| CLI (command line interface) | GUI (graphical user interface) | |
|---|---|--|
| Steep learning curve Pure control (eg scripting) Cumbersome multitasking Speed: Hack away at keys Convenient remote access Eg: grep foo file.txt wc -l | Intuitive Limited control Easy multitasking Limited by pointing Bulky remote access | |

LINUX (HAS TREE HIERARCHY) COMMANDS

- uname
 - Linux
- uname -a
 - Linux Inxsrv07.seas.ucla.edu 3.10.0-693.2.2.el7.x86_64 #1 SMP Sat Sep 9
 03:55:24 EDT 2017 x86_64 x86_64 x86_64 GNU/Linux
- uname -r
 - 3.10.0-693.2.2.el7.x86_64 (operating system release)
- who
 - o classrel pts/0 2017-10-02 10:35 (wifi-natpool-131-179-59-47.host.ucla.edu)
 - o wangmi pts/1 2017-10-02 09:31 (cardiff.seas.ucla.edu)
 - o mallett pts/2 2017-10-02 09:14 (s-169-232-245-113.resnet.ucla.edu)
- whoami
 - Akshara
- man //q to exit, / to search
 - What manual page do you want?
- man whoami
 - o man -k printf
 - Search the short descriptions and manual page names for the keyword printf as regular expression. Print out any matches. = to apropos -r printf.
- clear
- *echo:* -n to prevent new line at the end of the line.
 - o echo \$SHELL
 - o /bin/bash
 - -e to enable interpretation of backslash escapes
 - echo "hey\n"->hey\n echo -e "hey\n"-> hey(new line here)
- pwd
- wget: Downloads a file from a URL (a web server)
- Find linux distribution: lsb_release -a
- Is
- -I :file mode, number of links, owner name, group name, number of bytes in the file, abbreviated month, day-of-month file was last modified, hour file last modified, minute file last modified, and the pathname.
- -d: list only directories

- -a: list all files including hidden ones
- -I: show long listing including permission info
- -s: show size of each file, in blocks
- *mv*: move a file (no undos!)
- cp: copy a file
- touch: update last modified timestamp or create a new file (-t for custom time)
- head: Print the first 10 lines of each FILE to standard output. With more than one FILE, precede each with a header giving the file name. With no FILE, or when FILE is -, read standard input.
- tail: Print last 10 lines
- du estimate file space usage

```
o [akshara@lnxsrv09 ~/sophomore]$ du
0 8
○ [akshara@lnxsrv09 ~/sophomore]$ du -a
         ./file1.txt
         ./file.txt
0 0
        ./foo.txt
       ./bar.txt
0 0
```

ps - report a snapshot of the current processes. Reads virtual files in /proc

```
o [akshara@lnxsrv09 ~/sophomore]$ ps
O PID TTY
                   TIME CMD
O 32080 pts/28 00:00:00 bash
O 39909 pts/28 00:00:00 ps
For all users: ps -a
```

- More info: ps -aux
- Executable file becomes a process when loaded in memory and has execution state and is currently running
- kill terminate a process
- diff: -u -Output NUM (default 3) lines of unified context.
 - o diff -u one two
 - --- one 2017-12-12 09:01:27.000000000 -0800
 - +++ two 2017-12-12 09:01:34.000000000 -0800
 - @@ -1 +1 @@
 - -Hello
 - \ No newline at end of file
 - +hellllo
 - \ No newline at end of file
 - diff one two
 - 1c1
 - < Hello</p>
 - \ No newline at end of file

- > hellllo
- No newline at end of file
- In: Links a file (defaulted to hard linking). The –s option allows for symbolic links.
 - Hard links: points to physical data, point to same inode
 - Soft links aka symbolic links (-s): points to a file

- whereis: Will give three locations: First location binary or executable location. Second location – source code location. Third location – man page for command
- which <command>: gives only where the executable file is
- whatis <command>:search the whatis database for complete words.
- *cmp*: bytewise comparison
- wc: counts number of words/bytes/lines etc
 - [akshara@lnxsrv09 ~]\$ ps | wc -l
 - **4**
 - [akshara@lnxsrv09 ~]\$ ps -aux | wc -l
 - **5**31
 - o -c, --bytes: print the byte counts
 - **-m**, **--chars:** print the character counts
 - o -I, --lines: print the newline counts
- sort: sorts lines of text files
 - -u removes repeated values and gives unique lines
- find: Can use regex, find -name "cs*"
 - -type: type of file
 - o -perm: permission of a file
 - o -name: name of a file
 - -user: owner of a file
 - o -maxdepth: how many levels to search
 - Eg: find . -mtime -21 -type d searches for directories last modified in the past 3 weeks from the current directory
- grep: Search a file, use | to search output of a command

```
○ [akshara@lnxsrv09 ~]$ ps -aux | grep root
               1 0.0 0.0 193360 6380 ?
                                          Ss Sep15 6:14
     /usr/lib/systemd/systemd --switched-root --system --deserialize 21
                                       S Sep15 0:00 [kthreadd]
            2 0.0 0.0 0 0 ?
     root
              3 0.0 0.0 0 0 ?
     root
                                         S Sep15 0:00 [ksoftirqd/0]
               5 0.0 0.0
                           0 0 ?
                                         S< Sep15 0:00 [kworker/0:0H]</pre>
     root
            6 0.0 0.0 0 0 ? S Sep15
                                                    0:00 [kworker/u96:0]
     akshara 43215 0.0 0.0 112664 976 pts/28 S+ 10:36
                                                    0:00 grep
--color=auto root
```

- Can use ^ for only beginning of file
 - [akshara@lnxsrv09 ~]\$ ps -aux | grep ^root
 - root 1 0.0 0.0 193360 6380 ? Ss Sep15 6:14 /usr/lib/systemd/systemd --switched-root --system --deserialize 21

■ root 2 0.0 0.0 0 0? S Sep15 0:00 [kthreadd]

chmod: change permissions

| Operator | | Description | | |
|----------|--|--|--|--|
| + | adds the specified modes to the specified classes | | | |
| - | removes the specified modes from the specified classes | | | |
| = | the modes specified are to be made the exact modes for the specified classes | | | |
| Mode | Name | Description | | |
| r | read | read a file or list a directory's contents | | |
| W | write | write to a file or directory | | |
| X | execute | execute a file or recurse a directory tree | | |

| 25.5 | | , | | |
|-----------|--------|---|--|--|
| Reference | Class | Description | | |
| u | user | the owner of the file | | |
| g | group | users who are members of the file's group | | |
| 0 | others | users who are not the owner of the file or members of the group | | |
| а | all | all three of the above, is the same as ugo | | |

| # | P | ermission |
|---|-------------------|-----------|
| 7 | full | |
| 6 | read and write | |
| 5 | read and execute | |
| 4 | read only | |
| 3 | write and execute | |
| 2 | write only | |
| 1 | execute only | |
| 0 | none | |
| | | |

Sticky bit:

- o (o + t) <file>
- On shared directories,
 it locks files within the directory from being modified/deleted by users other

than the file creator, owner of the directory or root. Even if others have write permissions to directory

- o Eg: /tmp
- There exist special permissions such as a sticky bit (+t) to lock files from being modified within some directories to that specific reference. The (+s) when applied to executables grants access to the process that runs this file based on the owner/group of the file, rather than the user running the executable file.
- Set user id/set group id: setuid, setgid
 - o (u+s, g+s) "Set user ID upon execution"
 - o Run an executable with the permissions of the executable's owner or group
 - So g+s means when anyone executes this program it will run with the same permission as the file's group

Directory:

- ~: home directory
- .: current directory
- ...: parent directory

Redirection

- > file: write stdout to a file
- >> file: append stdout to a file
- < file: use contents of a file as stdin

History

<up arrow>: previous command

- <tab>: auto-complete
- *history*: display commands history
- !!: replace with previous command
- ![-n]: replace with the previous n command.
- ^old^new: repeat last command replace old to new

WEEK 2

LOCALE

- Set of parameters that define a user's cultural preferences
 - Language
 - Country
 - Other area-specific things

locale command

Prints info about current locale environment to std output

LC_*Environment Variables

- Locale gets data from the LC_*environment variables
- Eg:
 - o LC_TIME: date and time format
 - o LC NUMERIC: non-monetary numeric format
 - LC COLLATE: Order for comparing and sorting
 - LC_COLLATE='C': sorting is in ASCII order
 - LC_COLLATE='en_US': sorting is case insensitive except when the two strings are otherwise equal and one has an uppercase letter earlier than the other.

Environment Variables

- Variables that can be accessed from any child process
- Eg:
 - HOME: path to user's home directory
 - o PATH: list of directories to search in for command to execute
 - PATH will contain /usr/bin for find during hw
 - USER: the current username
 - SHELL: name of current shell
- Print value using echo: echo \$VARIABLE
- Change value: export VARIABLE=...

comm:Compare 2 sorted files line by line prints to STDOUT what common lines and unique lines to each file, depends on locale

- comm [option] file1 file2
- -1 suppress first column, -2 suppress second column, -3 suppress third column

• -i case insensitive line comparison

tr:Translate or delete characters

- tr [option] SET1 [SET2]
- Character to character translation, -c for complement, -s to squeeze repeated i/p with one instance of that character, -d to delete
- [akshara@lnxsrv07 ~]\$ tr ab cd

ucla

uclc

haaaahaaaab

Hcccchcccd

Can translate using ranges too

```
[akshara@lnxsrv07 ~]$ tr a-z A-Z
ahHHHaaaabbB
AHHHHAAAABBB
```

• To put translated output in a file and translate a preexisting file

```
[akshara@lnxsrv07 \sim]$ tr a-z A-Z < example.txt >tr_output.txt
```

You can delete characters too

```
tr -d o < example.txt</pre>
```

- Can also delete a range of characters (a-h)
- Can't delete a string of characters (ab)

grep: Search for word in a file, use | to search through the output of a command.Can use regex

• grep [A-Z,1-9] e.txt

I have two cats. I love my cat.

I live in 1310 street name, Los Angeles.

CS35L is a lot of work.

• egrep '(.)bb\1' myfile.txt

Find every line with 2 b's and the same character both before and after those b's.

• who | grep -F austen //Find where austen is logged in, -F is fixed expression

sed: sed 's/regExpr/replText/[g]' #extract and replace text

sed [options] commands [file-to-edit]

- Options: p:print, d:delete and s:substitute
- -n prevents printing of input to STDOUt
- echo \$PATH | sed 's/:.*//' #remove everything after and including first colon
- echo \$PWD | sed 's/^V.*\//' #display current directory name
- Print
- sed 'p' test.txt =>prints every line twice, since by default sed prints input and output
- Print only line in the input file.

- o sed -n '3p' test.txt
- Print line 1 through 5 in the input file.
 - sed -n '1,5p' test.txt
- Print 5 lines starting from line 1.
 - o sed -n '1,+5p' test.txt
- Print every other line starting from line 1.
 - o sed -n '1~2p' test.txt
- Print lines 1.7 and 9
 - o sed -n -e '1p' -e '7p' -e '9p' test.txt
- sed -n '1~2p' e.txt | sed '1,2p'
 I have two cats. I love my cat.
 I have two cats. I love my cat.
 I live in 1310 street name.
 I live in 1310 street name.
 Note e.txt contains:
 I have two cats. I love my cat.
 We are trying a new command.
 I live in 1310 street name, Los Angeles.
 CS35L is a lot of work.
- Delete
- sed '3d' test.txt //delete line 3, prints everything else out
- sed '2,4d' test.txt //delete lines 2 and 4
- sed '/start/,/end/d' filename.txt //delete everything between 2 patterns
- Substitute
- By default replaces only first occurrence of pattern, add g to end to replace all occurrences (sed 's/cat/dog/g' e.txt vs sed 's/cat/dog/' e.txt)
- -i: edit the file in place
- sed 's/[0-9]*/NA/g' e.txt
 NAINA NAhNAANAVNAENA NAtNAWNAONA NACNAANATNASNA.NA NAINA NAINAONAVNAENA NAMNAYNA NACNAANATNA.NA
- sed 's/[0-9]/NA/g' e.txt

I have two cats. I love $\ensuremath{\mathsf{my}}$ cat.

We are trying a new command.

I live in NANANANA street name, Los Angeles.

• sed 's/[0-9]+/NA/g' e.txt

I have two cats. I love my cat.

We are trying a new command.

I live in 1310 street name, Los Angeles.

• sed 's/[^A-Za-z][0-9][0-9]*/NA/g' e.txt

I have two cats. I love $\ensuremath{\mathsf{my}}$ cat.

We are trying a new command.

I live inNA street name, Los Angeles.

CSNAL is a lot of work.

- To include what you have extracted as part of the substitute use &:
- sed -E 's/([0-9][0-9]*)/(&) /g' e.txt
 I live in (1310) street name, Los Angeles.

Decompress: tar -zvxf filename.tar.gz

Patching: patch -pnum < patch.txt

- pnum is the number of slashes we want to remove from the path so that we apply the patch to that file respectively.
- Create a patch: diff -u orig updated
- diff Unified Format
 - o diff -u file1 file2
 - --- path/to/original/file
 - +++ path/to/modified/file
 - o @@-l,s+l,s @@
 - @@: beginning of a chunk
 - I: beginning line number
 - s: number of lines the change chunk applies to for each file
 - A line with a:
 - sign was deleted from the original
 - + sign was added to original
 - stayed the same

C Program->Executable

- Preprocessing: Add #includes and remove comments from source files
- **Compilation:** Convert to .s with assembly
- **Assembler:** Reads the assembly code and produces assembly listing with offsets in it for the linking stage, which is all stored in a .o (obj file).
- Linking: Combine archive/.so(library) files and create executable

Command Line Compilation

- give g++ the names of files for compilation for C++ and gcc for C
- shop.c:#includes shoppingList.h and item.h
- shoppingList.c;#includes shoppingList.h
- item.c;#includes item.h
- To compile: g++ shop.c shoppingList.c item.c -o shop
 - By default output file called a.out
 - #include ensures that the header is added automatically to the beginning since it is a preprocessor directive
- If you make only a small change to item.c, don't recompile everything
 - Solution: produce a separate object code file for each source file
 - gcc -c item.c
 - gcc -c shoppingList.c
 - gcc -c shop.c
 - gcc item.o shoppingList.o shop.o -o shop (combine)
 - Less work for compiler, but more commands
 - o -c: only compile, doesn't link
 - o -o file: Put o/p in file file, a.out by default
 - Issues with this solution:
 - Hard to keep track when large number of input files
- If you change one of the headers or source files, rerun command to generate a new executable if large change, have to recompile everything that has a that header file

Makefile

make -f <blah> //use <blah> as makefile

Runs hello first by default

```
hello:
    echo "Hello World"

bye:
    echo "bye bye"

#these are dummy rules
```

•

```
hello:
    bye #run bye first
    echo "Hello World"

bye:
    echo "bye bye"

#these are dummy rules
```

•

- Order doesn't matter, make makes first one by default
- Dependency order matters

```
CC = gcc
CFLAGS = $(OPTIMIZE) -g3 -Wall -Wextra -march=native -mtune=native -mrdrnd
default: randall randmain randlibhw.so randlibsw.so
randall: randall.c
```

```
$(CC) $(CFLAGS) randall.c -o $@
# randmain.mk contains instructions for building
# randmain, randlibhw.so, and randlibsw.so.
-include randmain.mk
skeleton: dlskeleton.tgz
skeleton_files = COPYING Makefile randall.c randcpuid.h randlib.h
dlskeleton.tgz: $(skeleton_files)
       tar -czf $@ --mode=a-w $(skeleton_files)
submission: dlsubmission.tgz
submission_files = lab.txt randmain.mk \
 randcpuid.c randlibhw.c randlibsw.c randmain.c \
 $(skeleton_files)
dlsubmission.tgz: $(submission_files)
       tar -czf $@ $(submission_files)
.PHONY: default clean skeleton submission
clean:
       rm -f *.o *.so *.so.* *.tgz randall randmain
```

```
randlibsw.so:randlibsw.c
    $(CC) $(CFLAGS) -c randlibsw.c -fPIC -shared -o randlibsw.o

randlibhw.so:randlibhw.c
    $(CC) $(CFLAGS) -c randlibhw.c -o -shared -fPIC randlibhw.o

randmain: randmain.o randcpuid.o
    $(CC) $(CFLAGS) randmain.o randcpuid.o -ldl -Wl,-rpath=$PWD -o randmain
```

```
OBJS = MovieList.o Movie.o NameList.o Name.o Iterator.o
CC = g++
DEBUG = -g
CFLAGS = -Wall - c \$(DEBUG)
LFLAGS = -Wall $(DEBUG)
p1 : $(OBJS)
    $(CC) $(LFLAGS) $(OBJS) -o p1
MovieList.o : MovieList.h MovieList.cpp Movie.h NameList.h Name.h Iterator.h
    $(CC) $(CFLAGS) MovieList.cpp
Movie.o : Movie.h Movie.cpp NameList.h Name.h
    $(CC) $(CFLAGS) Movie.cpp
NameList.o : NameList.h NameList.cpp Name.h
    $(CC) $(CFLAGS) NameList.cpp
Name.o : Name.h Name.cpp
    $(CC) $(CFLAGS) Name.cpp
Iterator.o : Iterator.h Iterator.cpp MovieList.h
    $(CC) $(CFLAGS) Iterator.cpp
clean:
```

```
\rm *.o *~ p1
tar:
   tar cfv p1.tar Movie.h Movie.cpp Name.h Name.cpp NameList.h \
        NameList.cpp Iterator.h
```

Python

- **Datatypes** (x=True->declare bool, y=4->declare int)
 - bool: True, False
 - operators: or,and,not, !=(XOR), type(x) //<class 'bool'>
 - int,float,strings, None is null

```
hello = 'hello'  # String literals can use single quotes
world = "world"  # or double quotes; it does not matter.
print(hello)  # Prints "hello"
print(len(hello))  # String length; prints "5"
hw = hello + ' ' + world  # String concatenation
print(hw)  # prints "hello world"
hw12 = '%s %s %d' % (hello, world, 12)  # sprintf style string formatting
print(hw12)  # prints "hello world 12"
```

- No ++ operator
- print -> prints stuff
- List: python vector, acts like a resizable array, can have different data types in it
 - +->merge lists,blah[-1]->negative indexing,blah.append(8)->add item
 - o t = [123, 3.0, 'hello!']
 - Slicing:Accessing sublists

```
nums = list(range(5))
                         # range is a built-in function that creates a list of integer.
print(nums)
                         # Prints "[0, 1, 2, 3, 4]"
print(nums[2:4])
                         # Get a slice from index 2 to 4 (exclusive); prints "[2, 3]"
print(nums[2:])
                         # Get a slice from index 2 to the end; prints "[2, 3, 4]"
print(nums[:2])
                        # Get a slice from the start to index 2 (exclusive); prints "
                        # Get a slice of the whole list; prints "[0, 1, 2, 3, 4]"
print(nums[:])
print(nums[:-1])
                         # Slice indices can be negative; prints "[0, 1, 2, 3]"
nums[2:4] = [8, 9]
                        # Assign a new sublist to a slice
print(nums)
                         # Prints "[0, 1, 8, 9, 4]"
```

For loops:

for item in list for i in range(len(list)) for i,pet in enumerate(pets)

print item print i print('%d: %s'%(i+1,pet))

• List Comprehension

squares= $[x^*2 \text{ for } x \text{ in nums}]$ even_sq= $[x^*2 \text{ for } x \text{ in nums if } x\%2==0]$

• **Dictionaries:** python maps

```
d = {'cat': 'cute', 'dog': 'furry'}  # Create a new dictionary with some data
print(d['cat'])  # Get an entry from a dictionary; prints "cute"
print('cat' in d)  # Check if a dictionary has a given key; prints "True"
d['fish'] = 'wet'  # Set an entry in a dictionary
print(d['fish'])  # Prints "wet"
# print(d['monkey'])  # KeyError: 'monkey' not a key of d
print(d.get('monkey', 'N/A'))  # Get an element with a default; prints "N/A"
print(d.get('fish', 'N/A'))  # Get an element with a default; prints "wet"
del d['fish']  # Remove an element from a dictionary
print(d.get('fish', 'N/A'))  # "fish" is no longer a key; prints "N/A"
```

```
d = {'person': 2, 'cat': 4, 'spider': 8}
for animal, legs in d.items():
    print('A %s has %d legs' % (animal, legs))
# Prints "A person has 2 legs", "A cat has 4 legs", "A spider has 8 legs"
```

Debugging and GDB

Segmentation Fault

- Access part of memory that is not allowed
- Line number where it crashed and parameters to the function that caused the error

Logic Error

Program will run and exit successfully

Using GDB

- Normally: gcc [flags] source -o output
- Debugging: gcc otherflags -g source -o output
 - enables built in debugging support
- gdb <executable>
- gdb
- (gdb) file <executable>
- (gdb) run or (gdb) run <args>

Breakpoints

- (gdb) break file.c:6
- (gdb) break functionname
- (gdb) break [position] if expression
 - conditional break
- Use info breakpoints/break/b to find out where the breakpoints are
- Deleting/Disabling/Ignoring breakpoints
 - delete bpnumber/range (range in form x-y)

- disable bpnumber/range
- enable bpnumber/range ->restores disabled breakpoints
- Resuming execution after a break
 - o c or continue
 - n or next (next instruction)
 - s or step (next line)
 - f or finish (resume execution until the current function returns)

list: displays lines of code around current position

print: (gdb) [format] <expression>

 d: Decimal notation (default format for integers),x: Hexl notation,o: Octal notation, t: Binary notation

Watchpoints

- (gdb) watch my_var
 - debugger stops program when value of my_var changes
 - old and new values will be printed

Stack

- backtrace or bt:shows callstack
- each frame starts with # and contains args to func and line # currently being executed

- storage space for all the local variables - the memory address to return to when the called function returns

For each function call, an area of memory is set aside.

This area of memory is called a stack frame

A stack frame holds the following crucial info:

- the arguments to the called function

Each function call gets its own stack frame. Collectively, all the stack frames make up the call stack (gdb) info frame

- Displays information about the current stack frame, including its return address and saved register values

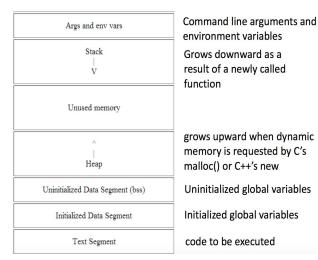
(gdb) info locals

- Lists the local variables of the function corresponding to the stack frame, with their current values

(gdb) info args

 List the argument values of the corresponding function call

Process Memory Layout ---->



C Programming **Pointers to Functions**

- double (*func ptr) (double, double);
- -func ptr = [&]pow; // func_ptr points to pow()

Jsage

// Call the function referenced by func_ptr

// The same function call

qsort

- gsort(arr,len,sizeof(datatype,cmpfunc)
- int cmpfunc(const void*a,const void*b) {return (*(int*)a-*(int*)b);}

Return: >0:a before b, <0:b before a, 0: a=b

void *malloc (size_t size);

- Allocates size bytes and returns a pointer to the allocated

void *realloc (void *ptr, size_t size);

- Changes the size of the memory block pointed to by ptr to size

void free (void *ptr);

Frees the block of memory pointed to by ptr

Dynamic Memory Allocation

Memory allocated at runtime from the heap Eg:word = (char*)malloc(sizeof(char)); char* temp = realloc(word,val*sizeof(char)); free(word);

int fprintf(FILE * fp, const char * format, ...); Formatted I/O

- FILE *fp can be either:

- A file pointer
- stdin, stdout, or stderr
- The format string
 - int score = 120; char player[] = "Mary";
 - printf("%s has %d points.\n", player, score);

Eg: fprintf(stderr,"Error!");

Compiling a C Program

gcc -o FooBarBinary -g foobar.c

Processor Modes

Operating modes that place restrictions on the type of operations that can be performed by running processes

- User Mode:Restricted access to system resources (Memory, I/O devices, CPU). (1 in mode-bit) The CPU is restricted to unprivileged instructions
- Kernal Mode: Unrestricted access to the entire CPU,can use all instructions,access all areas of memory and take over the CPU anytime. (0 in mode-bit). The reason this exists is to provide fairness and protection.
- What are the system resources? Memory, I/O Devices, CPU

The protection pertains to goals of which the following apply:

- 1.) I/O Protection: Prevent processes from performing illegal I/O operations such as storing new addresses in the interrupt vector. An interrupt vector is the memory location of an interrupt handler, which prioritizes interrupts and saves them in a queue if more than one interrupt is waiting to be handled.
- 2.) Memory Protection: Prevent processes from accessing illegal memory and modifying kernel code and data structures. Two registers are added for this protection to take place. The base register holds the smallest legal physical memory address, while the limit register contains the size of the range Memory outside the defined range is protected.
- 3.) CPU Protection: Prevent a process from using the CPU for too long. The way this is done is using the following:
 - a. Timer: Interrupts the computer after specified period to ensure operating system maintains control.
 - **b.** The timer is **decremented** every **clock tick**.
 - **c.** When the timer reaches 0, an **interrupt** occurs.

This timer is used to allow for time sharing between processes so that effective context switching can take place.

All these are privileged and can only be executed by **trusted code**.

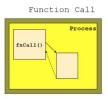
The only code that is trusted is that by the kernel. Remember that this is the core of the OS and is responsible for communication between software and hardware along with running all the privileged instructions for effective communication and sharing of resources between processes. Because of how much power this has, it has to be kept away from the user otherwise the system can be tampered with a lot.

The kernel executes privileged operations on behalf of unprivileged user processes.

The way this is done is through system calls. These are special functions provide the

security measure to verify that a user needs these privileged calls, and so the mode switches to kernel mode. This may include hardware-related services (for example, accessing a hard disk drive), creation and execution of new processes, and communication with integral kernel services such as process scheduling. System calls provide an essential interface between a process and the operating system. It is the only way a user process can make privileged operation.

Function Call vs. System Call





- · Caller and callee are in the same process
 • Same "domain of trust"
- Control is transferred from the untrusted user process to the trusted OS

OS must ensure:

- Protection: an incorrect/malicious program cannot cause damage to other processes or the system as a whole
- **Fairness**: Make sure processes have a fair use of devices and the **CPU**

System Calls

- Used by user-level processes to request a service from the kernel
- Changes the CPU's mode from user mode to kernel mode to enable more capabilities
- Is part of the kernel of the OS
- Verifies that the user should be allowed to do the requested action and then does the action (kernel performs the operation on behalf of the user)
- Is the only way a user program can perform privileged operations