IN2311:Operating systems

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Course logistics and details

Textbook:

• Operating System Concepts – Eighth Edition Silberschatzand Galvin, Addison-Wesley Inc.

Alternate Book

• Principles of Operating Systems, L.F. Bic and A.C. Shaw, PrenticeHall/Pearson Education, 2003. ISBN 0130266116.

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Assignments (40%)

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Tests (60%)

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Course Outline

Chapter 1: Operating-System Structures

Chapter 2: Processes

Chapter 3: Threads

Chapter 4: CPU Scheduling

Chapter 5: Process Synchronization

Chapter 6: Deadlocks

Chapter 7: Memory Management

Chapter 8: File Systems and Storage Management

Chapter 9: Protection and Security

Introduction to Operating Systems

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- What is an operating System?
- Functionalities of an Operating System
- Characteristics of an Operating System
- Evolution of Operating Systems
- Hardware Concepts Related to OS
- OS Interaction with Hardware and Applications
- Examples of Operating Systems

What is an Operating System?

• Definition: An Operating System (OS) is system software that manages computer hardware and software resources and provides common services for computer programs.

• Purpose: Acts as an interface between the user and the computer hardware.

Functionalities of an Operating System

- **Process Management** Handling creation, scheduling, and termination of processes.
- **Memory Management** Allocating and managing memory space.
- File System Management Organizing, storing, retrieving, and securing data.
- **Device Management** Controlling input/output devices.
- Security and Protection Safeguarding system resources and data.
- User Interface Command-line or graphical interface for user interaction.

Characteristics of an Operating System

- Multi-user capability Supports multiple users simultaneously.
- Multitasking Executes multiple tasks at the same time.
- **Portability** Adaptable to different hardware.
- **Security** Protects data and processes.
- Efficiency Manages resources to optimize performance.
- Scalability Handles increasing workloads smoothly.

Evolution of Operating Systems

- 1st Generation (1940s-50s): No OS, manual operation.
- 2nd Generation (1950s-60s): Batch processing systems.
- 3rd Generation (1960s-80s): Multiprogramming and time-sharing.
- 4th Generation (1980s-Present): GUI-based, networked, and mobile OS.
- Current Trends: Cloud-based OS, IoT operating systems.

Hardware Concepts Related to OS

- **CPU:** Executes instructions and runs processes.
- Memory Hierarchy: Registers, cache, RAM, and secondary storage.
- Input/Output Devices: Managed by device drivers.
- **System Bus:** Facilitates communication between CPU, memory, and devices.
- Interrupts: Signals to the CPU for immediate attention.

OS Interaction with Hardware and Applications

- OS acts as a mediator between hardware and applications.
- Example Flow: User application → System call → OS → Hardware execution → Output to user.
- Example: (Opening a photo \rightarrow OS uses system call to fetch from disk \rightarrow CPU processes image \rightarrow displayed on monitor)
- Benefits: Simplifies application development and hardware management.

Examples of Operating Systems

- Desktop: Windows, macOS, Linux.
- Mobile: Android, iOS.
- Server: Unix, Windows Server.
- Embedded: FreeRTOS, VxWorks.

Conclusion

- An OS is crucial for managing hardware, software, and user interaction.
- Key functions: process, memory, file, device, and security management.
- Evolution from batch systems to modern networked and mobile OS.
- Hardware concepts like CPU, memory, and interrupts are tightly integrated with OS operations.

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