

1. a) No. Trap instruction occurs at user level, and it is responsible for moving process from user mode to kernel mode.

Correct Solution

No. Trap instruction must also needs to executed called at user level (e.g. system call), to move process from user mode to kernel mode

- b) This question is omitted. It is not covered in class
- c) No. If the type of access is read for both threads then there will be no concurrency error

Correct Solution

No. If both threads are reading the shared variable then it's fine, and furthermore, it's also fine when only one of two threads are updating the shared variable and reading whichever shared variable, before and after update, by the other thread doesn't matter

- d) No. Limited direct execution means running a process in CPU but with limited permission, and it can be thought as baby proofing CPU, so bad code won't harm the system.

Correct Solution

Limited direct execution means a process can be run on CPU without controller, but with condition where user-level process cannot execute privileged instructions.

- e) No. Indexed based system uses block pointers in inode, and block pointer can be pointing data blocks in the data region.

Correct Solution

No. Each data block in indexed based file system uses block pointer in inode, and a block pointer can point to any data blocks in data region, so external fragmentation cannot occur

- f) No. Extent-based file system requires only extent + length to get to a particular byte in file, and this differs from indexed-based system which uses many indirect pointers in between (which adds disk access).

2. a)
 - Process counter
 - Process state
 - Process ID
 - Process Register
- b) Before going from user to kernel mode, the following must be saved
- User/Process Register
 - Stack pointer
 - Frame pointer
 - I/O Information

- Process ID
- Process State

so that upon executing return-from-trap instruction, the process can resume where it has left.

Correct Solution

Before going from user to kernel mode, the following must be saved

- Registers
 - Stack pointer
 - Program counter
 - User register
- Kernel State

so that upon executing return-from-trap instruction, the process can resume where it has left.

c) This question is omitted. It is not covered in class

- 3.
- b) The mutex is held by this thread while it is blocked in pthread_cond_wait
 - c) The mutex is held by this thread whenever it checks the value of writing
 - d) The mutex is held by this thread when the while loop terminates.