DM510: Recap and Exam Preparation

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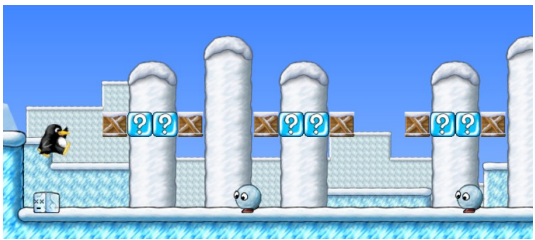
Today's lecture

- Q & A
- Operating Systems Speedrun and quiz
- Course Evaluation (during break)



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Exam

- 180 minutes
- digital
- closed book
- 5-6 main questions (each on different topic, with subquestions)
- one question testing rudimantary understanding of programming projects

Speedrun & QUIZ

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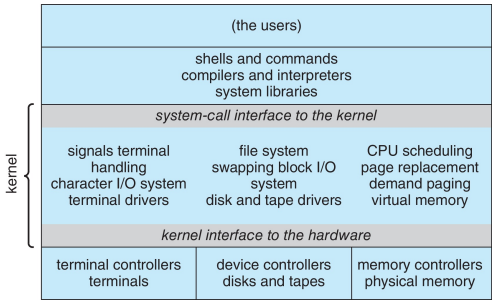

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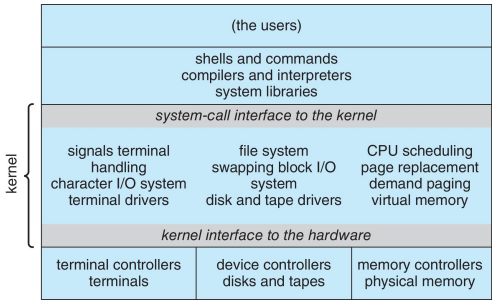

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- Compare making a call to the shared library (e.g. `sqrt()` in cmath) to a system call. Internally, what are the differences?
- For convenience, a system call usually has a wrapper function in a shared library. Why isn't the entire implementation of the system call in the shared library?

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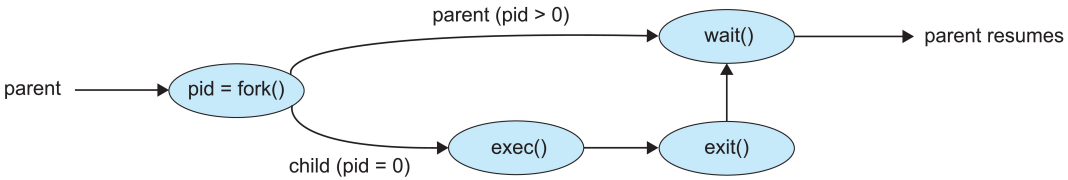
The image below depicts how a terminal process executes a program (synchronously). Since there is no parallelism anyway, wouldn't it be better (more efficient) to call `exec()` directly without creating an extra process? Explain why this is not viable.



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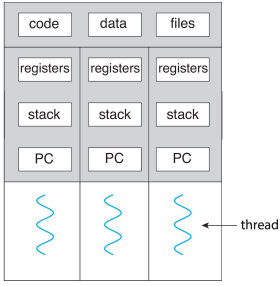

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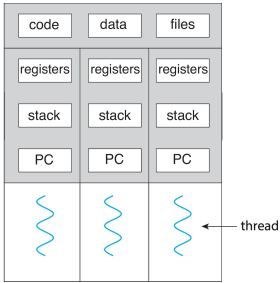

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The interpreter of a high-level programming language could have information about the upcoming instructions of a thread. Why could this be a reason for user threads managed by the interpreter as opposed to using kernel threads?
Hint: think about the advantages to CPU scheduling.

CPU scheduling

- Scheduling criteria
- Preemptive, non-preemptive scheduling
- Various examples of scheduling algorithms
- Multi-core and realtime scheduling

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The following code shows one thread writing elements into a shared buffer and once the buffer is full, the other process consumes all of them at once. For the consumer there are two alternatives given (`thread2()` and `thread2_alt()`).
Explain for both alternatives whether they exhibit race conditions when used together with `thread1()`.

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Can the following code lead to a deadlock?

- If not, which necessary condition for deadlocks is not satisfied?
- If yes, explain why and propose a modification that prevents the deadlock. Which necessary condition is not satisfied in your modification?

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Shared library code is only loaded into main memory once, even if several processes use it. Explain the functionality of the read-only bit in the page table and why it is crucial to the aforementioned optimization.

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- Explain the purpose(s) of RAID
- Consider four equal sized HDDs configured either with RAID 1 (mirrored disks) or RAID 4 (block-interleaved parity). Which one has the higher risk of data loss? Which one has higher storage capacity? Explain your answer.

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Should the TCP protocol be implemented in hardware, driver, or user space? Justify your answer.

File systems

- Files, directory structures, file system mounting
- Implementation: inodes, block allocation, recovery from failure
- Facilitated in programming project

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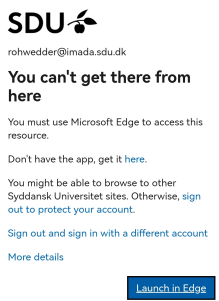

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HTTP requests include information about the browser in the `user-agent` header. For example:

User-Agent: Mozilla/5.0 (iPad; U; CPU OS 3_2_1 like Mac OS X; en-us) AppleWebKit/531.21.10 (KHTML, like Gecko) Mobile/7B405

Out of "security concerns", Microsoft wants to limit access to some websites to users of their own browser (Edge). This is done using the user-agent header.

- Explain the masquerading attack and how Microsoft's approach is vulnerable against it.
- Microsoft could distribute a private key together with the Edge software. Would this solve the vulnerability? If yes, explain how. If no, explain the problems.

Virtual machines

- Type-0, type-1, type-2 hypervisors
- Trap-and-emulate, binary translation
- Containerization