Operating Systems

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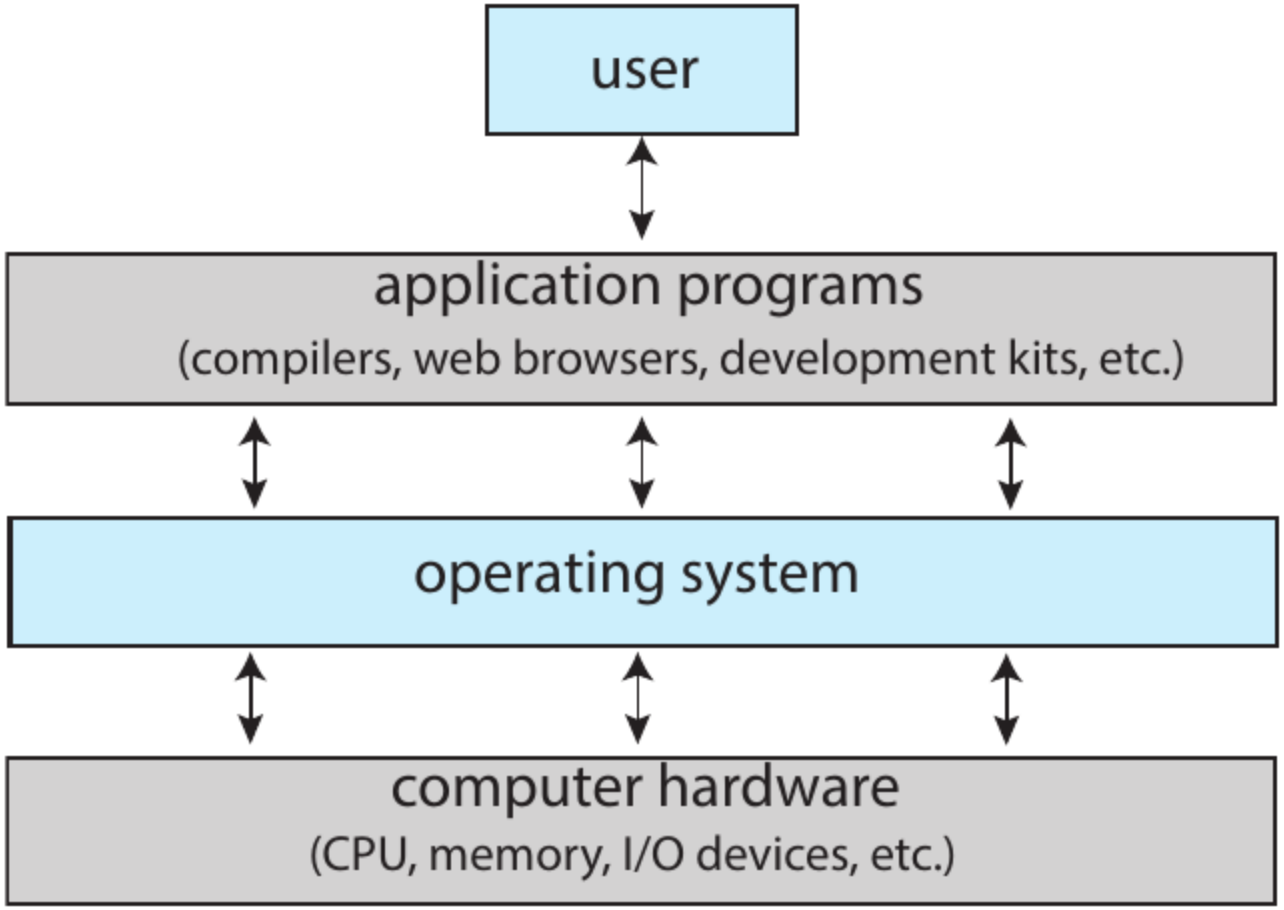
Session 2: Introduction to Operating System & Computer Environments

Four Components of a Computer System



Computer System Structure

- Computer system can be divided into four components
  - Hardware – provides basic computing resources
    - CPU, memory, I/O devices
  - Operating system
    - Controls and coordinates use of hardware among various applications and users
  - Application programs – define the ways in which the system resources are used to solve the computing problems of the users
    - Word processors, compilers, web browsers, database systems, video games
  - Users
    - People, machines, other computers

Whats is an OS?

- There is a body of software, in fact, that is responsible for
  - ✔ making it easy to run programs (even allowing you to seemingly run many at the same time)
  - ✔ allowing programs to share memory and CPU
  - ✔ enabling programs to interact with devices
  - ✔ and other fun stuff
- That body of software is called the operating system (OS)
- OS is in charge of making sure the system operates correctly and efficiently in an easy-to-use manner

OS three pieces

- Virtualization
  - ✔A primary way the OS does its roles
    - Specially its key role as a resource manager for managing two main resource **CPU and Memory**

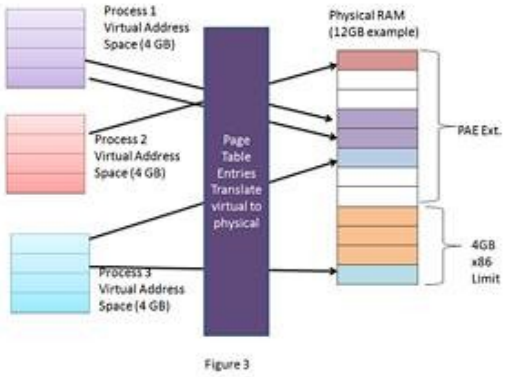
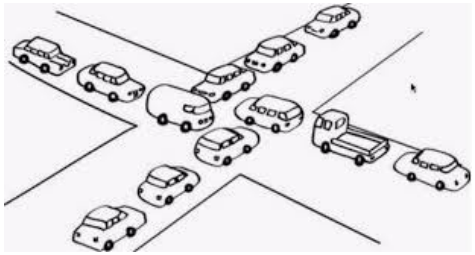


Figure 3

- Concurrency
  - ✔A conceptual term to refer to a host of problems that arise, and must be addressed, when working on many things at once in the same program
    - OS itself
    - Multi-thread or multi-process programs



- Persistence
  - ✔storing any files the user creates in a reliable and efficient manner on the disks of the system

Virtualization

- Process: OS abstraction of the processor, main memory and I/O devices for a running program
  - Multiple processes can concurrently run, each thinking itself as the exclusive user of the hardware.
- Virtual Memory: OS abstraction of Memory
  - Each process perceives the same picture of memory used only by itself (its address space).
- File: OS abstraction of I/O devices
  - All input and output in the system is performed by reading and writing files

CPU Virtualization

- virtualizing the CPU: Turning a single CPU (or small set of them) into a seemingly infinite number of CPUs and thus allowing many programs to seemingly run at once

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#include "common.h"

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        exit(1);
    }
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        printf("%s\n", str);
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    }
    return 0;
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```
zeinabzali:./cpu A
A
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A
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```
zeinabzali:./cpu A & ./cpu B & ./cpu C
[1] 27878
[2] 27879
A
B
C
A
B
C
A
B
C
A
B
C
A
B
C
A
```

Memory Virtualization

- Memory is just an array of bytes
  - to read memory, one must specify an address to be able to access the data stored there
  - to write (or update) memory, one must also specify the data to be written to the given address
- A program keeps all of its data structures in memory, and accesses them through various instructions
  - loads and stores
- Each instruction of the program is in memory too
  - thus memory is accessed on each instruction fetch

Memory Virtualization

- virtualizing the Memory: Each process accesses its own private virtual address space which the OS somehow maps onto the physical memory of the machine

```c
#include <unistd.h>
#include <stdio.h>
#include <stdlib.h>
#include "common.h"

int main(int argc, char *argv[]) {
    if (argc != 2) {
        fprintf(stderr, "usage: mem <value>\n");
        exit(1);
    }
    int *p;
    p = malloc(sizeof(int));
    assert(p != NULL);
    printf("(%d) addr pointed to by p: %p\n", (int) getpid(), p);
    *p = atoi(argv[1]); // assign value to addr stored in p
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setarch $(uname --machine) --addr-no-randomize /bin/bash
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```
zeinabzali:./mem 10
(28692) addr pointed to by p: 0x555555756260
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```
zeinabzali:./mem 10 & ./mem 100 & ./mem 1000
[1] 28699
[2] 28700
(28699) addr pointed to by p: 0x555555756260
(28700) addr pointed to by p: 0x555555756260
(28701) addr pointed to by p: 0x555555756260
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(28700) value of p: 101
(28701) value of p: 1001
(28699) value of p: 12
(28700) value of p: 102
(28701) value of p: 1002
(28699) value of p: 13
(28700) value of p: 103
(28701) value of p: 1003
(28699) value of p: 14
(28700) value of p: 104
(28701) value of p: 1004
(28699) value of p: 15
(28700) value of p: 105
(28701) value of p: 1005
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Concurrency

- problems that arise, and must be addressed, when working on many things at once (i.e., concurrently)

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#include <stdlib.h>
#include "common.h"
#include "common_threads.h"

volatile int counter = 0;
int loops;

void *worker(void *arg) {
    int i;
    for (i = 0; i < loops; i++) {
        counter++;
    }
    return NULL;
}

int main(int argc, char *argv[]) {
    if (argc != 2) {
        fprintf(stderr, "usage: threads <loops>\n");
        exit(1);
    }
    loops = atoi(argv[1]);
    pthread_t p1, p2;
    printf("Initial value : %d\n", counter);
    Pthread_create(&p1, NULL, worker, NULL);
    Pthread_create(&p2, NULL, worker, NULL);
    Pthread_join(p1, NULL);
    Pthread_join(p2, NULL);
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```

```
zeinabzali:./threads 10
Initial value : 0
Final value   : 20
zeinabzali:./threads 100
Initial value : 0
Final value   : 200
zeinabzali:./threads 1000
Initial value : 0
Final value   : 2000
zeinabzali:10000
10000: command not found
zeinabzali:./threads 10000
Initial value : 0
Final value   : 14991
zeinabzali:
```

OS design goals

- build up some abstractions in order to make the system convenient and **easy to use.**
  - **Abstractions are fundamental to everything we do in computer science**
- **high performance**; minimizing the overheads of the OS
- **Protection** between applications, as well as between the OS and applications
  - making sure that the malicious or accidental bad behavior of one program does not harm others;
  - **isolating processes**
- **Reliability**; OS must run non-stop; when it fails, all applications running on the system fail as well
- **Security**; an extension of protection, really against malicious applications especially in these highly-networked times
- Others: mobility, energy efficiency, ...

Sum up: What is an Operating System?

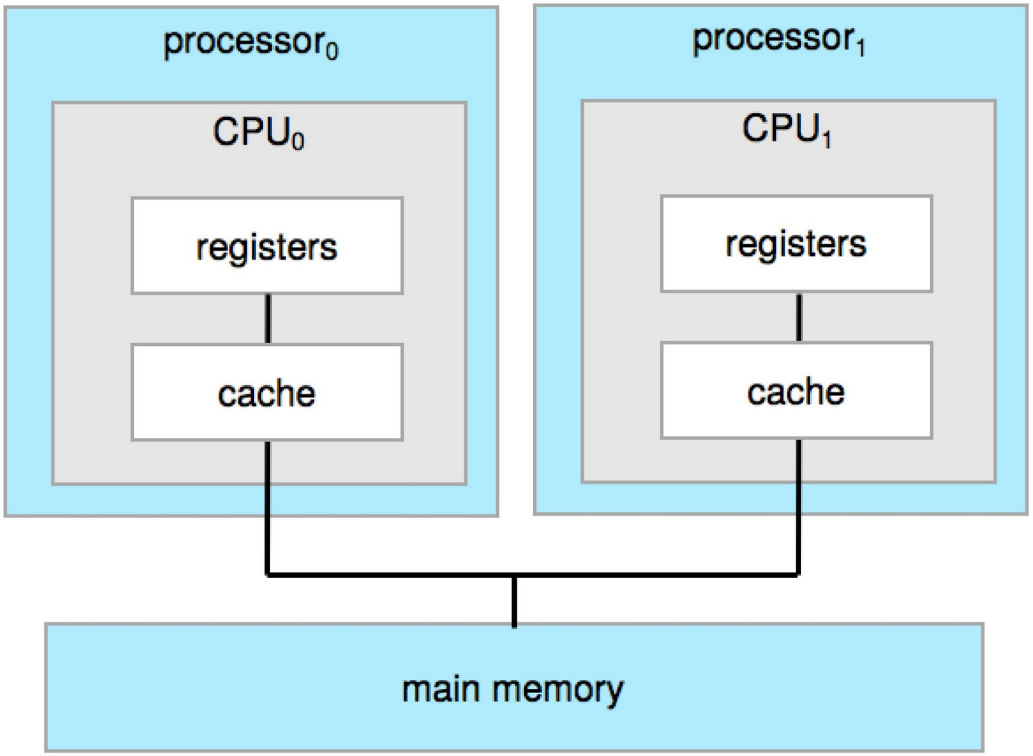
- ✓ A program that acts as an intermediary between a user of a computer and the computer hardware.
- ✓ Operating system operations
  - Process Management
  - Memory Management
  - Storage Management
  - I/O handling
  - Protection and Security
    - user-ID, Group-ID, permission
    - Viruses, attacks, intrusion

Computer Environments

Multiprocessors

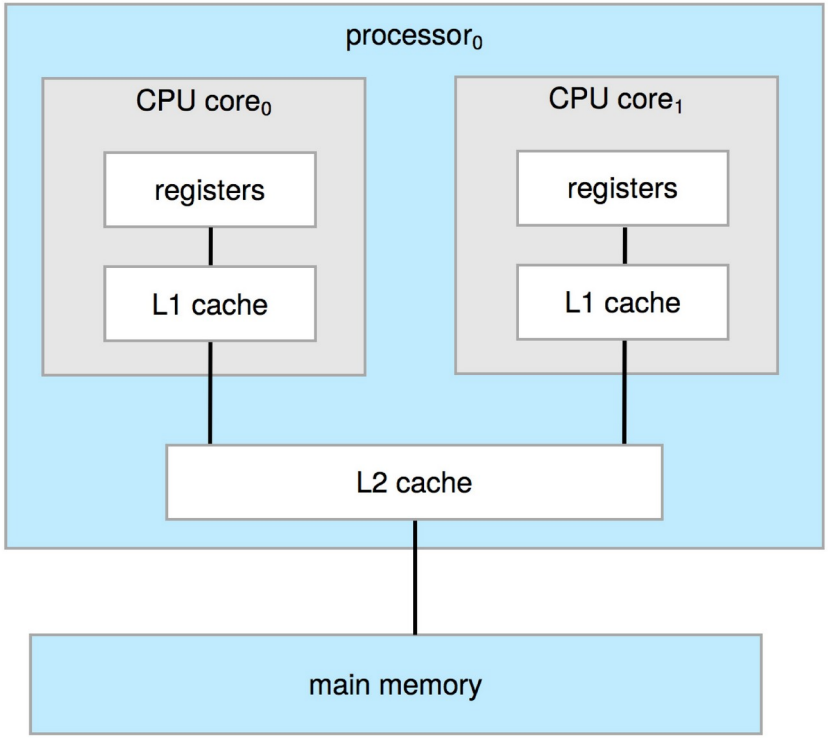
- **Multiprocessors** systems growing in use and importance
  - Also known as **parallel systems**, **tightly-coupled systems**
  - Advantages include:
    1. **Increased throughput**
    2. **Economy of scale**
    3. **Increased reliability** – graceful degradation or fault tolerance
  - Two types:
    1. **Asymmetric Multiprocessing** – each processor is assigned a specie task.
    2. **Symmetric Multiprocessing** – each processor performs all tasks

Symmetric Multiprocessing Architecture



Dual-Core Design

- Multi-chip and **multicore**
- Systems containing all chips
  - Chassis containing multiple separate systems



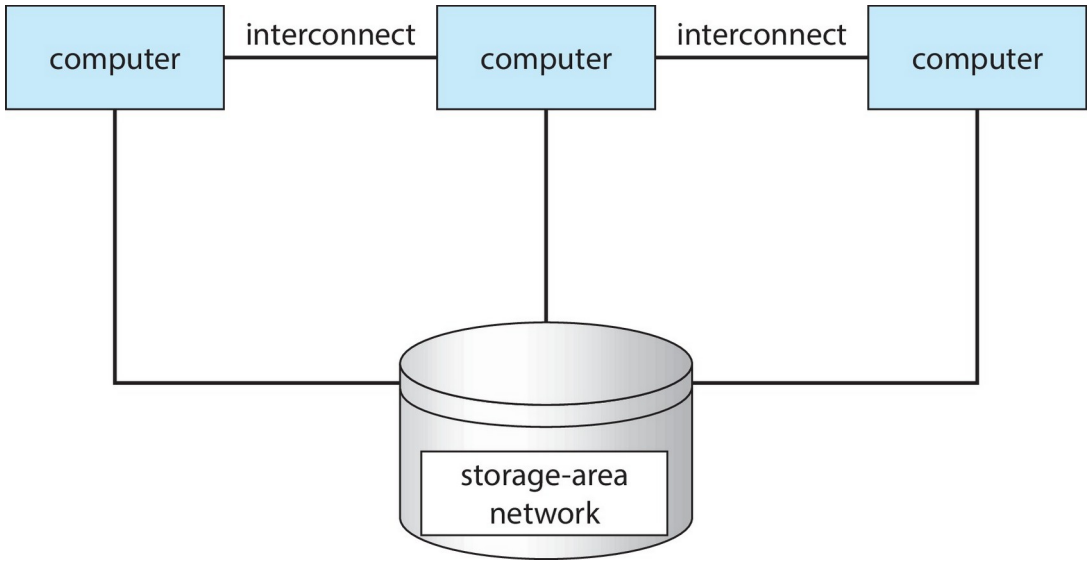
Distributed Systems

- Collection of separate, possibly heterogeneous, systems networked together
  - **Network** is a communications path, **TCP/IP** most common
    - **Local Area Network** (**LAN**)
    - **Wide Area Network** (**WAN**)
    - **Metropolitan Area Network** (**MAN**)
    - **Personal Area Network** (**PAN**)
- **Network Operating System** provides features between systems across network
  - Communication scheme allows systems to exchange messages
  - Illusion of a single system

Clustered Systems

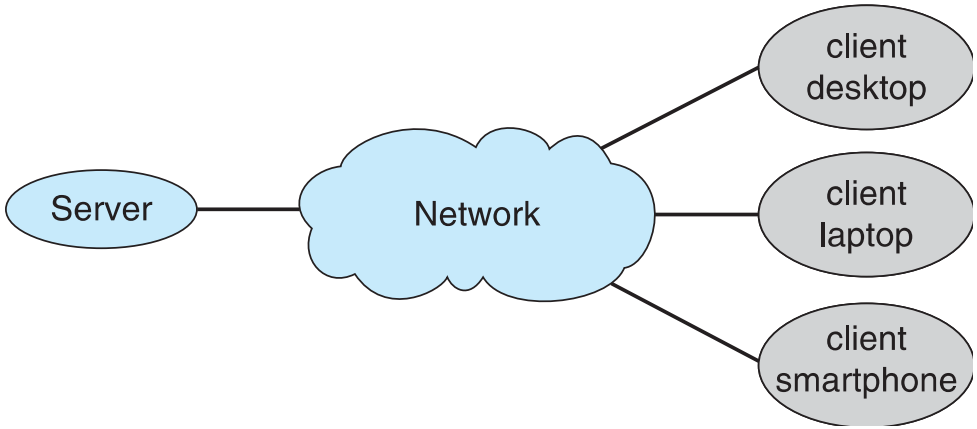
- Like multiprocessor systems, but multiple systems working together
  - Usually sharing storage via a **storage-area network** (**SAN**)
  - Provides a **high-availability** service which survives failures
    - **Asymmetric clustering** has one machine in hot-standby mode
    - **Symmetric clustering** has multiple nodes running applications, monitoring each other
  - Some clusters are for **high-performance computing** (**HPC**)
    - Applications must be written to use **parallelization**
  - Some have **distributed lock manager** (**DLM**) to avoid conflicting operations

Clustered Systems



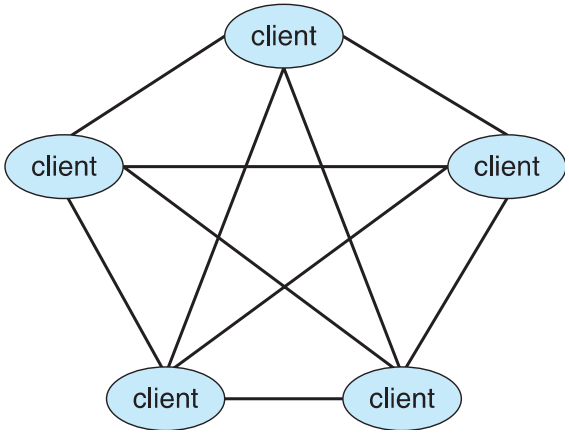
Client Server

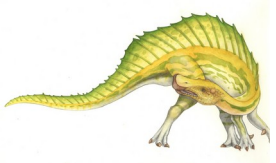
- Client-Server Computing
  - Dumb terminals supplanted by smart PCs
  - Many systems now **servers**, responding to requests generated by **clients**
    - **Compute-server system** provides an interface to client to request services (i.e., database)
    - **File-server system** provides interface for clients to store and retrieve files



Peer-to-Peer

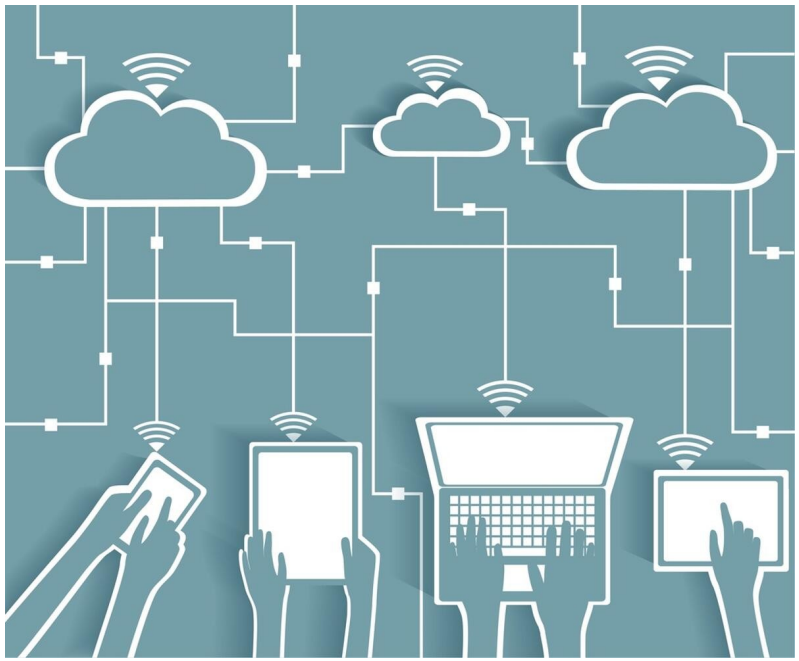
- Another model of distributed system
- **P2P does not distinguish clients and servers**
  - Instead all nodes are considered peers
  - May each act as client, server or both
  - Node must join P2P network
    - Registers its service with central lookup service on network, or
    - Broadcast request for service and respond to requests for service via ***discovery protocol***
  - Examples include Napster and Gnutella, **Voice over IP** (**VoIP**) such as Skype





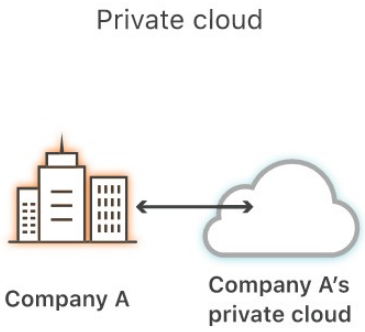
Cloud Computing

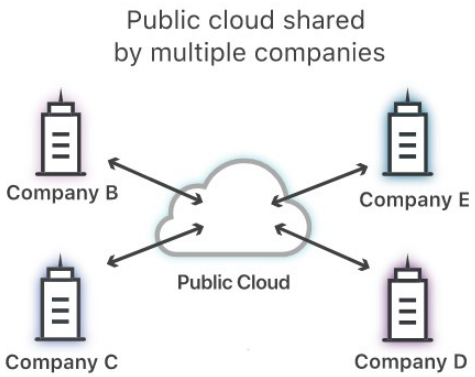
- Delivers computing, storage, even apps **as a service** across a network
- Logical extension of virtualization because it uses virtualization as the base for its functionality.
  - Amazon **EC2** has thousands of servers, millions of virtual machines, petabytes of storage available across the Internet, pay based on usage

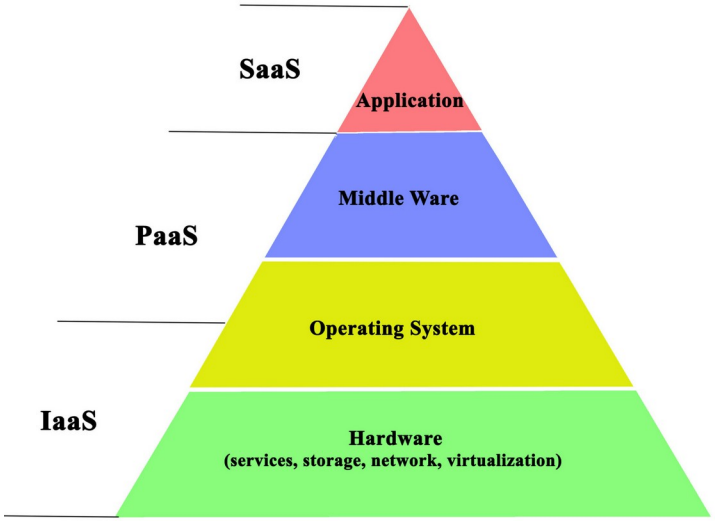


Cloud Computing types

- **Public cloud** – available via Internet to anyone willing to pay
- **Private cloud** – run by a company for the company's own use
- **Hybrid cloud** – includes both public and private cloud components
- Software as a Service (**SaaS**) – one or more applications available via the Internet (i.e., word processor)
- Platform as a Service (**PaaS**) – software stack ready for application use via the Internet (i.e., a database server)
- Infrastructure as a Service (**IaaS**) – servers or storage available over Internet

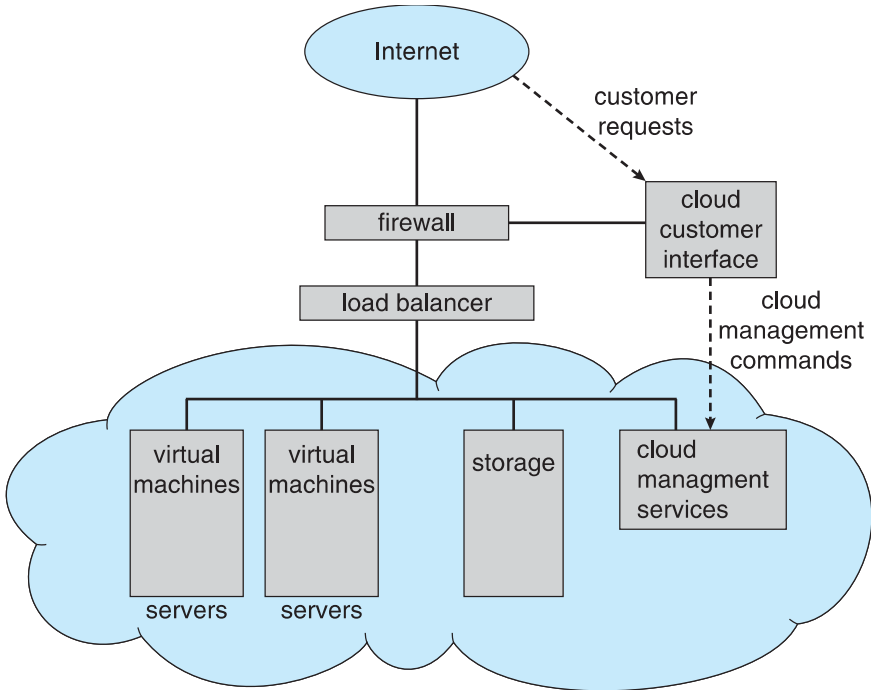






Cloud Computing Environments

- Cloud computing environments composed of traditional OSes, plus VMMs, plus cloud management tools
  - Internet connectivity requires security like firewalls
  - Load balancers spread traffic across multiple applications



Virtualization

- Virualization is a technology that allows us to abstract the hardware of a single computer (the CPU , memory, disk drives, network interface cards, and so forth) into several different execution environments, thereby creating the illusion that each separate environment is running on its own private computer.
- A user of a virtual machine can switch among the various operating systems in the same way a user can switch among the various processes running concurrently in a single operating system.
- Emulation is simulating computer hardware in software.
- Broadly speaking, virtualization software is one member of a class that also includes emulation.
  - Emulation is typically used when the source CPU type is different from the target CPU type.

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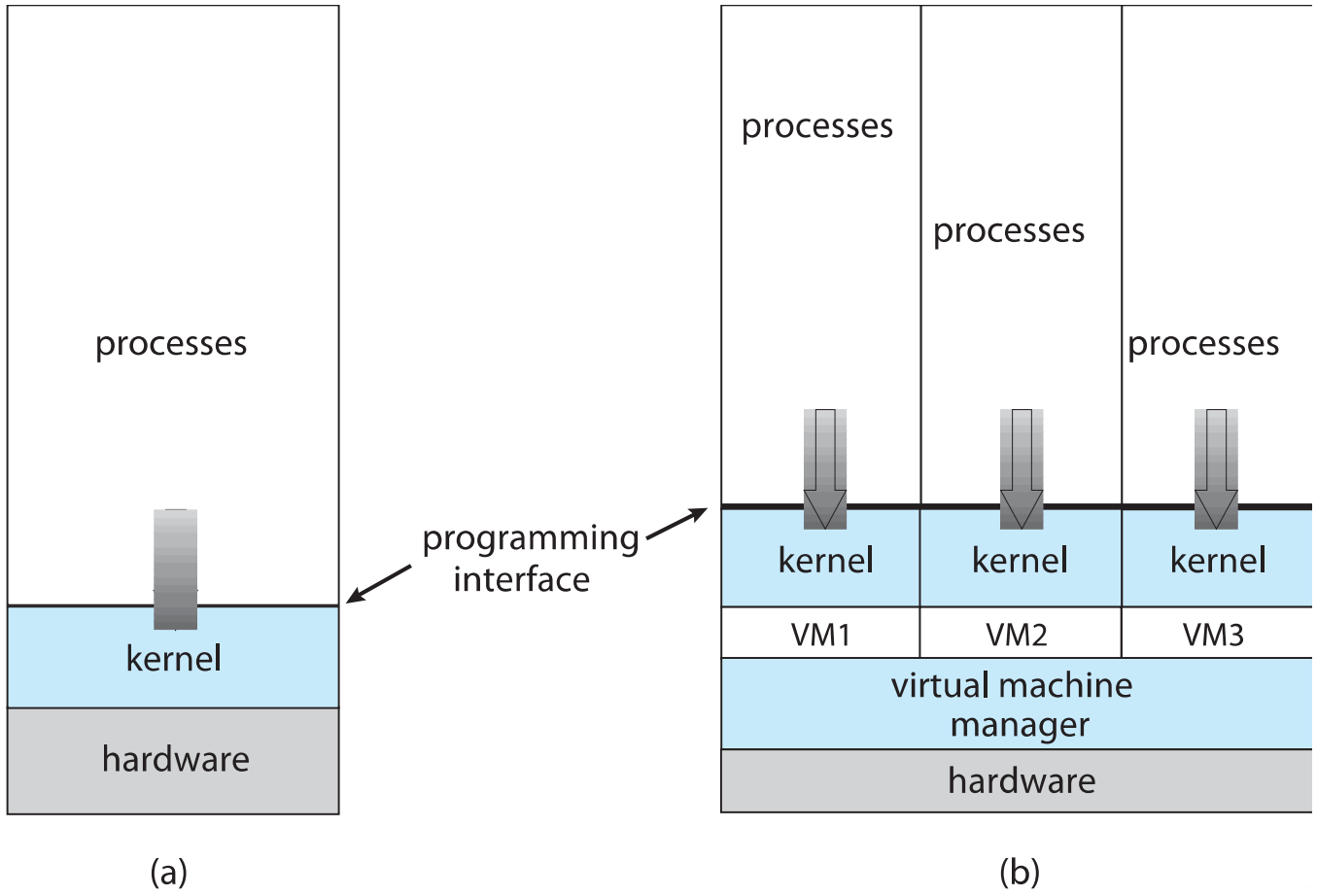

Container-based Virtualization