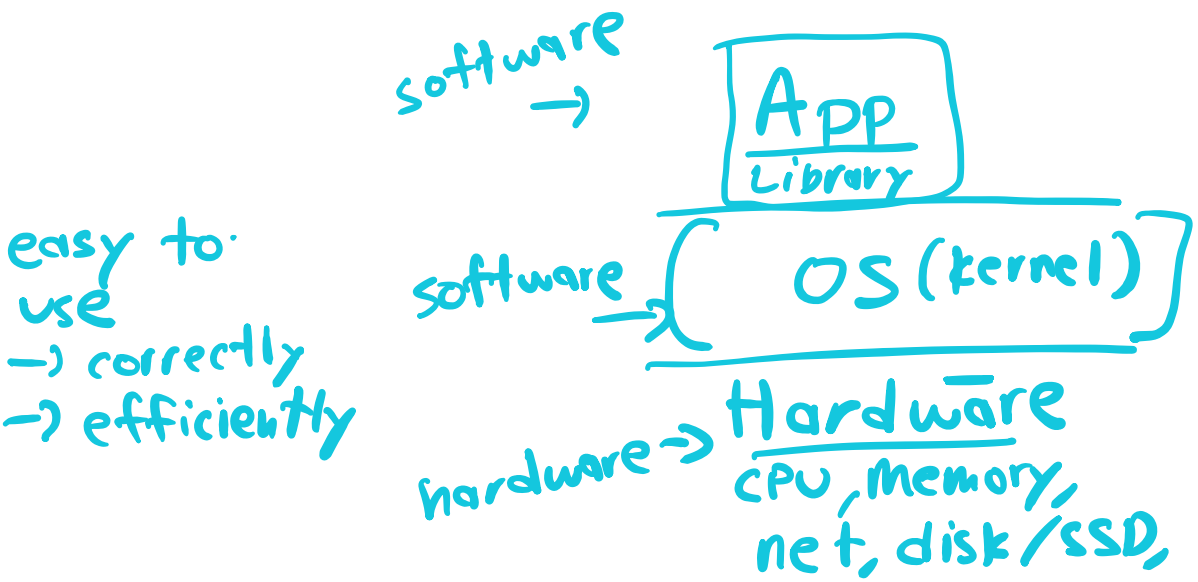
# CS 537 : Day 2

Operating Systems

Virtualization

Concurrency

Persistence




## Virtualization

fact: physical limit in machines

=> 1, few CPUs, limited amount of DRAM

build an illusion

=> as many CPUs as needed

=> for each running program, a large memory (private)

Virtualization:

CPU

Memory

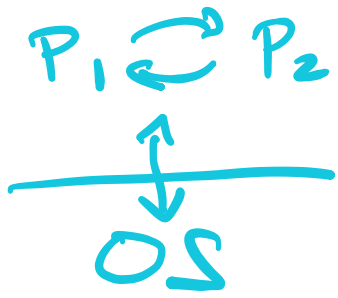
Goals:

-> Efficiency

-> Security

isolation

running program or "process"

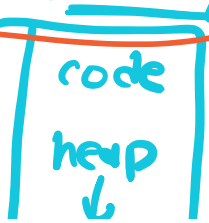



Abstraction : Process

What changes when a program runs?

1) -> registers (PC, general purpose)

2) -> memory ("address space")



→ I/O (input, output)
(e.g., open file descriptors)


CPU: how to virtualize?

⇒ run N processes "at once"
even though we have M CPUs
(N > M)

general idea:
1 CPU, 2 processes A, B

A B A B ...

time

"time sharing"

→ Mechanisms: low-level how

→ Policies: which process to run?

First attempt: Direct Execution

Boot time: (start up)

⇒ OS is the first prog. to run

set up:

→ free list (to track memory)

→ process list

(etc.)

want: run one program

OS

⇒ alloc entry on process list

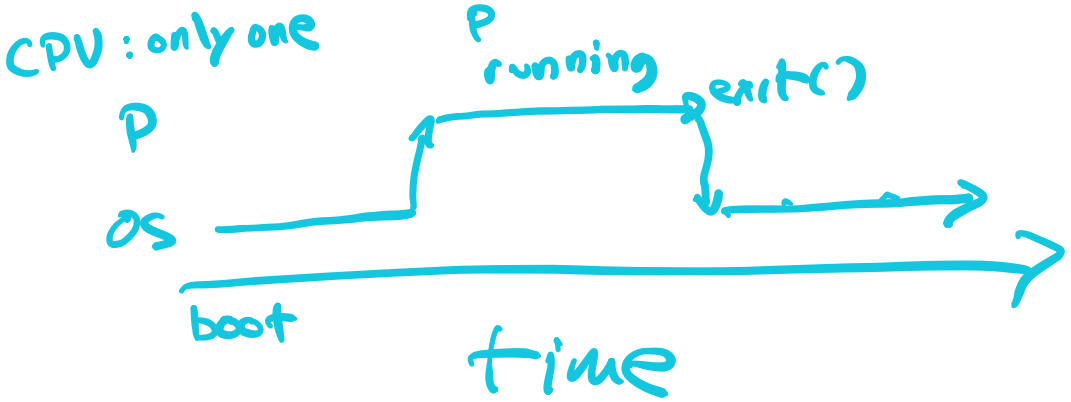
⇒ alloc some memory

⇒ load the program → memory

(code, static data)

→ disk ⇒ memory

⇒ jump to main of program + start running




observations:

only one thing running

@ a time

while(1);

[reboot]

Problems:

1) what if P wants to do something restricted? (e.g., issue a read to disk)

2) what if OS wants to stop $P_A$, run $P_B$?

3) what if P does something that is "slow"? (disk I/O, net I/O)

Class

web page ← Canvas

1) ↓

Piazza → Discord

2) P1a due Monday

3) weekly Canvas quiz

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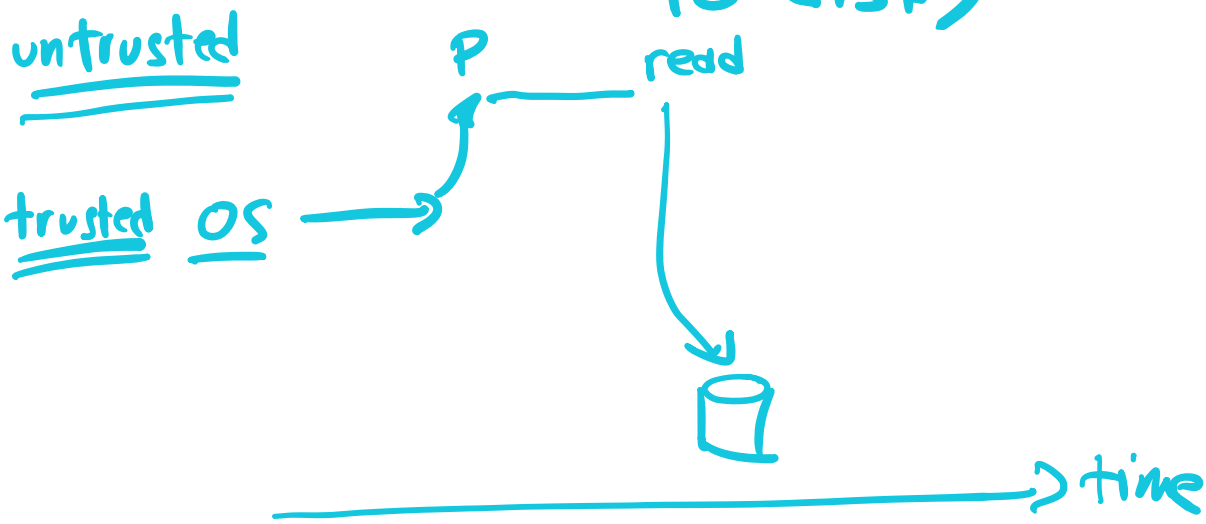



Hardware support:

1) modes of operation (per CPU)

"user mode" (applications)
restricted, non-privileged

"kernel mode" (OS)

unrestricted, privileged

(per CPU) bit: 0 or 1 => which mode

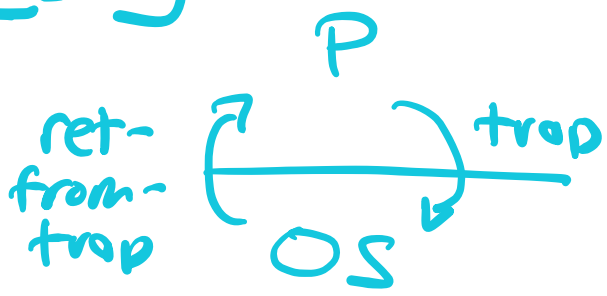
2) transition between modes

=> instructions:

user mode -> 1) enter kernel mode from user mode: trap

2) kernel -> user: return-from-trap

kernel mode -> [ 3) set up trap handlers ]




Time line:

OS @ boot

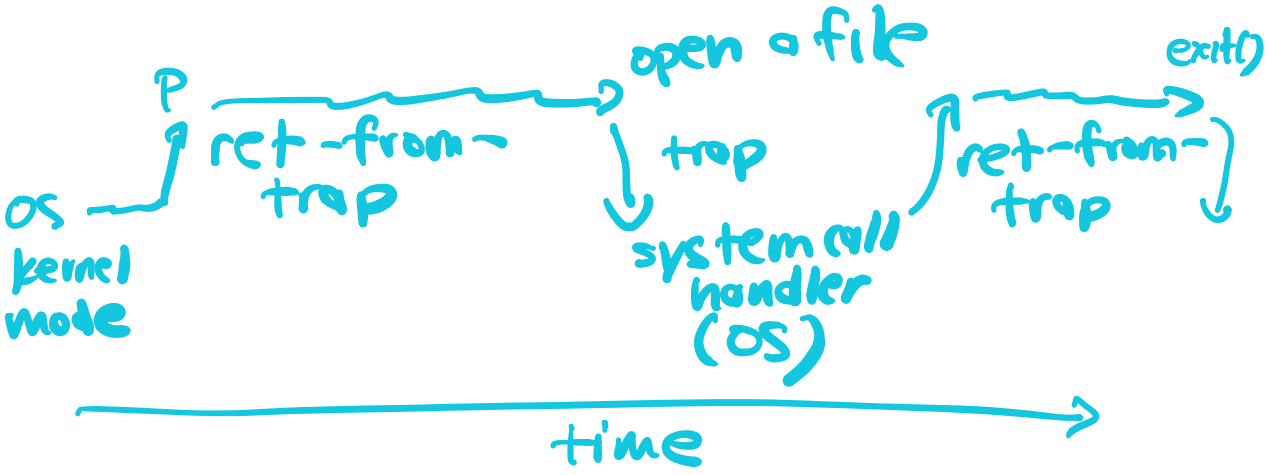
=> set up trap handlers (+ other stuff)

Proc @ run time

modern OS: ~200 sys calls

## system calls:

open
read → assembly: calls trap
close

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## Limited Direct Execution