

Chapter 4

Computer Organization

Program Specification

Source

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. . .  
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```

Assembly Language

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Machine Language

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Von Neumann Concept

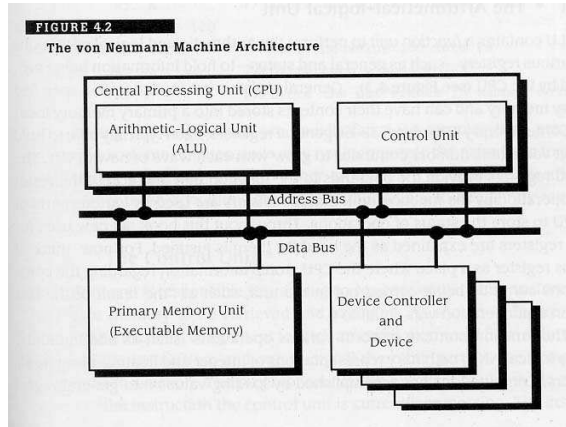
- Stored program concept
- General purpose computational device driven by internally stored program
- Data and instructions look same i.e. binary
- Operation being executed determined by HOW we look at the sequence of bits

- Fetch
 - Decode
 - Execute
- } View bits as instruction

 **Data** might be fetched as a result of execution

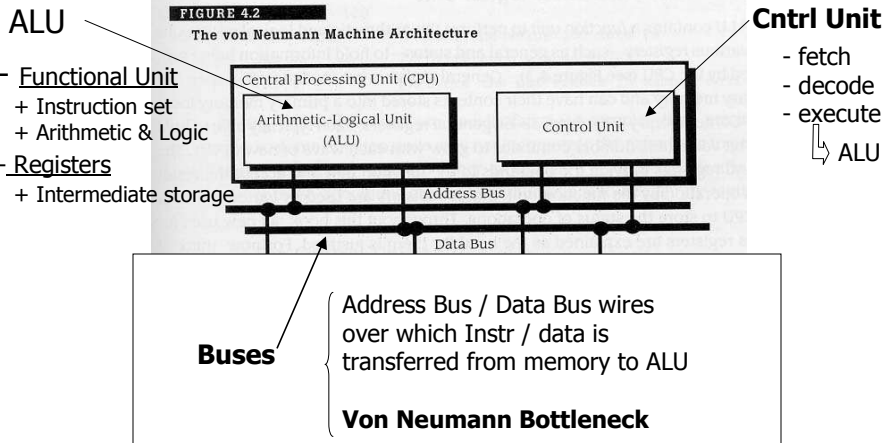
Von Neumann Architecture

- CPU
 - ALU
 - Control Unit
- I/O Buses
- Memory Unit
- Devices

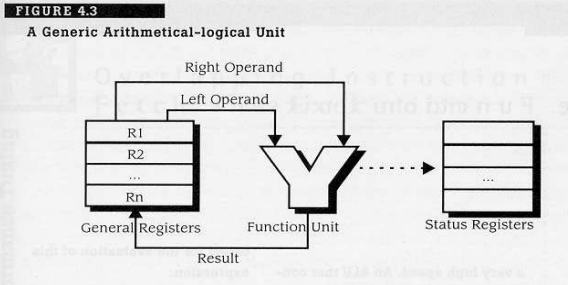


Von Neumann Machine Architecture

CPU = ALU + Cntrl Unit



CPU: **ALU** Component



- Assumes instruction format: OP code, LHO, RHO
 - Instruction / data fetched & placed in register
 - Instruction / data retrieved by functional unit & executed
 - Results placed back in registers
- Control Unit sequences the operations

Program Specification (revisited)

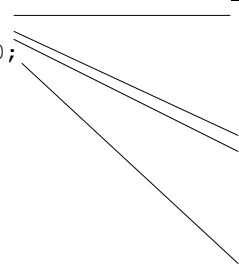
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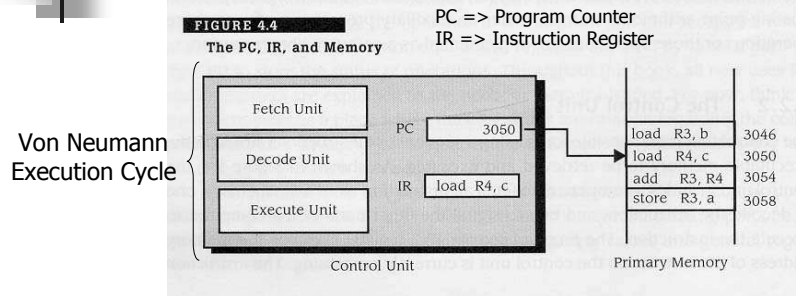
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CPU: Control Unit Component

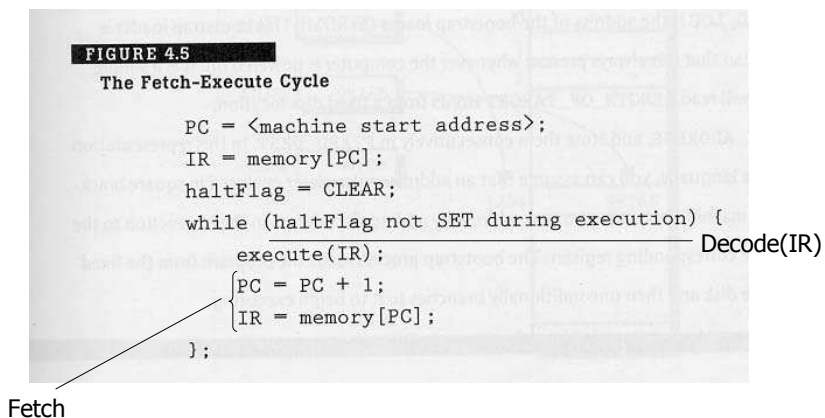


- Fetch Unit
 - Get instruction at location pointed to by PC and place in IR
- Decode Unit
 - Determine which instruction & signal hardware that implements it
- Execute Unit
 - Hardware for instruction execution (could cause more data fetches)

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Fetch – Execute cycle



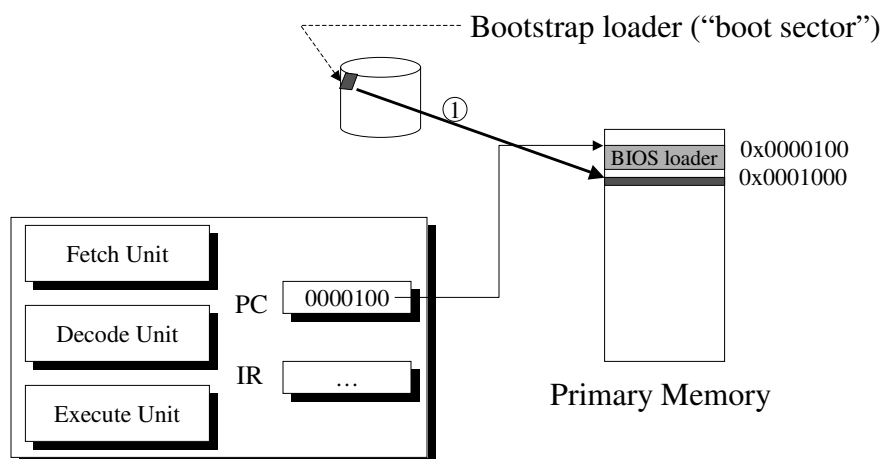
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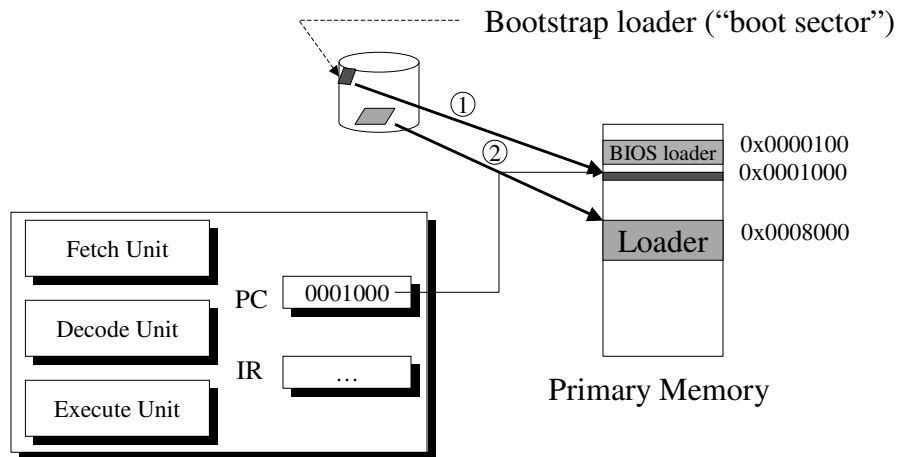
OS boot-up...

- How does the system boot up ?
 - Bootstrap loader
 - OS
 - Application

Bootstrapping



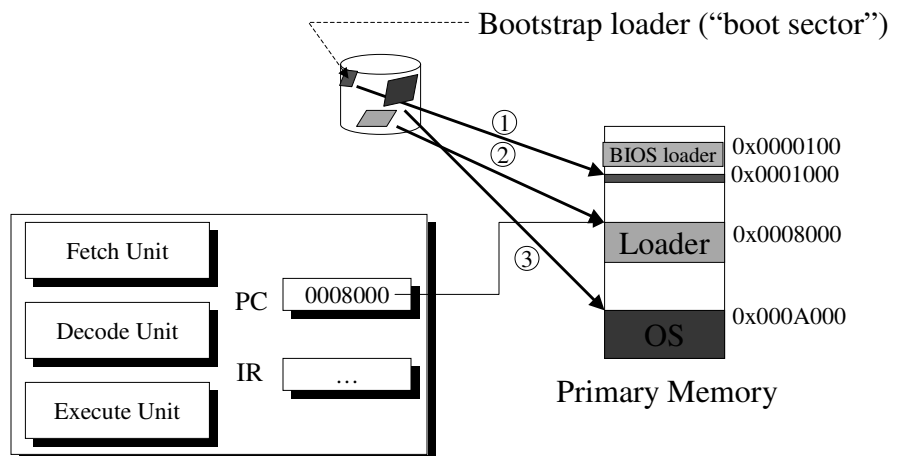
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A Bootstrap Loader

The power-up sequence

```
load PC, FIXED_LOC
```

Address of BS Loader

Where `FIXED_LOC` addresses the bootstrap loader (in ROM).

The bootstrap loader has the form:

```
load R1, =0
load R2, = LENGTH_OF_TARGET
loop: read R1, FIXED_DISK_ADDRESS
      store R1, [FIXED_DEST, R1]
      incr R1
      bleq R1, R2, loop
br FIXED_DEST
```

Reads OS in

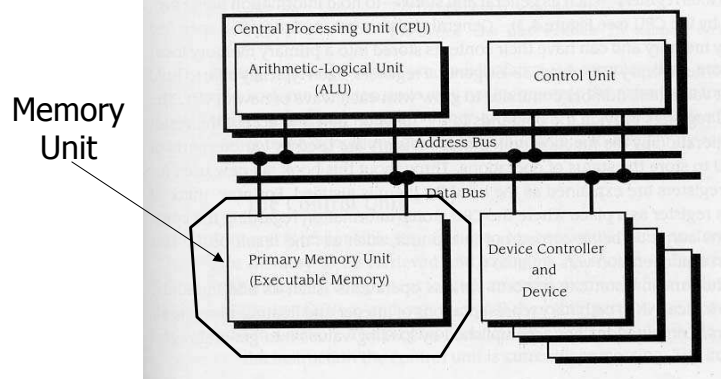
Fetch
Decode
Execute

Branches to OS

Memory Unit

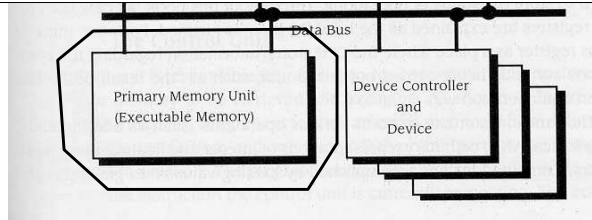
FIGURE 4.2

The von Neumann Machine Architecture



Memory Unit

- Memory Unit contains
 - Memory
 - Instructions & Data
 - MAR (Memory Address Register)
 - MDR (Memory Data register)
 - CMD (Command Register)
 - Get instruction at location pointed to by PC and place in IR

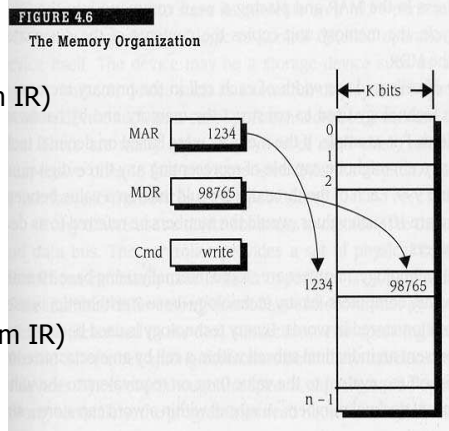


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Memory Access

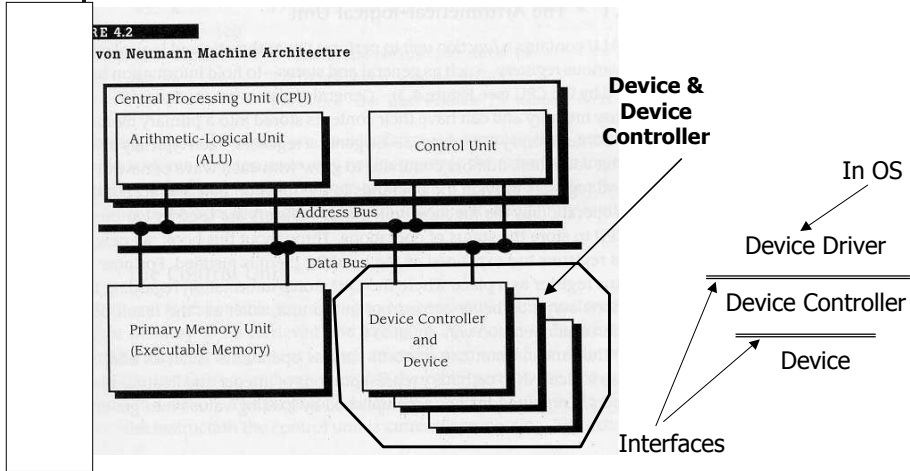
- Read from Memory
 - $MAR \leftarrow MemAddr$
 - $CMD \leftarrow \text{'Read OP' (from IR)}$
 - Execute
 - $MDR \leftarrow Mem[MAR]$
- Write to Memory
 - $MAR \leftarrow MemAddr$
 - $CMD \leftarrow \text{'Write OP' (from IR)}$
 - Execute
 - $Mem[MAR] \leftarrow MDR$



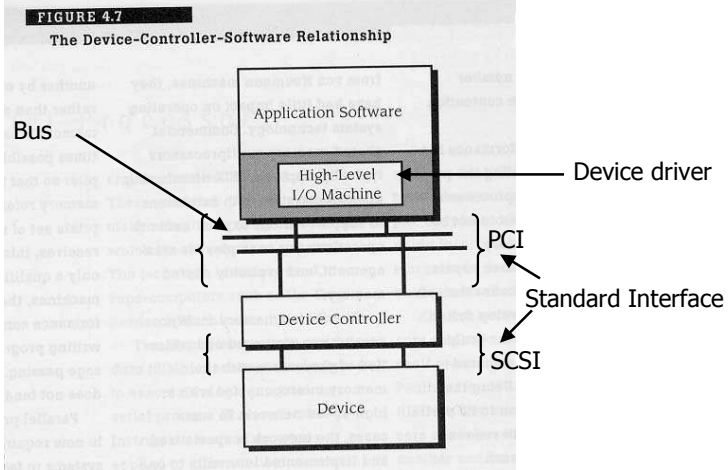
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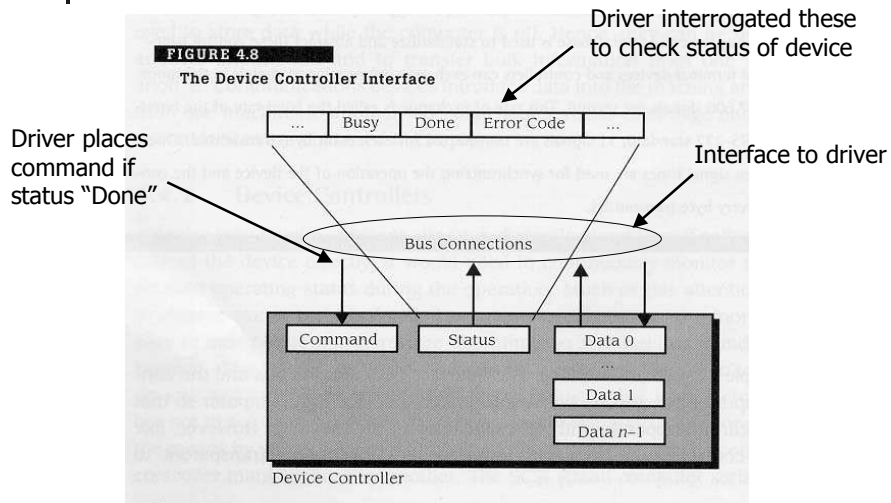
Device & Device Controller



Device Controller-Software Relationship



Device Controller Interface

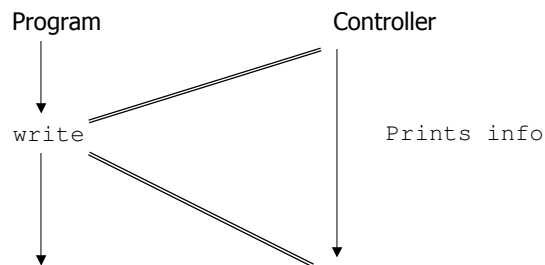


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Device Controller

- Device controller is a processor and allows 2 parts of the process to proceed concurrently



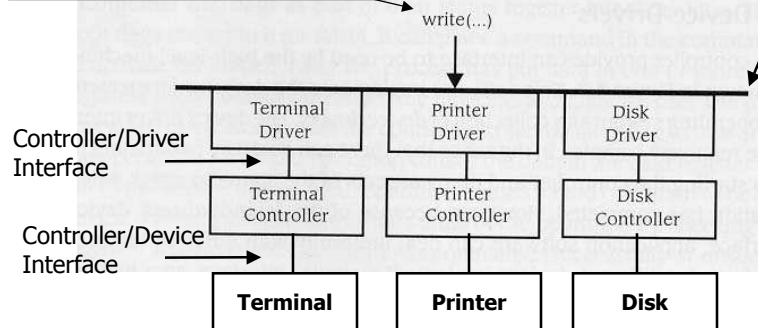
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Device Driver Interface

OS could provide higher level operations to application than the one Driver presents to it

Interface presented by **Driver to Application** program thru OS



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How do interrupts factor in ?

■ Scenario (1)

■ Program:

```
while device_flag busy {}
```

=> Busy wait - consumes CPU cycles

■ Scenario (2)

■ Program:

```
while (Flag != write) {  
    sleep( X )  
}
```

=> If write available while program sleeping - inefficient

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How do interrupts factor in ? ...

- Scenario (3)

- Program:

- issues "write"

- Driver:

- Suspend program until write is completed, then program is unsuspended

This is Interrupt-driven

Interrupts Driven Service Request

- Process is suspended only if driver/controller/device cannot service request
- If a process is suspended, then, when the suspended process' service request can be honored
 - Device interrupts CPU
 - OS takes over
 - OS examines interrupts
 - OS un-suspends the process
- Interrupts
 - Eliminate busy wait
 - Minimizes idle time

Interrupt Handler (Software)

```
interruptHandler() {
    saveProcessorState();
    for(i=0; i<NumberOfDevices; i++)
        if(device[i].done) goto deviceHandler(i);
    /* something wrong if we get to here ... */

deviceHandler(int i) {
    finishOperation();
    returnToScheduler();
}
```

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A Race Condition

```
saveProcessorState() {
    for(i=0; i<NumberOfRegisters; i++)
        memory[K+i] = R[i];
    for(i=0; i<NumberOfStatusRegisters; i++)
        memory[K+NumberOfRegisters+i] = StatusRegister[i];
}

PC = <machine start address>;
IR = memory[PC];
haltFlag = CLEAR;
while(haltFlag not SET) {
    execute(IR);
    PC = PC + sizeof(INSTRUCT);
    IR = memory[PC];
    if(InterruptRequest && InterruptEnabled) {
        disableInterrupts();
        memory[0] = PC;
        PC = memory[1]
    }
};
```

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Revisiting the `trap` Instruction (H/W)

```
executeTrap(argument) {
    setMode(supervisor);
    switch(argument) {
        case 1: PC = memory[1001]; // Trap handler 1
        case 2: PC = memory[1002]; // Trap handler 2
        . . .
        case n: PC = memory[1000+n]; // Trap handler n
    }
};
```

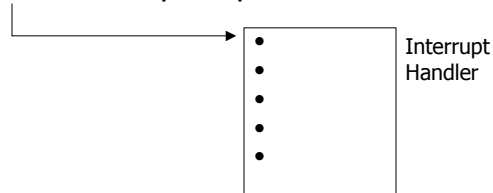
- The trap instruction dispatches a trap handler routine atomically
- Trap handler performs desired processing
- “A trap is a software interrupt”

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Requesting Service from OS

- Kernel functions are invoked by “trap”

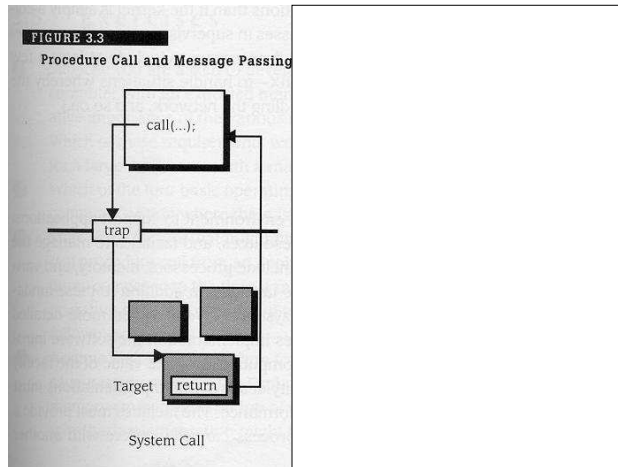


- System call
 - Process traps to OS Interrupt Handler
 - Supervisor mode set
 - Desired function executed
 - User mode set
 - Returns to application

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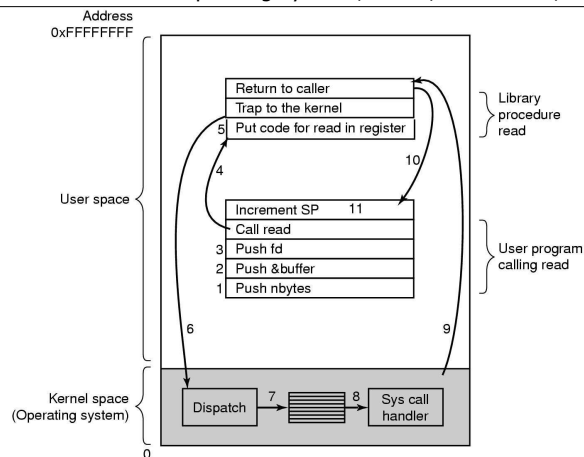
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Requesting Svc: System Call



Steps in making a system call

Taken from Modern Operating Systems, 2nd Ed, Tanenbaum, 2001



There are 11 steps in making the system call read (fd, buffer, nbytes)