

CS 370: OPERATING SYSTEMS [INTRODUCTION]

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Topics covered in this lecture

- Course Overview
- Expectations
- Introduction

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Course webpage

- All course materials will be on the course webpage
<http://www.cs.colostate.edu/~cs370>
 - Schedule
 - Lectures
 - Assignments
 - Announcements
- Grades will be posted on **Canvas**
- There is also a link to the Piazza forum on the course webpage
 - FAQs and discussions for assignments
- The course website, Canvas, and Piazza are all live now

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Office Hours

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 - The subject should start with **CS370**:

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Topics we will cover in CS 370

- Processes and Threads
- Process Synchronization
- CPU Scheduling
- Deadlocks
- UNIX I/O
- Memory Management
- File System interface and management. **Unix file system.**
- Storage Management including **SSDs and Flash Memory**
- **Virtualization**

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Course Textbook

- *Operating Systems Concepts, 9th edition*
Avi Silberschatz, Peter Galvin, and Greg Gagne Publisher - John Wiley & Sons, Inc.
ISBN-13: 978-1118063330.

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When I make slides, I usually refer to several texts.
These include ...

- *Andrew S Tanenbaum and Herbert Bos. Modern Operating Systems. 4th Edition, 2014. Prentice Hall. ISBN: 013359162X/ 978-0133591620*
- *Thomas Anderson and Michael Dahlin. Operating Systems: Principles and Practice, 2nd Edition. Recursive Books. ISBN: 0985673524/978-0985673529*
- *Kay Robbins & Steve Robbins. Unix Systems Programming, 2nd edition, Prentice Hall ISBN-13: 978-0-13-042411-2*
- I always list my references at the end of every slide set

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On the schedule page

- You will see the **topics** that will be covered and the **order** in which I will cover them
- The readings section describe the chapters that I will cover
 - You will see chapters from other books besides the textbook; you are *not* required to read these
- You will also see the schedule for when the **assignments** will be posted and when they are due

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GRADING

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Grading breakdown

- Assignments: 45%
- Quizzes: 10%
- Mid Term: 20%
- Comprehensive Final Exam: 25%

- 50 points before the 8th week
 - 50 points after
 - Midcourse grade will be posted before the course drop deadline

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Grading Policy I

- Letter grades will be based on the following standard breakpoints:
 - ≥ 90 is an A, ≥ 88 is an A-,
 - ≥ 86 is a B+, ≥ 80 is a B, ≥ 78 is a B-,
 - ≥ 76 is a C+, ≥ 70 is a C,
 - ≥ 60 is a D, and < 60 is an F.
- I will not cut higher than this, but I *may* cut lower.
- There is **no extra credit**
 - Any credit you earn, you must do so on a level-playing field with your peers
- There will be **no make-up exams**

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Grading Policy II

- Every assignment will be posted at least 2 weeks before the due date.
 - Every assignment will include information about how much it will count towards the course grade, and how it will be graded.
- Late submission penalty: 10% per-day for the first 2 days and a ZERO thereafter.
 - Detailed submission instructions posted on course website.
 - Assignments will be graded within 2 weeks of submission

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If you are interested in taking this course with the honors option

- Honors courses are expected to be **tougher** courses
- You will be given 1 extra assignment
 - You will be providing a solution to a well-known Inter-Process Communication & Synchronization (IPC) problem
 - The best you can do on this assignment is get a \emptyset
- You might have gotten an **A** in the regular course
 - But deductions in the extra assignment may result in you getting a lower grade

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For the Quizzes and Tests

- I will only ask questions about what I teach
 - If I didn't teach it, I won't ask from that portion
- If the concepts were covered in my slides
 - You should be able to answer the questions
- I won't ask questions about arcane aspects of some esoteric device controller

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Exams

- There will be one mid-term (20%)
- The final exam is comprehensive (25%)
- There will be 12 Canvas quizzes
 - 2 quizzes where you had your lowest scores will be dropped
 - We will compute the average of your 10 highest scores
 - 10% of your course grade
 - Please no requests to reschedule or retake quizzes!

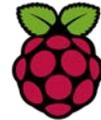
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Term project

- Raspberry Pi
 - 2 different deliverables
- Rationale
 - Internet of Things (IoT)
 - ARM based devices (Pi, Apple A7)
 - Cellphone: Accelerometer, gyroscope, magnetometer, proximity sensor, light sensor, barometer, thermometer, air-humidity (Galaxy), pedometer (Nexus 5), fingerprint (iPhone), heart-rate (Galaxy 5), radiation (Sharp Pantone 5), microphone, camera



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Use of laptops, cell phones, tablets, and other electronic devices

- Authorized laptop/tablet users
 - Pledge forms on table
 - Will sit in the last 2 rows starting at the corners
- If you must use a laptop/tablet you will have to
 - Turn off wireless
 - And use it only for taking notes
- When the class is in session, put away your cell-phones!

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C Help Sessions

- Help session scheduled
 - Refresh C concepts
 - Voluntary participation: Primarily for students who have not programmed in C before
- Computer Science Building: Room 130
 - Thursday from 6:00-7:00 pm
 - Video for the help session will be made available

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ABOUT ME

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I do research in the area of distributed systems; these include

- Cloud computing
- Internet of Things
- Content dissemination systems
- Grid computing
- Peer-to-peer systems
- Object Request Brokers

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My research has been deployed in

- Commercial internet conferencing systems
- Defense applications
- Earthquake sciences
- Epidemic modeling
- Healthcare
- Bioinformatics
- Brain Computer Interfaces
- High energy physics
- Visualizations

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EXPECTATIONS

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If you don't have the discipline to focus, you surely won't have the discipline to catch-up

- You will try to attend **all** classes
- You will focus on the discussions, and not on ...
 - Other assignments
 - Social networking updates
- Assignments have to be done **individually**

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What it takes to succeed

- You are required to work at least **6-8 hours** per-week outside of class
 - Coding and reviewing material from class
- If you miss a lecture?
 - Add about 3 hours per missed lecture

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How to fail this course?

- ❑ Believing that you can learn via osmosis
- ❑ **Missing lectures**
 - ❑ If you don't have the discipline to show up, you will most likely not have the discipline to catch up
- ❑ **Procrastinating**
 - ❑ Get started on the assignments early

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Please be kind to your peers

- ❑ No chatting in class please
- ❑ No eating in class please
- ❑ No cellphone use in class (even for texting)
- ❑ If you have signed the pledge and are using your laptop/tablet
 - ❑ Please sit in the last row of the classroom starting at the corners

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Help me help you

- ❑ We will have **surveys** at the end of every class
- ❑ You will provide a list of
 - ❑ 3 concepts you followed clearly
 - ❑ 3 concepts you had problems keeping up with
- ❑ Problem areas for the majority of the class will be addressed in the next class.

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Interactions

- ❑ You can have discussions with me, the GTAs, and your peers
- ❑ There are two constraints to these discussions
 - ❑ No code can be exchanged under any circumstances
 - ❑ No one takes over someone else's keyboard
- ❑ Bumps are to be expected along the way
 - ❑ But you should get over this yourself
 - ❑ It will help you with the next problem you encounter

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A modern computer is a complex system

- ❑ Multiple processors
- ❑ Main memory and Disks
- ❑ Keyboard, Mouse and Displays
- ❑ Network interfaces
- ❑ I/O devices

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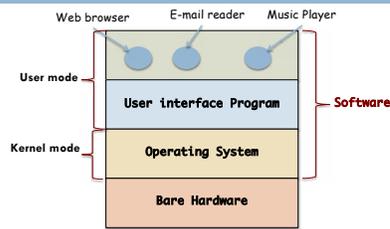
Why do we need Operating Systems?

- If every programmer had to understand how *all* these components work?
 - ▣ Software development would be arduous
- Managing all components and using them optimally is a challenge

Computers are equipped with a layer of software

- Called the **Operating System**
- **Functionality:**
 - ▣ Provide user programs with a better, simpler, cleaner model of the computer
 - ▣ Manage resources efficiently

Where the operating system fits in [1/3]



Where the operating system fits in [2/3]

- The OS runs on bare hardware in **kernel mode**
 - ▣ **Complete access** to all hardware
 - ▣ Can execute *any* instruction that the machine is capable of executing
- Provides the base for all software
 - ▣ Rest of the software runs in **user-mode**
 - Only a **subset** of machine instructions is available

Where the operating system fits in [3/3]

- Users interact with applications
 - ▣ Applications execute in an environment provided by the operating system
 - And the operating system mediates access to the underlying hardware

The application context is much more than a simple abstraction on top of hardware devices

- Applications execute in a virtual environment that is more **constrained** (to prevent harm)
- More **powerful** (to mask hardware limitations), and ...
- More **useful** (via common services) than the underlying hardware

The OS as an extended machine

- The **architecture** of a computer includes
 - ▣ Instruction set, memory organization, I/O, and bus structure
- The architecture of most computers at the machine language level
 - ▣ Primitive and awkward to program especially for I/O

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Lets look at an example of floppy disk I/O done using NEC PD765

- The PD765 has 16 commands
 - ▣ For reading and write data, moving the disk arm, formatting tracks, etc.
 - ▣ Specified by loading 1-9 bytes into the device register
- Most basic commands are for read and write
 - ▣ 13 parameters packed into 9 bytes
 - Address of disk block, number of sectors/track, inter-sector gap spacing etc.

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But that's not the end of it ...

- When the operation is completed
 - ▣ Controller returns 23 status and error fields packed into 7 bytes
- You must also check the status of the **motor**
 - ▣ If it is off? Turn it on before reading or writing
 - ▣ Don't leave the motor on for too long
 - Floppy disk will wear out
 - ▣ TRADEOFF: Long start-up delay versus wearing out disk

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Of course the average programmer does not want to have any of this

- What they would like is a simple, high-level **abstraction** to deal with
- For a disk this would mean a collection of named **files**
 - ▣ Operations include open, read, write, close, etc.
 - ▣ BUT NOT
 - Whether the recording should use frequency modulation
 - The state of the motor

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Why do processors, disks, etc. present difficult, awkward, idiosyncratic interfaces ?

- Backward compatibility with older hardware
- Desire to save money
- Sometimes hardware designers don't realize (or care) how much trouble they cause!

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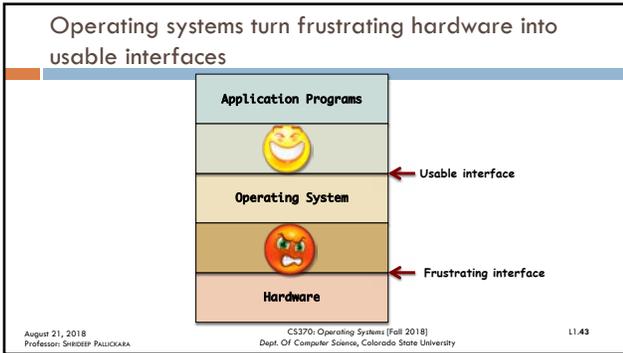
Why abstractions are important

- Abstraction is the key to managing **complexity**
- Good abstractions turn a nearly impossible task into two manageable ones
 - ① Defining and implementing abstractions
 - ② Using abstractions to solve problem
- Example
 - ▣ File

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ROLES OF AN OPERATING SYSTEM

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- ### The three roles of an Operating System
- **Referee**
 - Isolate applications from each other
 - **Illusionist**
 - Provide an abstraction of physical hardware to simplify application design
 - Because applications are written to a higher level of abstraction, the OS can invisibly change the amount of resources assigned to each application
 - **Glue**
 - Provides a set of common services to facilitate sharing among applications
 - As a result, *cut-and-paste* works uniformly across the system; a file written by one application can be read by another
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- ### Referee: Facilitating resource sharing
- Provide **orderly** and **controlled** allocation of resources to programs competing for them
 - Processors, memories, and I/O devices
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- ### Referee: The OS a Resource Allocator
- An OS may receive **numerous & conflicting** requests for resources
 - Prevent errors and improper use
 - Resources are scarce and expensive
 - The OS allocates resources to specific programs and users
 - The allocation must be **efficient** and **fair**
 - Must increase overall system **throughput**
 - Seemingly trivial differences in how resources are allocated can impact user-perceived performance
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- ### Referee: Providing isolation
- An operating system must protect itself and other applications from programmer bugs
 - Debugging would be vastly harder if an error in one program could corrupt data structures in other applications
 - **Fault isolation** requires restricting the behavior of applications to less than the full power of the underlying hardware
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Referee: Facilitating Communications

- The flip side of isolation is the need for **communication** between different applications and different users
- In setting up boundaries, an OS must also allow those boundaries to be crossed in **carefully controlled ways** when the need arises!

In its role as referee, an OS is like a particularly patient kindergarten teacher. It balances needs, separates conflicts, and facilitates sharing.

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The OS as an Illusionist: Masking Limitations

- **Physical constraints limit hardware resources** — a computer has only a limited number of processors and a limited amount of physical memory, network bandwidth, and disk
- Since the OS must decide how to **divide its fixed resources** among the various applications running at each moment ...
 - A particular application can have differing amounts of resources from time to time, even when running on the *same* hardware.

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The OS as a Glue: Providing Common Services

- Providing a set of common, standard services to applications to simplify and standardize their design
- The OS serves as an **interoperability layer** so that both applications and devices can evolve independently
- OSes provide a set of standard user interface widgets
 - Facilitates a common "look and feel" to users so that frequent operations — such as pull down menus and "cut" and "paste" commands — are handled consistently across applications.

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Defining Operating Systems

- Solves the problem of creating a **usable** computing system
 - Makes solving problems easier
- Control, allocate and mediate access to resources
- It is the one program that is running all the time: **kernel**

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A (VERY) BRIEF HISTORY OF OPERATING SYSTEMS

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The first true digital computer was designed by Charles Babbage (1792-1871)

- Spent most of his life and fortune trying to build the analytical engine
- Never got it working properly
 - Purely mechanical
 - Technology of the day could not produce wheels, cogs, gears to the required precision
- Did not have an operating system

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Babbage realized he would need software for his analytical engine

- Hired Ada Lovelace as the worlds first programmer
 - Daughter of British poet Lord Byron
- The programming language Ada® is named after her

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The First Generation (1945-55) Vacuum Tubes

- First fully functioning digital computer built at Iowa State University
 - Prof. John Atanasoff and grad student Clifford Berry
- All programming in absolute machine language
 - Also by wiring up electrical circuits
 - Connect 1 000s of cables to plug boards to control machine's basic functions
 - Operating Systems were unheard of
- Straightforward numerical calculations
 - Produce tables of sines, cosines, logarithms

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The Second Generation (1955-1965): Transistors and Batch Systems

- **Separation** between designers, builders, operators, programmers, and maintenance
- Machines were called **mainframes**
- Write a program on paper, then punch it on cards
 - Give card deck to operator and go drink coffee
 - Operator gives output to programmer

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The Third Generation (1965-1980) ICs and Multiprogramming

- Managing different product lines was expensive for manufacturers
 - Customers would start with a small machine, and then outgrow it
- IBM introduced the Systems/360
 - Series of **software-compatible** machines
 - All machines had the same instruction set
 - Programs written for one machine could run on all machines

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The Fourth Generation (1980-Present) Personal Computers

- Large Scale Integration circuits (LSI)
 - Thousands of transistors on a square centimeter of silicon
- 1974: Intel came out with the 8080
 - General purpose 8-bit CPU
- Early 1980s IBM designed the IBM PC
 - Looked for an OS to run on the PC
 - Microsoft purchased Disk Operating System and went back to IBM with MS-DOS

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Over the past 50 years ...

- The most striking aspect has been Moore's Law and comparable advances in related technologies, such as memory and disk storage
- The cost of processing and memory has decreased by almost 10^6 over this period; the cost of disk capacity has decreased by 10^7
 - Disk latency has improved, but at a much slower rate than disk capacity
- These relative changes have radically altered both the use of computers and the tradeoffs faced by operating system designers

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Operating systems tend to be huge, complex and long-lived

- Source code of an OS like Linux or Windows?
 - Order of 5 million lines of code (for kernel)
 - 50 lines page, 1000 pages/volume = 100 volumes
- Application programs such as GUI, libraries and application software?
 - 10-20 times that

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Why do operating systems live for a long time?

- Hard to write and folks are loath to throw it out
- Typically **evolve** over long periods of time
 - Windows 95/98/Me is one OS
 - Windows NT/2000/XP/Vista/7/8/10 is another
 - System V, Solaris, BSD derived from original UNIX
 - Linux is a fresh code base
 - Closely modeled on UNIX and highly compatible with it
 - Apple OS X based on XNU (X is not Unix) which is based on the Mach microkernel and BSD's POSIX API

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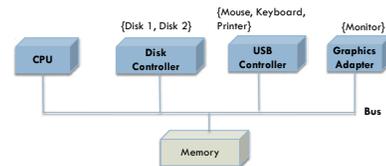
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Components of a simple personal computer



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Processors

- **Brain** of the computer
- Each CPU has a specific set of instructions that it can execute
 - Pentium cannot execute SPARC and vice versa

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Rationale for registers inside the CPU

- Accessing memory to get instruction or data
 - **Much longer** than executing the instruction
- Registers hold:
 - Key variables
 - Temporary results

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What the instruction set looks like

- Load a word from memory into register
 - ▣ And, from register into memory
- Combine two operands from register, memory, or both into a result
 - ▣ E.g. add two words and store result in a register or in memory

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Besides the registers to hold variable and temporary results there are special registers

- **Program Counter**
 - ▣ Contains the memory address of the next instruction to be fetched
- **Stack pointer**
 - ▣ Points to the top of the current stack in memory
- **Program Status Word**
 - ▣ Stores condition code bits and other control code bits
 - ▣ Plays an important role in system calls and I/O

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Memory

- Ideally the memory should be
 - ▣ Extremely **fast**: Faster than executing an instruction
 - ▣ CPU should not be held up by the memory
 - ▣ Abundantly **large**
 - ▣ Dirt **cheap**
- No current technology satisfies all these goals

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