

"Components of O.S"

o Cache Memory :-

It is a Small, High Speed Storage area in a Computer. The Cache is a smaller & faster memory that stores copies of the data from frequently used main memory locations.

* C.M is much more fast than main memory (RAM).

* When CPU need data it 1st check C.M if not main memory.

* reduce the average time to access data.

*) Components :-

i) Kernel

ii) User Space.



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1) User Space :-

- * Where application Software runs, app's don't have access to underlying hardware. It interacts with the kernel
- * Provide Convenient environment for user apps.
- * Ex: 1) GUI → Graphical user Interface
- 2) CLI → Command Line Interface (Terminal, Powershell)

* Mkdir (CLI).

* Newfile (GUI).

2) Kernel :-

- * Heart of o.s / Core Component.
- * It interacts with direct hardware and perform more crucial tasks.
- * Very first Part of o.s to load on Start-up.

* Shell → Known as Command Interpreter, is that Part of o.s that receives Commands from user and get them Executed.

→ Functions of Kernel :-

1) Process Management :-

- * Scheduling Processes & threads on the CPU.
- * Creating & deleting both user and System Process.
- * Suspending & deleting (terminating) Processes.
- * Provide mechanism for Process Synchronization @ Process Communication.

2) Memory Management :-

- * Allocating and deallocating memory Space as per need.
- * Keeping track of which Part of memory are currently being used and by which Process.

Storing data in hierarchical way in a tree

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3) File Management :-

- * Creating & deleting files.
- * Creating & deleting directories to organize files.
- * Mapping files into 2^o Storage
- * Backup Support onto a Stable Strong media.

4) I/O Management :-

- * To Manage and Control I/O operations & I/O devices.

Print Spooling & Mail Spooling ← i) Spooling → 2 Jobs → differing Speeds (data copy b/w 2 devices)
Youtube Video buffering ← ii) Buffering → within 1 Job (loading of data)
← iii) Caching → Memory Caching, Web Caching

→ Types of kernels :-

1) Monolithic Kernel :

- * all funⁿ(s) are in kernel itself.
- * Bulky in Size.
- * Memory required to run is high.
- * Less reliable, one module crashes → whole kernel is down.
- * High Performance as Communication is fast.
- * Eg → Linux, Unix, MS-Dos. (No overhead).

Characteristics ← {

Cons ← {

[user mode and Kernel Mode Switch → Software interrupt]
CUM C/M.

2) Micro Kernel :

- * only major functions are in kernel;
i) Memory mgmt ii) Process mgmt
- * File & I/O mgmt are in user Space.
- * Smaller in Size & more reliable & Most Stable.
- * Performance is Slow & overhead Switching b/w K.M & U.M.
- * Eg → L4 Linux, Symbian O.S, MINIX.
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{ Nokia keypad }

Process
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1) Independent
2) Cooperative

How Communication happens b/w usermode & kernel mode:

→ Inter Process Communication (IPC), Done by "Shared memory + message passing"

Process Executing independently, having independent memory space (memory protection) → they need to communicate for some work

3. Hybrid Kernel:

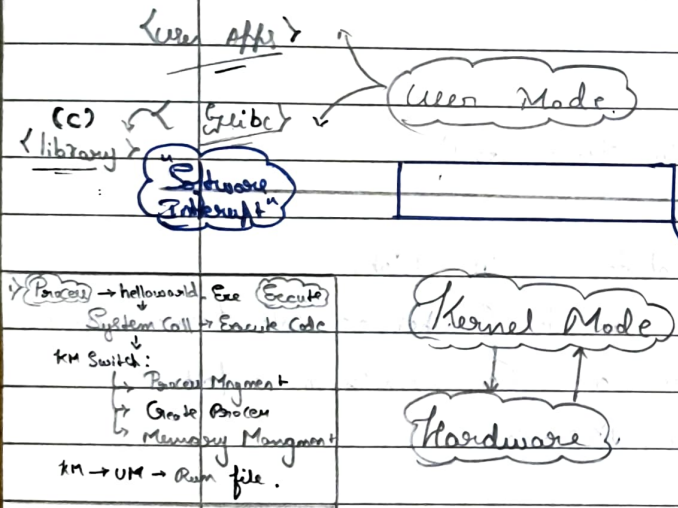
- * Combined approach
- * Advantages of both worlds (G.M in user space & rest in kernel)
- * Speed and design of mono
- * Modularity and stability of micro.
- * Eg → MacOS, Windows NT/7/10.
- * IPC also happens but lesser overheads.

4. Mono / Micro kernels

System Calls

How do apps interact with kernel? → System Calls

S.C is a Mechanism using which user program can request a service from kernel for which it does not have the permission to perform.



System Call Interface [SCI]

Search for mknidn corresponding code in C from pool & give it to kernel

Eg → i) Mkdir Command

→ It indirectly calls kernel and asked the file mgmt module to create a new directory

→ Mkdir interacts with kernel using System Calls

i) Creating a Process: User Executes a Process (U.S).
Get System Call (U.S).
Execute System Call to Create a Process (K.M).

"X Software Interrupt is a mechanism used by Software to Signal the Processor that it needs its attention".

"way for a Program to request a Service from o.s / to Signal env".

* Transitions from US to KS done by Software interrupts.

* Systems Calls are implemented in "C".

* User Programs → don't have Permission to Perform I/O operations.
→ don't have access to Communicate with other Programs

∴ S.C are the only way through which a Process goes from user mode to kernel mode.

→ Types of System Calls:

1) Process Control:

* end, abort * load, Execute * wait for time.
* wait event, Signal event * allocate & free memory
* Create & terminate Process * get & Set Process attribute

2) File Mgmt:

* Create & delete file * Read, write, Reposition
* Open & Close file * get & Set file attribute.
↳ (Security Process).

3) Device Mgmt:

* request device, release device * Read, write, Reposition
* get & Set device attribute * logically attach/detach.

4) Information Maintenance:

* get time @ data, Set time @ data.
* get/Set System data * get/Set Processes, file etc

5) Communication Management:

* Create, delete Communication Connection
* Send, receive Message * transfer Status information.
* attach/detach remote devices.