


TCSS 422: OPERATING SYSTEMS

INTRODUCTION




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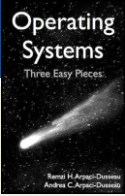
Syllabus, Course Introduction

C Review Survey

Background Survey & VM Survey

Chapter 2: Operating Systems – Three Easy Pieces

- Introduction to operating systems
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TCSS 422 – Spring 2023

Spring 2023:

- In-person course
  - Sessions of this course may be hosted online as needed due to instructor's schedule - TBA
- Initial Format for Lecture 1 - streamed LIVE via Zoom and recorded for 24/7 availability
- Demographics survey will poll class regarding class format for Spring 2023
- Based on survey, format adjustments may be made
  - If not feeling well, please join Zoom live stream
  - In-class activities can be submitted asynchronously, online as needed

20 class meetings

- 1 Monday holiday in Spring 2023: May 29

Midterm ~ Thursday May 4<sup>th</sup>

Final exam ~ Thursday June 8<sup>th</sup>

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BHS 106  
  
TR  
3:40 - 5:40 PM

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RESOURCES

Textbook coupon 10% off "BOOKFAIR10" until Friday at 11:59pm

<https://www.lulu.com/shop/andrea-arpaci-dusseau-and-remzi-arpaci-dusseau/operating-systems-three-easy-pieces-softcover-version-100/paperback/product-14mjrrgk.html>

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TCSS422 – SPRING 2023  
COMPUTER OPERATING SYSTEMS

Syllabus

Grading

Schedule

Assignments

See website at:  
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TCSS422 COURSE WORK

- **Assignments (45%)**
  - 4 Assignments: roughly every two weeks
  - Submit ALL programming assignments via Canvas
    - Please do not email submissions – they are prone to be lost
    - If Canvas has closed, please request it be reopened...
- **Tutorials/Quizzes/In-class activities (15%)**
  - ~ 6 - 9 total items
  - Drop lowest two
  - Variety of formats: collaborative in class (via Zoom breakout rooms), online, reading, tutorial
- **Exams: Midterm and Final (40%)**
  - In class on Thursday May 4 and Thursday June 8 (\*tentative)
  - Final exam is comprehensive, with emphasis on new material

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TCSS 422: PROGRAM DUE DATES

- **Programs - please start early:**

When do students start working?

Days before due date

■ A/B Grades  
■ C/D/F Grades

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TCSS 422: PROGRAMS

- *Tentative - subject to change*
- **Assignment 0:**  
Introduction to Linux, Ubuntu Virtual Machine
- **Assignment 1:**  
Programming with multiple processes (in C)
- **Assignment 2:**  
Multithreaded programming and concurrency (C or Java)
- **Assignment 3:**  
Kernel (real) mode programming (in C)

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TCSS 422: PROGRAM DUE DATES

- **Programs - please start early**
  - Work as if deadline is several days earlier
  - Allows for a “buffer” for running into unexpected problems
    - Underestimation of the task at hand
    - Allows time to seek C help from CSS lab mentors (checking on availability for Spring 2023)
    - If less familiar with C/pointers (TCSS 333/380),  
**BUDGET MORE TIME**

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UBUNTU 22.04 – VIRTUAL MACHINE

- **Ubuntu 22.04**
  - Open source version of Debian-package based Linux
  - Package management: “apt get” repositories
    - See: <https://packages.ubuntu.com/>
- **Ubuntu Advantages**
  - Enterprise Linux Distribution
  - Free, widely used by developers
  - Long term releases (LTS) every 2 years, good for servers
  - 6-month feature releases, good for sharing new features with the community

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UBUNTU 22.04 – VM INSTALLATION

- Introduction to Oracle VirtualBox for creating Virtual Machines: <https://youtu.be/VZJ6KZUc25M>
- Installing Ubuntu 22.04 on Windows 10 Oracle VirtualBox: <https://youtu.be/zHwFtyxJsog>
- And here are written instructions for installing Ubuntu 22.04 on Oracle VirtualBox for Windows: Instructions for installing Ubuntu 22.04 on Windows VirtualBox: <https://trendoceans.com/install-ubuntu-on-virtualbox/>
- And here is a video for installing Ubuntu 22.04 on M1 Mac with Parallels\*: <https://youtu.be/1vht7h3EQtc>
- \* - note for Mac users, Parallels is recommended (required?) for virtual machines over Oracle Virtual Box. There is a student edition: <https://www.parallels.com/landingpage/pd/education/>

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C PROGRAMING IN TCSS 422

- Many OSes are coded primarily in C and Assembly Language
- C is a particularly useful language for working with hardware / hardware drivers and operating systems
- C allows writing programs that can directly access the computer's physical memory (in kernel/real mode) providing nearly the power and speed of assembly language
  - But in a much easier to write high-level language
- Ideally, all university operating system courses are taught in C/C++. Our textbook is in C/C++
  - This quarter we will offer the option of assignment of completing assignment 2 in Java (multithreaded programming)

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C MENTORING

- <https://www.tacoma.uw.edu/set/students/mentors>
- School of Engineering and Technology Mentors
- Office hours in person and Zoom
- Varied hours and availability based on mentors schedules
- Monday – Thursday: ~ 9:30 am – 9:00 pm
- Friday: ~ 12:30 - 1:30 pm
- Spring quarter hours will be posted once available
- Student mentors managed by SET's Monika Sobolewska

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INSTRUCTOR HELP

- Office hours: TBD, after class
  - CP 229 and Zoom
  - Additional hours based on survey results
  - Also available by appointment
- Take **ownership** of your educational outcome
  - ~10 weeks in TCSS 422 is very small relative to entire IT career
  - Make the most of this **limited** opportunity
    - Maximize your educational investment
  - **\*\*\* Ask questions in class \*\*\***
  - Also questions after class, email, Canvas discussion boards
  - Seek help using UWT resources, the Internet, YouTube videos (video.google.com) and online tutorials

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CLASS PARTICIPATION

- **Questions and discussion are strongly encouraged**
  - Leverage your educational investment
  - All questions are encouraged!
  - This instructor appreciates questions at all levels – there is no judgement for any question
- **Daily feedback surveys**
  - How much is new vs. review?
  - Checking the pace...
  - What is unclear? It's helpful to know when topics are not clear
  - Use the survey to write questions and feedback that come to you during the lecture
- **Poll-EV**

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C REVIEW SURVEY

QUIZ 0 – IN CANVAS

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PLEASE COMPLETE  
BACKGROUND & VM  
SURVEYS

SEE LINKS AT:  
<http://faculty.washington.edu/wlloyd/courses/tcss422/announcements.html>  
or in Canvas under “Announcements”  
we will resume at ~tba pm



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WE WILL RETURN AT  
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STUDENT BACKGROUND SURVEY

- Please complete the Student Background Survey
- <https://forms.gle/q7i4FdCvULTX4QAv8>

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VIRTUAL MACHINE SURVEY

- Please complete the Virtual Machine Survey to request a “School of Engineering and Technology” remote hosted Ubuntu VM
- <https://forms.gle/YGbKavxqov5J81AJ8>

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INTRODUCTION TO  
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OBJECTIVES

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  - Concepts of virtualization/abstraction
  - THREE EASY PIECES:
    - Virtualizing the CPU
    - Virtualizing Memory
    - Virtualizing I/O
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OPERATING SYSTEMS

- Responsible for:
  - Making it easy to **run** programs
  - Allowing programs to **share** memory
  - Enabling programs to **interact** with devices

OS is in charge of making sure the system operates correctly and efficiently.

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RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

- The OS is a resource manager
- Manages CPU, disk, network I/O
- Enables many programs to
  - Share the CPU
  - Share the underlying physical memory (RAM)
  - Share physical devices
    - Disks
    - Network Devices
    - ...

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VIRTUALIZATION

- Operating systems present **physical resources** as **virtual representations** to the programs sharing them
  - Physical resources: CPU, disk, memory, ...
  - The virtual form is “**abstract**”
  - The OS presents an illusion that each user program runs in isolation on its own hardware
  - This virtual form is general, powerful, and easy-to-use

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ABSTRACTIONS

- What form of abstraction does the OS provide?
  - CPU
    - Process and/or thread
  - Memory
    - Address space
    - → large array of bytes
    - All programs see the same “size” of RAM
  - Disk
    - Files

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WHY ABSTRACTION?

- Allow applications to reuse common facilities
- Make different devices look the same
  - Easier to write common code to use devices
  - Linux/Unix Block Devices
- Provide higher level abstractions
- More useful functionality

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ABSTRACTION CHALLENGES

- What level of abstraction?
  - How much of the underlying hardware should be exposed?
    - What if **too much**?
    - What if **too little**?
- What are the correct abstractions?
  - Security concerns

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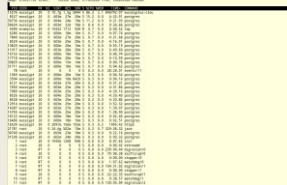
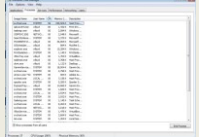
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VIRTUALIZING THE CPU

- Each running program gets its own "virtual" representation of the CPU
- Many programs seem to run at once
- Linux: "top" command shows process list
- Windows: task manager



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VIRTUALIZING THE CPU - 2

- Simple Looping C Program (**simpleloop.c**)

```
1  #include <stdio.h>
2  #include <stdlib.h>
3  #include <sys/time.h>
4  #include <assert.h>
5  #include "common.h"
6
7  int
8  main(int argc, char *argv[])
9  {
10     if (argc != 2) {
11         fprintf(stderr, "usage: cpu <string>\n");
12         exit(1);
13     }
14     char *str = argv[1];
15     while (1) {
16         Spin(1); // Repeatedly checks the time and
17                 // returns once it has run for a second
18         printf("%s\n", str);
19     }
20     return 0;
21 }
```

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VIRTUALIZING THE CPU - 3

```
prompt> gcc -o cpu cpu.c -Wall
prompt> ./cpu "A"
A
A
A
A
^C
prompt>
```

- simpleloop.c**
- Runs forever, must Ctrl-C to halt...

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VIRTUALIZATION THE CPU - 4

```
prompt> ./cpu A & ; ./cpu B & ; ./cpu C & ; ./cpu D &
(1) 7353
(2) 7354
(3) 7355
(4) 7356
A
B
D
C
A
B
D
C
A
C
B
D
...
```

Even though we have only **one** processor, all four instances of our program seem to be running at the same time!

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VIRTUALIZING MEMORY

- Computer memory is treated as a large array of bytes
- Programs store all data in this large array
  - Read memory (load)**
    - Specify an address to read data from
  - Write memory (store)**
    - Specify data to write to an address

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VIRTUALIZING MEMORY - 2

- Program to read/write memory: (**mem.c**) (from ch. 2 pgs. 5-6)

```
1  #include <unistd.h>
2  #include <stdio.h>
3  #include <stdlib.h>
4  #include "common.h"
5
6  int
7  main(int argc, char *argv[])
8  {
9      int *p = malloc(sizeof(int)); // a1: allocate some
10     // memory
11     assert(p != NULL);
12     printf("(b) address of p: %08x\n",
13            getpid(), (unsigned) p); // a2: print out the
14                                     // address of the memory
15     *p = 0; // a3: put zero into the first slot of the memory
16     while (1) {
17         Spin(1);
18         *p = *p + 1;
19         printf("(b) p: %d\n", getpid(), *p); // a4
20     }
21 }
```

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VIRTUALIZING MEMORY - 3

- Output of **mem.c** (example from ch. 2 pgs. 5-6)

```
prompt> ./mem
(2134) memory address of p: 00200000
(2134) p: 1
(2134) p: 2
(2134) p: 3
(2134) p: 4
(2134) p: 5
^C
```

- int value stored at virtual address 00200000
- program increments int value pointed to by p

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VIRTUALIZING MEMORY - 4

- Multiple instances of **mem.c**

This example no longer works as advertised!  
Ubuntu has been updated.  
The ptr location is no longer identical. This was considered a security issue.

```
prompt> ./mem & ./mem &
[1] 24113
[2] 24114
(24113) memory address of p: 00200000
(24114) memory address of p: 00200000
(24113) p: 1
(24114) p: 1
(24114) p: 2
(24113) p: 2
(24113) p: 3
(24114) p: 3
...
```

- IN THE BOOK: (int\*)p appears to have the same memory location 00200000
- Why does modifying the value of \*p in program #1 (PID 24113), not interfere with the value of \*p in program #2 (PID 24114) ?
  - The OS has "virtualized" memory, and provides a "virtual" address

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VIRTUAL MEMORY

- Key take-aways:
- Each process (program) has its own **virtual address space**
- The OS maps virtual **address spaces** onto **physical memory**
- A memory reference from one process can not affect the address space of others.
  - Isolation
- Physical memory, a **shared resource**, is managed by the OS

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PERSISTENCE

- DRAM: Dynamic Random Access Memory: DIMMs/SIMMs
  - Stores data while power is present
  - When power is lost, data is lost (**volatile**)
- Operating System helps "persist" data more **permanently**
  - I/O device(s): hard disk drive (HDD), solid state drive (SSD)
  - File system(s): "catalog" data for storage and retrieval

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PERSISTENCE - 2

```
1 #include <stdio.h>
2 #include <unistd.h>
3 #include <assert.h>
4 #include <fcntl.h>
5 #include <sys/types.h>
6
7 int
8 main(int argc, char *argv[])
9 {
10     int fd = open("/tmp/file", O_WRONLY | O_CREAT
11                  | O_TRUNC, S_IRWXU);
12     assert(fd > -1);
13     int rc = write(fd, "hello world\n", 13);
14     assert(rc == 13);
15     close(fd);
16     return 0;
17 }
```

- open(), write(), close(): OS **system calls** for device I/O
- Note: man page for open(), write() requires page number: "man 2 open", "man 2 write", "man close"

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PERSISTENCE - 3

- To write to disk, OS must:
  - Determine where on disk data should reside
  - Perform sys calls to perform I/O:
    - Read/write to file system (*inode record*)
    - Read/write data to file
- OS provides fault tolerance for system crashes
  - Journaling: Record disk operations in a journal for replay
  - Copy-on-write: replicate shared data across multiple disks - see *ZFS filesystem*
  - Carefully order writes on disk (*especially spindle drives*)

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CONCURRENCY

Linux htop (Ubuntu)

Windows 10 Task Manager

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CONCURRENCY

- Linux: 179 processes, 1089 threads (**htop**)
- Windows 10: 364 processes, 6011 threads (task mgr)
- OSes appear to run many programs at once, juggling them
- Modern **multi-threaded** programs feature concurrent threads and processes
- What is a key difference between a process and a thread?**

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CONCURRENCY - 2

```
1 #include <stdio.h>
2 #include <stdlib.h>
3 #include "common.h"
4
5 volatile int counter = 0;
6 int loops;
7
8 void
9
10
11
12
13
14 }
15 ...
```

Not the same as Java volatile:  
Provides a compiler hint that an object may change value unexpectedly (in this case by a separate thread) so aggressive optimization must be avoided.

pthread.c

Listing continues ...

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CONCURRENCY - 3

```
16 int main(int argc, char *argv[]) pthread.c
17 {
18     if (argc != 2) {
19         fprintf(stderr, "usage: threads <value>\n");
20         exit(1);
21     }
22     loops = atoi(argv[1]);
23     pthread_t p1, p2;
24     printf("Initial value : %d\n", counter);
25
26     pthread_create(&p1, NULL, worker, NULL);
27     pthread_create(&p2, NULL, worker, NULL);
28     pthread_join(p1, NULL);
29     pthread_join(p2, NULL);
30     printf("Final value : %d\n", counter);
31     return 0;
32 }
33
```

- Program creates two threads
- Check documentation: "man pthread\_create"
- worker() method counts from 0 to argv[1] (loop)

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Linux "man" page example

```
PTHREAD_CREATE(3)      Linux Programmer's Manual      PTHREAD_CREATE(3)

NAME
pthread_create - create a new thread

SYNOPSIS
#include <pthread.h>
int pthread_create(pthread_t *thread, const pthread_attr_t *attr,
void *(*start_routine) (void *), void *arg);

Compile and link with -pthread.

DESCRIPTION
The pthread_create() function starts a new thread in the calling
process. The new thread starts execution by invoking
start_routine(); arg is passed as the sole argument of
start_routine().

The new thread terminates in one of the following ways:
* It calls pthread_exit(), specifying an exit status value that is
available to another thread in the same process that calls
pthread_join().
* It returns from start_routine(). This is equivalent to calling
pthread_exit() with the value supplied in the return statement.
* It is canceled (see pthread_cancel(3)).

Any of the threads in the process calls exit(3), or the main thread
performs a return from main(). This causes the termination of all
threads in the process.

The attr argument points to a pthread_attr_t structure whose contents
are used at thread creation time to determine attributes for the new
thread; this structure is initialized using pthread_attr_t(3) and
related functions. If attr is NULL, then the thread is created with
default attributes.
```

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CONCURRENCY - 4

- Command line parameter argv[1] provides loop length
- Defines number of times the shared counter is incremented
- Loops: 1000

```
prompt> gcc -o pthread pthread.c -Wall -pthread
prompt> ./pthread 1000
Initial value : 0
Final value : 2000
```

- Loops 100000

```
prompt> ./pthread 100000
Initial value : 0
Final value : 143012 // huh??
prompt> ./pthread 100000
Initial value : 0
Final value : 137298 // what ???
```



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CONCURRENCY - 5

- When loop value is large why do we not achieve 200,000 ?
- C code is translated to (3) assembly code operations
  - Load counter variable into register
  - Increment it
  - Store the register value back in memory
- These instructions happen concurrently and VERY FAST
- (P1 || P2) write incremented register values back to memory, While (P1 || P2) read same memory
- Memory access here is **unsynchronized (non-atomic)**
- Some of the increments are lost

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To perform parallel work, a single process may:

- Launch multiple threads to execute code in parallel while sharing global data in memory
- Launch multiple processes to execute code in parallel while sharing global data in memory
- Both A and B
- None of the above

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PARALLEL PROGRAMMING

- To perform parallel work, a single process may:
  - A. Launch multiple threads to execute code in parallel while sharing global data in memory
  - B. Launch multiple processes to execute code in parallel without sharing global data in memory
  - C. Both A and B
  - D. None of the above

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OBJECTIVES – 3/28

- Syllabus, Course Introduction
- C Review Survey
- Background Survey & VM Survey
- Chapter 2: Operating Systems – Three Easy Pieces
  - Introduction to operating systems
  - Management of resources
  - Concepts of virtualization/abstraction
  - Three Easy Pieces: CPU, Memory, I/O
  - Concurrency
  - Operating system design goals

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SUMMARY:  
OPERATING SYSTEM DESIGN GOALS

- ABSTRACTING THE HARDWARE
  - Makes programming code easier to write
  - Automate sharing resources – save programmer burden
- PROVIDE HIGH PERFORMANCE
  - Minimize overhead from OS abstraction (Virtualization of CPU, RAM, I/O)
  - Share resources fairly
  - Attempt to tradeoff performance vs. fairness → consider priority
- PROVIDE ISOLATION
  - User programs can't interfere with each other's virtual machines, the underlying OS, or the sharing of resources

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SUMMARY:  
OPERATING SYSTEM DESIGN GOALS - 2

- RELIABILITY
  - OS must not crash, 24/7 Up-time
  - Poor user programs must not bring down the system:  
  
Blue Screen
- Other Issues:
  - Energy-efficiency
  - Security (of data)
  - Cloud: Virtual Machines

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