the stack

The Process

```
process = thread(s) + address space
illusion of dedicated machine:
    thread = illusion of own CPU
    address space = illusion of own memory
```

signals

Unix-like operating system feature

like exceptions for processes:

can be triggered by external process kill command/system call

can be triggered by special events

pressing control-C other events that would normal terminate program

'segmentation fault' illegal instruction divide by zero

can invoke signal handler (like exception handler)

(hardware) exceptions	signals
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...but OS needs to run to trigger handler most likely "forwarding" hardware exception

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signal handler follows normal calling convention not special assembly like typical exception handler

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signal handler runs in same thread ('virtual processor') as process was using before

not running at 'same time' as the code it interrupts

base program

```
int main() {
    char buf[1024];
    while (fgets(buf, sizeof buf, stdin)) {
        printf("read %s", buf);
    }
}
```

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example signal program

```
void handle_sigint(int signum) {
   /* signum == SIGINT */
    write(1, "Control-C pressed?!\n",
        sizeof("Control-C pressed?!\n"));
int main(void) {
    struct sigaction act;
    act.sa_handler = &handle_sigint;
    sigemptyset(&act.sa_mask);
    act.sa_flags = 0;
    sigaction(SIGINT, &act, NULL);
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SIGxxxx

signals types identified by number...

constants declared in <signal.h>

constant	likely use
SIGBUS	"bus error"; certain types of invalid memory accesses
SIGSEGV	"segmentation fault"; other types of invalid memory accesses
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SIGFPE	"floating point exception"; includes integer divide-by-zero
SIGHUP, SIGPIPE	reading from/writing to disconnected terminal/socket
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handling Segmentation Fault

```
void handle_sigsegv(int num) {
    puts("got SIGSEGV");
int main(void) {
    struct sigaction act;
    act.sa_handler = handle_sigsegv;
    sigemptyset(&act.sa_mask);
    act.sa_flags = 0;
    sigaction(SIGSEGV, &act, NULL);
    asm("movq %rax, 0x12345678");
```

handling Segmentation Fault

```
void handle sigsegv(int num) {
    puts("got SIGSEGV");
int main(void) {
    struct sigaction act;
    act.sa_handler = handle_sigsegv;
    sigemptyset(&act.sa_mask);
    act.sa_flags = 0;
    sigaction(SIGSEGV, &act, NULL);
    asm("movg %rax, 0x12345678");
got SIGSEGV
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```

signal API

sigaction — register handler for signal

kill — send signal to process

pause — put process to sleep until signal received

sigprocmask — temporarily block some signals from being received

... and much more

output of this?

pid 1000

```
void handle_sigusr1(int num) {
   write(1, "X", 1);
   kill(2000, SIGUSR1);
   _exit(0);
int main() {
    struct sigaction act;
    act.sa_handler = &handler_usr1;
    sigaction(SIGUSR1, &act);
   kill(1000, SIGUSR1);
```

pid 2000

```
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    write(1, "Y", 1);
    _exit(0);
int main() {
    struct sigaction act;
    act.sa_handler = &handler_usr1;
    sigaction(SIGUSR1, &act);
```

If these run at same time, expected output?

A. XY

B. X

CY

D. YX

E. X or XY, depending on timing F. crash

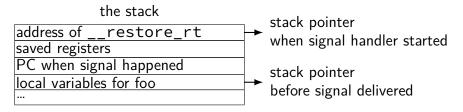
G. (nothing) H. something else

x86-64 Linux signal delivery (1)

suppose: signal happens while foo() is running

OS saves registers to user stack

OS modifies user registers, PC to call signal handler



x86-64 Linux signal delivery (2)

```
handle_sigint:
     ret
__restore_rt:
    // 15 = "sigreturn" system call
    movq $15, %rax
     syscall
restore rt is return address for signal handler
sigreturn syscall restores pre-signal state
    needed to handle caller-saved registers
    also might unblock signals (like un-disabling interrupts)
```

signal handler unsafety (0)

```
void foo() {
    /* SIGINT might happen while foo() is running */
    char *p = malloc(1024);
/* signal handler for SIGINT
   (registered elsewhere with sigaction() */
void handle_sigint() {
    printf("You pressed control-C.\n");
```

signal handler unsafety (1)

```
void *malloc(size_t size) {
    to_return = next_to_return;
    /* SIGNAL HAPPENS HERE */
    next to return += size;
    return to return;
void foo() {
   /* This malloc() call interrupted */
    char *p = malloc(1024);
   p[0] = 'x';
void handle_sigint() {
   // printf might use malloc()
    printf("You pressed control-C.\n");
```

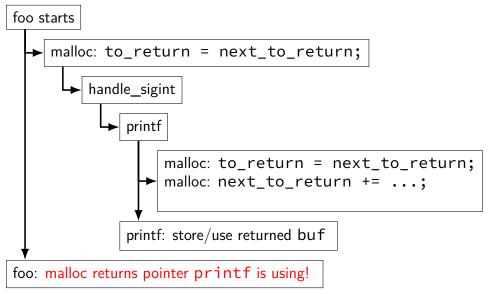
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   p[0] = 'x'
void handle_sigint() {
   // printf might use malloc()
    printf("You pressed control-C.\n");
```

signal handler unsafety (2)

```
void handle_sigint() {
    printf("You pressed control-C.\n");
}
int printf(...) {
    static char *buf;
    ...
    buf = malloc()
    ...
}
```

signal handler unsafety: timeline



signal handler unsafety (3)

```
foo() {
 char *p = malloc(1024)... {
   to_return = next_to_return;
    handle_sigint() { /* signal delivered here */
      printf("You pressed control-C.\n") {
        buf = malloc(...) {
          to_return = next_to_return;
          next_to_return += size;
          return to_return;
   next_to_return += size;
    return to_return;
    now p points to buf used by printf! */
```

signal handler unsafety (3)

```
foo() {
 char *p = malloc(1024)... {
   to_return = next_to_return;
    handle_sigint() { /* signal delivered here */
      printf("You pressed control-C.\n") {
        buf = malloc(...) {
          to_return = next_to_return;
          next_to_return += size;
          return to_return;
   next_to_return += size;
    return to_return;
    now p points to buf used by printf! */
```

signal handler safety

POSIX (standard that Linux follows) defines "async-signal-safe" functions

these must work correctly no matter what they interrupt

...and no matter how they are interrupted

includes: write, _exit

does not include: printf, malloc, exit

blocking signals

avoid having signal handlers anywhere:

can instead block signals

sigprocmask system call

signal will become "pending" instead

OS will not deliver unless unblocked

analagous to disabling interrupts

alternatives to signal handlers

first, block a signal

then use system calls to inspect pending signals example: sigwait

or unblock signals only when waiting for I/O example: pselect system call

synchronous signal handling

```
int main(void) {
    sigset_t set;
    sigemptyset(&set);
    sigaddset(&set, SIGINT);
    sigprocmask(SIG_BLOCK, SIGINT);
    printf("Waiting for SIGINT (control-C)\n");
    if (sigwait(&set, NULL) == 0) {
        printf("Got SIGINT\n");
```

setjmp/longjmp

```
jmp_buf env;
main() {
  if (setjmp(env) == 0) { // like try {
    read_file()
  } else { // like catch
    printf("some error happened\n");
read_file() {
  if (open failed) {
      longjmp(env, 1) // like throw
  . . .
```

implementing setjmp/longjmp

```
setjmp:
```

```
copy all registers to jmp_buf ... including stack pointer
```

longjmp

```
copy registers from jmp_buf
... but change %rax (return value)
```

setjmp psuedocode

```
setimp: looks like first half of context switch
setimp:
  movq %rcx, env->rcx
  movq %rdx, env->rdx
  movq %rsp + 8, env->rsp // +8: skip return value
  save condition codes env->ccs
  movq 0(%rsp), env->pc
  movq $0, %rax // always return 0
  ret
```

longjmp psuedocode

jmp env->pc

longjmp: looks like second half of context switch
longjmp:
 movq %rdi, %rax // return a different value
 movq env->rcx, %rcx
 movq env->rdx, %rdx
 ...
 restore_condition_codes env->ccs
 movq env->rsp, %rsp

setjmp weirdness — local variables

Undefined behavior:

```
int x = 0;
if (setjmp(env) == 0) {
    ...
    x += 1;
    longjmp(env, 1);
} else {
    printf("%d\n", x);
}
```

setjmp weirdness — fix

Defined behavior:

on implementing try/catch

could do something like setjmp()/longjmp()

but setjmp is slow

setjmp exercise

```
imp buf env; int counter = 0;
void bar() {
    putchar('Z');
    ++counter;
    if (counter < 2) {</pre>
        longjmp(env, 1);
int main() {
    while (setjmp(env) == 1) {
        putchar('X');
    putchar('Y');
    bar();
Expected output?
```

A. YZ B. XYZ C. YZYZ D. XYZXYZ E. XYZYZ F. YZXYZ G. something else H. varies/might crash

on implementing try/catch

could do something like setjmp()/longjmp()

but setjmp is slow

```
main() {
  printf("about to read file\n");
  trv {
    read file();
  } catch(...) {
    printf("some error happened\n");
read file() {
  if (open failed) {
      throw IOException();
```

```
main:
    call printf
start_try:
    call read_file
end_try:
    ret
```

```
main_catch:
  movq $str, %rdi
  call printf
  jmp end_try
```

```
read_file:
   pushq %r12
   ...
   call do_throw
   ...
end_read:
   popq %r12
   ret
```

lookup table

program counter range	action	recurse?
start_try to end_try	jmp main_catch	no
read_file to end_read	popq %r12, ret	yes
anything else	error	_

```
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    call printf
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    call read_file
end_try:
    ret
```

```
main_catch:
  movq $str, %rdi
  call printf
  jmp end_try
```

```
read_file:
   pushq %r12
        call do_throw
        ...
end_read:
   popq %r12
   ret
```

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end_try:
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```

```
main_catch:
  movq $str, %rdi
  call printf
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```

```
read_file:
   pushq %r12
   ...
   call do_throw
   ...
end_read:
   popq %r12
   ret
```

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```
main:
                     main_catch:
                                          read_file:
                       movq $str, %rdi
                                             pushq %r12
                       call printf
  call printf
                       imp end try
start try:
                                             call do throw
  call read_file
                                             . . .
end_try:
              not actual x86 code to run
  ret
              track a "virtual PC" while looking for catch block
                         lookup table
                               action
                                                    recurse?
program counter range
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                               jmp main\_catch
                                                    lno
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                               popq %r12, ret
                                                    ves
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```

lookup table tradeoffs

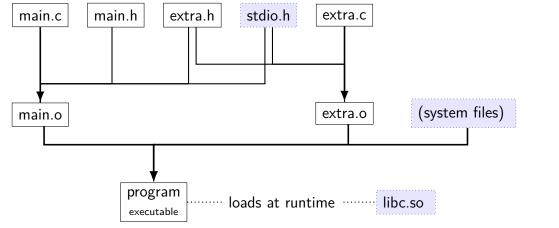
no overhead if throw not used

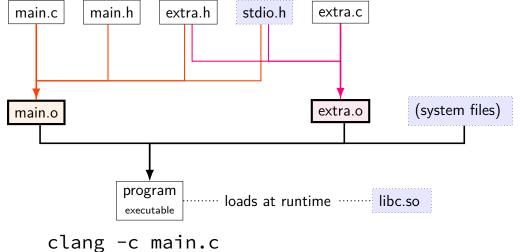
handles local variables on registers/stack, but...

larger executables (probably)

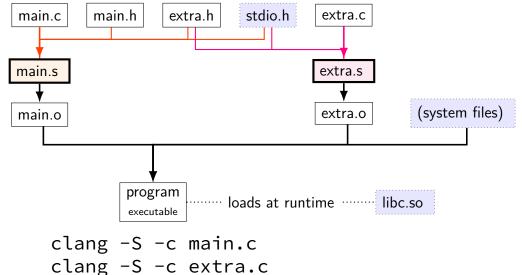
extra complexity for compiler

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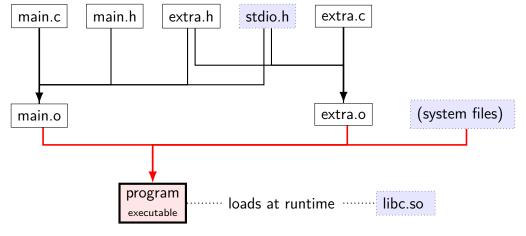




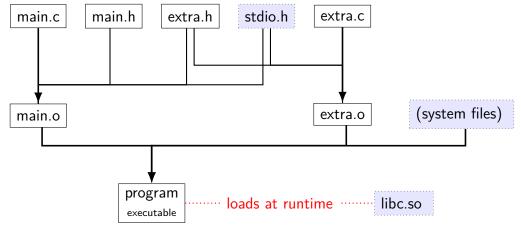
clang -c main.c
clang -c extra.c



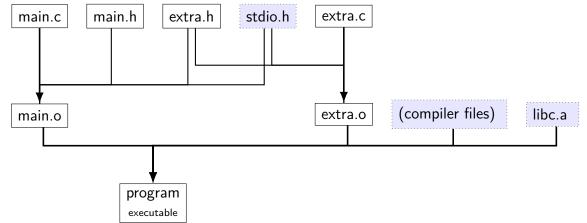
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clang -o program main.o extra.o



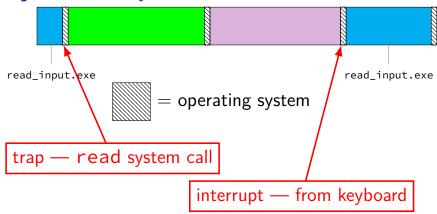
./program ...



file extensions

name		
. C		C source code
.h		C source code C header file
. S	(or .asm)	assembly file
.0	<pre>(or .obj)</pre>	object file (binary of assembly)
(none)	(or .exe)	executable file
.a	(or .lib)	statically linked library [collection of .o files]
.so	(or .dll)	dynamically linked library ['shared object']

keyboard input timeline



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handle_timer_interrupt:
    save_old_pc save_pc
    movq %r15, save_r15
    /* key press here */
    movq %r14, save_r14
    ...
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  /* key press here */
  movq %r14, save r14
                    handle keyboard interrupt:
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                      movq %r15, save_r15
                      movq %r14, save r14
                      movq %r13, save_r13
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         save old pc save pc
         movq %r15, save_r15
         /* key press here */
         movq %r14, save r14
                           handle keyboard interrupt:
                             save_old_pc save_pc
                             movq %rl5 save_r15
oops, overwrote saved values?
                             movg %r14, save r14
                             movg %r13, save r13
```

interrupt disabling

CPU supports disabling (most) interrupts

interrupts will wait until it is reenabled

CPU has extra state:

are interrupts enabled? is keyboard interrupt pending? is timer interrupt pending?

```
handle_timer_interrupt:
 /* interrupts automatically disabled here */
 movq %rsp, save_rsp
  save old pc save pc
 /* key press here */
  impIfFromKernelMode skip_exception_stack
 movg current exception stack, %rsp
skip_set_kernel_stack:
  pushq save rsp
  pushq save pc
  enable_intterupts2
  pushq %r15
 /* interrupt happens here! */
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  pushq %r15
 /* interrupt happens here! */
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handle_keyboard_interrupt:
 movq %rsp, save_rsp

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disabling interrupts

```
automatically disabled when exception handler starts
also can be done with privileged instruction:
change keyboard parameters:
  disable interrupts
  /* change things used by
     handle_keyboard_interrupt here */
  enable_interrupts
```