

# Embedded Operating Systems

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## Linux Environment

## Advantages of Linux

- ▶ Linux is free— both in source code and cost, due to the GPL
- Linux is fully customizable in all its components
- Linux can runs on low-end, inexpensive hardware (HW) platforms, e.g., one with 4 MB RAM
- Most Linux systems are stable
- ▶ The Linux kernel can be very small and compact
- Linux is highly compatible with many common applications and functions
- Linux is well-supported



## Different Type of Operating System Kernels

#### Monolithic kernel

- The entire operating system is working in kernel space
- All parts of the kernel share the same kernel-level memory
- Kernel components might affect other components
- The Linux kernel is an example

#### Microkernel

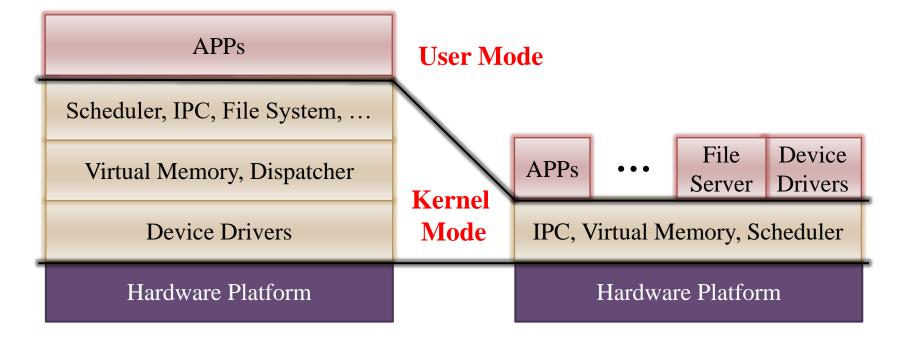
- Kernel functions are partitioned into components
- Communications are via inter process communication (IPC) protocol
- The L4 microkernel is an example



#### Monolithic Kernel and Microkernel

Monolithic Kernel

Microkernel



#### **Device Driver**

#### Character Devices

- Sequential access
- Examples might include printers, scanners, sound boards
- The same device may have both block and character oriented interfaces

#### Block Devices

- Block devices can support filesystem
- The block size is from 512B to 4KB and is going to increase in advanced devices
- For example, disks are commonly implemented as block devices



## Major and Minor Numbers

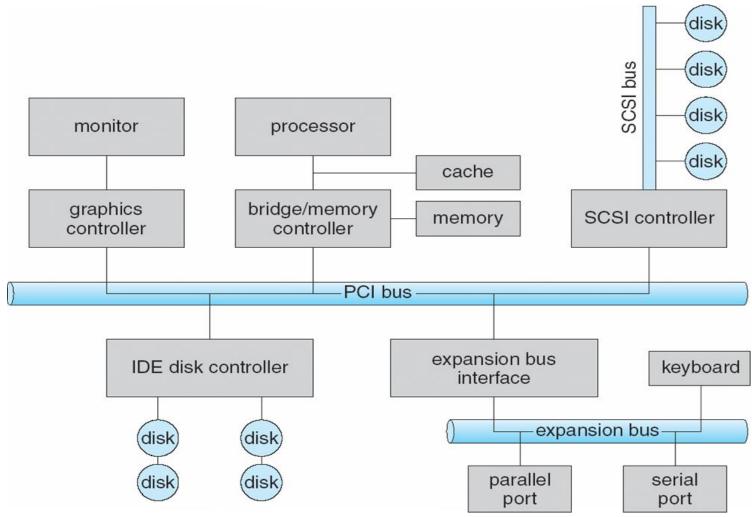
- Major number
  - Each device driver is identified by a unique major number
  - This number is assigned by the Linux Device Registrar
- Minor number
  - The number uniquely identifies a particular instance of a device of the same device type
  - If there are three devices with the same device driver, they should have the same major number but different minor numbers
- Command: mknod [device name][bcp] [Major] [Minor]
  - b: block devices
  - c: character devices
  - p: a FIFO file



### I/O Hardware

- ▶ Incredible Variety of I/O Devices
  - Storage
  - Transmission
  - Human-interface
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- Common Concepts
  - Port: a connection point for a device
  - Bus: can be daisy chain or shared direct access
  - Controller (host adapter): electronics that operate ports, buses, devices

## Typical PC Bus Structure



### Access to I/O Hardware

- Devices registers which can be accessed by the host
  - The data-in register is read by the host to get the input
  - The data-out register is written by the host to send the output
  - The status register contains bits which indicate device states
  - The control register is written by the host to send commands
- Methods to access devices with their addresses
  - Direct I/O instructions
  - Memory-mapped I/O
    - Device data and command registers mapped to processor address space
    - Especially for large address spaces (graphics)



# Device I/O Port Locations on PCs (Partial)

I/O address range (hexadecimal)	device
000-00F	DMA controller
020–021	interrupt controller
040–043	timer
200–20F	game controller
2F8-2FF	serial port (secondary)
320-32F	hard-disk controller
378–37F	parallel port
3D0-3DF	graphics controller
3F0-3F7	diskette-drive controller
3F8-3FF	serial port (primary)

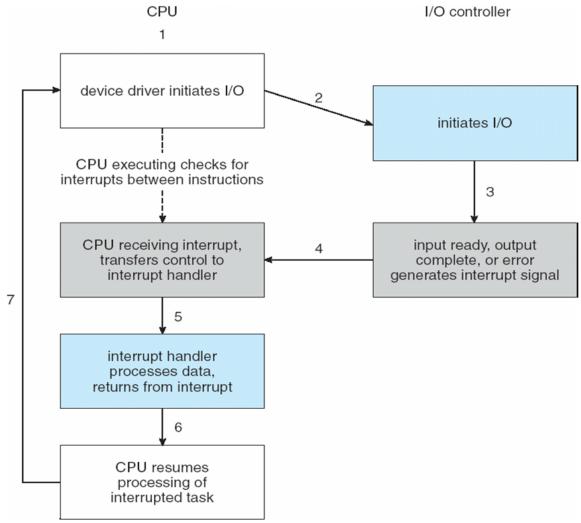
## **Polling**

- ▶ An example of polling I/O
  - 1. Host reads the busy bit from the status register until 0
  - 2. Host sets read or write bit and copies data into data-out register if it is going to write data
  - 3. Host sets command-ready bit
  - 4. Controller sets busy bit, executes the transmission
  - 5. Controller clears busy bit, error bit, and command-ready bit when the transmission is done
- ▶ Step 1 is busy-waiting to wait for I/O from devices
  - Reasonable if device is fast
  - But inefficient if device is slow
    - CPU switches to other tasks?
      - Might miss some data

#### Interrupts

- ▶ CPU interrupt-request line triggered by I/O device
  - Checked by processors (hardware) after each instruction
- Interrupt handler receives interrupts
  - Masked to ignore or delay some interrupts
- Interrupt vector table is used to dispatch interrupt to correct handler
  - Context switches at start and end
  - Based on priority
  - Some nonmaskable
  - Interrupt chaining if more than one device at the same interrupt number

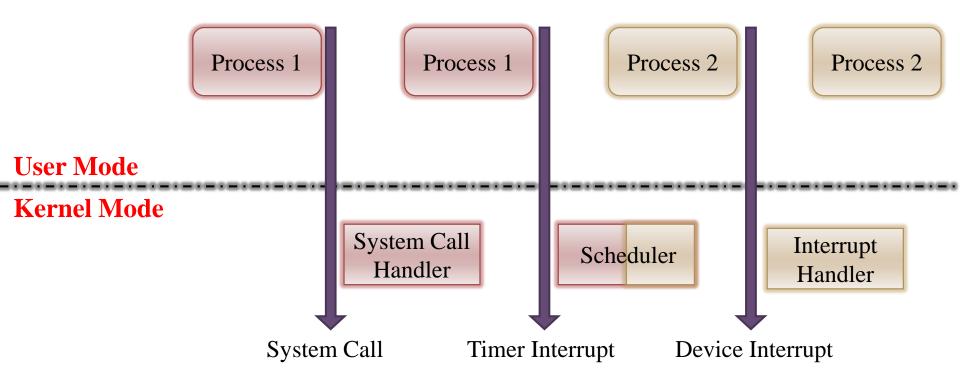
## Interrupt-Driven I/O Cycle



### Interrupt Usage

- Interrupt vector table is used to identify which device sent out the interrupt
  - When multiple devices share an interrupt number, the handlers are checked one by one
- Interrupt mechanism is also used for exceptions
  - Terminate process or crashed subsystem due to hardware error
  - Page fault executes when there is some memory access error
  - System call executes via a trap to trigger the kernel to execute some request
- Multi-CPU systems can process interrupts concurrently
  - If operating system designed to handle it

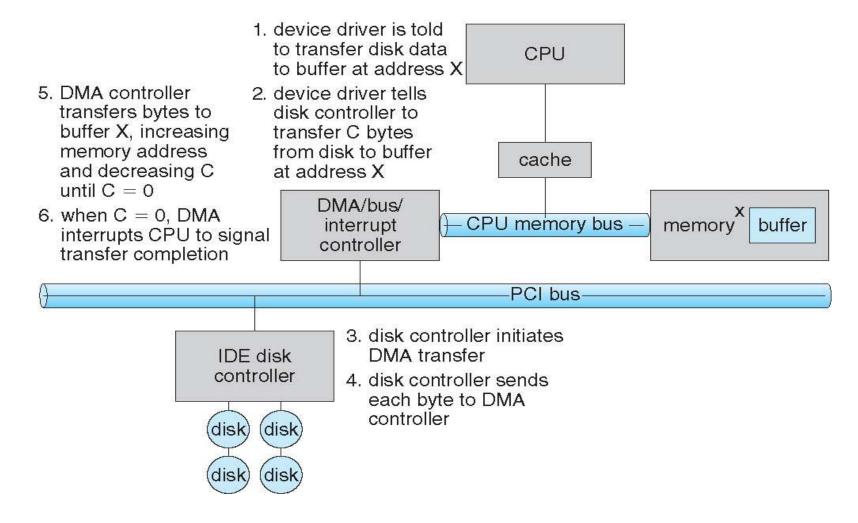
# Transitions between User and Kernel Modes in Linux



## **Direct Memory Access**

- Used to avoid programmed I/O (one byte at a time) for large data movement
- Requires a DMA controller
- Bypasses the CPU to transfer data directly between I/O devices and memory
- ▶ OS writes a DMA command block into memory
  - Source and destination addresses
  - Read or write mode
  - Number of bytes
- ▶ OS writes the location of the command block to the corresponding DMA controller
  - Bus mastered by the DMA controller grabs bus from CPU
  - When transmission is done, the DMA controller sends an interrupt

#### **DMA** Transfer



# Getting Started

- Installing Linux is now easier than installing MS Windows
- Doing it on a virtual machine can be harmless
- Many distributions are there for you



- Which Linux distribution is better?
  - If you ask this question, it means "it doesn't matter for you"
  - Just use the distribution with the most supports you can find



# **Android Environment**

## History of Android

- Android was founded in Palo Alto, California in October 2003
- Google acquired Android in August 2005
- ▶ The Open Handset Alliance started in November 2007
- The first commercially available smartphone running Android was the HTC Dream, released on October 22, 2008
- The latest released version is Android 11, which was released on September 8, 2020

#### **Android Versions**



Cupcake
Android 1.5



**Donut** Android 1.6



Eclair Android 2.0/2.1



Froyo Android 2.2



Honeycomb Android 3.0-3.2



Ice cream Sandwich



Jelly Bean Android 4.1-4.3



KitKat Android 4.4



Lollipop Android 5.0-5.1



Marshmallow Android 6.0-6.0.1



Nougat Android 7.0 – 7.1.2



Android 8.0 - 8.1



Pie Android 9.0

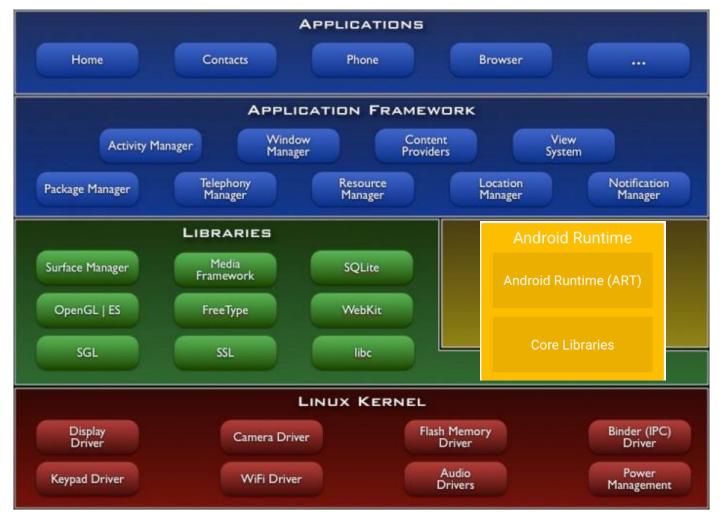
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## Google Android

- ▶ A software stack for mobile devices
  - An operating system
  - Middleware
  - Key Applications
- Linux for core system services
  - Security
  - Memory management
  - Process management
  - Power management
  - Hardware drivers

#### **Android Architecture**



#### **Mobile Devices**

#### Advantages

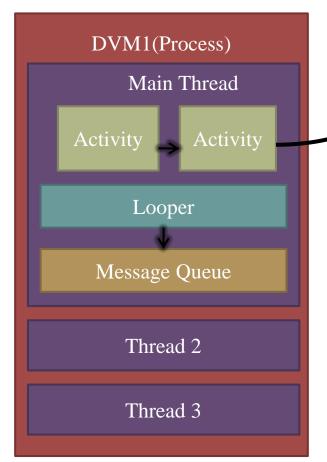
- Always with the user
- Typically have Internet access
- Typically GPS enabled
- Typically have accelerometer & compass
- Most have cameras & microphones

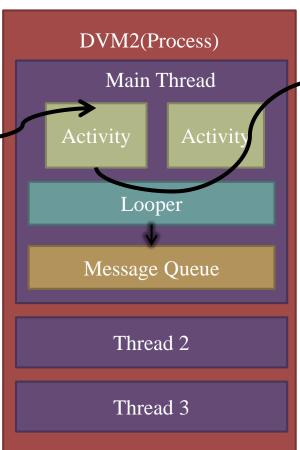
#### Disadvantages

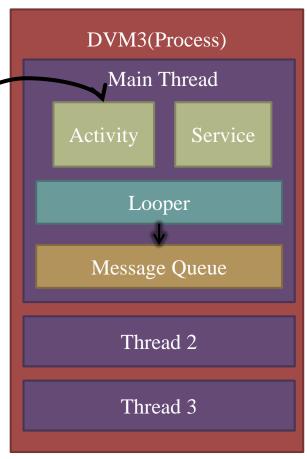
- Limited screen size
- Limited battery life
- Limited processor speed
- Limited web browser functionality



## **Android Applications**







## Android Market / Google Play

- Has various categories, allows ratings
- Have both free/paid apps
- Featured apps on web and on phone
- Initial release: October 23, 2008, as Android Market
- Development status:
  - 1+ million apps, as of July, 2013
  - 1.3+ million apps, as of July, 2014
  - 1.5+ million apps, as of Q1, 2015
  - 1.9+ million apps, as of Q1, 2016
  - 2.7+ million apps, as of Q1, 2017

#### Publish Your APP

- Link to an Account
  - Developer Account: \$25 fee
  - Link to your checking account
  - Developer take 70% of app purchase price



#### **Android Environment**

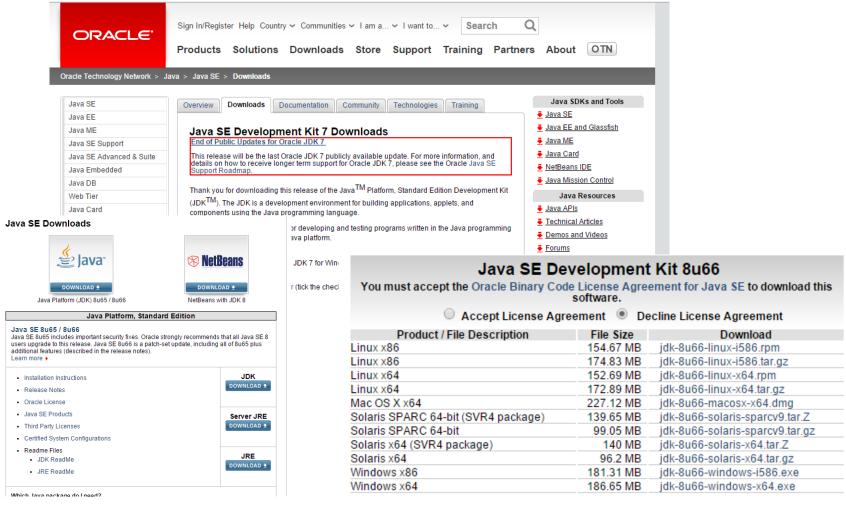
- ▶ Eclipse + ADT (Android Developer Tools) Plugin
- Android SDK (System Development Kit) Tools
- Android Platform-Tools
- ▶ The Latest Android Platform Configuration
- ▶ The Latest Android System Image for the Emulator



#### **Android Studio**



## Java Development Kit



#### **Power Monitor**

 Power measurement for any device with a single lithium battery



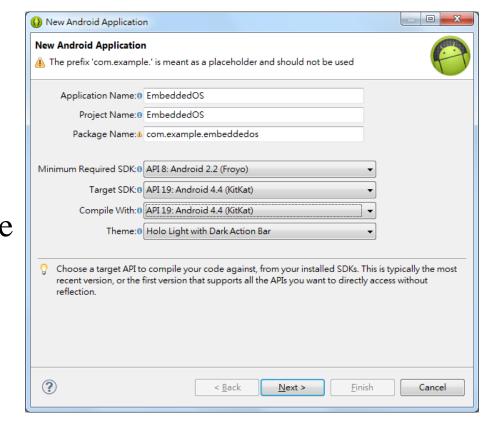






## Set Information of the Project

- Application Name is the app name that appears to users
- Project Name is the name of your project directory and the name visible in Eclipse
- Package Name is the package namespace for your app (following the same rules as packages in the Java programming language)



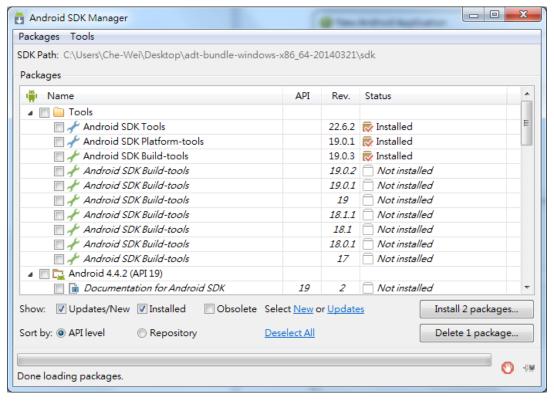


## **API Support**

- Minimum Required SDK is the lowest version of Android that your app supports
- Target SDK indicates the highest version of Android
- Compile With is the platform version against which you will compile your app
  - By default, this is set to the latest version of Android available in your SDK
- Theme specifies the Android UI style to apply for your app

## **SDK Manager**

If you want to install more libraries for different Android versions or different function supports



#### Execute APP on an Android Device

- ▶ Enable USB debugging on your device
  - On most devices running Android 3.2 or older, you can find the option under Settings → Applications → Development
  - On Android 4.0 and newer, it's in Settings → Developer options
  - On Android 4.2 and newer, Developer options is hidden by default
    - To make it available, go to Settings → About phone → tap Build number (版本號碼 or 軟體版本) seven times
      - It might be different for different Android devices
    - Return to the previous screen to find Developer options
- ▶ Developer Options → Enable USB debugging
- ▶ Down and install the USB driver and install it



#### Hello World



#### Dalvik Virtual Machine

- Providing environment on which every Android application runs
  - Each Android application runs in its own process, with its own instance of the Dalvik Virtual Machine (DVM)
  - Register-based virtual machine
- Executing the Dalvik Executable (.dex) format
  - dex format is optimized for minimal memory footprint
- Relying on the Linux Kernel
  - Multi-threading
  - Low-level memory management

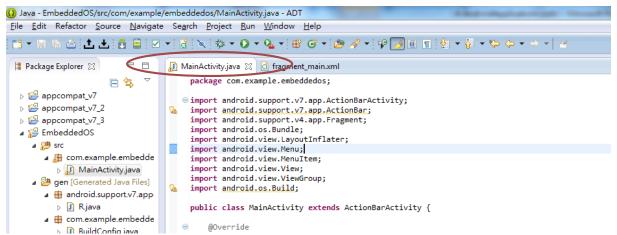
## Android Runtime (ART)

- Android Runtime (ART) is an application runtime environment
- ART is provided to replace Dalvik
- ART introduces the use of ahead-of-time (AOT) compilation
- ▶ AOT compiles entire applications into native machine code upon their installation
- Android 4.4 has alternatives to use ART or Dalvik
- After Android 5.0, Dalvik was entirely replaced by ART

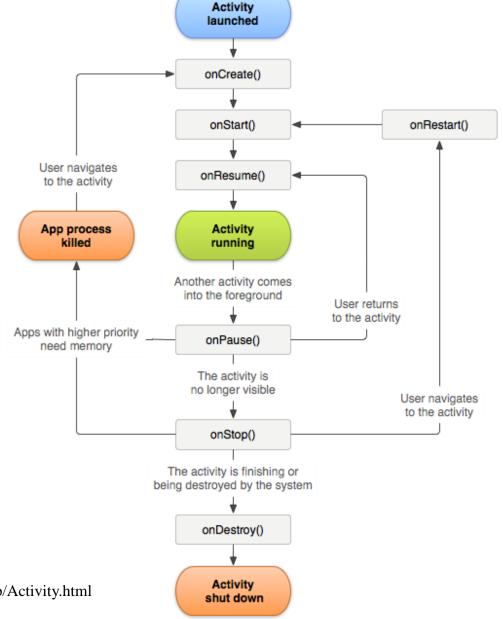


#### **Activities**

- Activities are the basis of android applications
- An Activity defines a viewable screen
- Multiple Activities for an application are allowed
- ▶ Each activity is a separate entity
- They have a life cycle
  - Events happen either via touching buttons or programmatically



# Activity Lifecycle

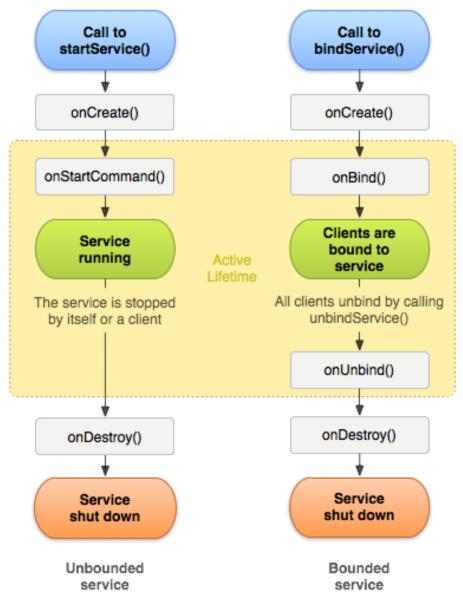


Source: http://developer.android.com/reference/android/app/Activity.html

#### Services

- Run in the background
  - Should be used if something needs to be done while the user is not interacting with application
  - Should create a new thread in the service to do work in
- Can be bound to an application
  - It will terminate when all applications bound to it have unbound
  - Multiple applications can communicate with each other via a service
- Needs to be declared in manifest file

## Service Lifecycle



 $Source: \ http://developer.android.com/guide/components/services.html$ 

