

# Operating System Structures

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## System Structures

What services does an OS provide  
System Services

How an OS is designed and implemented.  
Design and Implementation

How an OS boots.  
System Booting

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## System Services

User Interface

Program Execution

I/O Operations

File-system manipulation

Communications

Error Detection

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# System Services

User Interface Services:

Command line (shell)

Graphical environment (windows)

Remote controls

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# System Services

System Calls (API):

Interface between  
**user** and **system**

Mechanism used to access  
the hardware

POSIX, Win32, Java API, ...

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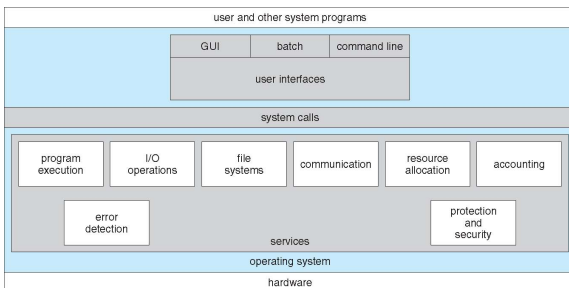
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# System Calls

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# System Call Implementation

Typically a **numbered table**

recall the **Interrupt Vector Table**

Trigger a swap from **user** to **protected** mode.

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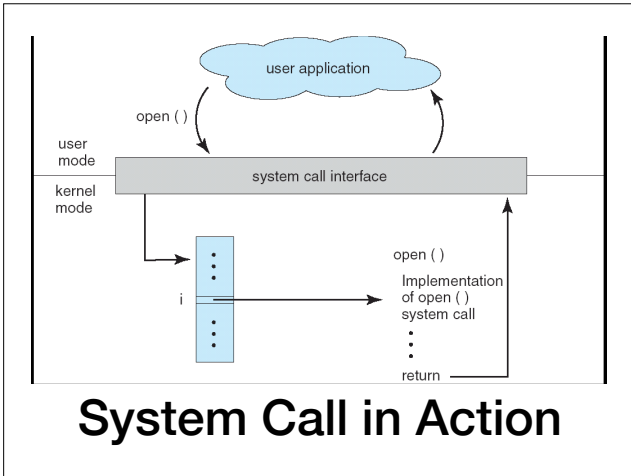
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## System Call in Action

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# System Call Parameters

Three general methods to pass parameters

in **registers**.

in **memory**

in the **stack**.




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## Pintos System Call

Stack  
Pointer

0xbffffe80	'A'	...
0xbffffe7c	2	third argument
0xbffffe78	256	second argument
0xbffffe74	42	first argument
0xbffffe70	6	system call #
0xbffffe6c	...	...

`do_this(42, 0xbffffe80, 2);`

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## System Call Types

Process Control	File Manipulation
Device Manipulation	Information Maintenance
Communications	Protection

The System Call APIs consist of...

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	Windows	Unix
Process Control	CreateProcess() ExitProcess() WaitForSingleObject()	fork() exit() wait()
File Manipulation	CreateFile() ReadFile() WriteFile() CloseHandle()	open() read() write() close()
Device Manipulation	SetConsoleMode() ReadConsole() WriteConsole()	ioctl() read() write()
Information Maintenance	GetCurrentProcessID() SetTimer() Sleep()	getpid() alarm() sleep()
Communication	CreatePipe() CreateFileMapping() MapViewOfFile()	pipe() shmget() mmap()
Protection	SetFileSecurity() InitializeSecurityDescriptor() SetSecurityDescriptorGroup()	chmod() umask() chown()

## System Call Types

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# Pintos System Calls

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```
SYS_HALT,      /* Halt the operating system. */
SYS_EXIT,     /* Terminate this process. */
SYS_EXEC,     /* Start another process. */
SYS_WAIT,     /* Wait for a child process to die. */
SYS_CREATE,   /* Create a file. */
SYS_REMOVE,   /* Delete a file. */
SYS_OPEN,     /* Open a file. */
SYS_FILESIZE, /* Obtain a file's size. */
SYS_READ,     /* Read from a file. */
SYS_WRITE,    /* Write to a file. */
SYS_SEEK,     /* Change position in a file. */
SYS_TELL,     /* Report current position in a file. */
SYS_CLOSE,    /* Close a file. */
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# System Programs

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More aptly named **System Utilities**

- command interpreter.
- file and device manipulation.
- status and communication tools.
- compiler and debugger?

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- System Services
- Design and Implementation
- System Booting

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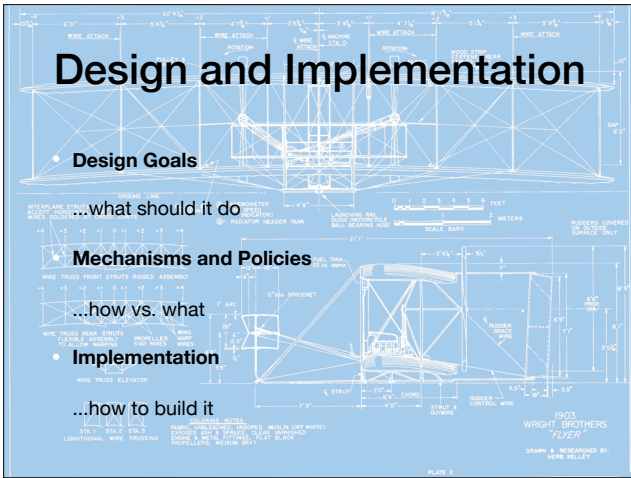
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# Design and Implementation

- Design Goals

...what should it do

- Mechanisms and Policies

...how vs. what

- Implementation

...how to build it

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## The Simple Structure



- Also called **monolithic** design
- No well defined structure
- Only kernel-level and user-level realms
- Lots of functionality in least space
- Often the "fastest"

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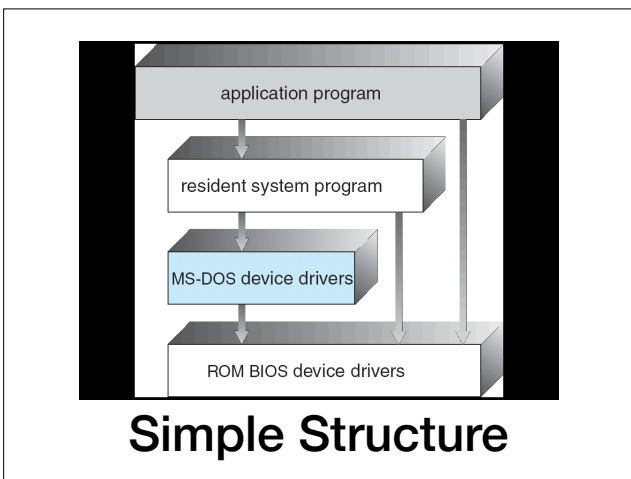
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# Layered Structure

Well defined interfaces of **progressive capability**

Layers are **protected** from each other

Only interacts with neighbor layers

Tend to be relatively slow



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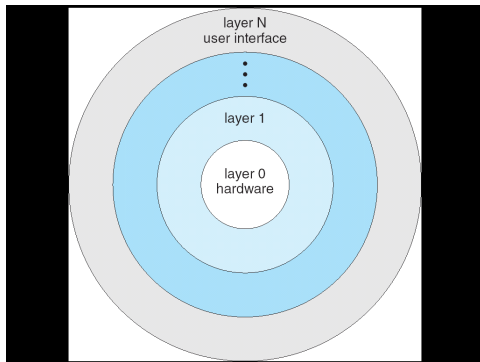
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# Layered Structure

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# Microkernels

Only what **needs** to be **in kernel** is in the kernel

Do as much as possible in user space.

e.g. Memory allocation

Small and optimized

Focused on message passing

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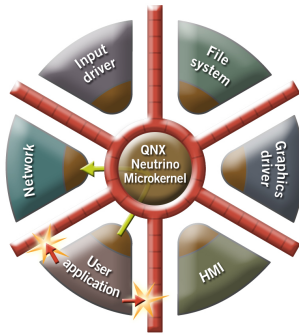
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## Microkernel

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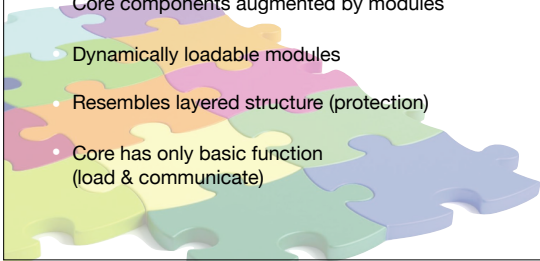
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## Modular Structure

Object-oriented techniques

Core components augmented by modules

- Dynamically loadable modules
- Resembles layered structure (protection)
- Core has only basic function (load & communicate)




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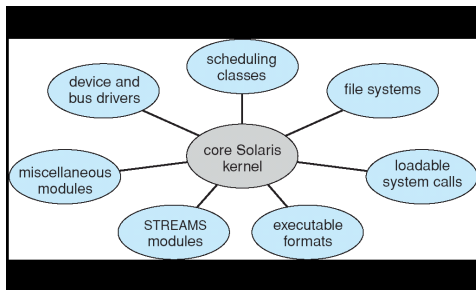
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## Modular Structure

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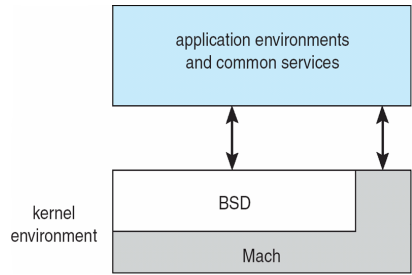
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## Mac OS X Hybrid

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## Virtual Machines

Continuation of Layered Structure

**Virtualize the hardware**

Creates the illusion of hardware that an operating system can run on

Wicked Awesome!




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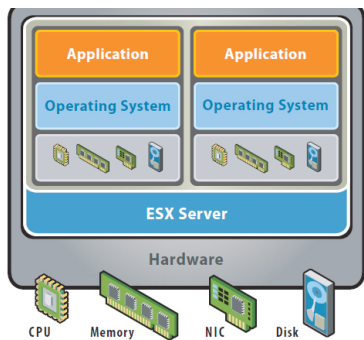
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## Virtual Machine

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# Simulation

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Emulate a different architecture

Must emulate all hardware

Simulate guest instructions

Slow.

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# Implementation

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Must provide a *complete* machine.

Only one **kernel** mode.  
*virtual user* and *virtual kernel* modes

AMD provides hardware support for this.

VMWare, QEMU, bochs, VirtualBox, ...

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System Services

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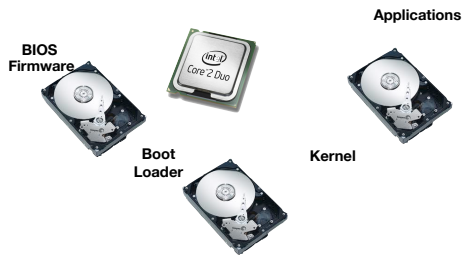
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# System Boot



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# Summary

- Services Provided
  - Through System Call Interface
- Designs and Implementation
  - Simple, Layered, Microkernel, Modular
  - Virtual Machines, Simulation, Para-virtualization.

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# Questions?

2.11 How could a system be designed to allow a choice of operating systems from which to boot? What would the bootstrap program need to do?

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# End

Operating System Structures

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