**Unformatted learning notes**

**Strings**

String literals / const data is stored in read only data segment in C, therefore returning them from function is fine and doesn't get destroyed.

> While modifying the string literal, compiler wont complain but on execution gives SIGSEGV. In case of string array it is stored on stack

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> Global/Static either uninitialized or '0' initialized both are stored in .bss segment

Compiler removes /\* \*/ but not // comment

Variables inside enums are treated as constants and using an enum value common which is common in two enums will create conflict.

> Bitwise operators are not allowed on floating point numbers because bitwise operations are allowed on numbers which are value-represented. In case of floats this is undefined

> Expressions are evaluations when done

> Space matters when doing typedef

> int is updated to unsigned int when comparison or in exprssion evaluation

> Statics have to be defined outside the class just because of one definition rule. If that was allowed every place where class is declared will get initialization

Take care of expression such as : **for** (i = -1; i < ARRAY\_SIZE(arr) - 1; ++i)

Because here macro will return size of type size\_t and condition mght fail ( -1 ~ 11111111111)

#error

macro specified if there is no argument that matches wirth

fseek() function should be preferred over rewind since it gives a sort of return value at least

wx”, “wbx”. When x is used with w, fopen() returns NULL if file already exists or could not open

//this works

char \*s = "gaurav";

int \*p = (char\*)(s);

printf("%s", p);

**Volatile variables**

In the context of our discussion about “**volatile**“, C language standard quotes i.e. ISO/IEC 9899 C11 – clause 6.7.3

“An object that has volatile-qualified type may be modified in ways unknown to the implementation or have other unknown side effects.”

“A volatile declaration may be used to describe an object corresponding to a memory-mapped input/output port or an object accessed by an asynchronously interrupting function. Actions on objects so declared shall not be ‘‘optimized out’’ by an implementation or reordered except as permitted by the rules for evaluating expressions.”

Hardware registers in peripherals : Like reading from a data port from which we might have to read variables on the fly

Variable referenced within ISR

Variables shared by multiple threads

> No optimization is performed on volatile variables

To pass value by reference to a thread use stf::ref as rep. below

std::thread t1 { functor, std::ref(var1), std::ref(var2) };

ISR cannot return a value

They cannot be passed parameted because they are called async and there is no ep

swap nibbles in byte

( (x & 0x0F)<<4 | (x & 0xF0)>>4 );

manacher Algorithm

Find longest palindrome from a string

Approach 1 : For every character move in both the directions and compare till incompare found.

ternary search tree is special case of trie with less child pointers and in which there is common prefix and same is used in auto completion feature of the web browsers/spell checks

C++ mangles the function so whent a linking to any C library it fails.

Size of blank class name is 1 so that address of 2 objects are different.

Types of boolean results are different in C and C++

**Functions**

As per C standard C11, all the arguments of printf() are evaluated irrespective of whether they get printed or not.

If there are insufficient arguments for the format, the behavior is undefined. If the format is exhausted while arguments remain, the excess arguments are evaluated (as always) but are otherwise ignored

In C, if a function name is used without parentheses, the reference to the function name simply generates a pointer to the function, which is then discarded

"An octal constant consists of the prefix 0 optionally followed by a sequence of the digits 0 through 7 only."

As per C, A function cannot have a function or Array as return type.

Unless and until a function is declared virtual in base class and overridden in derived class, base class pointer will call base class method even when it points to derived class object.

Default argument in function can be passed either in declaration or definition but not both.

**References**

alias of variable..any change will reflect in this 2

basically to show operator overloading

> References should be initialized in function initialization list

> Reference cant be modified

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Static functions can be duped using fn pointers

reference cannot be assigned consts

Its ok to return reference of static variable from a function also any modifications made to the returned variable will be reflected in that variable.

**Classes**

If a derived class doesn't implements virtual function of base class, then it also becomes abstract and will throw error in case its object creation is tried.

> Static member functions can be called by the class object, but static members and static functions are not accessible from that static function because when called nu object its just called as global function and no this pointer is passed.

**>** A const object can only call const functions (not any other ) because in that case “const this” is passed as pointer.

> A class declaration can contain static object of self type

Interface versus Abstract class

Abstract class can have definition of a function while an interface cannot have the same

If base class function is overridden in derived class then all other functions are hidden

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**Constructors/Destructors**

Move ctor/assignment operator takes non-const reference

Argument of a copy constructor can have ptr as an argument but that wont be good because they can be nullptr while reference cannot

We can have main() fn overloaded inside a class

> Throwing an exception from constructor is the best way to cleanup in case object is not fully constructed

> Throwing an exception from destructor is dangerous, should be avoided and might result into the crash in case stack unwinding is in place..In that case 2 exceptions are propagating..really dangerous

class A{

B b;

public:

A(B x){

b = x;

}

};

steps here

-call B constructor

-call A default ctor

-assignment operation

-Destructor for X

* When we call constructor explicitly then compiler creates a temporary object and deletes that immediately
* One ctor cannot call another, that is because the order of member objects in the class body is critical

try catch in initialization list

class Foo

{

Foo() try : \_str( "text of string" )

{

}

catch ( ... )

{

std::cerr << "Couldn't create \_str";

// now, the exception is rethrown as if we'd written

// "throw;" here

}

};

> C++ is strongly type in case of exception handling also, a catch block written for a char cannot handle an integer

> Using this in constructor is not a problem

> All data members are sure to be fully constrcuted before body of ctor starts

> constructor cannot be static member function

> You cannot initialize static member in initializer list because it has to be defined outside.

> Deep copy is required when we are copying one object to another and there is involvement of pointers.

Else shallow copy will be made which will create problem if changes are made in 1st object. such changes are reflected in 2nd object

Destructor is called after return statement while variable is copied so dtro cannot change its value

> You can refer a member of class inside the constructor because storage for the corresponding object has been allocated, though you might get indeterminate value.

>While defining virtual destructor, you have to do it in base class

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* Deleting a void pointer doesn't calls the destructor
* Making a destructor private will result into compiler error if object is allocatedon stack

> An inherited protected member cannot be initialized by the derived class If move ctor or assignment operator is explicitly declared then no copy ctor and assignment operator are generated

**Member Variable of a Class**

While defining members of class outside use address outside and pointer inside

->Mutable keyword to be able to change variable inside lambda, another use is when construct by logic is constant but it some things are added that can be changed like debugging symbols

In caching where you have to retain some variable as mutable though lookup of hashtable is const by construct

send/recv are atomic operations

In struct , static member is not allowed

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**Methods Inside Classes**

In fact, all the functions defined inside the class are implicitly inline

Static members are accessible in non-static functins

MACROS cannot access private variables of d class

Virtual function cannot be inline

> static member function cannot be const and volatile because these keywords are referred for an object while static function don't deal with them.

Advantages of initializer list:

> References and const can be initialized in this.

> Prevents assignment operator to be called which unnecessary create temporary

**Optimization + Memory Issues/Solutions**

Copy Elision : prevents unnecessary copying of objects:

C c1(42); // direct-initialization, calls C::C(42)

C c2 = C(42); // copy-initialization, calls C::C( C(42) )

new operator never returns NULL it throws exception std::bad\_alloc

std::set\_new\_handler

> Compiler will do nothing on -> delete p if p is NULL and same is with free()

this as a parameter is passed to ctor

> delete without '[]' in case of array dont give any err its a logical bug BTW.

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**RAII**

“*RAII can be shortly explained as "Resource themselves are responsible for their cleanup where construction should be given to an object's constructor and destructor should cleanup the object even in case exception is thrown."*

*It basically includes 2 things -*

*memory resource requirements and (shared\_ptr and unique\_ptr0*

*shared memory access (using mutexes and lock\_guards)*

resource allocation (acquisition) is done during

object creation (specifically initialization), by the constructor, while resource deallocation (release) is done during object destruction, by the destructor. If objects are destroyed properly, resource leaks do not occur.

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**Storage Classes**

> Rather than making the variable static in a file, place them in unnamed namespace, they will behave just like a static global with internal linkage only.

> Internal linkage means all the variables and functions that are accessible fron within the file only

> External linkage means all variable, functions which are accessible outside the transaltion unit.

> const variable declared in the class has static linkage by default

// in namespace or global scope

int i; // extern by default

const int ci; // static by default

extern const int eci; // explicitly extern

static int si; // explicitly static

// the same goes for functions (but there are no const functions)

int foo(); // extern by default

static int bar(); // explicitly static

> Names at the top-level namespace scope (file scope in C) that are const and not extern have external linkage in C, but internal linkage in C++.

> The static variables have to be initialized through constants...because these variables are initialized even before main.But this norm has be laxed in C++

> Static variables inside class doesn't contribute to its size, it is stored just like any other global variable

> In a class, constants are allowed when variable are declared using const keyword. Simple const is allowed in c++11 else it was only static const type that can be assigned constant values.

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int a]2 = { 10, 20 };

The expression ++\*p has two operators of same precedence, so compiler looks for assoiativity. Associativity of operators is right to left. Therefore the expression is treated as ++(\*p). Therefore the output of first program is “arr[0] = 11, arr[1] = 20, \*p = 11“.

**Casting**

**Difference between static\_cast and C-cast**

> Static Cast wont allow casting between unrelated data type...like pointer to integer or integer to pointer.but its allowed in C-casting

> When you are cross casting ( take one base class and 2 derived classes - d1 and d2 ) and if you try cross casting d1 and d2...u'll get NULL ptr.

> dynamic\_cast uses info from vtable to determine

> Re-interpret cast is often used when you want to interface C/C++ API

**Concurrency**

Mutex and semaphores both are synchronization primitives while mutex is based on locking-unlocking mechanism, semaphore is based on signalling

Differences:

>Semaphores can provide sync. Services access to multiple resources while mutex only one

>Mutex is unlocked by the process that locked it while semaphore can be signalled by any other thread.

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C++11 Concurrency

The technique of acquiring resources in a

constructor and releasing them in a destructor, known as Resource Acquisition Is Initialization

In std::mutex copy constructor and assignment operator are mentioned delete.

mutex m; // used to protect access to shared data

// ...

void f()

{

unique\_lock<mutex> lck {m}; // acquire the mutex m

// ... manipulate shared data ...

or simply

mutex m;

m.lock();

x = x+1;

m.unlock();

}

think of lock\_guard just like a entity that prevents memory leaks and actual work is done by mutex.

lock\_guard<mutex> m;

//Runtime polymorphism can also be implemented through references along with the pointers...

B b;

A &a = b;

**POSIX Semaphores:**

A semaphore is an object with an integer value that we can manipulate

with two routines; in the POSIX standard, these routines are sem wait()

and sem post()

sem\_t m;

sem\_init(&m, 0, X); //initialize the semaphore to X (resource count)

int sem\_wait(sem\_t \*s) {

decrement the value of semaphore s by one

wait if value of semaphore s is negative

}

int sem\_post(sem\_t \*s) {

increment the value of semaphore s by one

if there are one or more threads waiting, wake one

}

The thread/process will wait till value of semaphore is > 0

**Polymorphism ( including Virtual Functions )**

Pure virtual functions make class to have partial vtable and object of such class which has partial information is meant to be prevented to create object of that particular class.

It is possible to define pure virtual function outside the class.

If you want to provide common function for all derived classes, then make the definition of that pure virtual function outside the class.

> Downcasting is used when you know the exact type of object being pointed by the base class pointer.

> Downcast is not allowed without using dynamic\_cast which u ensures that it is safe, because there may be another directly derived classes that base pointer might be pointing to

> **Downcasting is allowed only between base class and derived class relative.** When there is base class pointer pointing to derived class, it is not allowed when a base class pointer points to another derived class and you try to downcast that base class pointer to another derived class. While static\_cast is allowed without base pointer being pointing to another derived class. **See last point below**

> Upcasting slices the object because u wont be able to call derived class functions when used with base class pointer.

> Virtual function when called from base class ctors only point to the base class, because till then derived class ctor hasn't been called so virtual table hasn't been set up yet..

> When you make the base class destructor virtual, in that case you don't need to override the dtor options.

> If you want to make base class abstract but there is no pure virtual function you can make the dtor pure and virtual thats how things will change.

> Virtual base constructors are always called from the final leaf class. None of the other constructors for the virtual base are called

> Virtual funda starts from the class where first virtual function is defined

> When calling derived class member function sing base class pointers in case of rutime dispatch only those member functions are accessible which are defined in base class.

Here in this example, since a2 doesn't points to B object, dcast is not allowed while static\_cast works fine.

**JUST KEEP IN MIND DOWNCAST IS SUCCESSFUL ONLY WHEN BASE CLASS POINTER WAS POINTING TO DERIVED CLASS WHILE CREATING THE OBJECT, WHILE STATIC CAST JUST SEES THE POLYMORPHIC TYPES OF CLASSES.**

A \*a1 = new B;

A \*a2 = new A;

B \*b1 = dynamic\_cast<B\*>(a2);

B \*b2 = static\_cast<B\*>(a2);

cout<<b1<<" "<<b2<<endl;

Virtual pointer is inherited to derived classes also but the functions which are redefined are overridden in the vtable also

Within C++, a polymorphic class is one that contains either an inherited or declared virtual function.

Virtual table is created in each class which has either a virtual function or inherits from a class that has a virtual function. The base class pointer points to a derived class object when runtime polymorphism is realized. Hence, vtable of derived class is referred.

The derived class vtable is filled with entries of vtable of base class and entries are overridden for each base class function overridden in derived class.

A call to virtual function from base class constructor while that constructor is invoked via polymorphism will call base class virtual function beacuse derived won't be created by that time.

non-static data member initializers only available with -std=c++11 or -std=gnu++11( read it as const )

static data members of a class do not contribute to the size of class and they are not related to objects

once the static data member has been defined, it exists even if no objects of its class have been created.

Static data members are initialized and destroyed exactly like non-local objects

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\*this pointer is implicit to the object and can check the behavior just before construtor

\*Object slicing can be prevented by using ptrs

\*Problem with Double check locking is Sequnce re-ordering , normail sequence will be

-Allocated memory

-Create object in it

-Make ptr point it to that memory

But if compiler decides to flip statements 2 and 3 and one thread decides to stop after 3(Make ptr pointing) in that case object is not created and

second thread if try to enter will think the pointer is valid hence will be fatal because object is still has not been created in the memory yet.

The way is to make each thread call that singleton thread is to call getInstance() by each thread before beginning and cache that object.

Memory mapped I/O where RAM is used to store transmit data from peripheral devices to/from CPU this thing saves time for additional memory fetching

volatile keyword exact use when we are reading from a I/O signal where there is MMIO then accessing that memory might be optimized by the compiler

unsigned \*p = Address();

a = \*p;

b = \*p;

we want p to be changed dynamically because that will refer ro same port, compiler might optimize it and do b = a;

Difference between static\_cast and C-style cast

test.cpp:8:30: error: invalid static\_cast from type ‘char\*’ to type ‘int\*’

int \*p = static\_cast<int\*>(&c);

test.c:8:10: warning: initialization from incompatible pointer type

int \*p = &c;

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Function template example : T& Array<T>::operator[](int index) {}

To prevent a deadlock maintain the lock order so that 2 thread shouldn't come at once. Have some ways to accessd down critical sections of code

smart ptr count ref

catch by val or ptr

type of itr

dlocking singleton can fail

Use return by value now, because by default std::move will be called

In case of exceptions, The recommended way is to throw by value and catch by reference.

When throwing an exception, throw an object by value. Avoid throwing a pointer, because if you > > throw a pointer, you need to deal with memory management issues

> catch by reference as object slicing will give different result

Use to\_string(int) to convert integer to string and for reverse stoi(string)

delete this wont cause any problem unless and until that is used ur last usage of function

cout << x << y is an example of method chaining.

To find the inorder successor of tree go right then left->left\* in case the node has rt child else use loop where you have to fiund the parent whose left child ius that node. if node lies in left of given node make that as successor

if you go further left then make that also left node else go right->right and no need to modify anything.

Order statistics tree has number of elements in the node in this when treeSize+1 > k. go left and look for treeSize+1-k else go right and look for k +1- (treeSize)

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static Point rectangular(float x, float y); // Rectangular coord's

static Point polar(float radius, float angle); // Polar coordinates

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In some cases, mostly for g++ when calling by value

Foo x = sea(1, 2);

Foo sea(int i, int j){

Foo t = new Foo(3, 5);

return t;

}

//As per the standard 3 objects will be created inside sea, in function stack and while assigning to x

But compiler optimizer it as

Foo t;

sea(&t, 1, 2)

void sea(\*ptr, int i, int j){

ptr = new Foo(i, j);

//do with ptr;

return;

}

It is only applied when all path return the same type of variable.

//So in this case, ptr is created in function itself, no copies...in another moderate optimizations. return by value is changed to pass by pointer.

Static order initialization fiasco depends on the dependency among 2 static vars, to prevent this use "Construct On First Use Idiom", Solution to this is to return the first one which is being used by reference and let the function be called

x().goBowling();

When the program exits all heap is reclaimed by CPU.

If ctor fails, throw and exception

Application of re-throwing and exception is to add traces while it is being trasnsmitted

\*vptr is associated with each object

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**C Internals:**

process segment in following order top to bottom

stack, heap, bss, data, text

.bss all 0's (uninitialized or initialized to 0) along with the static local variables which are not declared

bss segment is non-zero because some of the libraries are present, to see actual use the option -nostdlib or -nostartfiles

use objdump -S ./a.out to see the disassemble code.

Adding a subroutine's entry to the call stack is sometimes called "winding"; conversely, removing entries is "unwinding"

In C++,”this” pointer along with function arguments in the call stack when invoking methods

In pushing order following is stored for a subroutine on a call stack:

“Parameters”, “Return Addresses”, “Locals”

Spilling is the method sto store variable from register to local memory while the reverse is called filling

Linux boot process

BIOS executes master boot recoord bootloader

It is located in 1st block of HDD it loads GRUB (grand unified bootloader)

loads kernel which in turns executes /sbin/init program

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typedef doesn't declare an instance of a variable, it declares a type (type alias actually),

static is a qualifier you apply to an instance, not a type, so you can use static when you use the type, but not when you define the type. Like this..

typedef int int32;

static int32 foo;

The comma operator is evaluated left to right and result is value of right thing

sizeof is an operator because it is mentioned in standards

you cant take address of it, u can use it without parentheses,

sizeof operator is evaluated at compile time

> sizeof(func(2)) only prints the sizeof value returned by the function

> The sizeof operator doesn't evaluates the expression, it just return size of operand

TCPL

2 funcs - 1 containg a var as argument and another containing the same const arg are not considered as overloaded because only copy is passed while in case of pointer they are different i.e char\* and const char\* are different hence overloaded function as args of such type is allowed

static variables have internal linkage by default...

You cannot specify storage to class

typedef int\* int\_p1;

int\_p1 a, b, c; // a, b, and c are all int pointers.

#define int\_p2 int\*

int\_p2 a, b, c; // only the first is a pointer!

compiler created temporary objects cannot be bound to non-const references

To find offset of struct use offsetof(struct, variable); from <stddef.h>

We cannot take address of register variables and it cannot be global

since auto variables don't exist at program load time they can't be initialized by the runtime startup code

Compiler prevents converting volatile int\* to int\* and vice versa is not allowed

making a variable const automatically makes it static in C++ but not in C

Static local variables are not stored in bss segment

Scope of a name is part of the program where that name can be used

Parameters are same as local variables

register variable informs compiler that the given variable will be heavily use

static variable remains to file only even if defined in header file and used in c file

C standard is defined in such a way that it it possible for it to compiler one file independently...when declared register global in one file, there is now way it can find out that there is another file that has declared that variable as register global

Guarantee - static + global = 0

register + automatic - garbage

For external and static variables, the expression on RHS must be a constant expression

They are initialized just before the execution of program

using string to initialize a character array will automatically add extra '\0' to it

If array size allocated is smaller than initializer in that case warning is displayed and printed characters are which are intialized ones while in case of c++ error is generated ;)

C code, a definition without a storage class was an int definition and you cannot have statements as global

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you can access static functions with normal objects

there is nothing called static objects, statics can be ducked by anybody but they cannot anybody.

Usage of static and extern pointers

A static pointer could be used to implement a function that always returns the same buffer to the program, allocating it the first time it is called and example of the same is singleton pattern

char \* GetBuffer() {

static char \* buff = 0;

if ( buff == 0 ) {

buff = malloc( BUFSIZE );

}

return buff;

}

An extern (i.e. global) pointer could be used to allow other compilation units to access the parameters of main:

extern int ArgC = 0;

extern char \*\* ArgV = 0;

int main( int argc, char \*\* argv ) {

ArgC = argc;

ArgV = argv;

...

}

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you can return multiple values from function using tuple

i.e

std::tuple<int,int> fun();

int a;

int b;

std::tie(a,b)=fun();

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**Operators**

Some operators return by value, some by reference. In general, an operator whose result is a new value (such as +, -, etc) must return the new value by value, and an operator whose result is an existing value, but modified (such as <<, >>, +=, -=, etc), should return a reference to the modified value.

in order to support operator chaining, the assignment operator must return some value. The value that should be returned is a reference to the left-hand side of the assignment.

You should return by reference if you are using += and return by value if it is +, - etc

Property of modulo operator:

(A+B)%m = A%m + B%m

(A\*B)%m = (A%m \* B%m) %m

Clustered index is index which is sorted and in which multiple column entries are clustered to give multiple data entries

A clustered index determines the order in which the rows of the table will be stored on disk

A non-clustered index has no effect on which the order of the rows will be stored

Add without addition operator - half adder logic

while(y != 0){

carry = x&y; //for subtraction it will be ~x&y

x = x^y;

y = carry<<1;

}

or return printf("%\*c%\*c", x, ' ', y, ' ');

Multiply without operator -

#define A x

#define B y

char arr[A][B];

use sizeof

This another O(n) which relies on the fact that if we n times multiply the matrix M = {{1,1},{1,0}} to itself (in other words calculate power(M, n )), then we get the (n+1)th Fibonacci number as the element at row and column (0, 0) in the resultant matrix.

In a specified execution sequence, certain points are there which are called sequence points which make sure that side effects of previous evaluations are guaranteed to be complete

— The end of the first operand of the following operators:

a) logical AND &&

b) logical OR ||

c) conditional ?

d) comma ,

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> In C, a code in which function is called before its definition is fine

> Its not mandatory to initialize a \*const variable in C

> in C++, main must return 'int'

> Size of bool and char is different in C and C++

> In case of ref. var. you cant tell whether a given argument is passed by reference or by value, chance of a bug

> Protect object slicing by taking argument as reference parameter

> RT polymorphism is possible with references also like >> Bases &b = d; //where its Derived d

> Parameter declarations that differ only in a pointer \* versus an array [] are equivalent

> Parameter declarations that differ only in the presence or absence of const and/or volatile are equivalent.

> C++ allows member methods to be overloaded on the basis of const type

> C++ allows functions to be overloaded on the basis of const-ness of parameters only if the const parameter is a reference or a pointer

class D : public B {

public:

using B::f; // make every f from B available

double f(double d) { cout << "f(double): "; return d+1.3; }

// ...

};

there are 2 types of caches

instruction and data caches

list<sqr2(X)> mylist2; // Wrong; sqr2 is not constexpr

Virtual function cannot be inline because call is resolved at RT

deleting NULL is undefined behaviour

**Program crashes when used to delete stack variable else it doesn't, might be UB**

If a non-static object is member then declaration of class is incomplete and compiler has no way to find out size of the objects of the class.

Size of an empty class is not zero. It is 1 byte generally. It is nonzero to ensure that the two different objects will have different addresses.

When you apply the const qualifier to a nonstatic member function, it affects the this pointer. For a const-qualified member function of class C, the this pointer is of type C const\*, whereas for a member function that is not const-qualified, the this pointer is of type C\*

delete operator works only for objects allocated using operator new

memory layout

stack -- High address

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Heap

Uninitialized section

Initialized section ( read-only and read-write)

code section -- Low Address

To learn memory layout remember sorted order from low-high ( CIU )

Compiler creates a copy constructor if we don't write our own. Compiler writes it even if we have written other constructors in class

**To execute code before entering main you should declare a class, define a global object of it and do what you want in its constructor.**

Virtual constructors don't make sense, it is meaningless to the C++ compiler to create an object polymorphically

C++ deliberately specifies that binding a temporary object to a reference to const on the stack lengthens the lifetime of the temporary to the lifetime of the reference itself

We can have "return;" statement both in ctor and dtor

In C++, class variables are initialized in the same order as they appear in the class declaration.

B ob = "copy me"; or B ob = B("copy me"); //copy initialization

as

B ob("copy me"); //direct initialization

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Function parameters cannot be declared constexpr.

constexpr cannot be applied to the declaration its only for the definition

You can make a class to have virtual ctor by having a Create method as static

It is possible to call destructor for local objects

Destructor is also called for the argument of function

When destructor is called explicitly then object is destroyed immediately

Base class friend functions and its ctor/dtor are not inherited inside the derived class.

vptr is related to object while vtable is related to class

base \*b;

derived d;

b = &d;

b->show(); //first derived class vptr is accessed and then show is searched in the list of functions which is called

Returning reference from operator overloading allows chaining and returning value is inefficient as it will create unnecessary temporaries

private member can be accessed in a friend function and also while defining function outside the class ... 'friend' keyword has to be dropped

The principle reason to make the return type of copy-assignment a non-const reference is that it is a requirement for "Assignable" in the standard.

In summary, the guidelines for the assignment operator are:

Take a const-reference for the argument (the right-hand side of the assignment).

Return a reference to the left-hand side, to support safe and reasonable operator chaining. (Do this by returning \*this.)

Check for self-assignment, by comparing the pointers (this to &rhs) because in case of pointers we actually delete the pointer of the left side which is also the right side so assigning things from right to left won't be fine as it is already deleted

Problem while overloading sizeof is that it is used to measure the size of pointer so decides how much to jump

Scope resolution and member access operators work on names rather than values. C++ has no syntax for writing code that works on names rather than values so syntactically these operators can not be overridden.

We can make v.fn private but to access it we have to make main as a friend function of that class

Access specifiers are checked at compile time

We need to declare the body of the virtual function in case it is made pure virtual because in that case it will give erro when destruction takes place in reverse order

Prefer not to give default values to a function in inheritance because the value of the function contained inside th base class will be substituted

Implicit type conversion doesn’t happen for primitive types

The catch(...) must be the last catch block.

The process of removing function call entries from fn call stack is called stack unwinding

Constructors are not inherited, however assignment operator is.

**RTTI**

In C++, RTTI (Run-time type information) is available only for the classes which have at least one virtual function

RTTI or run time type information is a scheme to determine type of an object at run time

following operatprs are used to implement the same

dynamic\_cast operator is used to check if the downcasting is possible or not

type\_info class

and typeid operator and it returns type\_info class

typeid(int) == typeid(int&); // evaluates to true

Virtual function cannot be inlined

**Local classes**

> Local class is defined in a function and can be used only in that function and not accessible outside.

> Local class cannot access local variable of function though its able to access external and static variables purely because of lifetime static class members have to be defined in global scope.

> Member functions of a local class have to be defined within their class definition and it cannot have static members also.

for tinyURL typo questions

take 62 possible characters for the URL ... use 10 digit integer id for that URL and store <integer>:<Original URL> in database

// A simple base conversion logic

for (int i=0; i < shortURL.length(); i++)

{

if ('a' <= shortURL[i] && shortURL[i] <= 'z')

id = id\*62 + shortURL[i] - 'a';

if ('A' <= shortURL[i] && shortURL[i] <= 'Z')

id = id\*62 + shortURL[i] - 'A' + 26;

if ('0' <= shortURL[i] && shortURL[i] <= '9')

id = id\*62 + shortURL[i] - '0' + 52;

**Pure Functions:**

In C++, a function a said to be pure which returns the same value when given a particular input. e.g strlen() is a pure function while rand() and time() is not.

**Operator Overloading**

In C++, following are the general rules for operator overloading.

1) Only built-in operators can be overloaded. New operators can not be created.

2) Arity of the operators cannot be changed.

3) Precedence and associativity of the operators cannot be changed.

4) Overloaded operators cannot have default arguments except the function call operator () which can have default arguments.

5) Operators cannot be overloaded for built in types only. At least one operand must be used defined type.

6) Assignment (=), subscript ([]), function call (“()”), and member selection (->) operators must be defined as member functions

7) Except the operators specified in point 6, all other operators can be either member functions or a non member functions.

8 ) Some operators like (assignment)=, (address)& and comma (,) are by default overloaded.

9) Operators like scope resolution( :: ), member access ( . ), pointer to member (.\*), Ternary (?:) cannot be overloaded.

Reason: Scope resolution and member access work on names rather than values. sizeof needs to find the size ate compiler time.

**Templates**

class templates:

It is possible to have default parameter types in the templates like

template<class T, typename U=char>

and then make a declaration like

Array<int>

Remove class scoping from friend function declaration

using namespace std; is bad because it might happen that there are 2 functions with same name that appear in 2 namespaces then there will a conflict

An identifier can be declared as often as you want.

You cannot have default argument for friend template

We can pass nontype parameters (parameters that are not data types) to class/function templates.

To check if a number is power of 2

If we subtract a power of 2 numbers by 1 then all unset bits after the only set bit become set;

n&(n-1) will give 0. The expression n&(n-1) will not work when n is 0. To handle this case also, our expression will become n& (!n&(n-1))

In the above case n&(n-1) gives '0' in first attempt itself when one bit is set, we can use the same if we have to find out number of set bits by

doing n = n&(n-1) 'x' times till n becomes 0 where x is number of bits set.

Also called nth order statistic or QuickSelect

function select(list, left, right, n)

if left = right // If the list contains only one element,

return list[left] // return that element

pivotIndex := ... // select a pivotIndex between left and right,

// e.g., left + floor(rand() \* (right - left + 1))

pivotIndex := partition(list, left, right, pivotIndex)

// The pivot is in its final sorted position

if n = pivotIndex

return list[n]

else if n < pivotIndex

return select(list, left, pivotIndex - 1, n)

else

return select(list, pivotIndex + 1, right, n)

comma as an operator returns the right operand after executing left side, its use is in for loop where there is inc. dec. of more than 2 indices

if (failure)

return (errno = EINVAL, -1);

The main advantage of paging over memory segmentation is that it allows the physical address space of a process to be noncontiguous

> left shift and right shift when applied on -ve numbers results in undefined behavior and it cannot be applied on floating numbers

The & operator can be used to quickly check if a number is odd or even

To find the missing number XOR of given list and then of 1->n XOR of 2 results gives us the missing number

When you do exit(0) then constructor is not called while it is called on executing return 0 but it will be called when the variable is static

Variable names can be omitted in default arguments

No need of taking address of function to assign it to function pointer

Array of function pointers

In structure, a bit field variable cannot be static

**Little and Big Endian Mystery:**

In big endian the MSB stored first

in little endian MSB (byte) stored last

unsigned int i = 1;

char \*c = (char\*)&i;

if (\*c)

printf("Little endian");

else

printf("Big endian")

Studying big and little endian mystery

Normally we ideate everything in terms of big endian, it means we visualize like right end we has LSB. To convert that to little endian just write the number in big endian form and reverse as it is and that is how number will be stored but while calculating in little endian style byte by byte take each tbyte and think of it stored in reverse order like if you stored 12 in big endian.. it will be like

00-00-0c-00

while in little endian it will be like

00-c0-00-00

0000-0000—0011-0000 like this value is 3072

We cannot have array of void data type

3) Array parameters are always passed as pointers, even when we use square brackets.

In C, arr, &arr, &arr[0] gives same output with the middle one interpreted as &arr ( Pointer to array , int \*p = &arr will give error )

A string literal initialization appends '\0'

C++ do array bound checking while gcc doesn't

assignig literal to [] gives one extra space for '\0' while it doesn't when assigning to a pointer

appVirtual funda starts from the class where first virtual function is definedend const to remove warning related to string literal assigned to a pointer

Array parameters are always passed as pointers, even when we use square brackets

You always have to keep 1 character extra while assigning string literal to a constant array

char \*str = "GfG";

In the above line “GfG” is stored in a shared read only location, but pointer str is stored in a read-write memory.

Only and only reference can act as an lvalue in case the variable is returned from a function.

you can do free with realloc passing size as 0 realloc(ptr, 0)

To print some of 2 numbers without any operator use printf width specifiers

Assigning integer to enum results in compiler error directly

you cannot initialize members directly in structure.

Designated Initialization allows structure members to be initialized in any order

Macros can have side effects , macro can undergo name conflicts

const in C cannot be used to build constant expressions.

Your own sizeof() : -> printf("%d", (int)(&x + 1) - (int)(&x + 0)); for T x;

Heap store and Heap : Both are conceptual names, where free store refers to memory area allocated by new, heap is allocated by malloc/calloc calls.

To find set bits in an integer:

while(n)

{

count += n & 1;

n >>= 1;

}

and

while (n)

{

n &= (n-1) ;

count++;

}

return count;

Count number of bits to be flipped to convert A to B

Do XOR of 2 numbers and count the set bits in the resultant number.

**How to write your own sizeof operator?**

#define my\_sizeof(type) (char \*)(&type+1)-(char\*)(&type)

 In C, if a macro is not defined, the pre-processor assigns 0 to it by default.

To count the set bits in floating point. typecast the number to char pointer and count the set 1-by-1

Random Notes :

In C++11 it is possible to have in-class member initializer just like int a= 9;

Better in case of multiple ctors....

In strcpy the source should be const char\*

C++ allow uniform initializaion for all types of data types --> { }

static\_assert(Expression, String); //if expression failed throw error in the form of string

long long type is defined in C++11

int a = nullptr ; //error nullptr is not integer

C allows partial initializers in array like : int arr[50] = {0,1,2,[47]=47,48,49};

In definition of these arrays, the mention of array size using variable is ok as per C standard but these types of arrays can’t be initialized at the time of definition.

An array whose size is specified as variable can’t be defined out any function.

pre-increment operator can work as l-value but post-increment cannot, because pre-increment returns reference to incremented variable while post-increment returns temporary copy.

Nested class have access to private members of nesting class, but cannot modify it.

Enclosing class cannot access private members of nested class.

% operator cannot be used with floating point numbers in C & C++.

Check range of x between low and high - return ((x-low) <= (high-low));

In C, it is possible to have array of all types except following: void, functions.

cin/cout are a bit slower than printf/scanf because of the synchronization they have to do with stdio functions. It can be prevented by using following function call:

std::ios::sync\_with\_stdio(false);

In unordered\_multiset, equal\_range(val) function returns a pair of type where first iterator points to first position of val and second points to last position of val in data structure.

We can use fill() and fill\_n() function to assign a value to certain range in a vector.

deque allows insertion at front while vector doesn’t

If pid > 0, then it is parent process, else if pid == 0, it is child process, else it is an error.

vector of bool and bitset both pack bool elements.

bitset<T> need exact size while initialization, else it’ll give error.

In C, it is possible to have array of all types except following: void, functions.

Within C++, a polymorphic class is one that contains either an inherited or declared virtual function.

Virtual table is created in each class which has either a virtual function or inherits from a class that has a virtual function. The base class pointer points to a derived class object when runtime polymorphism is realized. Hence, vtable of derived class is referred.

The derived class vtable is filled with entries of vtable of base class and entries are overridden for each base class function overridden in derived class.

A call to virtual function from base class constructor while that constructor is invoked via polymorphism will call base class virtual function beacuse derived won't be created by that time.

Anonymous Union and Structure in C

In C11 standard of C, anonymous Unions and structures were added.

Anonymous unions/structures are also known as unnamed unions/structures as they don’t have names. Since there is no names, direct objects(or variables) of them are not created and we use them in nested structure or unions.

strtok() is not re-entrant while strtok\_r() is, because strtok() maintains its state in global variable. hence, it cannot be called by same thread at 2 places.

To overload Iterator in C++, encapsulate the pointer to linked list inside the class iterator.

Extra brackets with function names in C/C++. if we have a macro with same name as function, then extra brackets avoid macro expansion wherever we want the function to be called.

endl flushes the stream... \n doesn't

printing a NULL pointer is undefined behavior in C, though in gcc ir prints (null)

// Returns sum of a and b using bitwise

// operators.

int sum(int a, int b)

{

    int s = a ^ b;

    int carry = a & b;

    if (carry == 0) return s;

    else return sum(s, carry << 1);

}

// May not work with C++ compilers and

// may produce warnings in C.

// Returns sum of 'a' and 'b'

int sum(int a, int b)

{

    char \*p = (char\*)a;

    return (int)&p[b];

}

We can pass \_\_FILE\_\_ in fopen so that a program can print its text.

GCC specific syntaxes :

1. \_\_attribute\_\_((constructor)) syntax : This particular GCC syntax, when used with a function, executes the same function at the startup of the program, i.e before main() function.

2. \_\_attribute\_\_((destructor)) syntax : This particular GCC syntax, when used with a function, executes the same function just before the program terminates through \_exit, i.e after main() function.

void \_\_attribute\_\_((constructor)) calledFirst();

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**Condition Variables**

Condition variables can be used to atomically block threads until a particular condition is true. Condition variables are **always** used in conjunction with mutex locks:

pthread\_cond\_t condition = PTHREAD\_COND\_INITIALIZER;

pthread\_condattr\_t condattr;

int pthread\_condattr\_init(pthread\_condattr\_t \*cattr);

int pthread\_cond\_init(&condition, &condattr);

pthread\_condattr\_setpshared(&condattr, PTHREAD\_PROCESS\_PRIVATE);

int pthread\_cond\_destroy(pthread\_cond\_t \*cv);

int pthread\_condattr\_destroy(pthread\_condattr\_t \*cattr);

pthread\_cond\_wait(&condition, &mutex)//it can be awakened by below

pthread\_cond\_signal(&condition);

pthread\_cond\_broadcast(&condition);

General way of waiting on a condiion variable

pthread\_mutex\_lock(&mx);

while(condition\_is\_false)

pthread\_cond\_wait(&condition, &mutex);

pthread\_mutex\_unlock(&mx);

Genral way of signalling

pthread\_mutex\_lock(&mx);

pthread\_cond\_signal(&cond);

pthread\_mutex\_unlock(&mx);

You can also block until a specified event occurs. The function pthread\_cond\_timedwait() is used for this purpose. It is prototyped by:

int pthread\_cond\_timedwait(pthread\_cond\_t \*cv,

pthread\_mutex\_t \*mp, const struct timespec \*abstime);

To prevent a deadlock acquire a mutex in same given order like if 1 starts and Ask for mx1 -> mx2 if 2nd process starts it wil try to acuire 2nd which is also claimed by 1st process. That will be a rude idea

**void pthread\_cleanup\_push(void (\****routine***)(void \*),**

**void \****arg***);**

**void pthread\_cleanup\_pop(int** *execute***);**

Clean up handlers are called even if a thread exits. You can specifically call pthread\_cleanup\_pop(int) to pop and execute the current top routine of the stack

pthread\_once\_t once = PTHREAD\_ONCE\_INIT;

pthread\_once(&once, routine);

int a[2][3];

int \*\*p = (int\*\*)malloc(x\*sizeof(int\*));

for(int i = 0 ; i < 3; ++i)

p[i] = (int\*)malloc(sizeof(int));

**Basic Data Types**

switch case works fine. They wont execute any statement in between a case block and any line coming before that, rest it all works fine

&array is an alias for &array[0] and returns the address of the first element in array

o &pointer returns the address of pointer

In case size of array is lesser than the initializer gcc willn't give error instead it will print garbage after the string since it wasn't able to find the last character while in case of g++ error is spewn out

&array+1 points to the end of the whole array while &array[0]+1 points to &array[1]. Both are semantically different even though both of them gives the same address.

But &arrayA has type char (\*)[10] while &arrayB has type char \*\*

In sizeof() operator, operands are not evaluated just their type is identified

static functions can be called from other files with the help of function pointers i.e declare a function pointer and assign it to static function. Now with the help of function pointer static function can be called from other files.

Print if a number is even or odd without condition operator

char arr[2][5] = {"Even", "Odd"};

cout << arr[no%2];

When you apply const to member function that impacts its this pointer

In case of a member function is made const -> const this pointer is passed else simple this is passed since a static function doesn't hold the this pointer, that is not allowed and similar is the case when the function is defined as volatile

static member functions can be called without any object. So vptr (virtual pointer table) can't be made available to them. vptr is set in constructor only.

We can have static variables inside the class that is because it is just declared not defined so it wont add up to the size of the class.

Add if/else check for gdb

**Networking**

**Gateways : Where 2 or more networks connect**

**Router : That routes the data (Layer 3)**

**Switch : Filters the data ( Operates at Layer 2 )**

**Hub ; Common points for all devices ( Packet at one can be transmitted to all ) ( Works at Level 1 )**

**Switches and Hubs and bridges**

Hubs broadcasts frames to all ports so that destined ones get the packet while switch mantains the MAC addresses of all devices and forward the frame to that device only and has > 2 ports while bridge is similar to switch, only difference is that it has only 2 ports

Routers transmits packets contained at IP layer, usually these are located at gateways, the point where 2 networks interact..Router uses ICMP ( INternter control message protocol ) to find the best path . The same is used in traceroute.

OSI ( Open System Interconnection model )

It is a reference tool to understand data communications between 2 networked devices and divides the communication process in 7 layers

Physical layers are the hw based transmission segments

Data link layer : Switches , NIC , bridge and Hub work at this level , NIC have MAC adddresses which it uses to forward and filter the data

Example of presentation layer : MIME, XDR and for

Session layer : Named pipe, RTP

bridges are basically softwares

IP

TCP : segments build up here .. flow control happens here..Error detection

Session layer : As name implies establishes the session between n/w entities

Presentation : Data format, compression algos and encryption

**DHCP**

Client with its mac send the request to router or whosoever assigns the ip address, send DHCP discover packet in the form of UDP server it gets ACK packet and the corr. IP address

DHCP servers use the MAC address to identify devices and give some devices fixed IP addresses

**OS Concepts**

**Nice Value**;

CPU nice values means scheduling priority .. processes with +ve nice values have less priority (it ranges from -19 to +19 )

**About System calls**

Once the wrapper has done its initial work it’s time to jump into hyperspace the kernel. The mechanics of this transition vary by processor architecture. In Intel processors, arguments and the syscall number are loaded into registers, then an instruction is executed to put the CPU in privileged mode and immediately transfer control to a global syscall entry point within the kernel. The kernel then uses the syscall number as an index into sys\_call\_table, an array of function pointers to each syscall implementation like this

[0] = sys\_read,

[1] = sys\_write,

Following function in entry.S is called

call \*sys\_call\_table(,%rax,8) # XXX: rip relative

where system call number is stored in %rax register

And this gives us all we need to join the dots from user space to the kernel code. The standard ABI for how x86\_64 user programs invoke a system call is to put the system call number (0 for read) into the RAX register, and the other parameters into specific registers (RDI, RSI, RDX for the first 3 parameters), then issue the SYSCALL instruction. This instruction causes the processor to transition to ring 0 and invoke the code referenced by the MSR\_LSTAR model-specific register — namely system\_call. The system\_call code pushes the registers onto the kernel stack, and calls the function pointer at entry RAX in the sys\_call\_table table — namely sys\_read(), which is a thin, asmlinkage wrapper for the real implementation in SYSC\_read().

> All regular file I/O takes place through page cache, kernel loads files in the form of 4Kb chunks, even if you read 1 byte , 4 KB will be loaded

Virtual Memory

It is a large address space that is available to the processes running on computer which consists of both physical memory and secondary memory.

Page table

It is basically mappping between virtual addresses as seen by process to real memory which is in the form of pages it also contains a bit that tell if a page is in memory or needs to be fetched from memory.When paging and page stealing are used, a problem called "thrashing" can occur, in which the computer spends an unsuitably large amount of time transferring pages to and from a backing store, hence slowing down useful work. Thrashing occurs when there is insufficient memory available to store the working sets of all active programs

There are three types of buses :

the address bus, the data bus and the control bus

-fno-asynchronous-unwind-tables can be used to eliminate debugging symbols starting with .cfi ( Call Frame Information )

Each process has its page table

The virtual address generated by a process has offset + virtual page frame number

VPFN is translated into the virtual address and offset is added to it to go to that instruction

The set of pages that a process is currently using is called the working set

The Linux kernel is linked to run in physical address space.

Block devices are only ever accessed via the buffer cache

Similar to software cache there is jadrware cache which is xcalled TLB that contain frequently accessed Page table entries. A corrupted cache may be=ringh down the whole system

free\_area is a vector array with each entry represnting the queue of free blocks of size 2^entry. It means linked list at entry 2 will have nodes denoting blocks which are free and are of size 2^2

Each free store also has a map that contains the block numbers of the allocated array of that given size

When an executable is introduced it is mapped to virtual address space and not directly taken into the physical memory and the former process is called as memory mapping

A complete process address space is denoted by memory descriptor which contains all the information related to the process address space. The memory descriptor is represented by struct mm\_struct {}

A mm\_struct{} is basically structure that denotes a memory segment it further contains list of vm\_area\_struct {}

rss ( resident set size , number of allocated pages )

total\_vm ( Total pages )

locked\_vm ( Locked pages ), memory area semaphore

mm\_users ( Number of processes using this adress space ),

map\_count ( Number of memory areas )

first and last addresses of stack , code , data and heap.

mm\_count ( Primary reference count of usage )

struct vm\_area\_struct \*mmap; /\* list of memory areas \*/

When fork() is called copy\_mm() is executed that copies parent's memory descriptor

Linux kernel doesn't differentiates between the processes and threads

kernel threads do not have any pages in user-space

When an executable is introduced in the virtual memory a vm\_area\_struct {} structure is filled for that particular area, hence treating that area as a memory object. This structure holds attributes that are applicable to the whole memory area. Some control flags decides whether :

**Process Scheduling**

Initially there was O(1) scheduler which basically used 2 queues, one active and another expired.

Active queues contains 140 entries (in decreasing priorities) of pointers each pointing to doubly linked list. Scheduler allocates processes entries 1 by 1. After that it switches the queues, that is why it is called O (1) scheduler because it swaps queues.

Completely fair scheduler is the current scheduler implemented inside the kernel which is implemented in the form of RB-tree. Each node of RB tree is a task and each task is associated with **vruntime** Every time scheduler runs it picks the leftmost element from the binary tree.

CFS basically assigns processes a proportion of CPU which is affected by nice value of that process

Processes which requires interactivity are given predence. The two determining factors are timeslice and priority of the process

NI is the nice value, which is a user-space concept. PR is the process's actual priority, as viewed by the Linux kernel.

SCHED\_OTHER is default scheduling behaviour, SCHED\_BATCH indicates to CPU that the given task is CPU-intensive so more penalty will be added to processes in case such process are pre-rmpted so these are favored in case process is CPU bound and we don't want to change its nice value.

There is sched\_entity which keeps the data regarding the scheduling of the process and it is embedded inside the task\_struct

It includes – load weight, timeslice consumed and exec start + total\_exec\_time + vruntime (measured in nanoseconds)

Whenever a task in created or process in fork()'ed it is stored in the rb tree of tasks

When a task is going to sleep it removes itself from RB tree and put itself in wait queue and calls schedule() which then picks the next task from RB tree. The task can relinquish the Cpu by calling sched\_yield(). If that process is the only process in RB tree, that process continues execution.

Task state can be *TASK\_INTERRUPTIBLE, TASK\_UNINTERRUPTIBLE, TASK\_RUNNING*

**Context Switching**

Process context is the mode of operation the kernel is in while it is executing on behalf of a

process—for example, executing a system call or running a kernel thread.

Interrupt context mean that there will not be scheduling taking place untill

and unless that task ends while in the process context every task gets the

CPU time

Interrupt handlers did not receive their own stacks. Instead, they would share the stack of the

process that they interrupted. 1 The kernel stack is two pages in size; typically, that is 8KB

on 32-bit architectures and 16KB on 64-bit architectures

It is handled by context\_switch() function which is called by schedule() function when a new task is about to run

it calls switch\_mm( ) // that swaps the vm\_memory\_area

it calls switch\_to() // that swap the processor state

thread\_info contains a variable called preemp\_count that is incremented whenever a resource is acquired and decremented whenever a resource is released. Task is preemptive only when value of this count is 0

**Pre-emptive Kernel**

It means that process currently running in kernel mode can be pre-empted by another process which is also running in kernel mode. Earlier, it wasn't possible which lead to priority inversion in which the lower priority process continues to make system calls and bars the higher priority process to take control of CPU. Whenever a process/task calls schedule() (voluntarily or when it blocks) means it simply wants to relinquish the control

Rela time priority ranges from 0 – 99. By default, this means the –20 to +19 nice

range maps directly onto the priority space from 100 to 139

*Process Affinity* : BitMask to make the process run on 1 or various processors

example of such type of system call is sched\_setaffinity()

**Syscalls**

The only way a user process can communicate with kernel, user application generally calls C library functions which in turns call system calls. The pid is a member of task\_struct .

When a sys call is made kernel stores the processor / registers state on stack. So that when user mode is just going to return it restores the state.The kernel keeps a list of all registered system calls in the system call table, stored in

sys\_call\_table

Example of getting processId:

asmlinkage long sys\_getpid(void)

**Interrupts**

Whenever any of the following event occurs, control starts working in kernel mode  
> Exception

> Interrupt

> System Call

In the case of system call system call handler is invoked

The defined software interrupt on

x86 is interrupt number 128

Hardware Interrupts are generated by hardware devices which are basically hadled by 8259 IRQ Controller Chip. The act of initiating a hardware interrupt is referred to as an interrupt request (IRQ). Programmable Interrupt Controller (PIC) may be connected between the interrupting device and the processor's interrupt pin to multiplex several sources of interrupt onto the one or two CPU lines typically available. Any interrupt is received by Interrupt Vector Table . Example : **Keyboard** :keyboard Service Routine then generates a Two Byte code that it puts in the Keyboard Buffer area in RAM Memory, from 0041E hex to 0043D hex.

Register %eax is passed the system call number and the registers ebx , ecx , edx , esi , and

edi contain, in order, the first five arguments

In case system call in prepended with asmlinkage it means the kernel needs to find the parameters of the function is CPU stack rather than in the registers.

return value is written back to %eax register

While executing code the kernel reads and writes data to and from user level space for this there are 2 functions   
copy\_from\_user(&buf, src, len) and

copy\_to\_user(dst, &buf, len) //buf is local long type variable

both contains pointer to kernel space, pointer to user space and the size to be copied.

Exceptions ( Trap for a system call and divide-by-zero ) and page faults are synchronous interrupts.

Throughput and latency are reciprocal terms

Function to register interrupt

int request\_irq(unsigned int irq, //interrupt req. number

irq\_handler\_t **handler**, // function pointer to int. handler

unsigned long flags, // example IRQF\_SHARED

const char \*name, // name of device

void \*dev) //cookied used when interrupt handler has to be freed

see /proc/interrupts and /proc/irq for details

// proc refers to process information pseudo-file system

Function to free interrupt handler

void free\_irq(unsigned int irq, void \*dev)

Example

static irqreturn\_t **intr\_handler**(int irq, void \*dev);

//return values IRQ\_NONE or IRQ\_HANDLED

When an interrupt is received, all the handlers are called and whichever returns IRQ\_HANDLED services the interrupt

**Memory Management**

Whole virtual memory is divided into chunk of non-contiguous memory areas which are also called vm\_areas. Each memory area has permission attached to it RWX. If a process access memeory area of another process, it results in segm fault. Memory areas are accessible by memory map. Each map entry displays the library/text segment. [ anon ] areas designates the heap memory.

The Kernel represents each process address in the form of memory descriptor which contains pointer to memory areas. ( in form of vm\_area\_struct ) , start and final address of stack, heap. Kernel threads do not occupy process address space so their mm field is NULL.

Each memory area has address to start and last memory

Typical page structure

struct page {

unsigned long flags; // Whether page is dirty

atomic\_t \_count; // number of references

atomic\_t \_mapcount; //

unsigned long private;

struct address\_space \*mapping;

pgoff\_t index;

struct list\_head lru;

void \*virtual;

};

Random (Filter Out later )

We can attach gdb to multiple processes

Each process is represented by inferior object