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1 Limited Direct Execution

Vocabulary

1. Time Sharing

- Is a mechanism used by an OS to share a resource
- Allows an entity to use the resource for a little while, and then a little while by another, and so forth

Example

CPU

2. Limited Direct Execution

- Is synomyous to baby proofing
- Limited Means there will be a limit to what a processor can and cannot do
- Direct Execution Means that the processor will run directly on the CPU

3. User Mode

• Is a processor mode where code that runs is restricted in what it can do

4. Kernel Mode

• Is a processor mode where code that runs can do what it likes, including previleged operations

Example

Previleged operations include

- 1. I/O requests
- 2. Executing all types of restricted instructions

5. System Call

- Programmatic way in which a computer program requests a service from the kernel of the operating system
- 6. Trap
- 7. Return-from-Trap
- 8. Trap Table

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- 9. Trap Handlers
- 10. System-call Numebr
- 11. Timer Interrupt