Introduction to Operating Systems (Part II)

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Computer System Architecture

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- A computer system can be organized in a number of different ways, e.g., number of general-purpose processors:
 - Single processor systems
 - Multiprocessor systems
 - Clustered systems

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 - Multicore systems
 - Blade servers



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Blade Servers

- Multiple processor boards, I/O boards, and networking boards are placed in the same chassis.
- Each blade-processor board boots independently and runs its own operating system.



Clustered Servers

- ► Like multiprocessor systems, but multiple systems working together.
- ► Usually sharing storage via a storage-area network (SAN).



[General structure of a clustered system]

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- ► We need to make sure that an error in a user program could cause problems only for the one program running.
 - E.g., stuck on an infinite loop

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- Text editors to create and modify files.
- Special commands to search contents of files or perform transformations of the text.
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• Compilers, assemblers, debuggers and interpreters sometimes provided.

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- Launch at boot time, called services or daemons.
- Provide facilities like disk checking, process scheduling, error logging, printing.

Application Programs

Run by users.

Not typically considered part of OS.



Launched by command line, mouse click, finger poke.

▶ Web browsers, word processors, database systems, compilers, games, ...

User Operating System Interface

- Almost all operating systems have a user interface (UI).
 - Command Line Interface (CLI)
 - Graphics User Interface (GUI)
 - Batch

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- Various mouse buttons over objects in the interface cause various actions.

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Batch Interface

 Commands and directives to control those commands are entered into files, and those files are executed. Kernel Space

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Splitting the Kernel

► The kernel's role can be split into the following parts

- Process management
- Memory management
- Storage management and File system
- Device control and I/O subsystem
- Protection and security



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 - Free-space management
 - Storage allocation
 - Disk scheduling





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- Faster storage (cache) checked first to determine if information is there
 - If it is, information used directly from the cache (fast).
 - If not, data copied to cache and used there.



- ▶ Hides the details of the hardware devices from users.
- The I/O subsystem consists of several components, e.g., device drivers for specific hardware devices.

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- ► Security: defense of the system against internal and external attacks.
 - E.g., denial-of-service, worms, viruses, identity theft, theft of service, ...

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- Group ID allows set of users to be defined and controls managed, then also associated with each process, file.



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Questions?

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