Operating Systems

CS 4410 - CS 4411

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These slides build upon many rounds of teaching CS 4410
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About Prof. Bracy

Professional Interests

- Teaching: intro to programming, digital design, computer architecture, system software, operating systems
- Research: microarchitecture, instruction fusion

Past:

- Educated @ Stanford & University of Pennsylvania
- Worked @ WashU in St. Louis & Intel Labs

Other pursuits: novice skier, intermediate jazz connoisseur, advanced toddler wrangler
About Prof. Alvisi

Research interests: building scalable distributed systems that can be depended upon

- PC Chair of SOSP ’17

- Undergrad in Physics at ; Ph.D. in CS at

- Taught at

Other pursuits: motorcycling, classical music, traveling
About You

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Meet the OS

- Software that manages a computer's resources
- Makes it easier to write the applications you want to write
- Makes you want to use the applications you wrote by running them efficiently
Why study Operating Systems?
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- To learn how to manage complexity through appropriate abstractions
  - infinite CPU, infinite memory, files, locks, etc.

- To learn about design
  - performance vs. robustness, functionality vs. simplicity, HW vs. SW, etc.

- To learn how computers work

- Because OSs are everywhere!
Where's the OS?

Las Vegas
Where’s the OS?
New York
What will the course be like?
Robert Ryman
Series #5
2005

Dan Flavin
Monument
1965

White
# Cambia, Todo Cambia

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Painting*  
- Order
- Design
- Tension
- Balance
- Harmony

System building  
- Reliability
- Availability
- Portability
- Efficiency
- Security

*Sondheim: Sunday in the Park with George
Logistics

Lectures

- 4410: Tu-Th 1:25-2:40pm, Olin 155
- 4411: F: 2:30-3:30pm, Hollister B14 (~ every 2 weeks)

Instructors:

- Professor Alvisi: M: 6:00-8:00pm
- Professor Bracy: M: 11:00-12:00pm · Tu: 3:00-4:00pm

Office Hours

- TAs — a small army at your disposal!
Our Expectations

Code of Silence

- Absolute quiet during lectures
- Except (duh!) for questions! Please ask!

Luddite Zone

- Numerous studies show that such classrooms are far more effective (pioneered by Cornell: “The Laptop and the Lecture”, 2003)
- You learn more, so do the people around you!
Communicating

Web Page: http://www.cs.cornell.edu/Courses/cs4410
- Office hours, assignments, lectures, and other supplemental materials will be on the web site

- Public posts: for everyone
  - Don’t post code
  - Use posts, not email
- Private posts: for instructor/TA eyes only

Personal emergencies: email cs4410-prof@cornell.edu (goes to us both)
Assignments/Projects

- Code distributed through github
- [http://github.coecis.cornell.edu](http://github.coecis.cornell.edu)
- we’ll need your ids — more on this later
- Submissions through CMS

Administrative

- You are expected to keep up with
  - Lectures and Readings
  - Exams
  - Assignments (4410) and Projects (4411)

- Textbook
  - Anderson and Dahlin (1st or 2nd edition)
  - Subset of Kurose and Ross “Computer Networking: A Top-Down Approach”.
Grading

CS4410
- ~48% Programming Assignments*
- ~50% Exams (best 2 of 3)
- ~2% Course evaluation, etc.

CS4411
- ~98% Projects
- ~2% Course evaluation, etc.

Grading will not be on a curve
- We want to give everyone an A+
- It's a time trial: you are not running against your peers

* if you are enrolled in both 4410 and 4411, your 4410 Programming Assignments grade will be 12% A1, 12% A2, 24% the average of your 6 Prac project grades
Programming Assignments (CS4410)

- 4 assignments
  - Shell
  - Concurrent programming
  - Networking
  - File systems

- To be done individually

- 4 slip days — at most 2 per assignment

Start early! Time management is key
Projects
(CS4411)

6 project, to be done in teams of 2

- Threads and Concurrency
- Basic Datagram Networking
- Routing
- Scheduling
- Reliable Streaming Protocol
- File Systems

Google form to indicate team’s composition

- No partner? We’ve got a Google form for that too! Or search on Piazza

Working in pairs

- Start early; time management is key; Manage the team effort
- Don’t let your team member down

4 slip days — at most 1 per assignment
Academic Integrity and Honor Code

All submitted work must be your own (CS4410) or your group’s (CS4411)

- Project groups submit joint work
  - All programming assignments must be your own independent work
  - Group projects must represent solely the work of the two members of the group
  - OK to study together (with the Game of Thrones rule) but never look at someone else’s code (fellow student, or online, or...)

Violations are easy to detect & will be prosecuted

- Closed book exams, no calculators
Prerequisites

- We are checking your prerequisites

- informally CS3410; or cs3420; or equivalent course on “Architecture & Systems Software”

- If you don’t meet them, we’ll contact you
Questions?
Running a Web Server

How does the OS
- allow multiple applications to communicate with each other?
- handle multiple concurrent requests?
- support access to shared data (such as the cache)?
- protect against malicious scripts?
- enable different apps to share the data they have produced?
- support consistent changes to complex data structures?
- handle clients and servers of different speed?
- transparently move to more powerful hardware?
Course objective
1. Learn how to approach complex problems
   - Fundamental issues
     - coordination, abstraction
   - Explore design space
   - Examine case studies

Goal: Forever mutate your brain (Mwahahahaahhaha!)

Timescale: Big, long-term payoff
2. Learn how to apply specific techniques

- Debug complex systems
- Time-tested solutions to hard problems
- Hacking will not succeed
  - concurrent programming, transactions, etc

Goal: Be a good engineer

Timescale: Now — and in 20 years
3. Learn how, in detail, current OSs work

- FS, network stack, internal data structures, VM... of MacOS, Linux, iOS, Windows

**Goal:** Well... know in detail how current OSs work!

**Timescale:** Better be now, because all will change tomorrow
What is an OS?

An Operating System implements a virtual machine whose interface is more convenient* that the raw hardware interface.

* easier to use, simpler to code, more reliable, more secure...

“All the code you did not write”
More than one hat

- Referee
- Illusionist
- Glue
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 - Glue
   - Offers a set of common services (e.g. U.I. routines)
   - Separates apps from I/O devices
OS as a referee

Resource allocation
- When multiple concurrent tasks, how does OS decide who gets how much?

Isolation
- A faulty app should not disrupt other apps or OS
  - OS must export less than full power of underlying hardware

Communication/Coordination
- Apps need to coordinate and share state
  - Web site: select ads, cache recent data, fetch/merge data from disk, etc
OS as an illusionist

- Illusion of resources that are not physically present
  - Virtualization
    - processor, memory, screen space, disk, network
OS as an illusionist

- Illusion of resources that are not physically present
- Virtualization
  - processor, memory, screen space, disk, network
  - We can virtualize the entire computer!
    - fooling the illusionist itself!
    - ease of debugging, portability, isolation
OS as an illusionist

- Illusion of resources that are not physically present
  - Atomic operations
    - hardware guarantees atomicity at the word level
      - what happens during concurrent updates to complex data structures?
      - what if computer crashes during a block write?
    - at the hardware level, packets are lost...
  - Reliable communication channels
OS as a glue

- Offers standard services to simplify app design and facilitate sharing:
  - send/receive of byte streams
  - read/write files
  - pass messages
  - share memory
  - UI

- Decouples hardware and app development:
  - ...but database may need to be aware of specific disk drive
What makes a good OS?

The right set of abstractions

A good abstraction:

- is portable and hides implementation details
- has an intuitive and easy-to-use interface
- can be installed many times
- is efficient and reasonably easy to implement
OS: a collection of abstractions

- Processes (abstract CPU and RAM)
- Files (abstract disks)
- Network endpoints (abstract NIC)
- Windows (abstract screens)
- ...

Think of them as objects with state and methods
Issues in OS Design

- **Structure**: how is the OS organized?
- **Concurrency**: how are parallel activities created and controlled?
- **Sharing**: how are resources shared?
- **Naming**: how are resources named by users?
- **Protection**: how are distrusting parties protected from each other?
- **Security**: how to authenticate, authorize, and ensure privacy?
- **Performance**: how to make it fast?
More issues in OS Design

- **Reliability**: how do we deal with failures??
- **Portability**: how to write once, run anywhere?
- **Extensibility**: how do we add new features?
- **Communication**: how do we exchange information?
- **Scale**: what happens as demands increase?
- **Persistence**: how do we make information outlast the processes that created it?
- **Accounting**: who pays the bill and how do we control resource usage?
A Short History of Operating Systems
History of Operating Systems

- Phase 1: Hardware is expensive, humans are cheap
  - User at console: single-user systems
  - Batching systems
  - Multi-programming systems
HAND PROGRAMMED MACHINES (1945-1955)

- Single user systems
- OS = loader + libraries of common subroutines
- Problem: low utilization of expensive components

\[
\frac{\text{time device busy}}{\text{observation interval}} = \% \text{ utilization}
\]
**Batch Processing (1955-1965)**

Operating system = loader + sequencer + output processor
Multiprogramming (1965-1980)

Keep several jobs in memory and multiplex CPU between jobs

program P
begin
  : Read(var)
  : end P

system call Read()
begin
  StartIO(input device)
  WaitIO(interrupt)
  EndIO(input device)
  : end Read
Multiprogramming (1965-1980)

Keep several jobs in memory and multiplex CPU between jobs

Program 1

main{
    k: read()
    startIO()
    waitIO()

    k+1:
    endio()
}

OS

read{
}

I/O Device

interrupt

User Program n
User Program 2
User Program 1
“System Software”
Operating System
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User Program \( n \)  
User Program 2  
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Operating System

Program 2

main{

...}

I/O Device

interrupt

OS

main{

read{

startIO()

schedule()

}

endio{

}

schedule()

}

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k+1:
History of Operating Systems

- **Phase 1: Hardware is expensive, humans are cheap**
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- **Phase 2: Hardware is cheap, humans are expensive**
  - Time sharing: Users use cheap terminals and share servers
Timesharing (1970-)

A timer interrupt is used to multiplex CPU between jobs

```
main{
    ...
}
k:
schedule(){
    ...
}
k+1:
schedule(){
    ...
}
```

Program 1

```
main{
    timer interrupt
}
```

OS

```
schedule(){
    ...
}
```

Program 2

```
main{
    ...
}
schedule(){
    ...
}
```

User Programs

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- User Program 1
- "System Software"
- Operating System
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- **Phase 3: Hardware is very cheap, humans are very expensive**
  - Personal computing: One system per user
  - Distributed computing: many systems per user
  - Ubiquitous computing: LOTS of systems per users
Operating Systems for PCs

Personal computing systems
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- Single user
- Utilization no longer a concern
- Emphasis on user interface and API
- Many services & features not present

Evolution
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- Initially: OS as a simple service provider (simple libraries)
- Now: Multi-application systems with support for coordination
Distributed Operating Systems

- Abstraction: a multi-processor system as a single processor one.
- New challenges in consistency, reliability, resource management, performance, etc.
- Examples: SANs, Oracle Parallel Server
Ubiquitous Computing

- Challenges
  - Small memory size
  - Slow processor
  - Battery concerns
  - Scale
  - Security
  - Naming
Genealogy of modern Operating Systems

MVS (60's)
- MSDOS (70's)
  - Windows (80's)
    - Windows Mobile
    - Windows 8
  - VMS (70's)
    - Windows NT (90's)
  - VM370 (70's)
- BSD UNIX (80's)
  - Free BSD
- UNIX (70's)
  - MULTICS (60's)
  - Mach (80's)
  - LINUX (90's-today)
    - Android
    - NEXT
    - Mac OS
  - VMWare
  - Mac OSX
  - iOS