last time

make macros/variables (FOO=x)

pattern rules

user IDs, group IDs

chmod-style permissions

- user read/write/execute; group rwx; other rwx

general access control lists

superuser / root

quiz demo

superuser

user ID `0` is special

superuser or *root*

- (non-Unix) or Administrator or SYSTEM or ...

some OS funtionality: only work for uid `0`

- shutdown, mount new file systems, etc.

automatically passes all (or almost all) permission checks

superuser v kernel mode

processor has two modes

- kernel mode (what core part of OS uses)
- user mode (every thing else)

programs running as superuser still in user mode

- just change in how OS acts when program asks for things

superuser : OS :: kernel mode : hardware

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Unix password storage

typical single-user system: `/etc/shadow`

- only readable by root/superuser

department machines: network service

- Kerberos / Active Directory:
- server takes (encrypted) passwords
- server gives tokens: “yes, really this user”
- can cryptographically verify tokens come from server

aside: beyond passwords

/bin/login entirely user-space code

only thing special about it: when it's run

could use any criteria to decide, not just passwords

- physical tokens
- biometrics
- …

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changing user IDs

```
int setuid(uid_t uid);
```

if superuser: sets effective user ID to arbitrary value

- and a "real user ID" and a "saved set-user-ID" (we'll talk later)

system starts in/login programs run as superuser

- voluntarily restrict own access before running shell, etc.

sudo

```
tj1a@somemachine$ sudo restart
Password: *********
```

sudo: run command with superuser permissions

started by non-superuser

recall: inherits non-superuser UID

can't just call `setuid(0)`

set-user-ID sudo

extra metadata bit on *executables*: set-user-ID

if set: `exec()` syscall changes effective user ID to owner's ID

- "extra" user IDs track what original user was

`sudo` program: owned by root, marked set-user-ID

- sudo's code: if (original user allowed) ...; else print error

marking setuid: `chmod u+s`

uses for setuid programs

mount USB stick

- setuid program controls option to kernel mount syscall
- make sure user can't replace sensitive directories
- make sure user can't mess up filesystems on normal hard disks
- make sure user can't mount new setuid root files

control access to device — printer, monitor, etc.

- setuid program talks to device + decides who can

write to secure log file

- setuid program ensures that log is append-only for normal users

bind to a particular port number < 1024

- setuid program creates socket, then becomes not root

set-user ID programs are very hard to write

what if stdin, stdout, stderr start closed?

what if signals setup weirldy?

what if the PATH env. var. set to directory of malicious programs?

what if `argc == 0`?

what if dynamic linker env. vars are set?

what if some bug allows memory corruption?

…

privilege escalation

privilege escalation — vulnerabilities that allow more privileges

code execution/corruption in utilities that run with high privilege

- e.g. buffer overflow, command injection

- login, sudo, system services, …
- bugs in system call implementations

logic errors in checking delegated operations

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privileged operation: problem

how can hardware (HW) plus operating system (OS) allow:

- read your own files from hard drive

but disallow:

- read others files from hard drive

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OS tells HW to only allow OS-written code to access hard drive

- that code can enforce only ‘good’ accesses
- requires program code to call OS routines to access hard drive
- relatively simple for hardware

kernel mode

extra one-bit register: “are we in *kernel mode*”

- other names: privileged mode, supervisor mode, …

not in kernel mode = *user mode*

certain operations only allowed in kernel mode

- *privileged instructions*

example: talking to any I/O device

what runs in kernel mode?

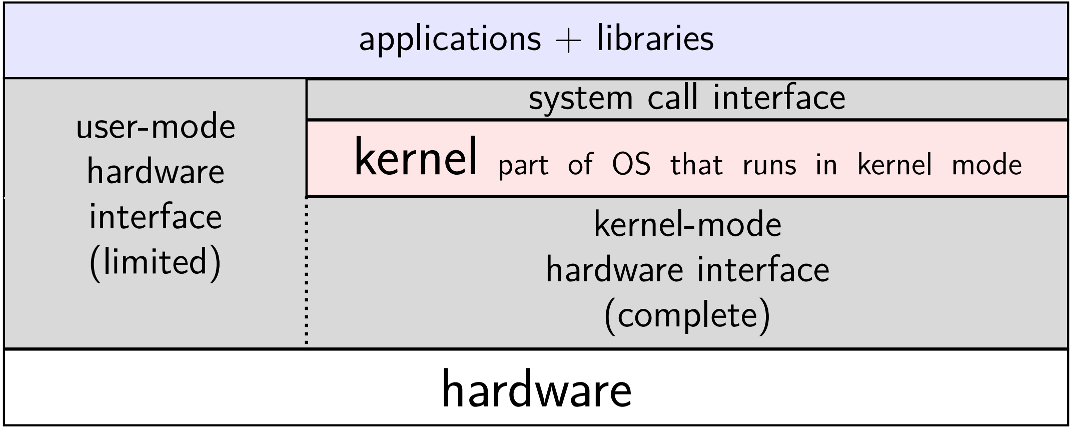
system boots in kernel mode

OS switches to user mode to run program code

next topic: when does system switch back to kernel mode?

- how does OS tell HW where the (trusted) OS code is?

hardware + system call interface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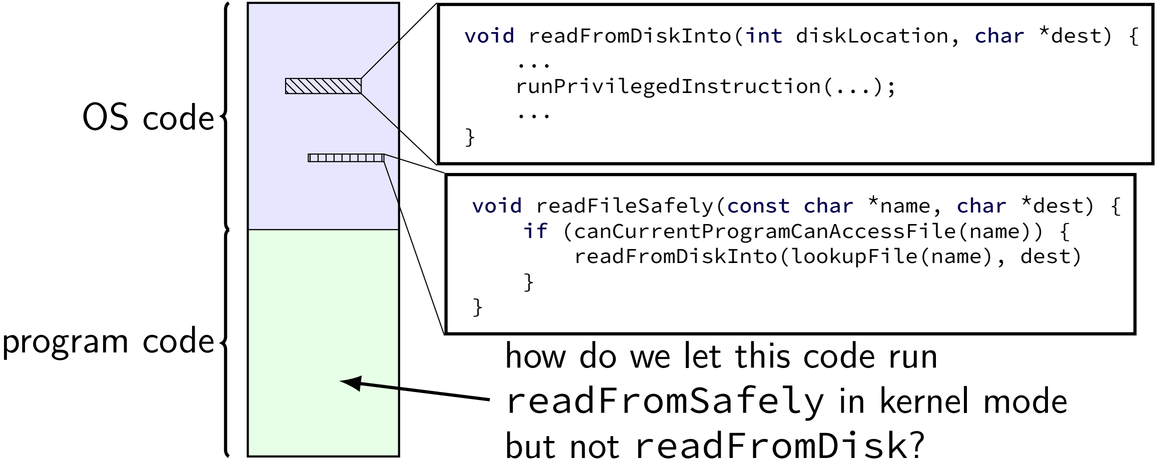


```
void readFromDiskInto(int diskLocation, char *dest) {
    ...
    runPrivilegedInstruction(...);
    ...
}
```

```
void readFileSafely(const char *name, char *dest) {
    if (canCurrentProgramCanAccessFile(name)) {
        readFromDiskInto(lookupFile(name), dest)
    }
}
```

how do we let this code run `readFromSafely` in kernel mode but not `readFromDisk`?

controlled entry to kernel mode (1)

special instruction: “make system call”

- similar idea as `call` instruction — jump to function elsewhere
- (and allow that function to return later)

runs OS code in kernel mode at location specified earlier

OS sets up at boot

location can't be changed without privilieged instrution

controlled entry to kernel mode (2)

OS needs to make specified location:

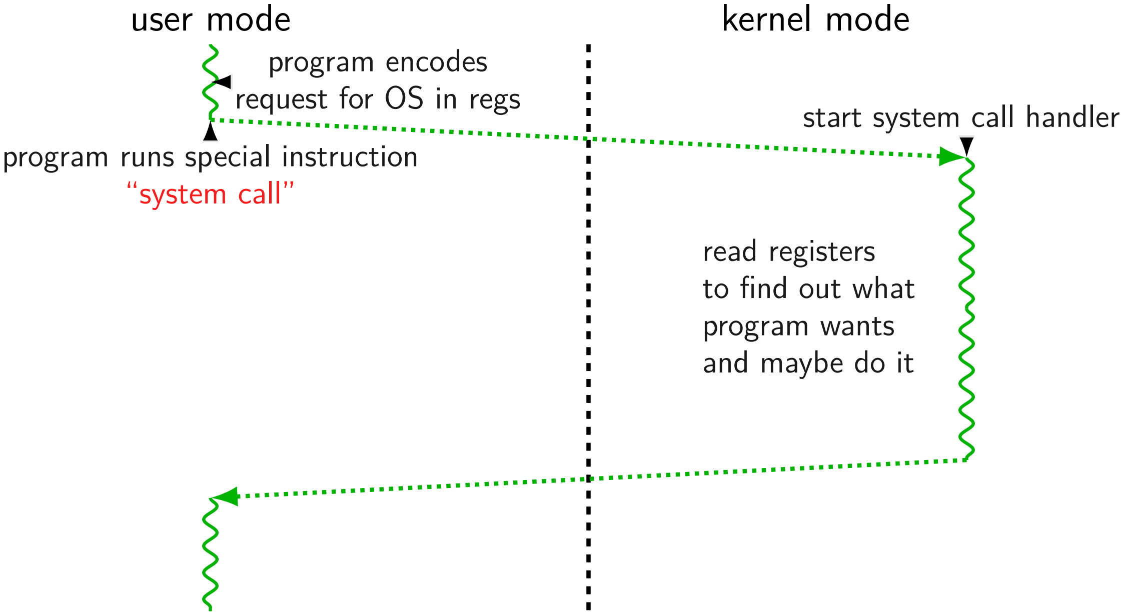
figure out what operation the program wants

- calling convention, similar to function arguments + return value

be "safe" — not allow the program to do 'bad' things

- example: checks whether current program is allowed to read file before reading it
- requires exceptional care — program can try weird things

system call process



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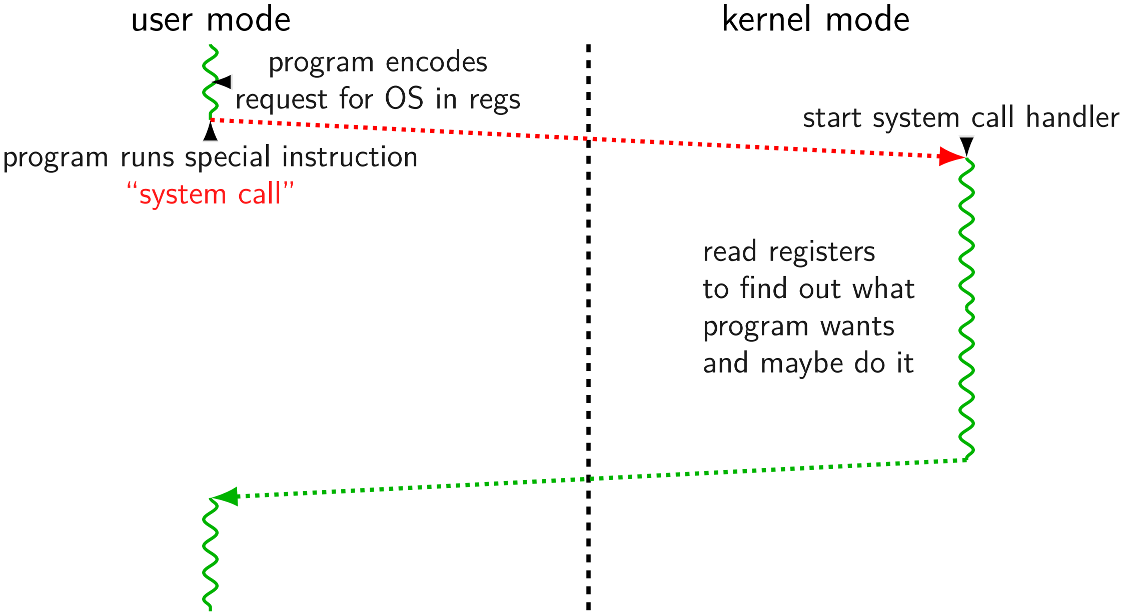

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system call terminology

some inconsistency:

system call = event of entering kernel mode on request?

system call = whole porcess from beginning to end?

same issue as with ‘function call’

- is it just starting the function, or the whole time the function runs?

Linux x86-64 system calls

special instruction: `syscall`

runs OS specified code in kernel mode

Linux syscall calling convention

before `syscall`:

`%rax` — system call number

`%rdi`, `%rsi`, `%rdx`, `%r10`, `%r8`, `%r9` — args

after `syscall`:

`%rax` — return value

on error: `%rax` contains -1 times “error number”

almost the same as normal function calls

Linux x86-64 hello world

```
.globl _start
.data
hello_str: .asciz "Hello,␣World!\n"
.text
_start:
  movq $1, %rax # 1 = "write"
  movq $1, %rdi # file descriptor 1 = stdout
  movq $hello_str, %rsi
  movq $15, %rdx # 15 = strlen("Hello, World!\n")
  syscall

  movq $60, %rax # 60 = exit
  movq $0, %rdi
  syscall
```

approx. system call handler

```
sys_call_table:
    .quad handle_read_syscall
    .quad handle_write_syscall
    // ...

handle_syscall:
    ... // save old PC, etc.
    pushq %rcx // save registers
    pushq %rdi
    ...
    call *sys_call_table(,%rax,8)
    ...
    popq %rdi
    popq %rcx
    return_from_exception
```

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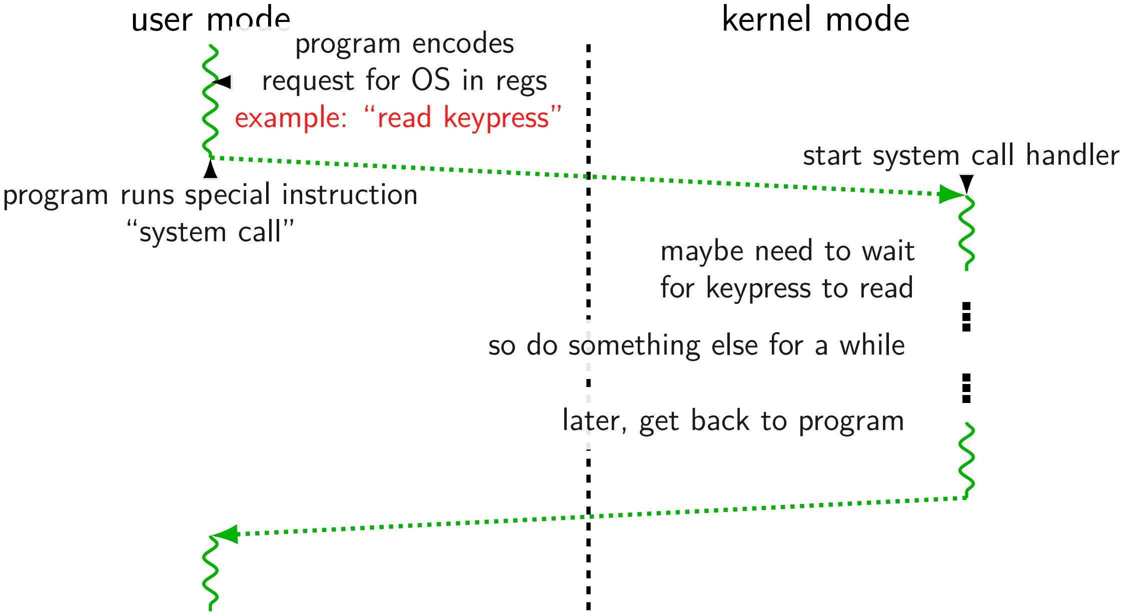

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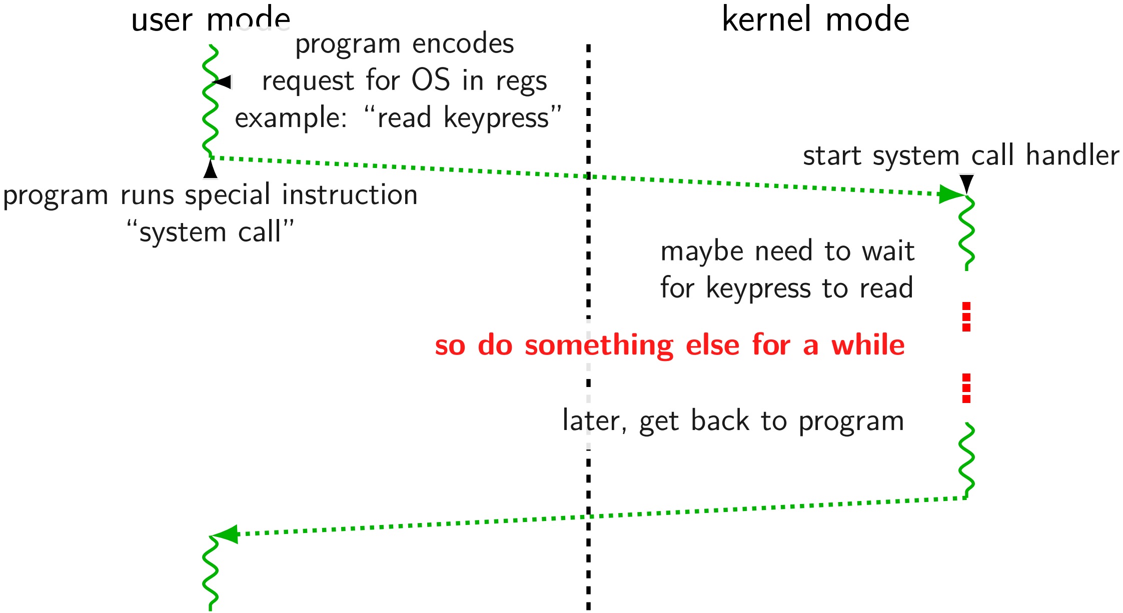

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example: “read keypress”

start system call handler

program runs special instruction “system call”

maybe need to wait for keypress to read

so do something else for a while

later, get back to program

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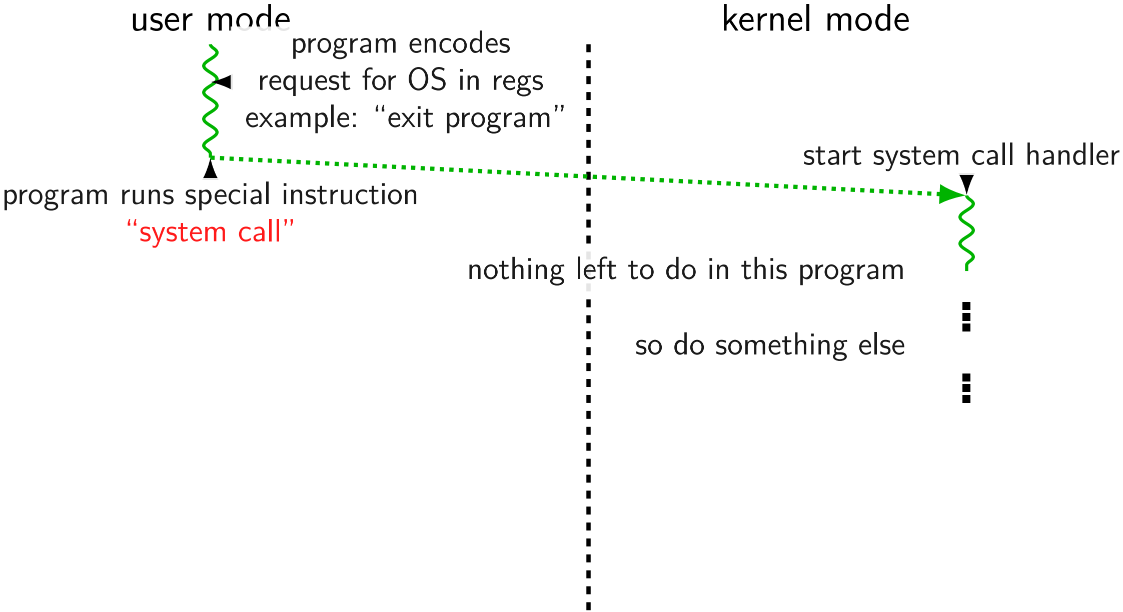

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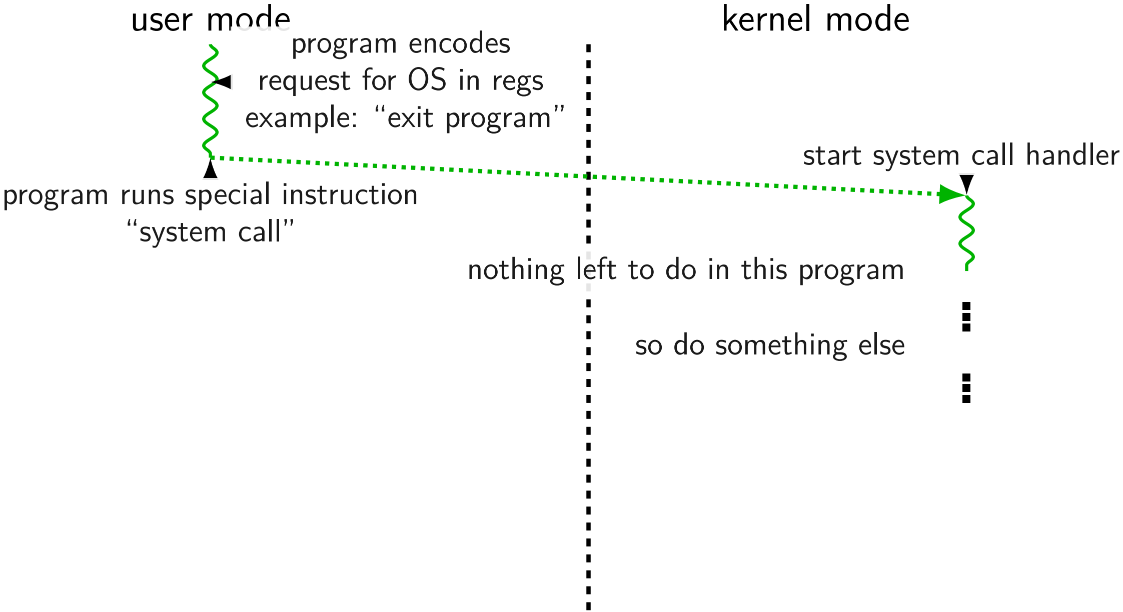

system call wrappers

library functions to not write assembly:

```
open:
    movq $2, %rax // 2 = sys_open
    // 2 arguments happen to use same registers
    syscall
    // return value in %eax
    cmp $0, %rax
    jl has_error
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system call wrapper: usage

```
/* unistd.h contains definitions of:
    O_RDONLY (integer constant), open() */
#include <unistd.h>
int main(void) {
  int file_descriptor;
  file_descriptor = open("input.txt", O_RDONLY);
  if (file_descriptor < 0) {
      printf("error:␣%s\n", strerror(errno));
      exit(1);
  }
  ...
  result = read(file_descriptor, ...);
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strace hello_world (1)

strace — Linux tool to trace system calls

run on assembly program we saw earlier:

```
$ strace -o trace.txt ./hello_world
$ cat trace.txt
execve("./hello_world", ["./hello_world"],
        0x7ffeedafd0a0 /* 28 vars */) = 0
write(1, "Hello, World!\n\0", 14)       = 14
exit(0)                                 = ?
+++ exited with 0 +++
```

strace hello_world (2)

```
#include <stdio.h>
int main() { puts("Hello,␣World!"); }
```

when statically linked:

```
execve("./hello_world", ["./hello_world"], 0x7ffeb4127f70 /* 28 vars */)
                                        = 0
brk(NULL)                               = 0x22f8000
brk(0x22f91c0)                          = 0x22f91c0
arch_prctl(ARCH_SET_FS, 0x22f8880)      = 0
uname({sysname="Linux", nodename="reiss-t3620", ...}) = 0
readlink("/proc/self/exe", "/u/cr4bd/spring2023/cs3130/slide"..., 4096)
                                        = 57
brk(0x231a1c0)                          = 0x231a1c0
brk(0x231b000)                          = 0x231b000
access("/etc/ld.so.nohwcap", F_OK)      = -1 ENOENT (No such file or
                                                     directory)
fstat(1, {st_mode=S_IFCHR|0620, st_rdev=makedev(136, 4), ...}) = 0
write(1, "Hello, World!\n", 14)         = 14
exit_group(0)                           = ?
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aside: what are those syscalls?

execve: run program

brk: allocate heap space

arch_prctl(ARCH_SET_FS, ...): thread local storage pointer

- may make more sense when we cover concurrency/parallelism later

uname: get system information

readlink of /proc/self/exe: get name of this program

access: can we access this file [in this case, a config file]?

fstat: get information about open file

exit_group: variant of exit

strace hello_world (2)

```
#include <stdio.h>
int main() { puts("Hello,␣World!"); }
```

---

when dynamically linked:

```
execve("./hello_world", ["./hello_world"], 0x7ffcfe91d540 /* 28 vars */)
                                        = 0
brk(NULL)                               = 0x55d6c351b000
...
openat(AT_FDCWD, "/etc/ld.so.cache", O_RDONLY|O_CLOEXEC) = 3
fstat(3, {st_mode=S_IFREG|0644, st_size=196684, ...}) = 0
mmap(NULL, 196684, PROT_READ, MAP_PRIVATE, 3, 0) = 0x7f7a62dd3000
close(3)                                = 0
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openat(AT_FDCWD, "/lib/x86_64-linux-gnu/libc.so.6", O_RDONLY|O_CLOEXEC) = 3
read(3, "\177ELF\2\1\1\3\0\0\0\0\0\0\0\0\3\0>\0\1\0\0\0"..., 832) = 832
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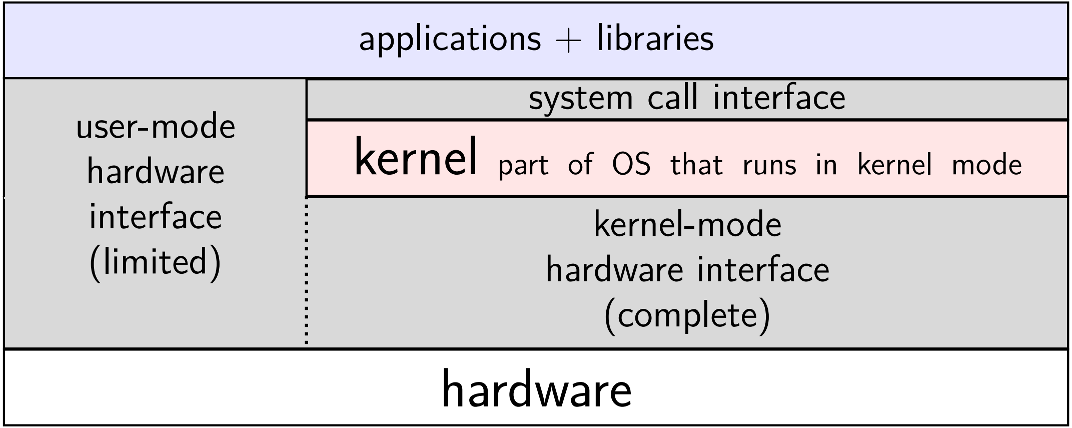
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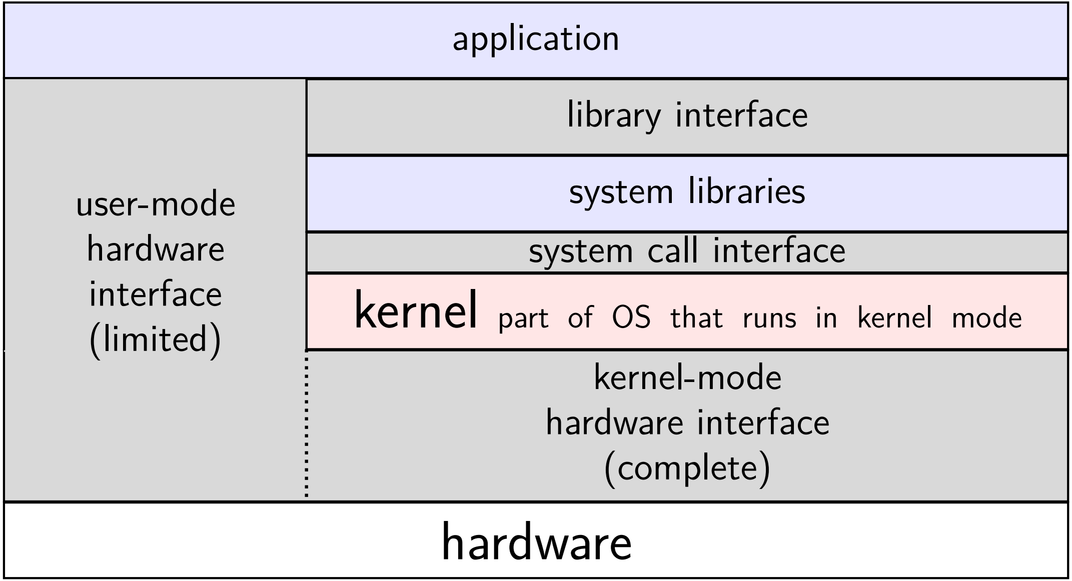

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    // do work
    // ...
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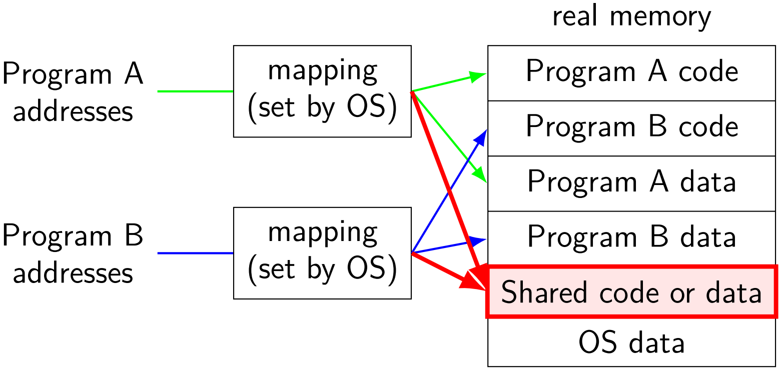
shared memory

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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(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

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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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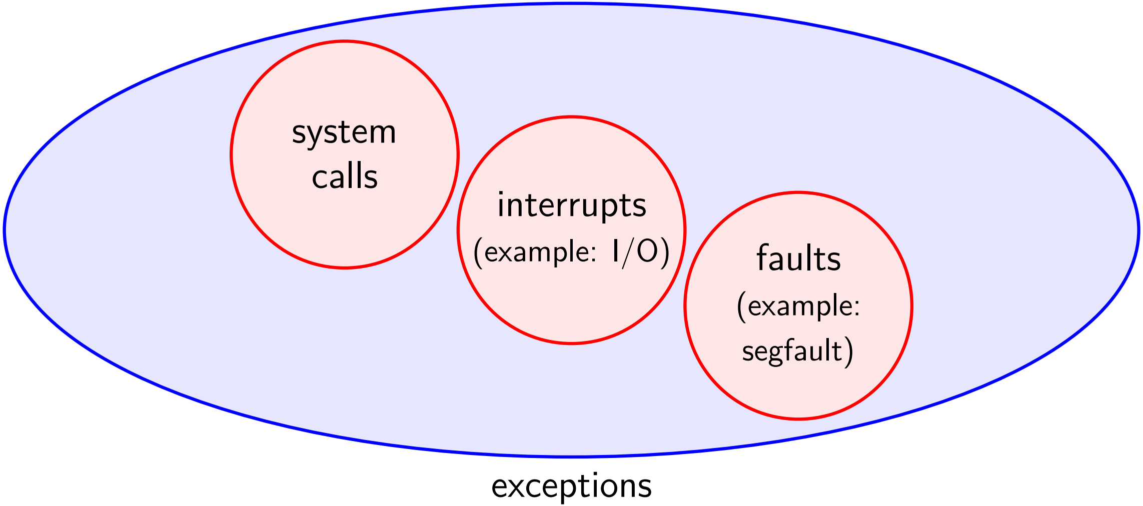
external — I/O, etc.

- timer — configured by OS to run OS at certain time
- I/O devices — key presses, hard drives, networks, ...
- hardware is broken (e.g. memory parity error)

asynchronous
not triggered by running program

exceptions [Venn diagram]



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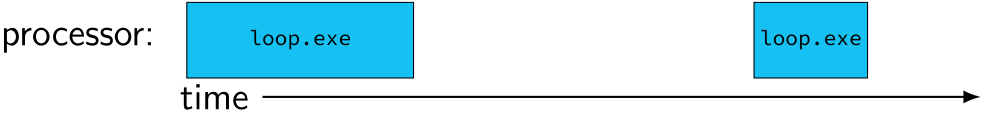

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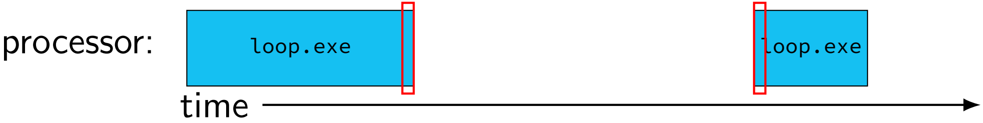

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...
call get_time
    // whatever get_time does
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million cycle delay

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subq %rbp, %rax
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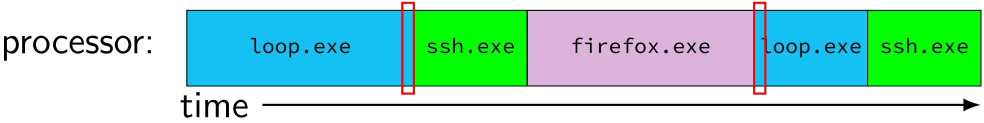

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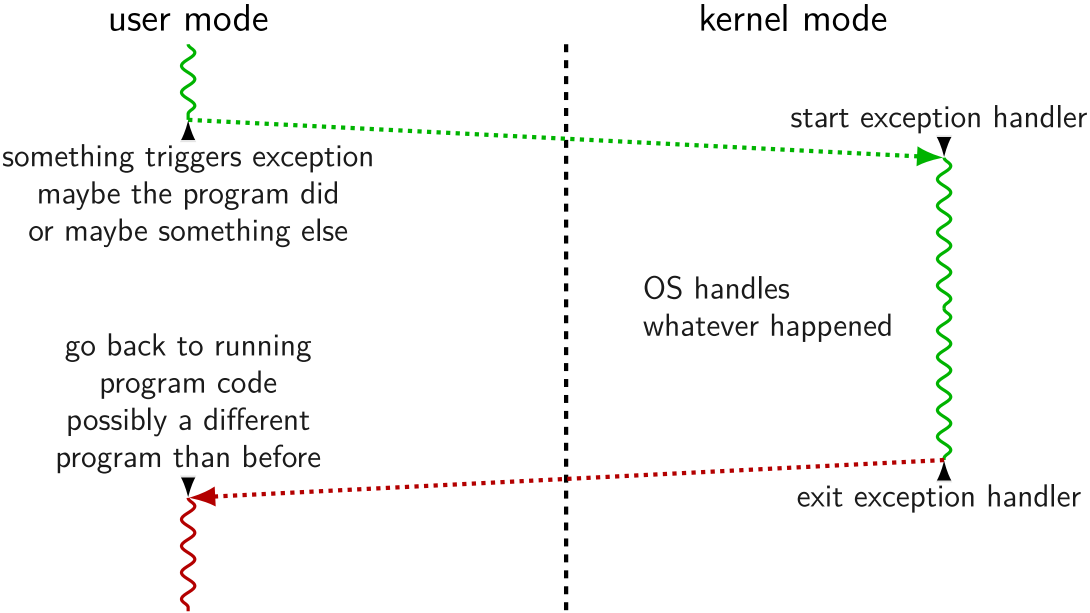
general exception process



user mode

kernel mode

start exception handler

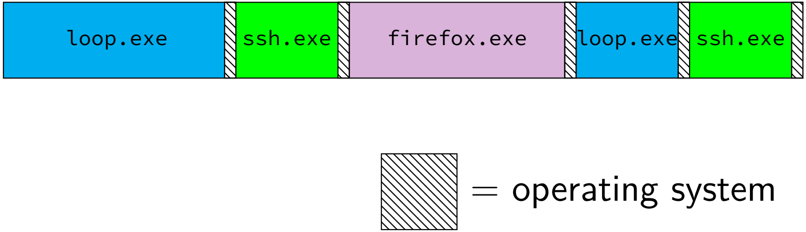
something triggers exception
maybe the program did
or maybe something else

OS handles
whatever happened

go back to running
program code
possibly a different
program than before

exit exception handler

time multiplexing really



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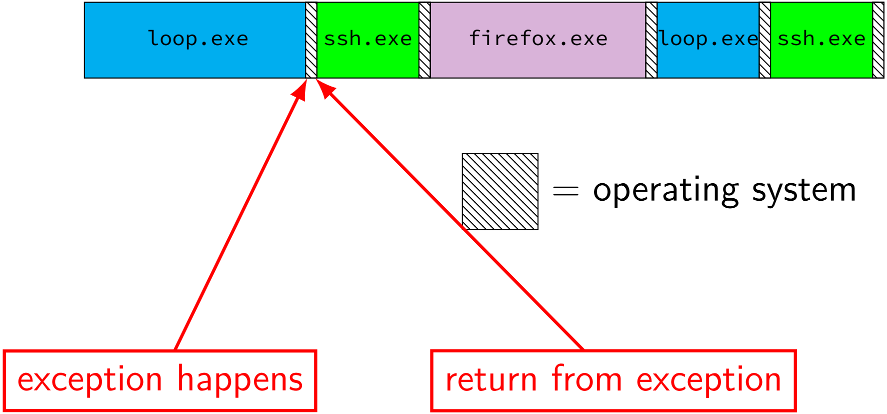

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exception happens

return from exception

switching programs

OS starts running somehow

- some sort of exception

saves old registers + program counter + address mapping

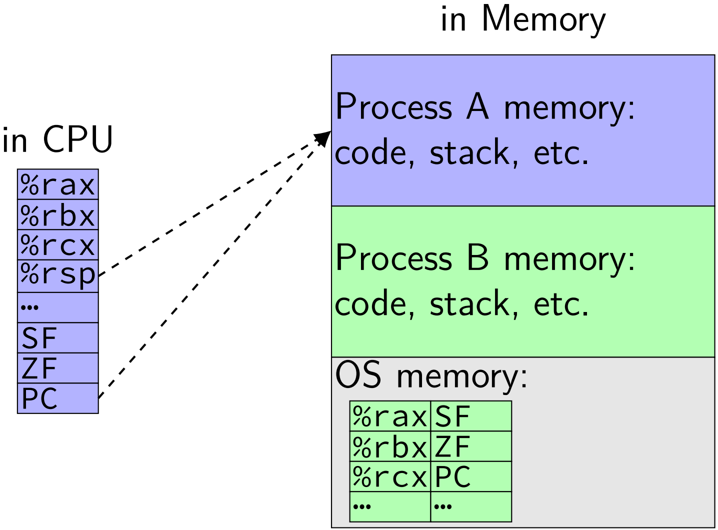
- (optimization: could omit when program crashing/exiting)

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

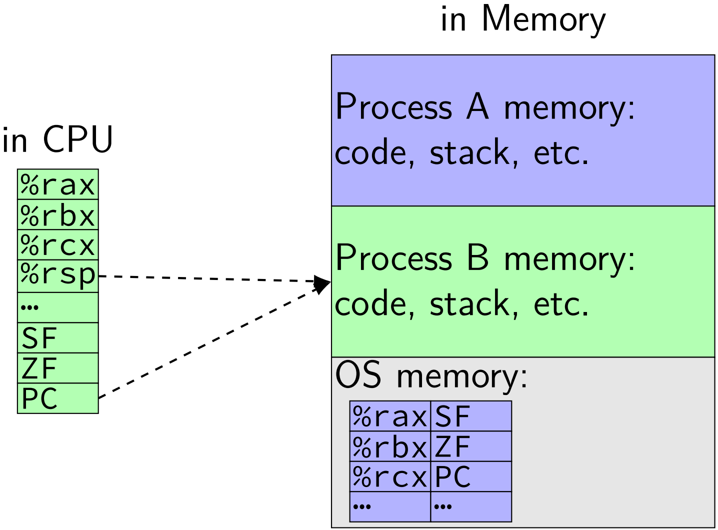
called context switch

- saved information called context

contexts (A running)



contexts (B running)



threads

thread = illusion of own processor

own register values

own program counter value

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actual implementation:
many threads sharing one processor

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

types of exceptions

system calls

- intentional — 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
current program

external — I/O, etc.

- timer — configured by OS to run OS at certain time
- I/O devices — key presses, hard drives, networks, ...
- hardware is broken (e.g. memory parity error)

asynchronous
not triggered by
running program

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)

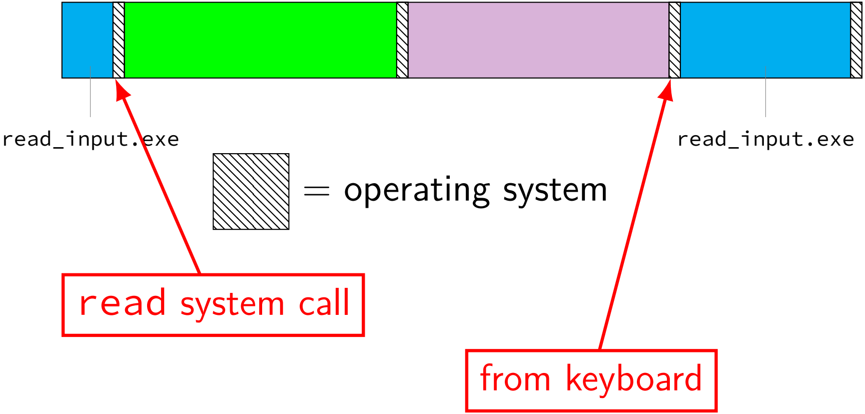
output — ready now:

- exception (syscall): program says “I want to output this’
- handler: OS sends output to deive

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



read_input.exe

▨ = operating system

read system call

from keyboard

read_input.exe

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

process = thread(s) + address space

illusion of dedicated machine:

- thread = illusion of own CPU
- (process could have multiple threads — with independent registers)
- address space = illusion of own memory

backup slides

authorization v authentication

authentication — who is who

authorization v authentication

authentication — who is who

authorization — who can do what

probably need authentication first...

authentication

password

hardware token

...

some security tasks (1)

helping students collaborate in ad-hoc small groups on shared server?

Q1: what to allow/prevent?

Q2: how to use POSIX mechanisms to do this?

some security tasks (2)

letting students assignment files to faculty on shared server?

Q1: what to allow/prevent?

Q2: how to use POSIX mechanisms to do this?

some security tasks (3)

running untrusted game program from Internet?

Q1: what to allow/prevent?

Q2: how to use POSIX mechanisms to do this?

set-user ID gates

set-user ID program: gate to higher privilege

controlled access to extra functionality

make authorization/authentication decisions *outside the kernel*

way to allow normal users to do *one thing that needs privileges*

- write program that does that one thing — nothing else!
- make it owned by user that can do it (e.g. root)
- mark it set-user-ID

want to allow only some user to do the thing

- make program check which user ran it

set-user-ID program v syscalls

hardware decision: some things only for kernel

system calls: *controlled* access to things kernel can do

decision about how can do it: in the kernel

kernel decision: some things only for root (or other user)

set-user-ID programs: controlled access to things root/... can do

decision about how can do it: made by root/...

a broken setuid program: setup

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in it I have a folder for each assignment

and within that a text file for each user's grade + other info

say I don't have flexible ACLs and want to give each user access

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one (bad?) idea: setuid program to read grade for assignment

```
./print_grade assignment
```

outputs grade from `all-grades/assignment/USER.txt`

a very broken setuid program

print_grade.c:

```
int main(int argc, char **argv) {
    char filename[500];
    sprintf(filename, "all-grades/%s/%s.txt",
            argv[1], getenv("USER"));
    int fd = open(filename, O_RDWR);
    char buffer[1024];
    read(fd, buffer, 1024);
    printf("%s:␣%s\n", argv[1], buffer);
}
```

HUGE amount of stuff can go wrong

examples?

other privileged escalation issues

sudo problem: trusted code that's supposed to enforce restriction can be fooled into not really enforcing it

also can occur in other contexts:

system call letting program access things it shouldn't?

browser letting web page javascript access things it shouldn't?

web application giving users access to files they shouldn't have?

mobile phone OS allowing location access without location permission?

…

another very broken setuid program (setup)

allow users to print files, but only if less than 1KB

another very broken setuid program

print_short_file.c:

```
int main(int argc, char **argv) {
    struct stat st;
    if (stat(argv[1], &st) == -1) abort();
    // make sure argv[1] is owned by user running this
    if (st.st_uid != getuid()) abort();
    // and that it's less than 1 KB
    if (st.st_size >= 1024) abort();
    char command[1024];
    sprintf(command, "print␣%1000s", argv[1]);
    system(command);
    return EXIT_SUCCESS;
}
```

a delegation problem

consider printing program marked setuid to access printer

- decision: no accessing printer directly
- printing program enforces page limits, etc.

command line: file to print

can printing program just call open()?

a broken solution

```
if (original user can read file from argument) {
    open(file from argument);
    read contents of file;
    write contents of file to printer
    close(file from argument);
}
```

hope: this prevents users from printing files than can't read

problem: race condition!

a broken solution / why

setuid program	other user program
	create normal file `toprint.txt`
check: can user access? (yes)	—

	`unlink("toprint.txt")`
	`link("/secret", "toprint.txt"`

`open("toprint.txt")`	—
read ...	—

link: create new directory entry for file

- another option: rename, symlink ("symbolic link" — alias for file/directory)
- another possibility: run a program that creates secret file (e.g. temporary file used by password-changing program)

time-to-check-to-time-of-use vulnerability

TOCTTOU solution

temporarily ‘become’ original user

then open

then turn back into set-uid user

this is why POSIX processes have multiple user IDs

can swap out effective user ID temporarily

practical TOCTTOU races?

can use symlinks *maze* to make check slower

symlink `toprint.txt` → `a/b/c/d/e/f/g/normal.txt`
symlink `a/b` → `../a`
symlink `a/c` → `../a`
...

lots of time spent following symbolic links when program opening toprint.txt

gives more time to sneak in unlink/link or (more likely) rename

exercise

which (if any) of the following would fix for a TOCTTOU vulnerability in our setuid printing application? (assume the Unix-permissions without ACLs are in use)

[A] **both before and after** opening the path passed in for reading, check that the path is accessible to the user who ran our application

[B] after opening the path passed in for reading, using `fstat` with the file descriptor opened to check the permissions on the file

[C] before opening the path, verify that the user controls the file referred to by the path **and** the directory containing it

keeping permissions?

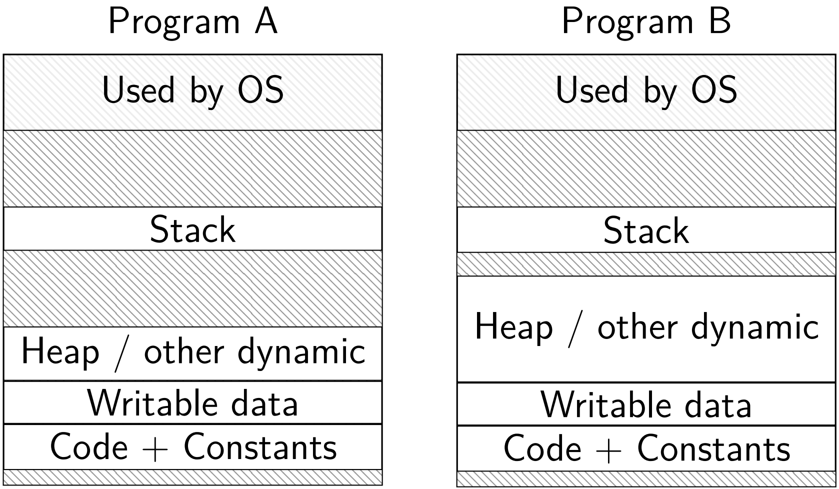
which of the following would still be secure?

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

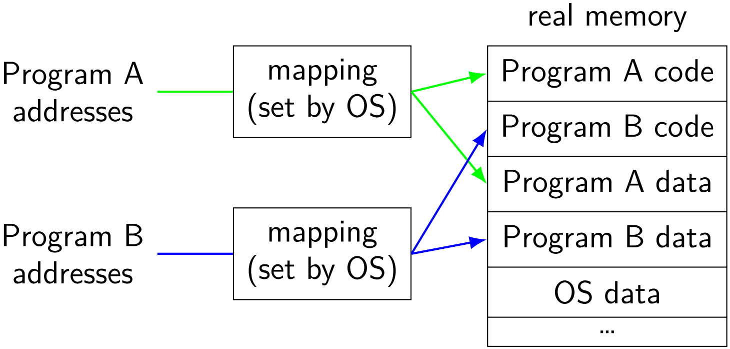
program memory (two programs)



address space

programs have illusion of own memory

called a program's address space



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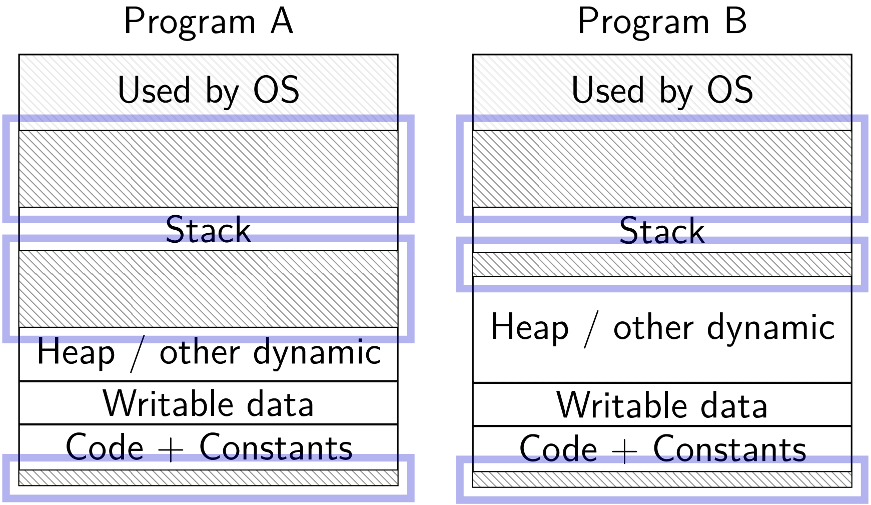

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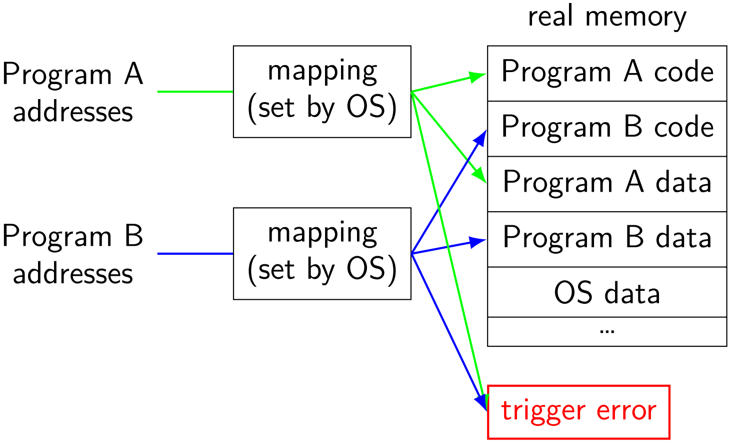


address space mechanisms

topic after exceptions

called virtual memory

mapping called page tables

mapping part of what is changed in context switch

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?

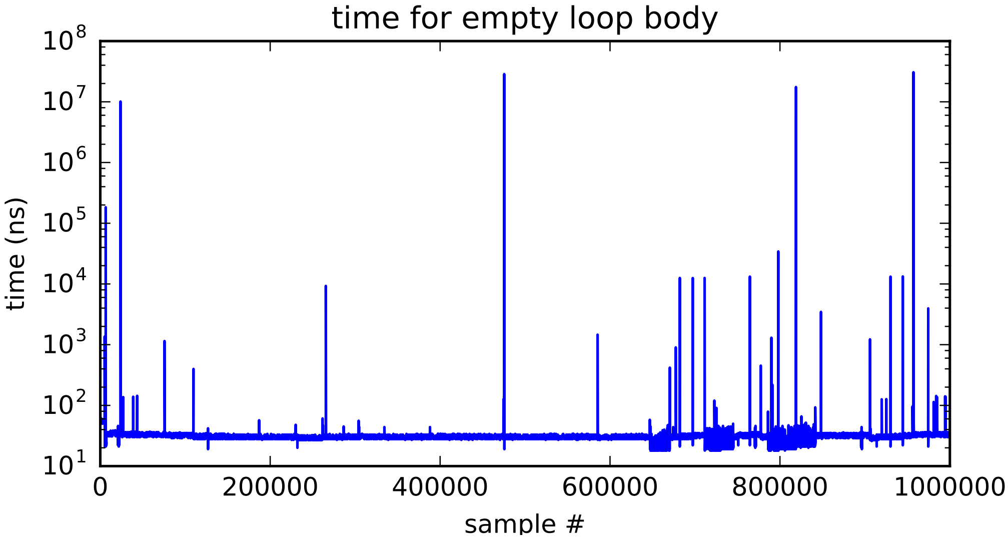
...if the machine only has one core?

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?

doing nothing on a busy system



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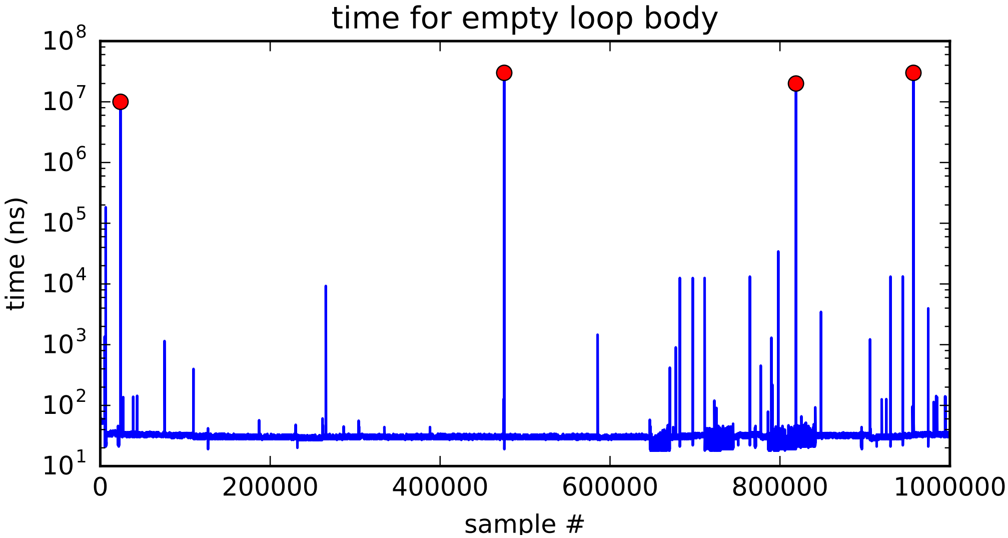
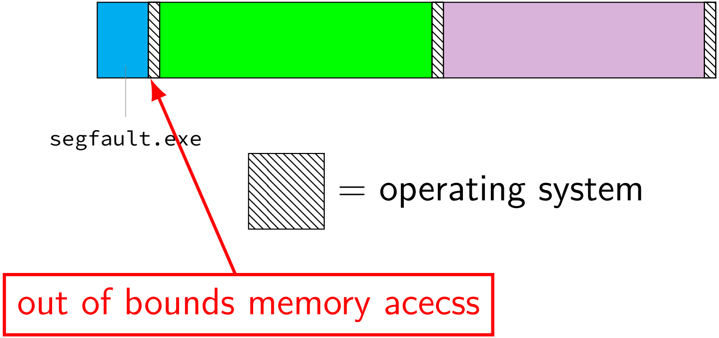


crash timeline timeline

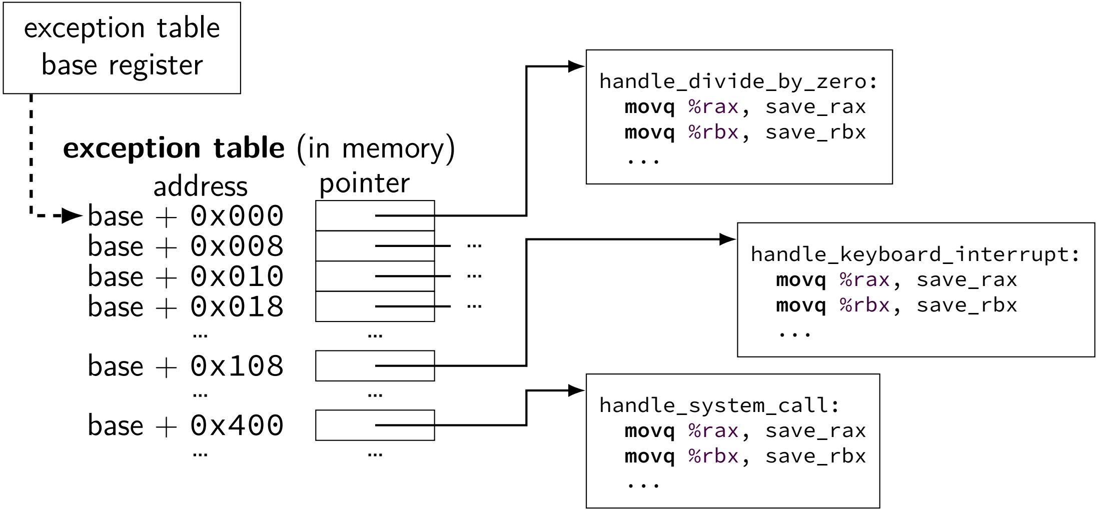


segfault.exe

▨ = operating system

out of bounds memory acecss

locating exception handlers (one strategy)



exception table base register

exception table (in memory)

address

pointer

base + 0x000

base + 0x008

base + 0x010

base + 0x018

…

base + 0x108

…

base + 0x400

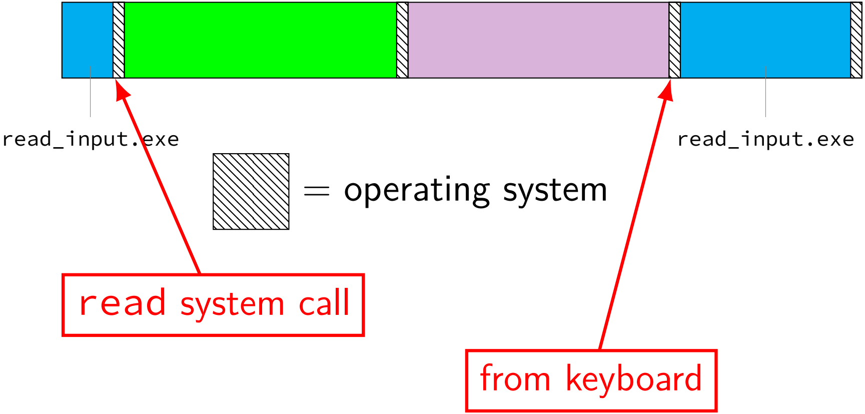
…

```
handle_divide_by_zero:
  movq %rax, save_rax
  movq %rbx, save_rbx
  ...
```

```
handle_keyboard_interrupt:
  movq %rax, save_rax
  movq %rbx, save_rbx
  ...
```

```
handle_system_call:
  movq %rax, save_rax
  movq %rbx, save_rbx
  ...
```

keyboard input timeline



read_input.exe

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read system call

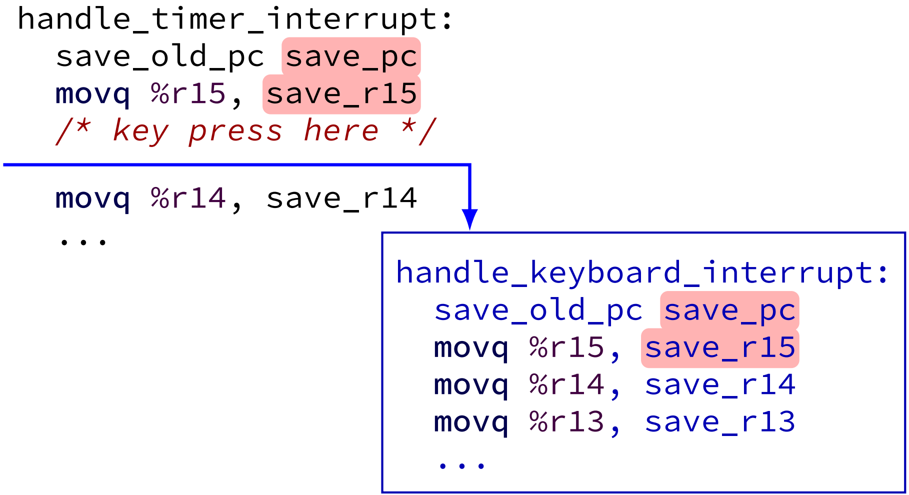
from keyboard

exceptions in exceptions

```
handle_timer_interrupt:
  save_old_pc save_pc
  movq %r15, save_r15
  /* key press here */

  movq %r14, save_r14
  ...
```

exceptions in exceptions



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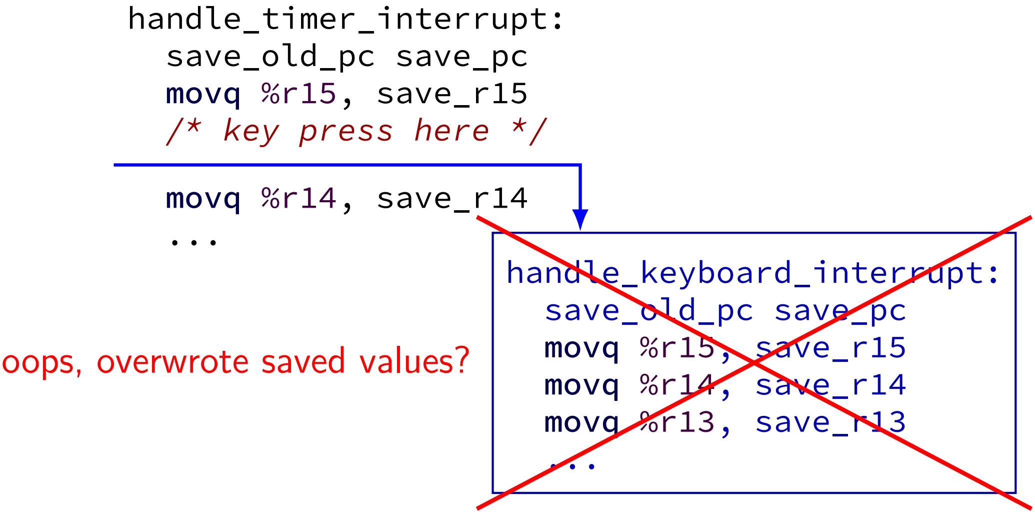

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  ...
```

oops, overwrote saved values?

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?

exceptions in exceptions

```
handle_timer_interrupt:
  /* interrupts automatically disabled here */
  movq %rsp, save_rsp
  save_old_pc save_pc
  /* key press here */
  jmpIfFromKernelMode 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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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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(mostly for historical reasons)

context

all registers values

`%rax %rbx`, …, `%rsp`, …

condition codes

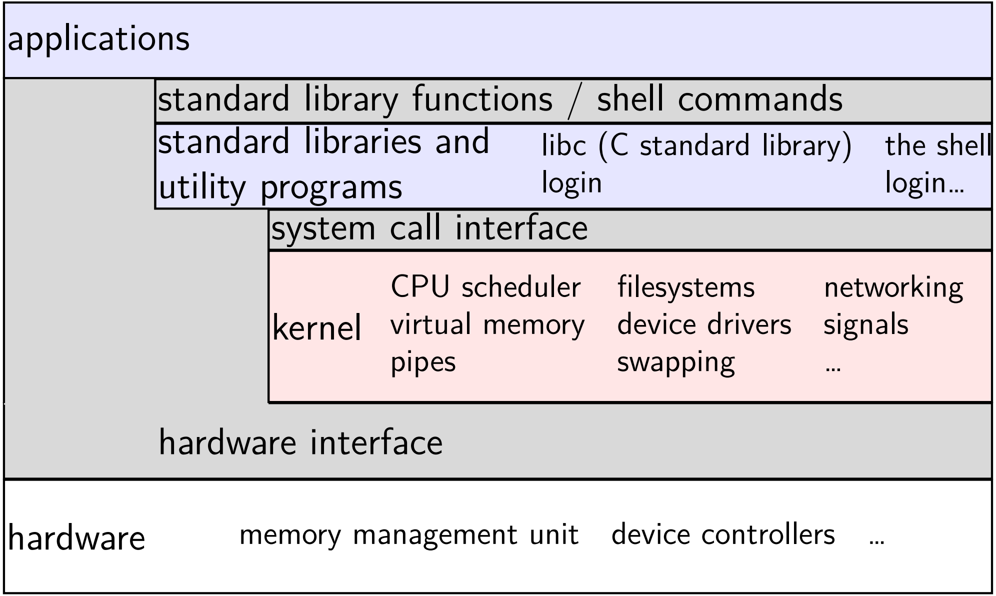
program counter

address space (map from program to real addresses)

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
```

the classic Unix design



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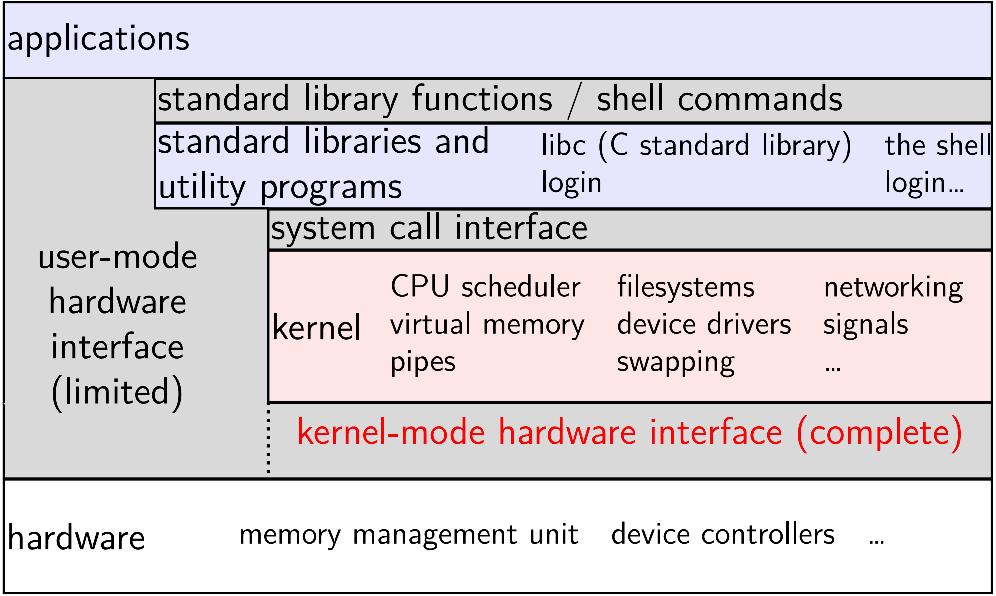

applications

standard library functions / shell commands

standard libraries and utility programs

libc (C standard library)

login

the shell

login...

system call interface

kernel

CPU scheduler

virtual memory

pipes

filesystems

device drivers

swapping

networking

signals

...

user-mode hardware interface (limited)

kernel-mode hardware interface (complete)

hardware

memory management unit

device controllers

...

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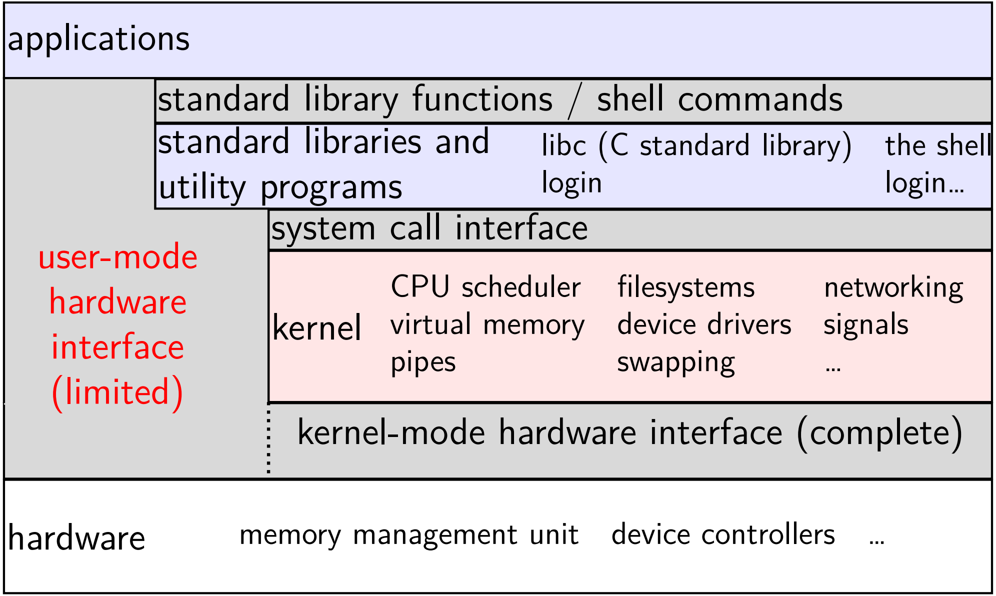

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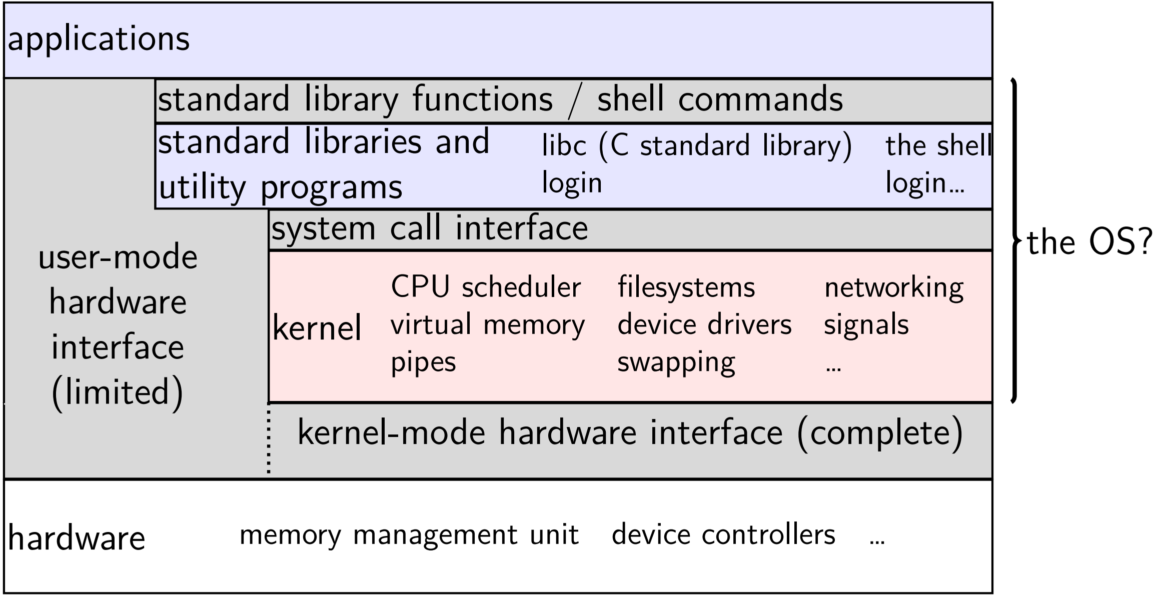

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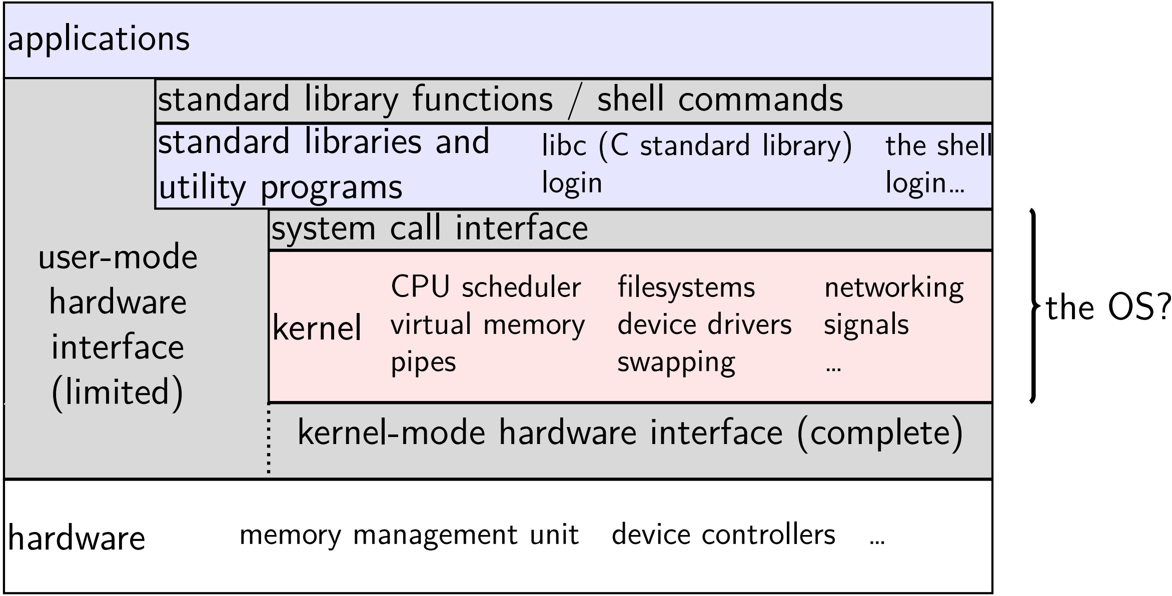

aside: is the OS the kernel?

OS = stuff that runs in kernel mode?

OS = stuff that runs in kernel mode + libraries to use it?

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.