Preliminaries

CS 450: Operating Systems
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Agenda

- Prerequisites
- Resources: website, textbooks, etc.
- Evaluation: assignments, exams, grading
- Class overview
Prerequisites
CS Essentials

- Essential algorithms & runtime analysis
- Data structures
- Data representation (bin/hex) and manipulation (shifting/masking/etc.)
Programming Knowledge

- Languages: Assembly (x86 or other), C (or other procedural)
- Compilation process (assembly, compilation, linking, etc.)
- Runtime stack usage and conventions
- Dynamic memory allocation
Computer Organization

- Von Neumann model
- Instruction Set Architectures (RISC/CISC)
- Cache organization and operation
- Interrupt procedures
Operating System API

- Ideally: knowledge of Unix syscalls
  - process management (fork/exec/wait)
  - memory management (sbrk/mmap)
  - I/O (open/close/read/write/seek)
Support Tools

- Command line / Shell (e.g., bash)
- Debugger/Tracer (e.g., GDB)
- Build automation (e.g., Make)
- Version control (e.g., Git)
Course website: http://moss.cs.iit.edu/cs450

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Announcements
- Welcome to the Spring 2021 edition of CS 450: Operating Systems

Calendar
This schedule is tentative and may be updated:

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http://moss.cs.iit.edu/cs450
http://pages.cs.wisc.edu/~remzi/OSTEP/
Readings before class!

- Please read (or at least, skim) readings *before* associated lecture on calendar
- May occasionally start/end with a quiz for self-evaluation
- Check website frequently in case schedule changes
Blackboard: http://blackboard.iit.edu
Discord: online office hours, class discussion, and Q/A (invite on course website)
Grading / Evaluation
Assignments

- ~6 assignments = 60% of grade:
  - Problem sets (quantitative analysis)
  - Machine problems (coding): simulation and kernel hacking
Exams

- Two exams (midterm & final) @ 20% each:
  - administered online, open book/open notes, cumulative
  - scores may be linearly scaled so median/mean is 75%
  - tentative midterm exam date: **March 12**
Grade scale

- A: \( \geq 90\% \)
- B: 80-89\%
- C: 70-79\%
- D: 60-69\%
- E: < 60\%
Class Overview
CS 450

- Capstone of the systems sequence (CS 350 → 351 → 450)
- Wrap up answer to “how do modern (general purpose) computers work under the hood?”
- The OS is the bedrock of almost all modern software!
You should already know what services are *provided* by OSes, along with:

- how to invoke them (syscalls)
- how to use them effectively and efficiently
lingering questions:
- how are processes actually created/tracked?
- how do processes safely share resources (e.g., CPU/Mem)?
- how to correctly/safely leverage concurrency?
- how does the file system work?
- how are protection/security enforced?
Primary topics

- Kernel architecture
- Processes and Threads
- Scheduling
- Virtual memory
- I/O architectures and device programming
- File Systems
- Interprocess Communication
- Concurrency and Synchronization
Theory vs. Implementation

- Grand academic debate
- OSes is a huge topic; hard to adequately address both!
  - theory comes first — (hopefully) broad application
  - but it’d be nice to see some working OS code, too …
- Liberal Arts, Architecture majors have “art history/appreciation” classes
  - Why don’t we have “code appreciation”?
… the best way to prepare [to be a programmer] is to write programs, and to study great programs that other people have written. In my case, I went to the garbage cans at the Computer Science Center and fished out listings of their operating system.

- Bill Gates
We’ll read/tinker with an existing OS codebase (xv6), while making modifications/additions

- great way to understand how OSes work without writing millions of lines of code!
For next time, please read OS:TEP chapters 1 & 2!