

THE

background

- workload: a continuous flow of user programs as a service to U
- machine
 - memory/core: 27-bit, 32K, 2.5micro-sec
 - drum: 512K, 1024 w per track, rev. time 40m sec
 - indirect addressing (good for stack)
 - intterrupt
 - i/os: 3, 3 paper tape puncher, 2 teleprinter, 1 plotter, 1 line printer

benefit of multiprogramming (vs. no multi...)

- + reduce turn-around time
- + better use of peripheral devices
- + backing store & cpu
- + accomodate low-demanding tasks

Storage/memory mgmt

segment (i.e., today's page; content of a page); segment id is like virtual page number

page, core pages, drum pages (i.e., today's page frame): physical address

segment variable: page table

advantage:

- + no need to write back to the same drum page
- + a program has no need to occupy consecutive drum pages
- + make programming easier

process & synchronization

process in THE is more like a concurrent execution abstraction

each process is an independent stream of execution

synchronized through synchronization operation (semaphore!)

not assuming any speed (this is the key to parallel programming!)

organization

level 0: processor management/virtualization

timer interrupt allows: priority, quick response, no

monopolize

above this, no sense that cpu is shared (or there is only

one cpu!)

level 1: segment controller (memory management), drum interrupt

above this, only reference virtual segment, not drum pages

level 2: message interpreter, manage console keyboard

above this, each process had its private virtual console

at this level, users specifies which process it is

addressing to

(level 2 uses level 1 for dictionary)

level 3: input, output device management

level 4: user programs

how this helps testing! :)

interesting:

- * timely research and development efforts
- * a machine w/ sound basic characteristics: interrupt system!
- * system correctness proof
- * 6 half-time people
- * only for Algol programs (not for machine-language programs)
- * non-deterministic bugs caused by interrupts
"This decision, inspired by fear, is .. main contribution to the art of system design"

- * semaphore
 - P, V
 - mutual exclusion
 - private semaphore (ordering)

Nucleus

multi-programming (dynamic)

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customized/diverse policies

different scheduling (priority, fair-share, real-time)

=>provide a nucleus that can be extended

process

internal process (resource management unit, execution unit)

interruptable program executed in a given storage area, with a name

vs. program (static)

external process

I/O, device drivers, timer

nucleus

handle hardware (interrupt system, storage protection,

communication, process support)

message-passing

sendmsg(msg, rcv, &buffer); // return immediately after getting buffer (perf!)

waitmsg(&msg, &sender, &buffer); //blocking, FIFO

sendans(result, msg, buffer);

waitans(&result, &msg, buffer);

against malicious sender

buffer-binding (w/ sender, rcv id, authentication!)

against missing rcvers

against resource exhaustion

external process
 just like internal, with more capability
 can be created
 message passing between ex- and in- accomplish tasks
 disk read/write
 timer

internal process

process creation

modern:
 start, ready, run, blocked, zombie, die
 nucleus API:
 start, stop, remove
 resource mgmt:
 storage (part of parent)
 buffer (part of parent)
 memory & disk (part of parent)

How is protection achieved?
 Nucleus checks the parameter of process creation
 + h/w support (tagged memory)

How is resource management policy supported?
 1. memory size decided by parent process
 2. cpu time (mechanism: underlying round-robin; policy can be adjusted by parent processes through stop/start API)
 3. how to support overlapped memory (virtual memory)
 stop (A); out (A); in (B); start(B)

How to provide mechanism that allows different policies

	THE	Nucleus
background		
hardware support	interrupt, devices	tagged memory,
interrupt		
multi-programming	yes, static	yes, dynamic
yes vs. no		
process		
static vs. dynamic		
memory mgmt	virtual	?
organization	monolithic	micro-kernel
	layered-virtualization	policy-mechanism
	less reliable	more reliable
	less extensible	more extensible
	better perf.	worse perf.
synchronization	semaphore	msg-passing