last time

user versus kernel mode

system calls

special instruction system call wrapper handler location set at boot

memory protection

things programs on portal shouldn't do

read other user's files

modify OS's memory

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// ...

// do work

// ...

movq 0x10000, %rax

Program B

// while A is working:

movq $99, %rax

movq %rax, 0x10000

...
```

memory protection

F. something else

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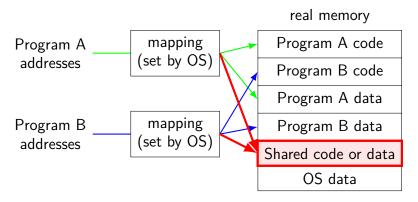
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shared memory

recall: dynamically linked libraries

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

we can!



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 (always with 'normal' multiuser OSes)
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how does hardware do this?

would be complicated to tell about other programs, etc.

instead: hardware runs designated OS routine

exceptions

recall: system calls — software asks OS for help

also cases where hardware asks OS for help different triggers than system calls

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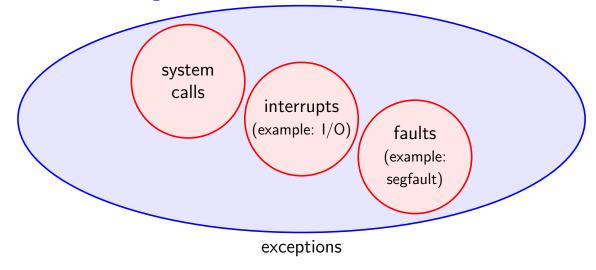
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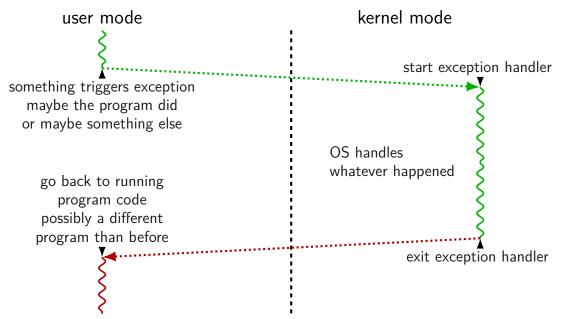
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exceptions [Venn diagram]

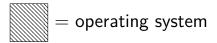


general exception process

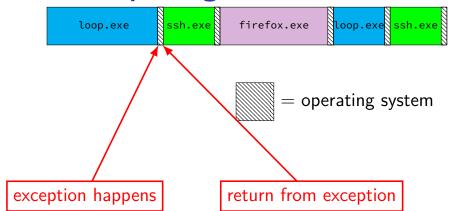


time multiplexing





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switching programs

OS starts running somehow some sort of exception

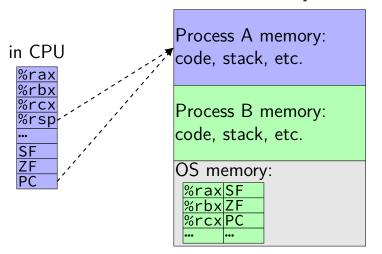
saves old registers + program counter + address mapping (optimization: could omit when program crashing/exiting)

sets new registers + address mapping, jumps to new program counter

called context switch
saved information called context

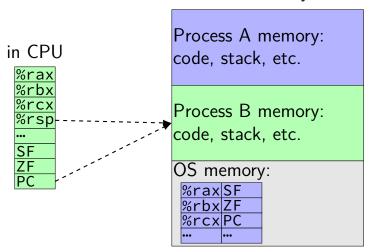
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in Memory



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threads

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actual implementation: many threads sharing one processor

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

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exception patterns with I/O(1)

input — available now:

exception: device says "I have input now"

handler: OS stores input for later

exception (syscall): program says "I want to read input"

handler: OS returns that input

input — not available now:

exception (syscall): program says "I want to read input"

handler: OS runs other things (context switch)

exception: device says "I have input now"

handler: OS retrieves input

handler: (possibly) OS switches back to program that wanted it

exception patterns with I/O (2)

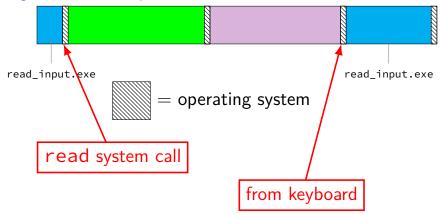
output — ready now:

exception (syscall): program says "I want to output this' handler: OS sends output to device

output — not ready now

exception (syscall): program says "I want to output" handler: OS realizes device can't accept output yet (other things happen) exception: device says "I'm ready for output now" handler: OS sends output requested earlier

keyboard input timeline



review: definitions

exception: hardware calls OS specified routine

many possible reasons

system calls: type of exception

context switch: OS switches to another thread by saving old register values + loading new ones part of OS routine run by exception

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

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
```

The Process

```
\begin{aligned} & process = thread(s) + address \ space \\ & illusion \ of \ \frac{dedicated \ machine:}{dedicated \ machine:} \\ & thread = illusion \ of \ own \ CPU \\ & (process \ could \ have \ multiple \ threads -- \ with \ independent \ registers) \\ & address \ space = illusion \ of \ own \ memory \end{aligned}
```

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)

exceptions v signals

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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

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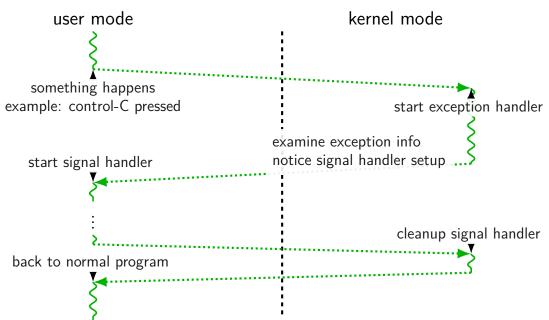
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'forwarding' exception as signal



SIGxxxx

signals types identified by number...

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handling Segmentation Fault

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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 = SA_RESTART;
    sigaction(SIGSEGV, &act, NULL);
    asm("movq_{1}%rax,_{1}0x12345678");
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signal API

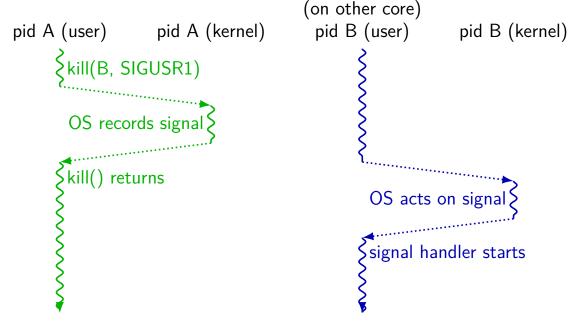
... and much more

```
sigaction — register handler for signal
kill — send signal to process
    uses process ID (integer, retrieve from getpid())
pause — put process to sleep until signal received
sigprocmask — temporarily block/unblock some signals from
being received
    signal will still be pending, received if unblocked
```

kill command

```
kill command-line command : calls the kill() function
kill 1234 — sends SIGTERM to pid 1234
    in C: kill(1234, SIGTERM)
kill -USR1 1234 — sends SIGUSR1 to pid 1234
    in C: kill(1234, SIGUSR1)
```

kill() not always immediate



output of this?

pid 1000

```
void handle_usr1(int num) {
    write(1, "X", 1);
    kill(2000, SIGUSR1);
    _exit(0);
}
int main() {
    struct sigaction act;
    ... // initialize rest of "act"
    act.sa_handler = &handle_usr1;
    sigaction(SIGUSR1, &act, NULL);
    kill(1000, SIGUSR1);
}
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output of this? (v2)

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    sigaction(SIGUSR1, &act);
    sleep(1);
    kill(1000, SIGUSR1);
    while (1) pause();
}
```

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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 */
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void handle_sigint() {
   // printf might use malloc()
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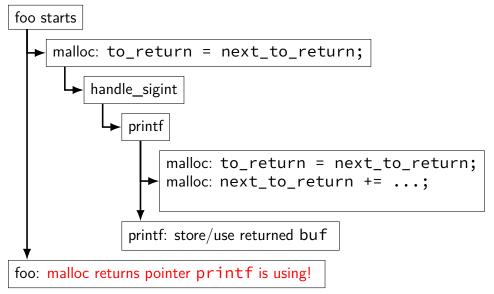
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```

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! */
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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(), pthread_sigmask()
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synchronous signal handling

```
int main(void) {
    sigset t set:
    sigemptyset(&set);
    sigaddset(&set, SIGINT);
    sigprocmask(SIG_BLOCK, &set, NULL);
    printf("Waiting_for_SIGINT_(control-C)\n");
    int num;
    if (sigwait(&set, &num) != 0) {
        printf("sigwait_failed!\n");
    if (num == SIGINT);
        printf("Got_SIGINT\n");
```

backup slides

keeping permissions?

which of the following would still be secure?

- A. performing authorization checks in the standard library in addition to system call handlers
- B. performing authorization checks in the standard library instead of system call handlers
- C. making the user ID a system call argument rather than storing it persistently in the OS's memory

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

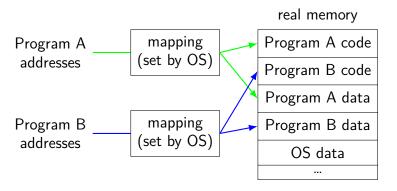
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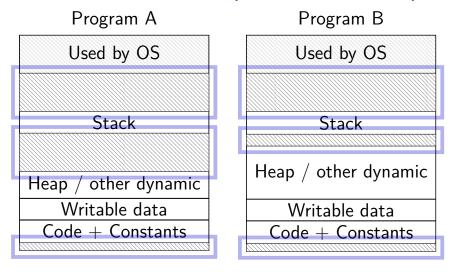
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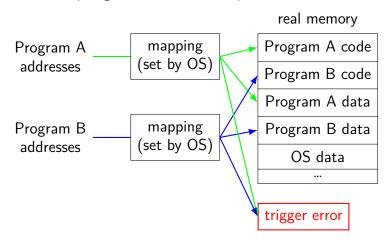
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address space mechanisms

topic after exceptions

called virtual memory

mapping called page tables

mapping part of what is changed in context switch

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
```

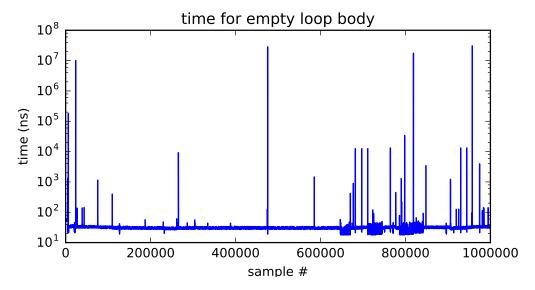
an infinite loop

```
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?
```

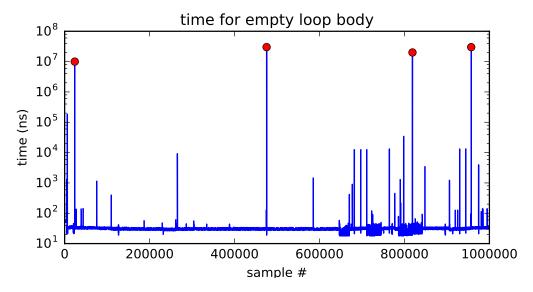
timing nothing

```
long times[NUM TIMINGS];
int main(void) {
    for (int i = 0; i < N; ++i) {
        long start, end;
        start = get_time();
        /* do nothing */
        end = get_time();
        times[i] = end - start;
    output timings(times);
same instructions — same difference each time?
```

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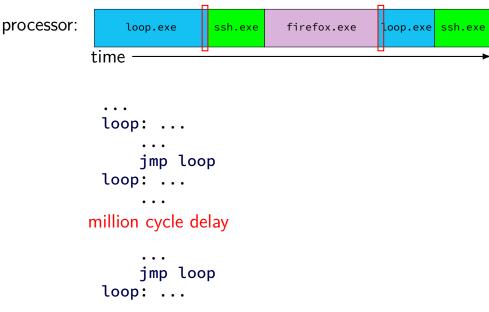
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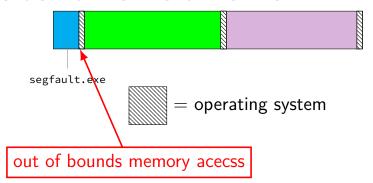
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processor: loop.exe oop.exe time loop: ... jmp loop loop: ... million cycle delay jmp loop loop:

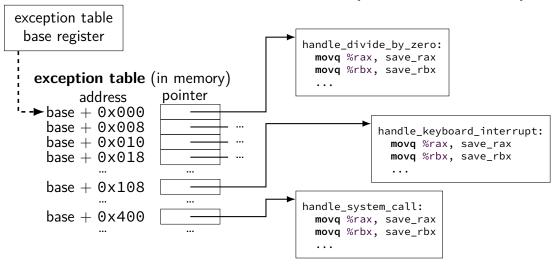
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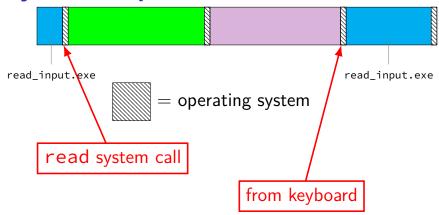
crash timeline timeline



locating exception handlers (one strategy)



keyboard input timeline



```
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 */
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                           handle keyboard interrupt:
                             save_old_pc save_pc
                             movq %r15, save_r15
oops, overwrote saved values?
                             movq %r14, save_r14
                             movq %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
 movq 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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handle_keyboard_interrupt:

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
```

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

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context

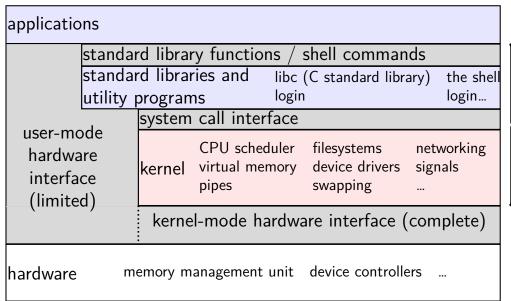
context switch pseudocode

```
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->rcx, rcx
   mov next->rax, rax
   jmp next->pc
```

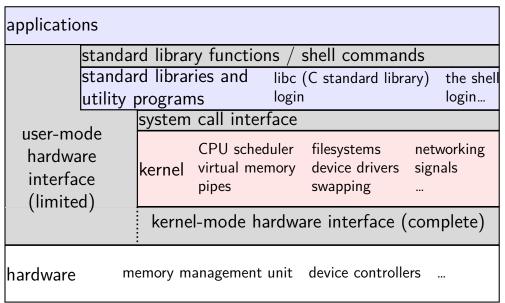
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	standard libraries and libc (C standard library) utility programs					the shell login		
	system call interface							
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the OS?



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aside: is the OS the kernel?

OS = stuff that runs in kernel mode?

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OS = stuff that runs in kernel mode + libraries + utility programs (e.g. shell, finder)?

OS = everything that comes with machine?

no consensus on where the line is

each piece can be replaced separately...

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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.