

New Unit: The Kernel

Midterm

- Review monday night
- Start Kernel part before midterm

"It's October it's time for the kernel!!!"

Attack code:

```
int main() {  
    push %rbp  
    while (true) {  
        mov %rsp, %rbp  
        jmp 0x... <main+4>  
    }  
}
```

How does the OS not stop when a program infinite loops?

PRIVILEGE: Right to control hardware (disk drive, screen, memory, etc.). Required to access things.

KERNEL: OS software that runs w/ full machine privilege (software that has control over hardware).

Goals:

1. Fairly share machine resources among processes.
2. Provide safe and convenient access to hardware.
3. Robustness and Performance.

↑ health of
OS remains
good

↑ meeting goals doesn't make
machine run slowly

PROCESSES: (vs ~ 14261 processes) A program in execution

PS: (linux terminal command `ps`) that lists all
programs in a terminal window

`ps auxww | less` : all processes running in system

WackyOS: small, simplistic OS

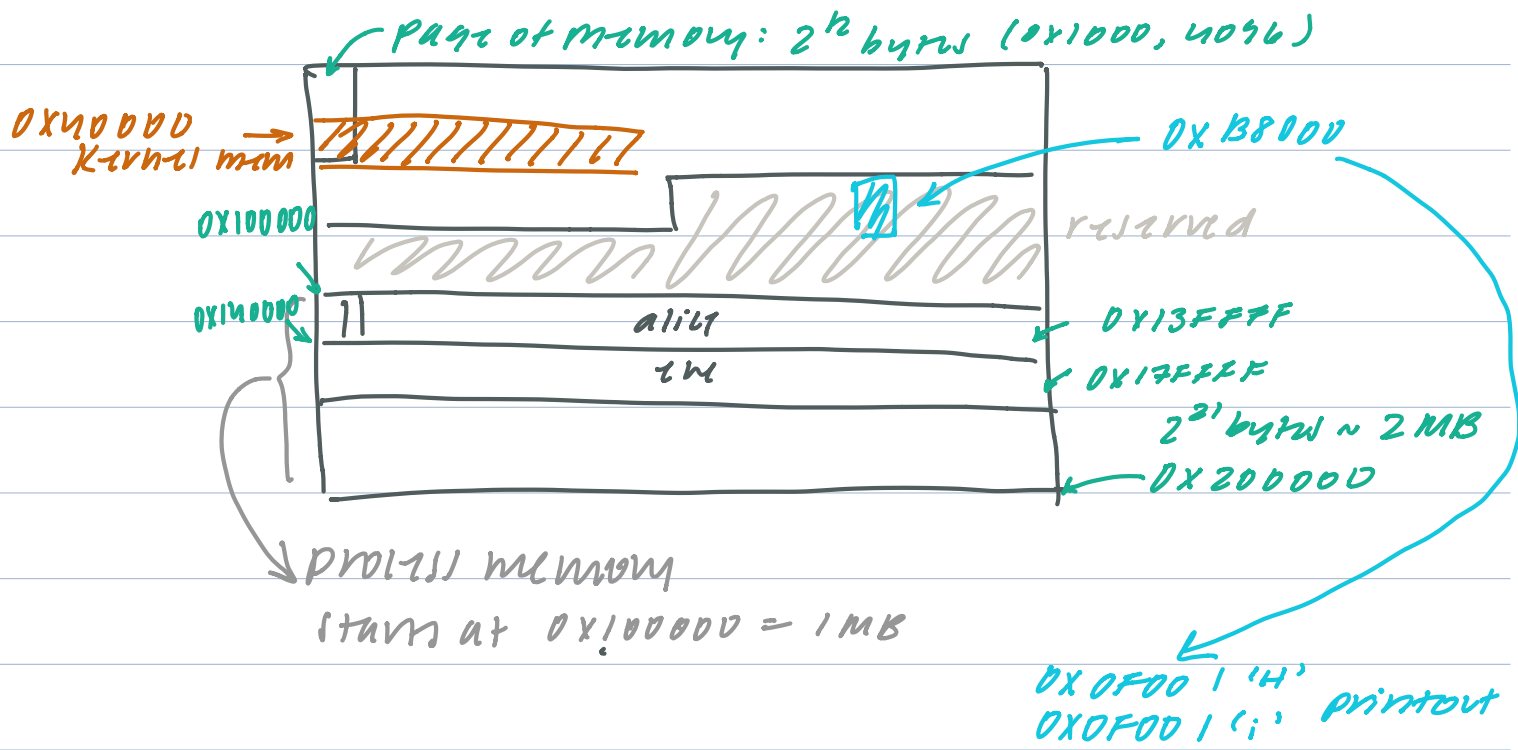
2 processes → WackyOS → running on machine
emulator

processes on linux ← running on VMWare ← processes on mac OS

System call: instructions for kernel to execute

`sys_yield()` : allows something else to run

Primary Memory Management on WackyOS:



MEMORY MAPPED I/O: Hardware device controlled through reads and writes to memory.

RESOURCES printer, network, screen, keyboard, mouse, primary memory, CPU time

STARVATION. A process gets zero resource

INTERRUPT. Hardware mechanism that forces kernel execution

TIMER Every time timer goes off, gives control of OS to kernel. → operation it executes must be programmed in

PROGRAMMED I/O. Special instructions for I/O handling

inb/inw/inl	} read/write	cld	} disable interrupts
outb/outw/outl		sti	

Dangerous instructions can change privilege.

CURRENT PRIVILEGE LEVEL.

%. CS register: special purpose register

(%.CS & 3) → 0 kernel *check lower 2 bits of CS register
 → 3 process

Modifying CS is something only kernel can do.

attack

① while (true) { }

② asm volatile ("cli")

③ Find system call, overwrite to
infinite loop.
Attacks kernel memory.

disabled by

① timer interrupt

② changing privilege
so processes cannot
change interrupts

③

```
vint8_t * x = (vint8_t *) 0x40FA3;
```

```
x[0]
```

```
x[1]
```

```
sys_getpid();
```

①

lapic_sah::get().ack() → re-enables
timer interrupt
schedule() → runs another process

② current → state = P-BROKEN; → disables
current process
schedule();