

computing.

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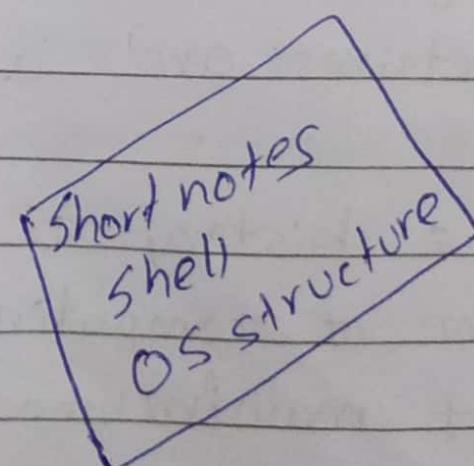
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## Q1 Operating system

Definition:-

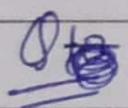
Operating System is a program that manages the computer hardware and provide basis for application program and acts as intermediary between user and computer hardware.

Importance of operating system:-

Facilitates communication between hardware & software,

manages resources efficiently

provides a user-friendly interface



Two main function of OS

i) OS as extended machine (virtual machine) / user interface

ii) OS as resource manager.

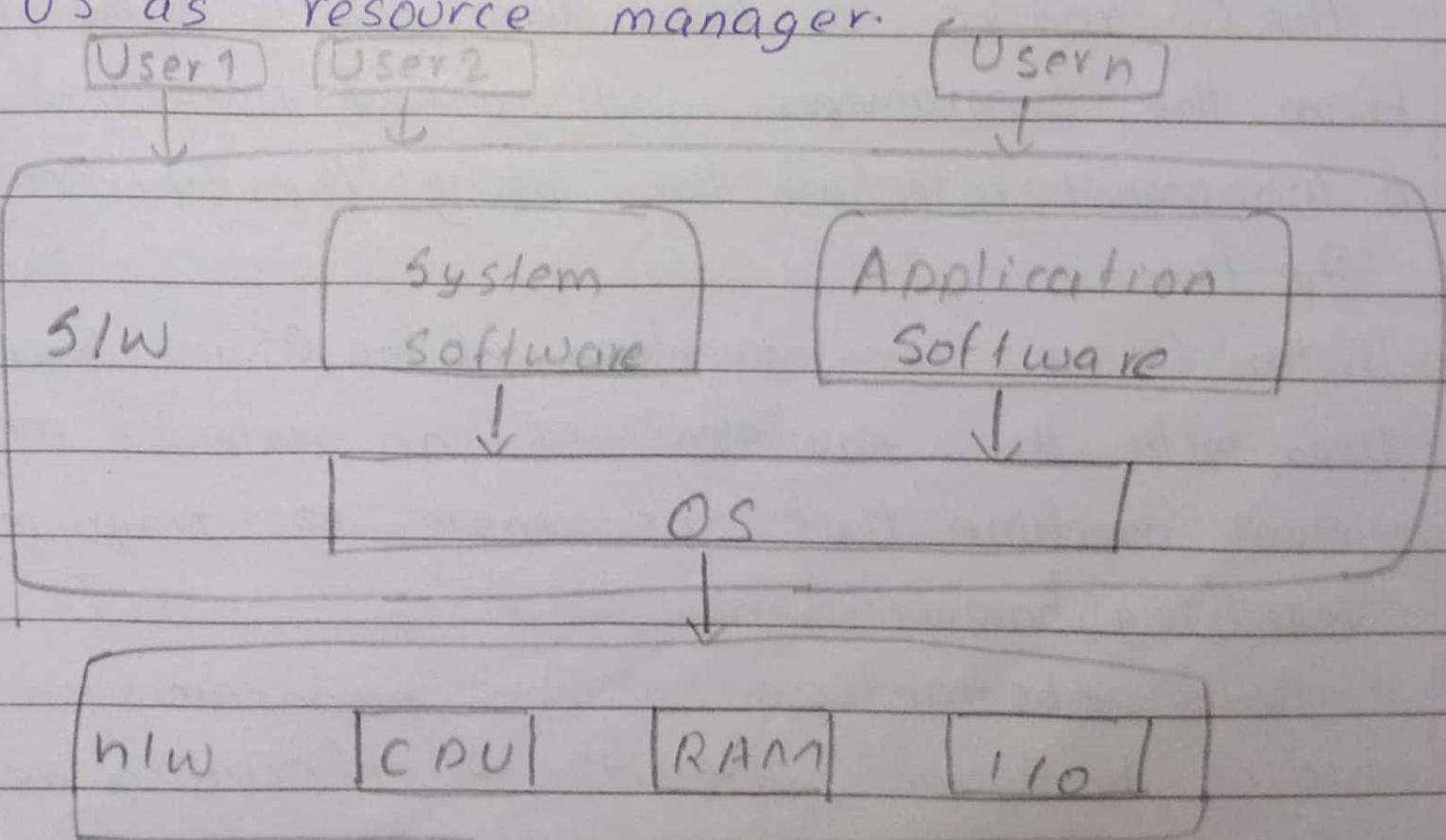


Fig: Operating System

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OS as a Resource manager as well as  
extended machine

write OS defn:-

OS as a Resource manager :-

The OS efficiently manages hardware and software resource such as CPU time, memory, storage & I/O devices.

It uses scheduling algorithm for CPU allocation, memory management techniques like virtual memory & organizes file systems for storage control.

By effectively managing these resources, the OS optimizes system performance, enhances user experience and enable multitasking.

OS as an extended machine.

The OS masks or hides the details of the hardware from the programmers and general users and provides a convenient interface for using the system.

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In this view the function of the OS is to present the user with the equivalent of an extended machine or virtual machine that is easier to program than underlying hardware.

This abstraction makes programming easier by hiding hardware intricacies & offering a more convenient set of instruction for developers

By fulfilling both roles, the OS acts as a resource manager, efficiently allocating resources while also serves as an extended machine, offering a simplified & user-friendly interface for users & programmers.

## Major function of OS:

Memory management function

processor management function

I/O device management function

File management function.

## System call

A mechanism that allows a program to request services from OS kernel.

### System call types:-

It can be <sup>divide</sup> categorize into five major categories.

Process control  
load,

execute,  
get set .process

create process  
terminate process

allocate, free memory

2) file management

create, delete

open, close

read, write, reposition

get set <sup>file</sup>attribute.

3. Device manage

request, release,

read, write,

reposition

logically attach  
or detach devices.

4) Information maintenance

get/set time, date

get/set systemdata

get/set file, device, process

attributes

5) Communication.

create, delete communication

connection  
send, receive message

transfer status info

attach or detach remote  
device.

Sequence of system calls for copying  
one file to new file

Open(): source file

open(): destination file

read(): read from source file

write(): written to destination file.

close(): Both are close.

## Shell

Shell is the program that provides traditional text only user interface for Linux & other Unix OS.

It's primary function is to read command typed into a console or terminal & execute it.

The term shell derives its name from the fact that it is an outer layer of the OS.

The most fundamental way that user can interact with the system & the shell hides the detail of underlying system from user.

Eg:-

Bourne shell, Bash shell, Korn shell, csh shell

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## OS structure.

OS are broadly classified into following categories, based on their structuring mechanism as follows:-

Monolithic system

layered system

Virtual machine

E-kernels

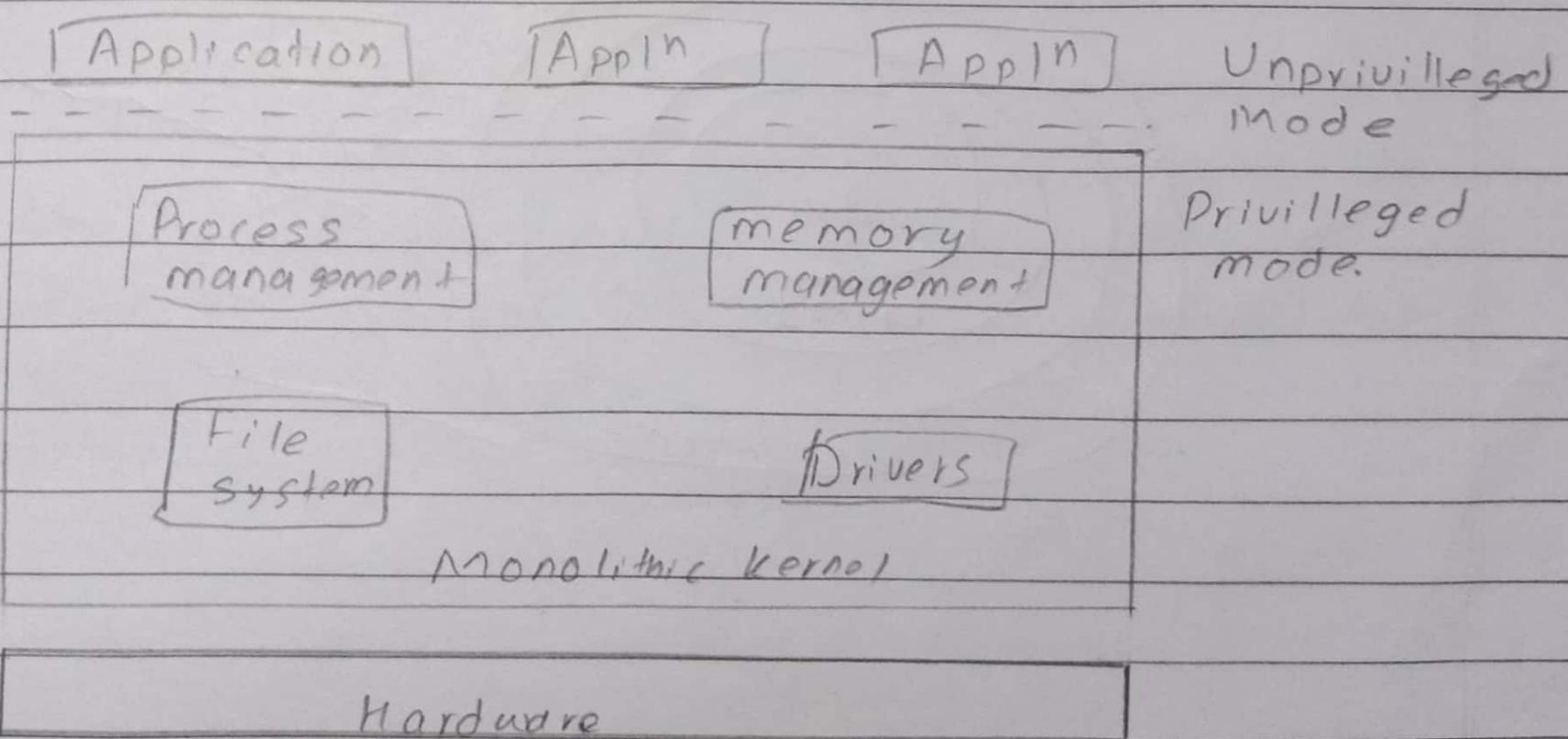
Client - server model

### Monolithic system.

In monolithic architecture, the entire OS runs as a single program in kernel space.

Services includes: process management, memory management, file system, device drivers.

Example:- Linux & older versions of UNIX.



Advantage:-

High performance due to direct access to hardware

Disadvantages:-

Lack of modularity, difficult to maintain & extend.

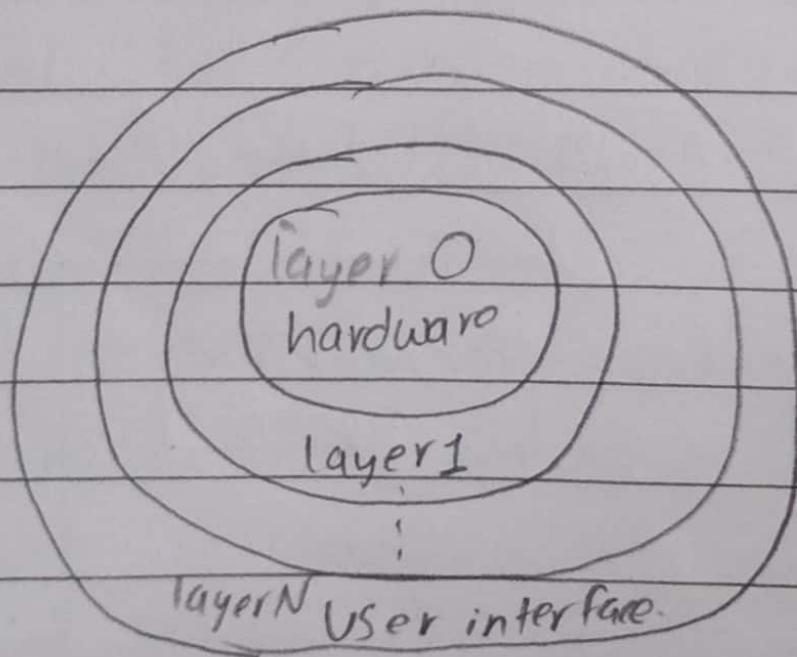
Any services failed entire system failed.

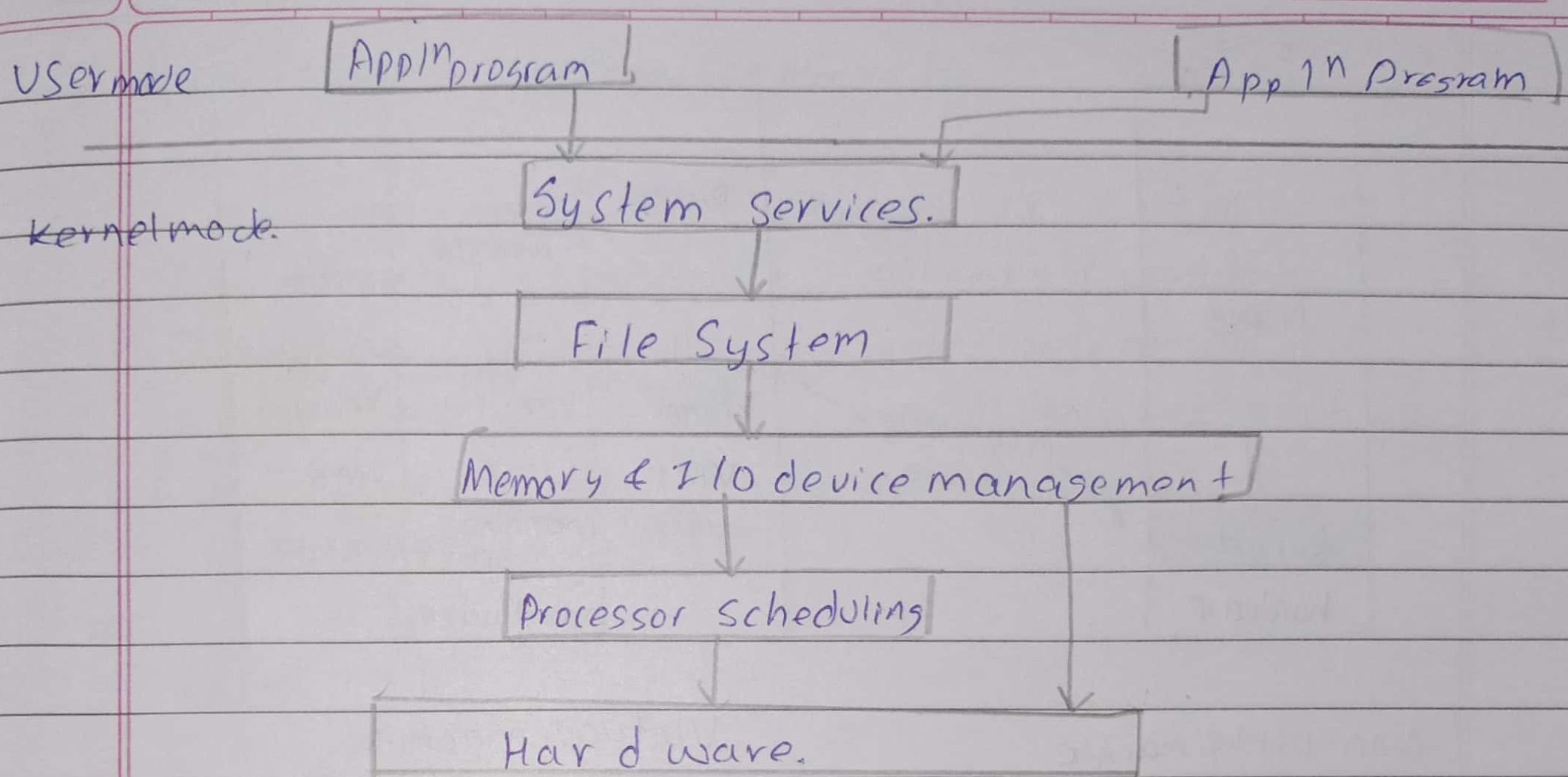
layered operating system

In layered system,

the operating system is divided into hierarchy of layers, with each layer providing specific functionalities.

Each layer interact only with adjacent layer, & no communication between non-adjacent layer is not allowed.





Advantages:-

Modularity	Easy debugging
Easy update	Abstraction

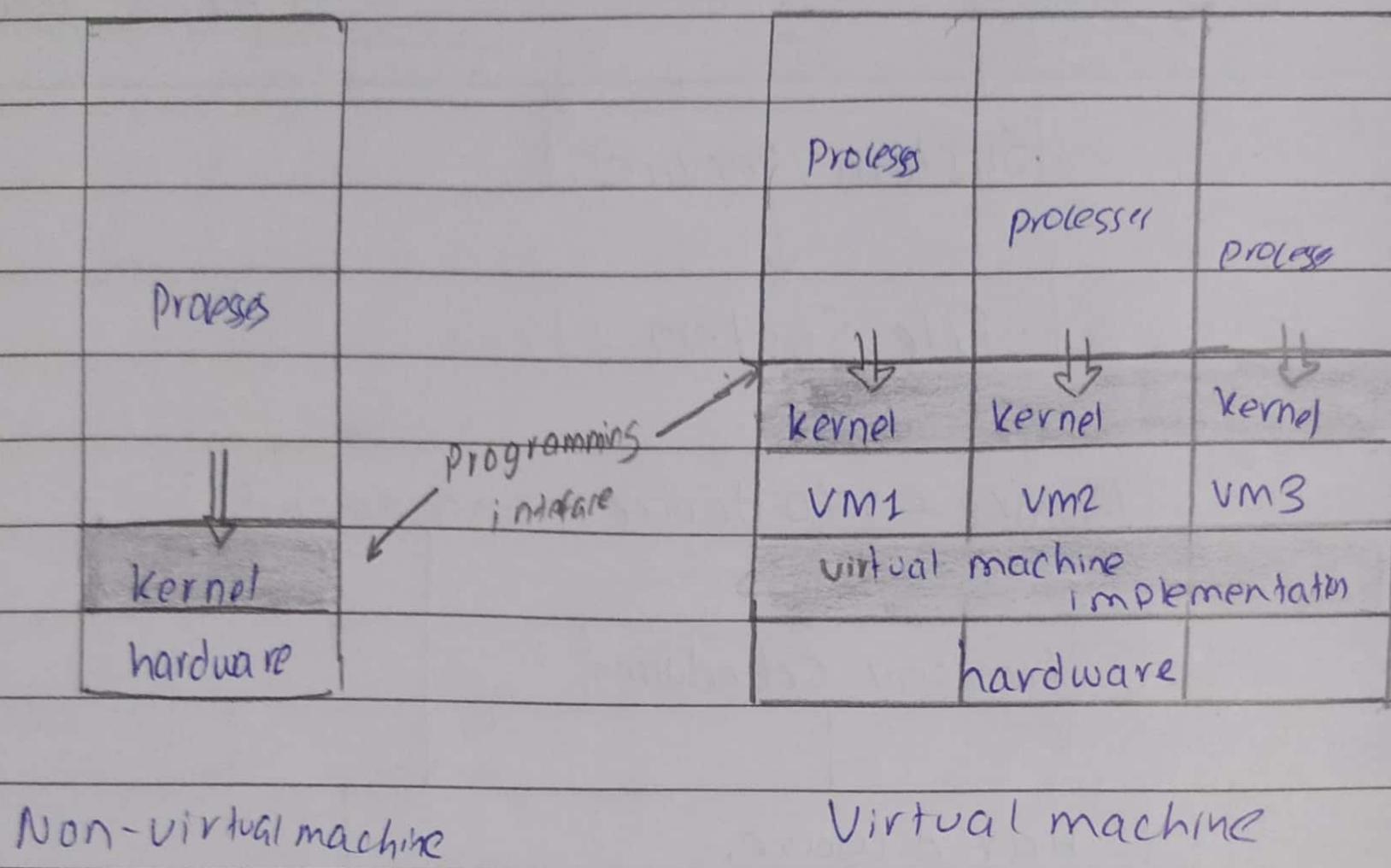
Disadvantages.

Complex, Slow.

### Virtual Machines.

In virtual machines architecture, hypervisor creates virtualized environment for multiple OS instances.

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Non-virtual machine

Virtual machine

### Benefits of Vms .

Due to their ability to create isolated & independent OS environments within a single physical machine, VM's are beneficial.

multiple OS environment exists simultaneously on same machine , which is isolated from each other.

Easy maintenance, application provisions

Client - Server or microkernel.

In client - server model, the OS is divided into two distinct component : clients & servers.

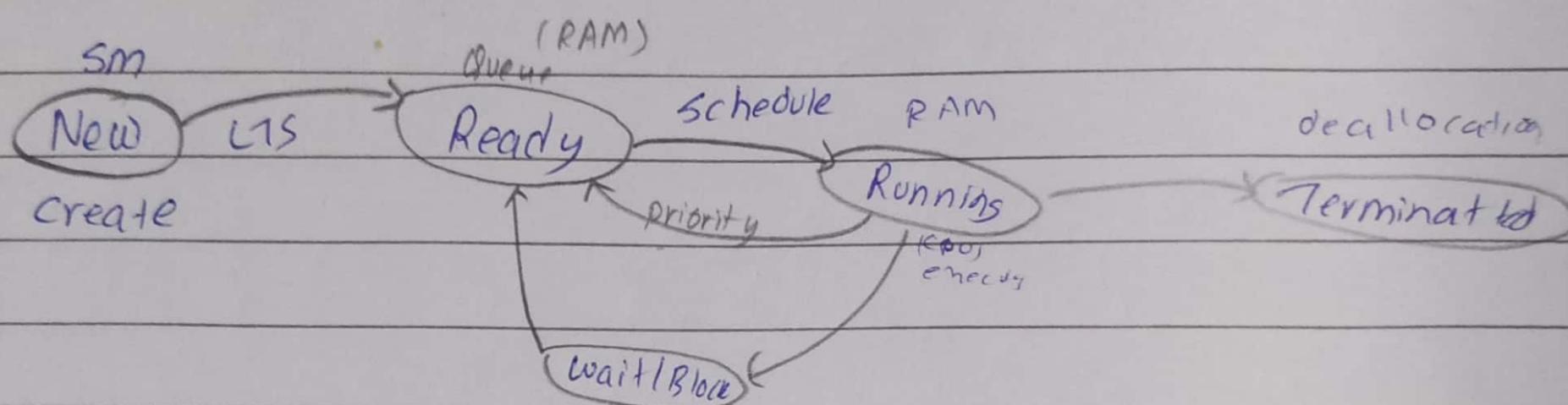
Clients are responsible for user interaction & appln logic, while servers provide services such as file storage, printing & database access

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Batch OS

Define PCB. How do process transition b/w diff states & what triggers these transitions?

### Process states



LTS - long term scheduler  
(multiprogramming)

Fig: Process states & its transition

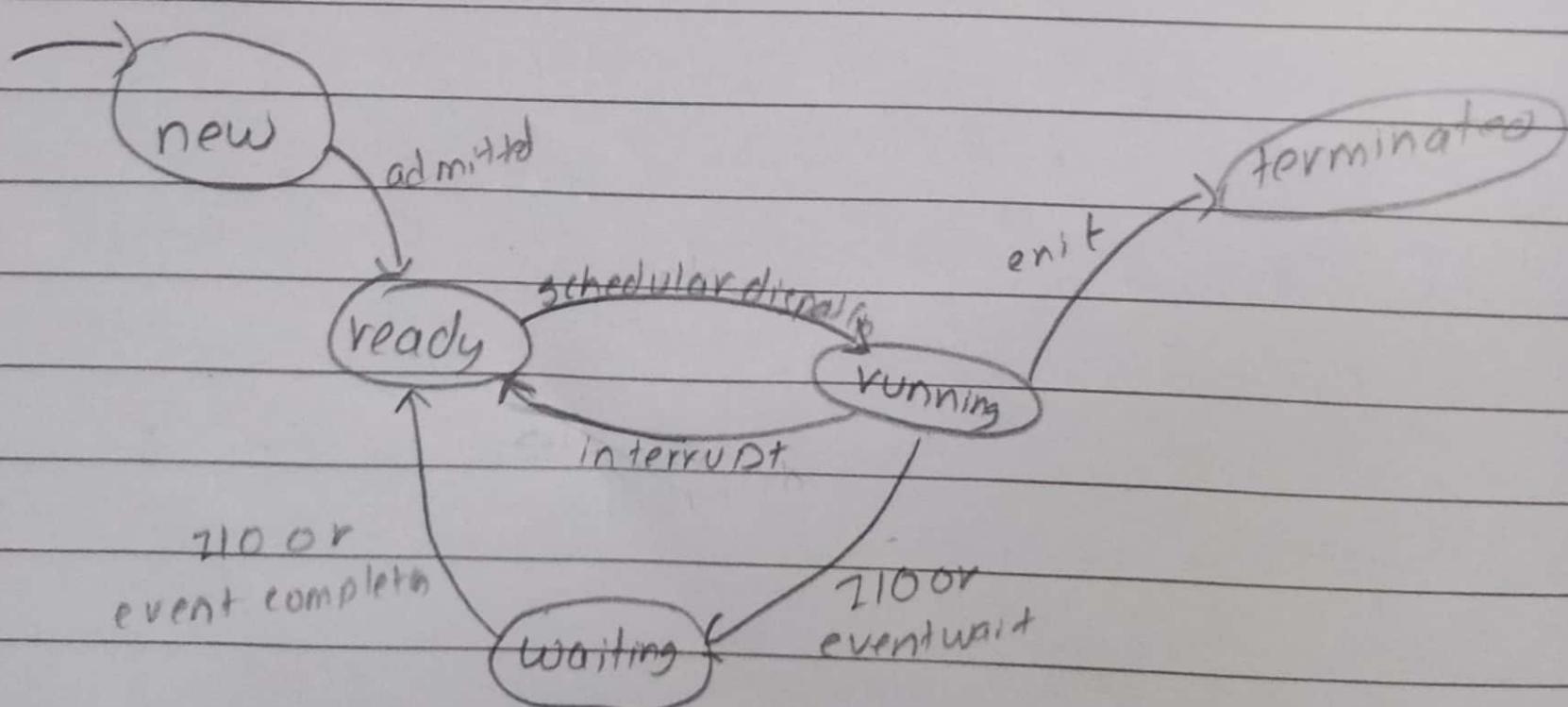


Fig: Process states & its transition

Process is an instance of a program in execution.

When a process executes, it passes through different states.

These stages may differ in different OS, as names are not standarized.

In general, there are five state.

New: The process is being created

Ready: process is waiting to be assigned to a process

Running: Instructions are being executed

Waiting: process is waiting for some event to occur

Terminated:- process has finished execution

\* For what purpose semaphores are used?

Give soln to producer-consumer problem using  
# Semaphores

\* Diff threads & process.

\* How multiprocessor system can be effectively utilized with threads.

\*\*\*\* test & set instruction? Explain producer-consumer prblm & algorithm for resolving using monitor.

\* Explain field in PCB.

\* Explain process state transition diagram used in multi programming environment.

\* How can mutual exclusion affect program performance?  
Describe sleeping barbor problem with pseudocode.

\* Multithreading, Advantage of implementing thread in user space.

# Reader-writer problem, TPC problem?

Race cond'n & mutual exclusion. how mutual exclusion be achieved using TSL.

# Sleep & awake.

User level & kernel level thread.

What is critical region? Explain Dekker's algo.

## PCB (Process control Block)

Each process is represented in the OS by a Process control Block.

(PCB) - also called task control block.

Identifier

State

prioritize

program counter

memory pointer

Content data

I/O status

info

Accounting

info

Identifier :- to distinguish from all other process.

State :- executing - running state.

Priority :- priority level relative to other process.

Program counter :- address of next instruction to be executed.

Memory pointer :- pointer to program code.

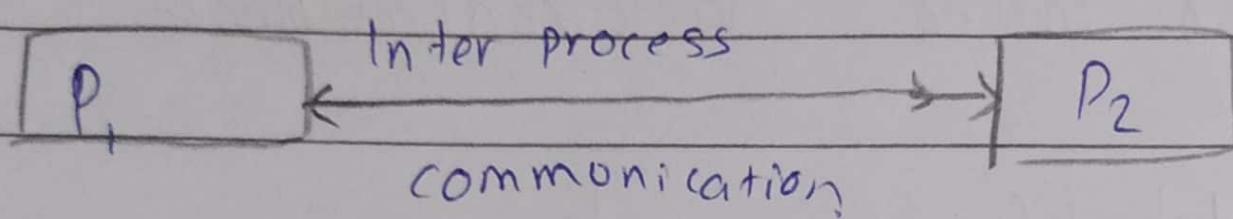
Content data :- present in register.

I/O status :- I/O requests, I/O devices.

Accounting info :- amount of processor time, clock time, time limits.

## IPC (Inter-process communication).

IPC refers to the techniques & mechanisms used by process to communicate with each other.



### Race condition,

It is an unpredictable behaviour due to multiple processes or threads accessing shared resources concurrently without synchronization.

Eg:- Two threads trying to update same variable simultaneously.

### Mutual exclusion:-

It ensures only one process or thread can access a shared resource at a time to prevent race condition

Eg: Using locks or semaphores to control access to critical sections of code.

How mutual exclusion be achieved using TSL?

while ( test\_and\_set (&lock));

Critical Section

lock = false;

boolean test\_and\_set (boolean \*target)

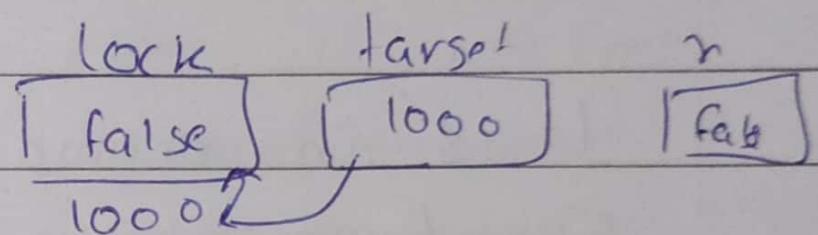
{

    boolean r = \*target;

    \*target = true;

    return r;

}



Sleep & awake

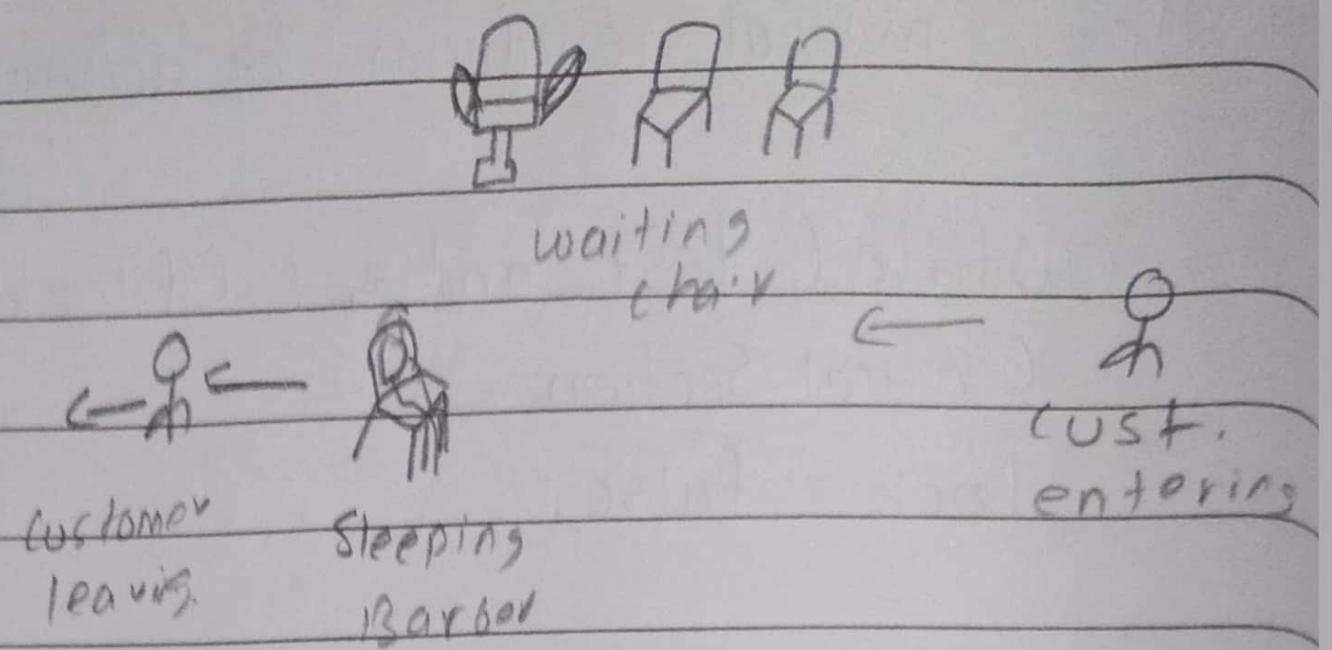
Concept of sleep & awake is very simple.

If critical section is not empty then the process will go & sleep.

It will be waked up by the other process which is currently executing inside the critical section so that the process can get inside the critical section.

If no customer - barber sleeps in his own chair.

When customer arrives - he has to wake up the Barber - many customer - barber cutting customer hair - remaining will either wait or leave. Gurukul hair empty chair or 90% leave.



Example to use sleep & wakeup:-

Producer & consumer's Problem.

It is an example of multi-processing synchronization.

producer produce / generate data item,  
consumer consume these items.

Challenge is to ensure, that producer do not produce data item faster than consumer can consume them & vice versa.

Producer:-

Producer must be synchronized to avoid overfilling the buffer when it's full.

Consumer must be synchronized to prevent attempting consume from an empty buffer.

Synchronization mechanism are needed to ensure proper coordination between producer & consumers.

## Problem :-

If common fixed-size buffer is given, the task is to make sure producer can't add data into buffer when it is full, & consumer can't remove data from empty buffer.

## Solution:-

- Allow producer to sleep or discard data if the buffer is full.
- When consumer removes an item, it notifies the producer to start filling the buffer again.
- consumer can sleep if buffer is empty, & producer wake up when data is available. proper coordination prevent deadlock situation.

$N$  = max no. buffer can store,

# define N=100

int count = 0

void producer(void)

{

int item;

while (true) {

item = produce-item();

if (count == N) sleep();

insert-item(item);

count = count + 1;

if (count == 1) wakeup(consumer);

}

void consumer(void)

{

int item;

while (true) {

if (count == 0) sleep();

item = remove-item();

count = count - 1;

if (count == N - 1)

wakeup(producer);

item consume-item(item);

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## Semaphore

They are integer variables that are used to solve critical section problem by using two atomic operation.

wait & signal that are process used for synchronization.

## Dining Philosophers problem,

This involves N philosophers sitting around a circular table, each needing two forks to eat spaghetti.

Each follow sequence of action

Think,

Pickup left fork.

Pick up right fork,

Eat

Putdown right fork

Put down left fork.

repeat.

This soln leads to deadlock. if all philosopher pickup left one.

It leads to starvation.

The situation, where program continues to run indefinitely without progress is called starvation.

One solution:-

- \* Use an array called 'state' to track whether a philosopher is eating, thinking, or hungry.
- \* Philosopher can move into eating state if neither philosopher are eating. defined by Macros Left & Right.

Reader's Writers problem.

It is acceptable to have multiple processes reading the database at the same time, if one process is 'updating (writing)' the database, no other process may have access to the database, not even a reader.

## Thread:-

Thread is a flow of control within a process.

basic unit of CPU utilization.

with its own program counter, register & stack.

Two types:-

single threaded process.

In this,

each process has its own address space,  
and a single thread of control.

does not provide parallelism.

Multi-thread process,

single process has multiple threads of control.

provide parallelism, & hence improve performance.

## User level thread

managed in user space of main memory

kernel is unaware of these threads

Thread management is handled by user-level  
thread library.

Threads are faster to create and manage.

Advantages :-

easy implementation

no OS modification required.

Disadvantage:- lack of OS integration,

lack of coordination between threads  
& OS kernel.

## kernel-level threads

Defined & managed directly by kernel of OS.

Kernel performs thread creation, scheduling, management.

Used in internal working of OS.

Advantage:-

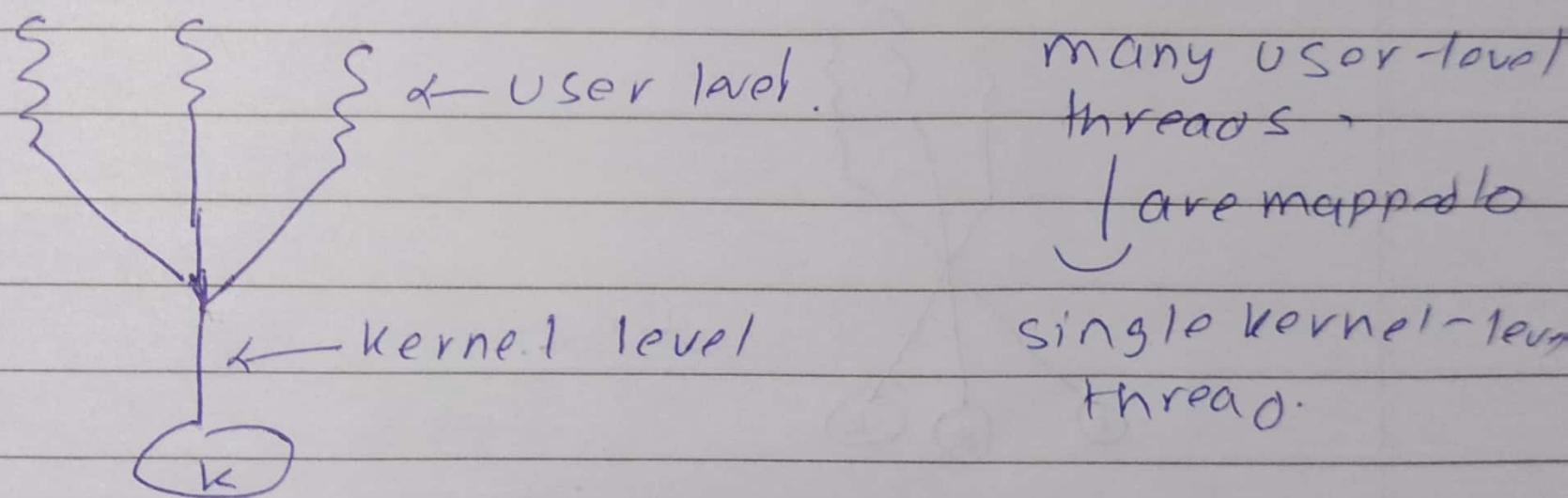
i) Includes kernel's full knowledge of all threads allowing informed scheduling decisions.

Disadvantage:-

slower & less efficient operations compared to user-level threads.

## Multithreading Model.

Many to one model



Only one thread can access at a time.

Advantage:-

simple & efficient.