

~~change~~ usage, efficient process management, and reliability, making it ideal for resource-constrained devices like wearables.

Q13) In a performance critical environment, the structure I would avoid is the Microkernel.

While microkernels provide better modularity, and fault isolation, they suffer from performance overhead because most services (like device drivers, file systems, networking) run in user space and communicate with the kernel via inter-process communications (IPC). These frequent context switches and message passing add significant latency, which is unsuitable for performance-critical systems. Instead, monolithic kernels or optimized layered kernels are preferred in such environments since they allow faster system calls and lower overhead, making them more efficient for performance-demanding tasks.

Q14) A developer claims that OS structure doesn't matter as long as processes run. This claim is not valid because the structure of an OS directly impacts performance, reliability, scalability, and security. A monolithic kernel, for example, may execute processes faster due to fewer communications overheads but risks stability since a single bug can crash the whole system. On the other hand, microkernels improve modularity and fault isolation but can incur higher overhead during inter-process communication. Thus, while processes may "run" in any structure, the efficiency, maintainability, and safety

Q11) Even with advance hardware, modern systems still rely on operating systems because hardware alone cannot provide coordination or ease of use. This OS acts as a bridge between hardware and applications by abstracting and complex operations and offering simple interfaces. It efficiently manages resources like CPU, memory, and I/O devices, while also enabling multitasking and smooth process execution. In addition, the OS ensures system security and protection through user authentication, permissions and process isolation. It handles device drivers for varied hardware, ensures applications portability across platforms, and provides a user-friendly environment through GUIs and unified interactions. OS remains essential for simplifying hardware managing resources, and delivering a secure, usable computing experience.

Q12) For a wearable health device that monitors heart rate, the most suitable type of operating system would be a Real Time operating system (RTOS).

An RTOS is designed to process data and respond to inputs within strict time constraints, which is crucial for health monitoring. In a wearable device, heart rate must be collected, processed and sometimes alerted in real time without delays, since late responses could impact the user's health and safety. RTOS provides features like deterministic task scheduling, low memory

Sol 5.1) PCB holds registers, program counter, and process state.

By directing it, events like wrong register values or invariant-state state transitions (eg: ready vs waiting) can be identified.

ii) Context switching causes CPU state of the running process into the PCB, updates its state, picks another process, and restores its saved state into the CPU.

(iii) use non-blocking / asynchronous system calls to execution continues while I/O is allocated, avoiding state and improving efficiency.

Sol 6) a) Total Context Switching Time

Total time = save state + load state + scheduler overhead.
 $= 2ms + 3ms + 1ms = 6ms$

b) Impact on multitasking performance

- Each context switch consumes CPU time without doing useful work.
- Higher switching time \rightarrow more overhead \rightarrow less CPU time for processes \rightarrow reduced performance.
- If too frequent, it slows down multitasking responsiveness.

Sol 7) Execution time (ideal multitasking): If work is perfectly divided among threads,

$$\text{Execution time} = \frac{\text{Single-threaded time}}{\text{Number of threads}}$$

$$T = \frac{40}{4} \text{ seconds}$$

How multithreading improves performance:

- Thread run concurrently, utilizing CPU cores better.
- Reduced idle time by overlapping computation and I/O.
- Leads to faster execution and better resource utilization.

Ques 8)

Scheduling

Processes: $P_1=5, P_2=3, P_3=8, P_4=6$

a) Gantt Chart

- FCFS: $P_1(0-5) \rightarrow P_2(5-8) \rightarrow P_3(8-16) \rightarrow P_4(16-22)$
- SJF: $P_2(0-3) \rightarrow P_1(3-8) \rightarrow P_4(8-14) \rightarrow P_3(14-22)$
- RR (Q=4): $P_1(0-4) \rightarrow P_2(4-7) \rightarrow P_3(7-11) \rightarrow P_4(11-15) \rightarrow P_1(15-16) \rightarrow P_3(16-20) \rightarrow P_4(20-22)$

b) Avg WT & TAT:

- FCFS $\rightarrow WT=7.25, TAT=12.75$
 - SJF $\rightarrow WT=6.25, TAT=11.75$
 - RR $\rightarrow WT=11.25, TAT=16.75$
- c) SJF is best \rightarrow lowest waiting and turn around.

Ques 9) Virtualization & IoT

i) Cloud migration

- Architecture: Hypervisor \rightarrow Secure, modular, scalable.
- VMs help: isolation (fault-dom + spread), management (easy migration), optimized resource use.

ii) Smart Home IoT

- OS role: user scheduling + IPC & urgent tasks (intrusion detection) run first, lights etc. handled later.
- Algorithms: priority scheduling (urgent first), Round Robin (fairness), EDF (real-time deadlines).