

Chapter 3

OS Organization

Design of OS

- Factors influencing *design* of OS
 1. Performance
 2. Protection/Security
 3. Correctness
 4. Maintainability
 5. Commercial factors
 6. Standard & Open Systems



(1) Performance

- Functionality v/s Performance
 - More resource abstraction
 - Higher levels of resource abstraction
- Coding OS w.r.t. Performance
 - Assembly => Fast execution
 - BUT Assembly => Debugging ???
- Others?



(2) Protection & Security

- OS MUST NOT allow one process to interfere with the operations of another process
 - File access
 - Memory space
 - *Resources*
- Therefore, need to implement strategies that support *Isolation & Sharing*
- Challenge is:
 - If OS implements a policy, how to prevent application from changing it



(3) Maintainability & (4) Correctness

- Maintainability
 - Design and write systems to be maintainable
=> Sacrifice performance
- Correctness
 - Does the OS meet the requirements ?
 - Can we write valid set of requirements ?




(5) Commercial influence

- Commercial Influence
 - DOS => IBM-PC
 - UNIX => open platform
- Commercial influence
 - => machine nuances that hinder portability
 - UNIX => portable
 - MAC ???
 - Windows ???



(6) Standards & Open Systems

- Early systems: User tied to ONE vendor
- Desire: User gets pieces from ANY set of vendors
=> Need for Standards and Open Systems
- Open Systems
=> Network of heterogeneous systems
=>Information flow [Big Endian v/s Little Endian]



(6) Standards & Open Systems

- Open systems achieved through
 - Application integration => common interface
 - Portability => more applications among hardware platforms
 - Interoperability
 - Standardize remote access facilities
=> All systems talk same language over the network
- POSIX = Open system
 - Standardize OS interfaces



Basic Functions of OS

1. Device Management
2. Process / Resource Management
3. Memory Management
4. File Management



Device Management

- Isolation
- Allocation
- Share

- Need device drivers
 - Must be able to configure into OS without re-compiling OS (no Source Code)



Process / Resource Management

- Process
 - Creating
 - Destroying
 - Blocking
 - Running
- Resource
 - Isolation
 - Sharing



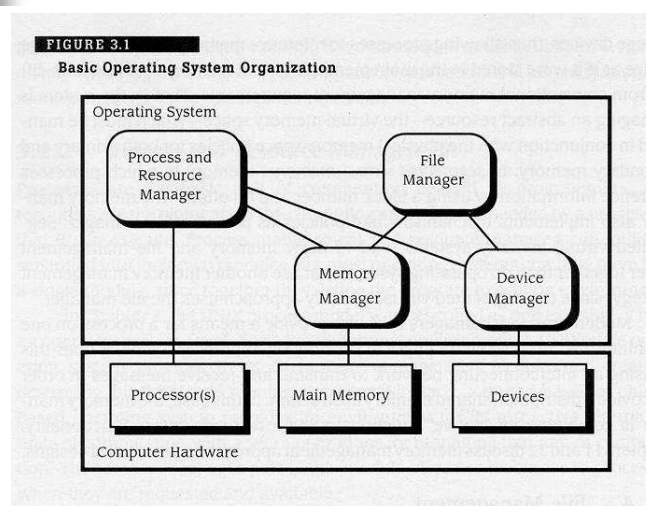
Memory Management

- Allocation & use of main memory
 - Isolation & Protection
 - Sharing
- Virtual Memory
 - Main memory & storage devices
 - Reference 'memory' on storage devices
- Segmented VM – viable approach
 - Block & Offset

File Management

- Transfer from main memory to file
 - Code (VM)
 - Data (VM)
 - Editors
- Different file management strategies
 - Sequential
 - Indexed
 - Direct access
 - Networked

Basic OS Organization





Implementation Considerations

- Process Modes
- Kernels
- Method of requesting system services



Processor Modes

- Supervisor mode
 - Can execute any instruction
- User mode
 - Subset of instructions

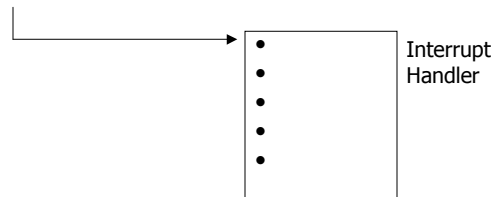
In UNIX:

What can root execute that application cannot ?

- re-nice : OS call
- chown : OS call
- IOCTL (OS call) – if user interleaves output on printer
- Memory accesses

Kernel

- Trusted part of the OS
- Executes in Supervisor mode
- Generally, memory resident
- OS extension run in User mode
 - Example: Drivers
- Kernel functions are invoked by "trap"



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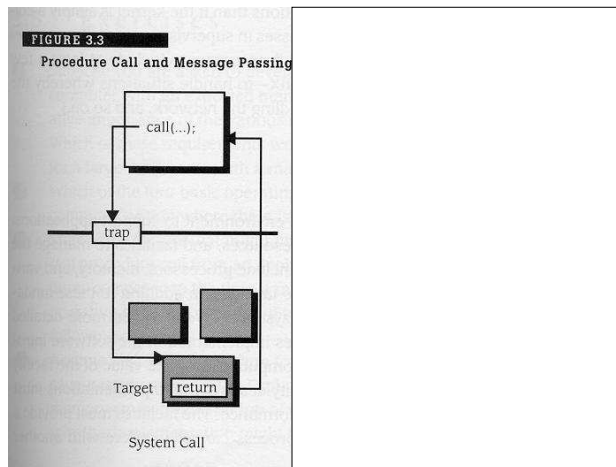
Requesting Service from OS

- System call
 - Process traps to OS Interrupt Handler
 - Supervisor mode set
 - Desired function executed
 - User mode set
 - Returns to application

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Requesting Svc: System Call



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Message Passing

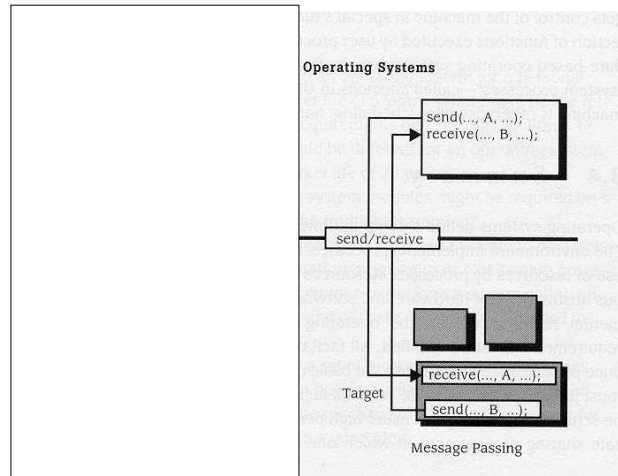
- User process constructs message indicating function (service) needed
- Invokes send to pass message to OS
- Process blocks
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- OS receives message
- OS initiates Function execution
- Upon Function completion, OS Returns ("OK")
- Process un-blocks
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Send and Receive analyze message for proper format, etc.

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Requesting Svc: Message Passing



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Message Passing...

- System call are more efficient

BUT

they also unduly tie the Application to specifics of the OS

- Tradeoffs ???

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