What is an Operating System?

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Operating Systems are at the Heart of it All!

- Provide abstractions to apps
  - File systems
  - Processes, threads
  - VM, containers
  - Naming system
  - ...
- Manage resources:
  - Memory, CPU, storage, ...
- Achieves the above by implementing specific algorithms and techniques:
  - Scheduling
  - Concurrency
  - Transactions
  - Security
  - .....
Example: What’s in a Search Query?

- Complex interaction of multiple components in multiple administrative domains
  - Systems, services, protocols, ...

Why take CS162?

- Some of you will actually design and build operating systems or components of them.
  - Perhaps more now than ever
- Many of you will create systems that utilize the core concepts in operating systems.
  - Whether you build software or hardware
  - The concepts and design patterns appear at many levels
- All of you will build applications, etc. that utilize operating systems
  - The better you understand their design and implementation, the better use you’ll make of them.

Goals for Today

- What is an Operating System?
  - And – what is it not?
- What makes Operating Systems so exciting?
- Oh, and “How does this class operate?”

Interactive is important!
Ask Questions!

What is an operating system?

- Special layer of software that provides application software access to hardware resources
  - Convenient abstraction of complex hardware devices
  - Protected access to shared resources
  - Security and authentication
  - Communication amongst logical entities

Operator …

Switchboard Operator

Computer Operators

OS Basics: “Virtual Machine” Boundary

OS Basics: Program ⇒ Process

OS Basics: Context Switch
OS Basics: Scheduling, Protection

OS Basics: I/O

OS Basics: Loading

What makes Operating Systems Exciting and Challenging?
Technology Trends: Moore’s Law

Gordon Moore (co-founder of Intel) predicted in 1965 that the transistor density of semiconductor chips would double roughly every 18 months. Called "Moore’s Law"

Microprocessors have become smaller, denser, and more powerful

Big Challenge: Slowdown in Joy’s law of Performance


Another Challenge: Power Density

- Moore’s law extrapolation
  - Potential power density reaching amazing levels!
- Flip side: battery life very important
  - Moore’s law yielded more functionality at equivalent (or less) total energy consumption

ManyCore Chips: The future arrived in 2007

- Intel 80-core multicore chip (Feb 2007)
  - 80 simple cores
  - Two FP-engines / core
  - Mesh-like network
  - 100 million transistors
  - 65nm feature size
  - 24 "tiles" with two cores/tile
  - 24-router mesh network
  - 4 DDR3 memory controllers
  - Hardware support for message-passing

- How to program these?
  - Use 2 CPUs for video/audio
  - Use 1 for word processor, 1 for browser
  - 76 for virus checking???
- Parallelism must be exploited at all levels
- Amazon X1 instances (2016)
  - 128 virtual cores, 2 TB RAM
But then Moore’s Law Ended…

• Moore’s Law has (officially) ended -- Feb 2016
  – No longer getting 2 x transistors/chip every 18 months…
  – or even every 24 months
• May have only 2-3 smallest geometry fabrication plants left:
  – Intel and Samsung and/or TSMC
• Vendors moving to 3D stacked chips
  – More layers in old geometries

Storage Capacity Still Growing


Network Capacity Still Increasing


Internet Scale: 1.06 Billion Hosts (Jan 2017)

(source: Internet Systems Consortium [www.isc.org])
Internet Scale: Over 3.8 Billion Users!

### WORLD INTERNET USAGE AND POPULATION STATISTICS

**Dec 31, 2017 - Update**

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**Notes:**
2. Click on each world region name for detailed regional usage information.
3. Demographic (Population) numbers are based on data from the United Nations Population Division.
4. Internet usage information comes from data published by Nielsen Online, by the International Telecommunications Union, by GFK, by local ICT Regulators and other reliable sources.
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**Not Only PCs connected to the Internet**

- In 2011, smartphone shipments exceeded PC shipments!
- **2011 shipments:**
  - 487M smartphones
  - 414M PC clients
    - 210M notebooks
    - 112M desktops
    - 63M tablets
  - 25M smart TVs
- 4 billion phones in the world → smartphones over next few years
- Then...

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**People-to-Computer Ratio Over Time**

- From David Culler (Culler’s law?)
- Today: multiple CPUs/person!
  - Approaching 100s?

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**Societal Scale Information Systems**

(Or the “Internet of Things”?)

- The world is a large distributed system
  - Microprocessors in everything
  - Vast infrastructure behind them

- **Internet Connectivity**
  - Scalable, Reliable, Secure Services
  - Databases
  - Information Collection
  - Remote Storage
  - Online Games
  - Commerce...

- MEMS for Sensor Nets
Who am I?

• Professor John Kubiatowicz (Prof “Kubi”)
  – Background in Hardware Design
    » Alewife project at MIT
    » Designed CMMU, Modified SPAR C processor
    » Helped to write operating system
  – Background in Operating Systems
    » Worked for Project Athena (MIT)
    » OS Developer (device drivers, network file systems)
    » Worked on Clustered High-Availability systems.
  – Peer-to-Peer
    » OceanStore project – Store your data for 1000 years
    » Tapestry and Bamboo – Find you data around globe
  – SwarmLAB/Berkeley Lab for Intelligent Edge
    » Global Data Plane (GDP)/DataCapsules
    » Fog Robotics
  – Quantum Computing
    » Exploring architectures for quantum computers
    » CAD tool set yields some interesting results

Infrastructure, Textbook & Readings

• Infrastructure
  – Website: http://cs162.eecs.berkeley.edu
  – Piazza: https://piazza.com/berkeley/spring2019/cs162
  – Webcast (Through Cal Central):
    https://calcentral.berkeley.edu/academics/teaching-semester/
    spring-2019/class/compsci-162-2019-B

• Textbook: Operating Systems: Principles and Practice
  (2nd Edition) Anderson and Dahlin
  – Copies in Bechtel

• Online supplements
  – See course website
  – Includes Appendices, sample problems, etc.
  – Networking, Databases, Software Eng, Security
  – Some Research Papers!

CS162 TAs: Sections TBA

– Jason Chin
– Alexander Kozarian
– Jonathan Murata
– William Sheu (Head TA)
– Will Wang
– Eric Zhou
– Joan Zhu

Syllabus

• OS Concepts: How to Navigate as a Systems Programmer!
  – Process, I/O, Networks and Virtual Machines
• Concurrency
  – Threads, scheduling, locks, deadlock, scalability, fairness
• Address Space
  – Virtual memory, address translation, protection, sharing
• File Systems
  – I/O devices, file objects, storage, naming, caching, performance, paging, transactions, databases
• Distributed Systems
  – Protocols, N-Tiers, RPC, NFS, DHTs, Consistency, Scalability, multicast
• Reliability & Security
  – Fault tolerance, protection, security
• Cloud Infrastructure
Learning by Doing

- Individual Homeworks: Learn Systems Programming
  - 0. Tools, Autograding, recall C, executable
  - 1. Simple Shell
  - 2. Web server
  - 3. Memory allocation

- Three Group Projects (Pintos in C)
  - 1. Threads & Scheduling
  - 2. User-programs
  - 3. File Systems

Getting started

- Start homework 0 right away (hopefully Thursday 1/24)
  - Github account
  - Registration survey
  - Vagrant virtualbox – VM environment for the course
    » Consistent, managed environment on your machine
  - Get familiar with all the cs162 tools
  - Submit to autograder via git

- Sections on Friday – attend any section you want
  - We'll assign permanent sections after forming project groups

  *This is an Early Drop Deadline course (February 1st)*
  - If you are not serious about taking, please drop early
  - Dept will continue to admit students as other students drop

- On the waitlist ???
  - Unfortunately, we maxed out sections and TA Support
  - If people drop, we can move others off waitlist

Group Project Simulates Industrial Environment

- Project teams have 4 members (try really hard to find 4 members – 3 members requires serious justification)
  - Must work in groups in “the real world”
  - Same section much preferred

- Communicate with colleagues (team members)
  - Communication problems are natural
  - What have you done?
  - What answers you need from others?
  - You must document your work!!!

- Communicate with supervisor (TAs)
  - What is the team's plan?
  - What is each member's responsibility?
  - Short progress reports are required
  - Design Documents: High-level description for a manager!

Grading

- 42% three midterms (14% each). No class day of MT
  - Thursday, 2/28, TBA, tentatively 7-9pm (may ⇒ 8-10pm)
  - Thursday, 4/04, TBA, tentatively 7-9pm
  - Thursday, 5/02, TBA, tentatively 7-9pm
  - Although we have rooms scheduled in 7-9pm time slot, I'm going to try to get rooms scheduled during class time +30 instead (i.e. 5-7pm). Stay tuned!

- 35% projects
- 15% homework
- 8% participation
- No final exam

- Projects
  - Initial design document, Design review, Code, Final design
  - Submission via git push triggers autograder
Personal Integrity

- UCB Academic Honor Code: "As a member of the UC Berkeley community, I act with honesty, integrity, and respect for others."


CS 162 Collaboration Policy

- Explaining a concept to someone in another group
- Discussing algorithms/testing strategies with other groups
- Helping debug someone else’s code (in another group)
- Searching online for generic algorithms (e.g., hash table)

✅ Sharing code or test cases with another group

❌ Copying OR reading another group’s code or test cases
   Copying OR reading online code or test cases from prior years

We compare all project submissions against prior year submissions and online solutions and will take actions (described on the course overview page) against offenders

Typical Lecture Format

- Attention


  Time

- 1-Minute Review
- 20-Minute Lecture
- 5-Minute Administrative Matters
- 25-Minute Lecture
- 5-Minute Break (water, stretch)
- 25-Minute Lecture
- Instructor will come to class early & stay after to answer questions

Lecture Goal

Interactive!!!
### What is an Operating System?

- **Referee**
  - Manage sharing of resources, Protection, Isolation
    - Resource allocation, isolation, communication

- **Illusionist**
  - Provide clean, easy to use abstractions of physical resources
    - Infinite memory, dedicated machine
    - Higher level objects: files, users, messages
    - Masking limitations, virtualization

- **Glue**
  - Common services
    - Storage, Window system, Networking
    - Sharing, Authorization
    - Look and feel

### Challenge: Complexity

- Applications consisting of...
  - ... a variety of software modules that ...
  - ... run on a variety of devices (machines) that
    - ... implement different hardware architectures
    - ... run competing applications
    - ... fail in unexpected ways
    - ... can be under a variety of attacks

- Not feasible to test software for all possible environments and combinations of components and devices
  - The question is not whether there are bugs but how serious are the bugs!

### The World Is Parallel: Intel SkyLake (2017)

- Up to 28 Cores, 58 Threads
  - 694 mm² die size (estimated)

- Many different instructions
  - Security, Graphics

- Caches on chip:
  - L2: 28 MiB
  - Shared L3: 38.5 MiB (non-inclusive)
  - Directory-based cache coherence

- Network:
  - On-chip Mesh Interconnect
  - Fast off-chip network directory supports 8-chips connected

- DRAM/chips
  - Up to 1.5 TiB
  - DDR4 memory

### HW Functionality comes with great complexity!

- Intel Skylake-X
- I/O Configuration
Increasing Software Complexity

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(source https://informationisbeautiful.net/visualizations/million-lines-of-code/)

Example: Some Mars Rover ("Pathfinder") Requirements

- Pathfinder hardware limitations/complexity:
  - 20Mhz processor, 128MB of DRAM, VxWorks OS
  - cameras, scientific instruments, batteries, solar panels, and locomotion equipment
  - Many independent processes work together
- Can’t hit reset button very easily!
  - Must reboot itself if necessary
  - Must always be able to receive commands from Earth
- Individual Programs must not interfere
  - Suppose the MUT (Martian Universal Translator Module) buggy
  - Better not crash antenna positioning software!
- Further, all software may crash occasionally
  - Automatic restart with diagnostics sent to Earth
  - Periodic checkpoint of results saved?
- Certain functions time critical:
  - Need to stop before hitting something
  - Must track orbit of Earth for communication
- A lot of similarity with the Internet of Things?
  - Complexity, QoS, Inaccessibility, Power limitations ... ?

How do we tame complexity?

- Every piece of computer hardware different
  - Different CPU
    » Pentium, PowerPC, ColdFire, ARM, MIPS
  - Different amounts of memory, disk, ...
  - Different types of devices
    » Mice, Keyboards, Sensors, Cameras, Fingerprint readers
  - Different networking environment
    » Cable, DSL, Wireless, Firewalls,…
- Questions:
  - Does the programmer need to write a single program that performs many independent activities?
  - Does every program have to be altered for every piece of hardware?
  - Does a faulty program crash everything?
  - Does every program have access to all hardware?

OS Tool: Virtual Machine Abstraction

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- Software Engineering Problem:
  - Turn hardware/software quirks ⇒ what programmers want/need
  - Optimize for convenience, utilization, security, reliability, etc…
- For any OS area (e.g. file systems, virtual memory, networking, scheduling):
  - What’s the hardware interface? (physical reality)
  - What’s the application interface? (nicer abstraction)
Virtual Machines

- Software emulation of an abstract machine
  - Give programs illusion they own the machine
  - Make it look like hardware has features you want
- Two types of “Virtual Machine”s
  - Process VM: supports the execution of a single program; this functionality typically provided by OS
  - System VM: supports the execution of an entire OS and its applications (e.g., VMWare Fusion, Virtual box, Parallels Desktop, Xen)

Process VMs

- Programming simplicity
  - Each process thinks it has all memory/CPU time
  - Each process thinks it owns all devices
  - Different devices appear to have same high level interface
  - Device interfaces more powerful than raw hardware
    - Bitmapped display ⇒ windowing system
    - Ethernet card ⇒ reliable, ordered, networking (TCP/IP)
- Fault Isolation
  - Processes unable to directly impact other processes
  - Bugs cannot crash whole machine
- Protection and Portability
  - Java interface safe and stable across many platforms

System Virtual Machines: Layers of OSs

- Useful for OS development
  - When OS crashes, restricted to one VM
  - Can aid testing programs on other OSs

What is an Operating System,…. Really?

- Most Likely:
  - Memory Management
  - I/O Management
  - CPU Scheduling
  - Communications? (Does Email belong in OS?)
  - Multitasking/multiprogramming?
- What about?
  - File System?
  - Multimedia Support?
  - User Interface?
  - Internet Browser? 😊
- Is this only interesting to Academics??
Operating System Definition (Cont.)

- No universally accepted definition
- “Everything a vendor ships when you order an operating system” is good approximation
  - But varies wildly
- “The one program running at all times on the computer” is the kernel
  - Everything else is either a system program (ships with the operating system) or an application program

“In conclusion…”

- Operating systems provide a virtual machine abstraction to handle diverse hardware
  - Operating systems simplify application development by providing standard services
- Operating systems coordinate resources and protect users from each other
  - Operating systems can provide an array of fault containment, fault tolerance, and fault recovery
- CS162 combines things from many other areas of computer science:
  - Languages, data structures, hardware, and algorithms