

# Exceptional control flow

Exceptions:

Interrupts → asynchronous

Traps → synchronous

↳ depend on program

Fault

~~Trap~~ examples:

- page faults
- divide by 0
- protection faults
- the int instruction

trap →

What does the system need to do on an exception?

- Save return address
  - Save registers (and other state)
- architectural

★ - jump to the handler

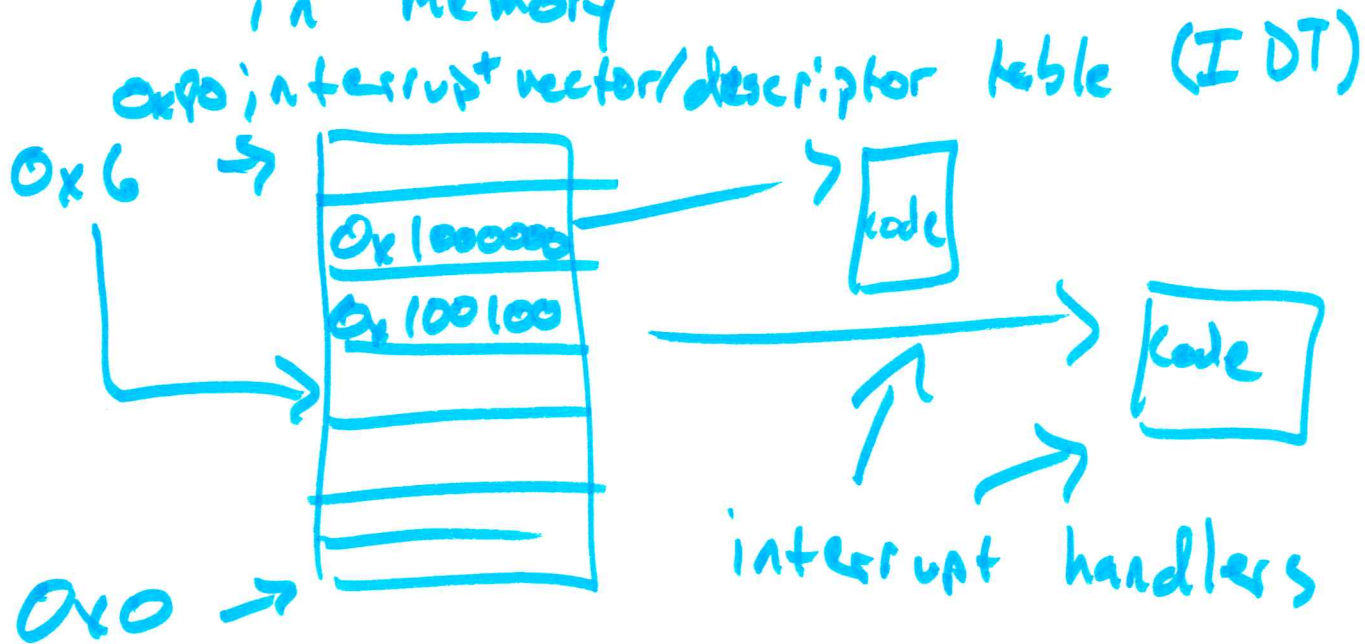
- Set the reason for exception
  - ↳ privilege level
  - ↳ set registers (yes)

- Done executing: system needs to fix up everything

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How do we know where to jump?

- interrupt vectors defined somewhere in memory



How is table initialized?

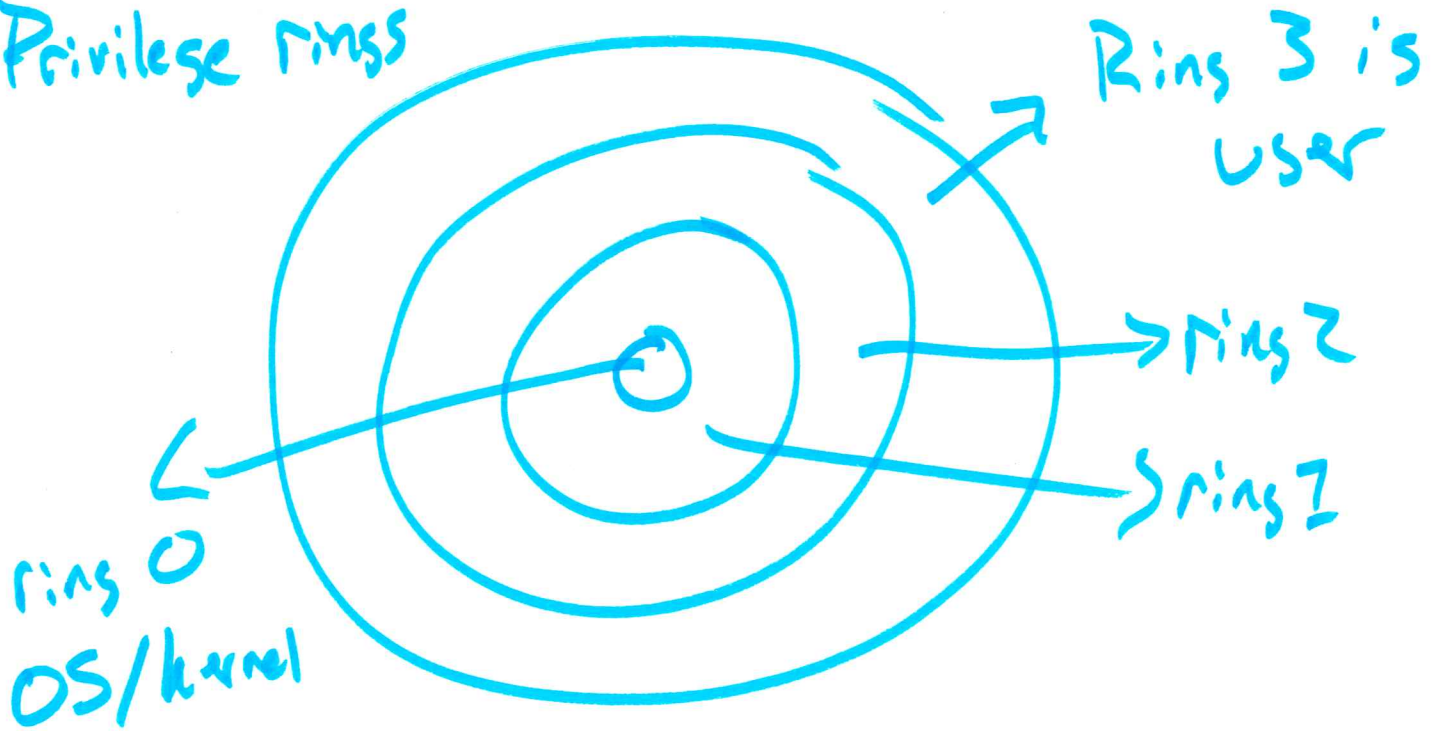
→ The OS: on boot OS points to handlers by writing the IDT

Set Privileges:

user-mode

kernel-mode (ring 0)

Privilege rings



prevents users from:

- executing certain instructions
- modifying certain registers
- messing w/ interrupt vectors
- and lots more

need to be in Ring 0 to run int. handler

Asking the OS to do something.

```
read(fd, buf, 100);
```

System call (syscall)

in x86:

```
movl $72, %eax
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int $0x80 (128)
```

trap

→ exception

↳ changes privilege level

→ jumps ~~to~~ to OS

```
movl $0, %eax → exit
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```
int $0x80
```

int handler  
jmp \*%eax

What happens if you get an interrupt while servicing an interrupt?

- Stall the new interrupt

→ easiest thing to do

\* non-reentrant code

↳ common in real-time OS

- Service the second interrupt + then go back to the first Interrupt Request

- reentrant kernel



non-reentrant



reentrant ~~kernel~~ kernels very hard

To prevent interrupts: interrupt enable flag (IEF)