CIS 5512 - Operating Systems Introduction

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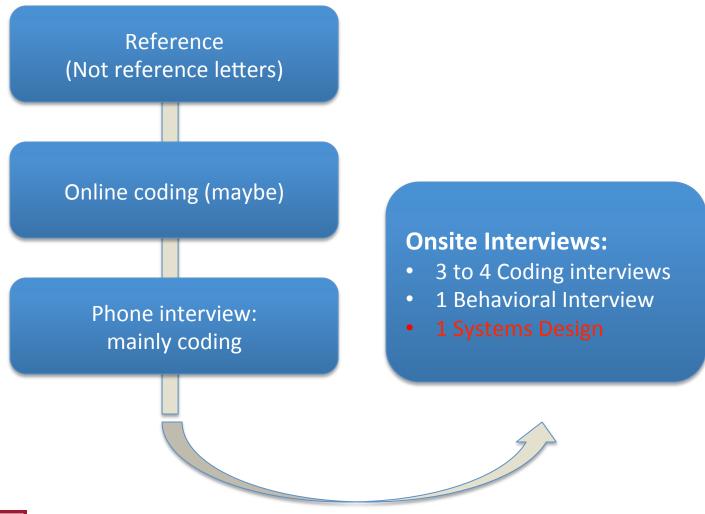
About me

ABOUT ME

- PhD in CSE, Penn State
- Enjoy hacking kernels and systems s/w
- Industry experiences:
 - IBM Watson Research Center
 - NEC Lab America
 - Yahoo
 - Symantec
- Office hours: 3-5pm Thur, SERC 328
- Questions, feedbacks, and comments are highly encouraged



Job hunting





Tips for job hunting

- Contact schoolmates and friends to get internal references
- Coding: leetcode, topcoder, careercup
- Stay in the Bay Area during job hunting; you may get onsite interviews directly (without going through online and phone interviews)
- Learn this course well



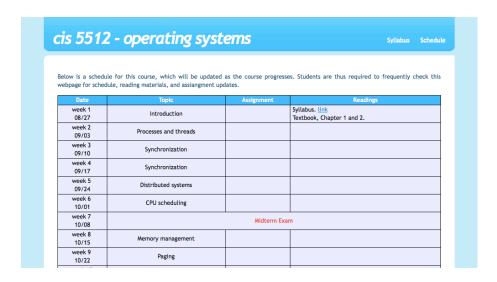
Course prerequisites

- Architectures and systems basics
 - CIS 3207 or CIS 5012
- Data structures
 - CIS 3223 or CIS 5011
- C programming



Course website

- http://cis.temple.edu/~qzeng/cis5512-fall2017/
- Please check this website frequently for updates of assignments, readings, and slides
- Readings ahead of classes are required

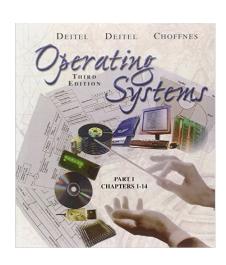




Textbooks

Required

 "Operating Systems", Deitel, Deitel, and Choffnes, 3rd edition 2004



Recommended

- "Operating Systems: Principles and Practice",
 Anderson and Dahlin, 2nd edition, 2014
- "Linux Kernel Development", Love, 3rd edition, 2010



Grading

- Midterm (35%), Final (35%), Projects(30%)
- Three programming assignments
 - Mandatory: three students per group (two-student group needs the instructor's special approval)
 - Cheating will lead to "F"
 - Late submission will be rejected directly; no excuse



What this course is about

- How are the subsystems of an OS built?
 - The beautiful designs behind them
- Why have they been built this way?
 - What are the trade-offs?
 - Can the ideas be generalized to your research?





What this course is NOT about

- NOT a distributed OS course
- NOT a cloud computing and virtualization course
- NOT an embedded system course



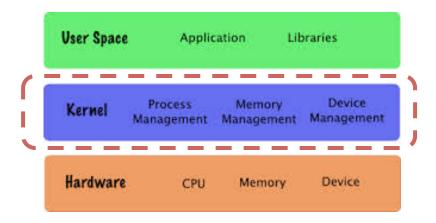
Why is an operating system needed?

- Services
 - Hundreds of system calls
- Resource management
 - Processor, memory, disk
- Analogy think about a bank:
 Bank facilities computer hardware
 Staff operating system
 Customers user programs

- Protection
 - Isolation and access control
- Inter-process communication (IPC)
 - One process talks with another



Three major subsystems



- Process management
 - Processes, threads, synchronization
- Memory management
 - Paging and swapping
- Device management
 - File systems, networks, display



What is the difference between process and thread?



How do processes share CPU?



What is segmentation fault?



How do processes share memory?



What happens upon a keystroke?



How to optimize your programs?

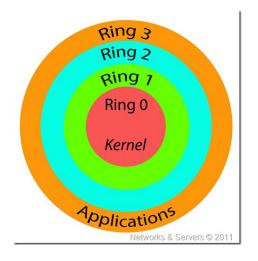


What are device drivers?



CPU modes

- CPU modes: kernel mode and user mode
 - Kernel mode can issue privileged instructions
- Implemented through protection rings
 - Introduced by Multics, the predecessor of Unix
 - X86 CPUs Kernel mode: Ring 0; user mode: ring 3





Why are Protection Rings needed?

- Fault isolation: the program crash can be captured and handled by a lower ring
- Privileged instructions can only be issued in ring 0, which makes resource management, isolation and protection possible; e.g.,
 - I/O: read/write disks, etc.
 - Physical memory allocation

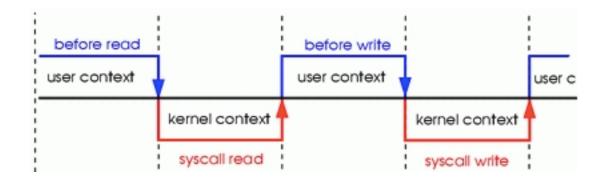


Questions

- If read/write disks are privileged instructions, how does a user program read/write?
 - System calls
 - When a system call is issued, the process goes from user mode (ring 3) to kernel mode (ring 0)
 - fprintf libc call -> read/write system call -> I/O
- When a system call is issued, how does the CPU mode change?
 - User mode -> kernel mode -> user mode



User mode and kernel mode are interleaved





How to interpret the output of the time command

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$ time any-command
real 0m1.734s
user 0m0.017s
sys 0m0.040s
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- Real: wall clock time
- User: CPU time spent in user-mode
- Sys: CPU time spent in kernel-mode
- Actual CPU time: user + sys

