

What we saw



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- Distributed system: Collection of independent computers that for the user works like if it where one CPU.
- Distributed operating system: Is the actor in charge to achieve the past.
- Network operating systems: is the actual result, wait to to became in a true DOS. Each machine have their kernel.

1. OS Design

- The design of OS can be saw from three points of view:
 - What services are offered
 - Interface available for users and programmers
 - Component and interconnections

1.1 Operating System Service (1)

- The number and type of service differs between each OS. The basic interface offered are:
 - User interface
 - CLI, GUI, and batch interface **Program execution**
 - I/O operations
 - ports or device
 - File-system manipulation
 - Communications
 - Shared memory or message passing
 - Error detection



2. Service description

2.1 User interface (1)

- As we saw, CLI a GUI approach exists
- CLI are operated by a command interpreter
- The command interpreter is called shell
- Two approach for building a interpreter
- by itself execute programs (size of interpreter)
- Implements command as a system programs (to load and execute programs)

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2.1 User interface (2)

- GUI started in the early of 70s at Xerox
- Widespread by the Macintosh in the 80s
- Several GUIs does exist
 - Mac OS
 - Windows
 - CDE and X-window
 - KDE, GNome









Standard C Library (stdio)

System call to Write()

Kernel Mode



3.2.1 Process control

- Process control refers to the mechanism that OS use for handling the termination of a program.
- It can be normal (end) or abnormal (abort).
- In such case of error, a trap is issue causing dump file.
- In the next slide you will see a resume of type of system call











3.2.3 Device management

- One a process is executed in need access to different resource, the resource controlled by the system can be seen as device
- Device can be hardware or software
 Disk, printers
 - Virtual devices
- So, in this category is necessary to consider the administration for accessing and releasing devices

3.2.4 Information maintenance

- In this aspect many systems provide functionality for date and time.
- Also the system provides mechanism to identify process, as we saw in the example on page 15.

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3.2.5 Communication As we said there are two ways for – Shared memory

- Message passing

3.2.5.1 Shared memory

- To use this model the process employ system calls to access shared memory owned by other process
- Shared memory requires that process removes or grant access level
- It is necessary for this model that programs provide mechanism for concurrency
- There is a variant to this model, thread, where shared memory is the default mechanism

3.2.5.2 Message passing

- In this model through message are send between process
- Communication must be establish in advanced
- Name of the other process and communicator (PC) must be known
- Identify this properties through system calls are sent to the correspondent system calls for processing

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3.3 System Programs -

- It's another aspect to consider in the design of an OS
- Many system programs are just interface of the system calls
- They are divided in the next categories
 - File management
 - Status information
 - File modification
 - Programming language support
 Programming loading and execution
 - Programming loading and executi – communications

Programación de





• In general we found the rules of design in software engineering

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5. Operating System Structure 1. Constant System 1. Structure 2. Structure 3. 5. Operating System 5. Operating System



- Many commercial OS does not have defined structures, because are small like Msdos
- In Msdos interfaces and levels are not well separated for that applications can access basic functionalities of I/O
- Another example is the early Unix which was separated in kernel and system programs, later the kernel was layered in services (see fig 5.2)





5.3 Layered structure (2)

- Also layered approach can be less efficient that others types
- For example a system call can take so much time going from upper to lower considering that it may needs execute I/O operations, the system call can be longer that in a non layered system.



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5.4 Microkernel

- As was said the expansion of kernel in UNIX become complex, in 80s, Carnegie Mellon University develop Mach system with an approach in microkernel.
- This method consist in remove all nonessential components from the kernel implementing them as system or user-level programs.
- The main function is to provide an interface between user and services through message passing.
- Modularity and easily modifications without affect the kernel
- There is also more security because programs are executed with user privileges
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- Ex.: Tru64 unix, QNX

5.5 Modules

- Another approach is the construction of OS as modules
- This approach is based in the object oriented paradigm
- Here the kernel has some core components and dynamically links to services
- Examples of this are Solaris, Linux and MacOS

















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