

# TCSS 422: OPERATING SYSTEMS

## INTRODUCTION

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## OBJECTIVES

- Syllabus, Course Introduction
- C Review
- Demographics Survey
- Chapter 4: Operating Systems – Three Easy Pieces
  - Introduce operating systems
  - Management of resources
  - Concepts of virtualization/abstraction
  - CPU, Memory, I/O
  - Operating system design goals

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## TCSS422 – WINTER 2018 COMPUTER OPERATING SYSTEMS

- Syllabus
- Grading
- Schedule
- Assignments

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### TCSS 422 – Winter 2018 *Special features!*

- Going green...
  - 15% reduction of carbon footprint
- Just 17 class meetings
  - In contrast to usual 20
  - 3 Monday holidays:  
Jan 1, Jan 15, Feb 19
- Saves commuting time
  - Less fuel expenses
- Easier to achieve perfect attendance
- Final exam Monday March 12<sup>th</sup>
  - Just 68 days from now... (9.7 weeks)

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TCS422 COURSE WORK

- Assignments
  - Assignment 0: Linux /scripting
  - Assignments 1 – 3 ~4: roughly every two weeks
- Quizzes
  - ~ 7-8 quizzes
  - Drop lowest two
  - Variety of formats: in class, online, reading, tutorial / activity
- Exams: Midterm and Final
  - Two pages of notes, calculator
  - 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?

From Virginia Tech Department of Computer Science - 2011

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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 SCI 106/108 lab mentors
  - If less familiar with C/pointers (TCSS 333),  
**BUDGET MORE TIME**
- New this quarter - 5% bonus for submitting **by the originally posted due date**
  - Excludes any class-wide extensions

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## UBUNTU 16.04 – VIRTUAL MACHINE

- Ubuntu 16.04
  - 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 16.04 – VIRTUAL MACHINE INSTALLATION

- Ubuntu 16.04
- Search online for YouTube videos, tutorials
- Search how to install the “Guest Additions”
  - Provides file system sharing, clipboard integration, mouse tricks
- Windows 10
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DPIPC25xzUM>
- Mac OS X
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sNixOS6mHIU>

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## C PROGRAMING IN TCSS 422

- Many OSes are coded primarily in C and Assembly Language
- Computerworld, 2017 Tech Forecast Survey

**What legacy platforms do you still support and hire for?**

None	65%
DB2	13%
C	10%
Cobol	9%
Assembly language	8%
Perl	5%
Delphi Object Pascal	3%
Fortran	3%
REXX	3%
Pascal	2%
Other	9%

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## C MENTORING

- <https://www.tacoma.uw.edu/institute-technology/student-support-workshops-mentors>
- Institute of Technology Mentors
- Located in Science 106 / 108 Labs
- Monday – Thursday: ~10 am – 7 pm
- Friday: ~ 12-5pm
- Winter quarter hours to be posted

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## INSTRUCTOR HELP

- Office hours: to be announced, and by appointment
- End of class: good for quick questions, assignment Q&A
- It will be difficult to tutor **all** 70 students individually on C
- Take **ownership** of your educational outcome
  - Time spent in TCSS 422 is just ~0.4% of an IT career
  - Make the most of this **limited** time
    - 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! All are good!
  - Better to ask redundant questions, than to be unsure!
- Daily feedback surveys
  - Helpful to know if topics are not clear
  - Use the survey to write questions that come to you during the lecture
- Poll-EV to be introduced

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C REVIEW



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# DEMOGRAPHICS SURVEY

<http://faculty.washington.edu/wlloyd/courses/tcss422/announcements.html>

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# INTRODUCTION TO OPERATING SYSTEMS

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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

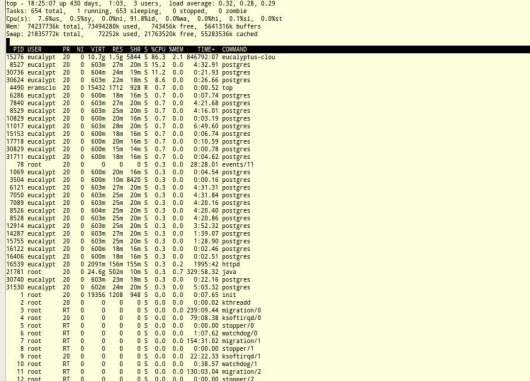
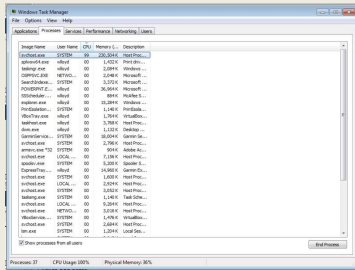
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VIRTUALIZING THE CPU

- 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

```
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
^C
prompt>
```

- 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 of programs 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:

```

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
                                         memory
10         assert(p != NULL);
11         printf("(d) address of p: %08x\n",
12              getpid(), (unsigned) p); // a2: print out the
                                         address of the memmory
13         *p = 0; // a3: put zero into the first slot of the memory
14         while (1) {
15             Spin(1);
16             *p = *p + 1;
17             printf("(d) p: %d\n", getpid(), *p); // a4
18         }
19         return 0;
20     }

```

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## VIRTUALIZING MEMORY - 3

### ■ Output of mem.c

```

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 00200000
- program increments int value

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## VIRTUALIZING MEMORY - 4

- Multiple instances of mem.c

```
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
...
```

- (int\*)p receives the same memory location 00200000
- Why does modifying (int\*)p in program #1 (PID=24113), not interfere with (int\*)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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CONCURRENCY

The screenshot shows the Windows Task Manager 'Processes' tab. It lists various system and user processes, including explorer.exe, taskmgr.exe, csrss.exe, and several instances of svchost.exe. The status bar at the bottom indicates 37 processes, 100% CPU usage, and 36% physical memory usage.

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CONCURRENCY

- Linux: 654 tasks
- Windows: 37 processes
- The OS appears 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.*

Listing continues ...

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## CONCURRENCY - 3

```

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

pthread\_create - create a new thread

**SYNOPSIS** [top](#)

```
#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** [top](#)

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(3)`, specifying an exit status value that is available to another thread in the same process that calls `pthread_join(3)`.
- \* It returns from `start_routine()`. This is equivalent to calling `pthread_exit(3)` 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_init(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 thread thread.c -Wall -pthread
prompt> ./thread 1000
Initial value : 0
Final value : 2000
```

### ■ Loops 100000

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



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## CONCURRENCY - 5

- When loop value is large why do we not achieve 200000 ?
- C code is translated to (3) assembly code operations
  1. Load counter variable into register
  2. Increment it
  3. 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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## QUESTIONS

