

Quiz 1, 28th Jan
Wed.
8.30am

the system calls mechanism

interface of all OS services #
list/set of
functionality
(which looks like a
function)

Lab quiz 1,
29th Jan, Thu
2pm - 5pm

API vs ABI (system call)

- helloworld.c - source

~ printf } object files
~ scanf }

~ add() - source

~ sub() - source

~ binary interface
~ interaction between
(pre-loaded) binary
regions in memory

compilation
+
linker

~ source code /
object file

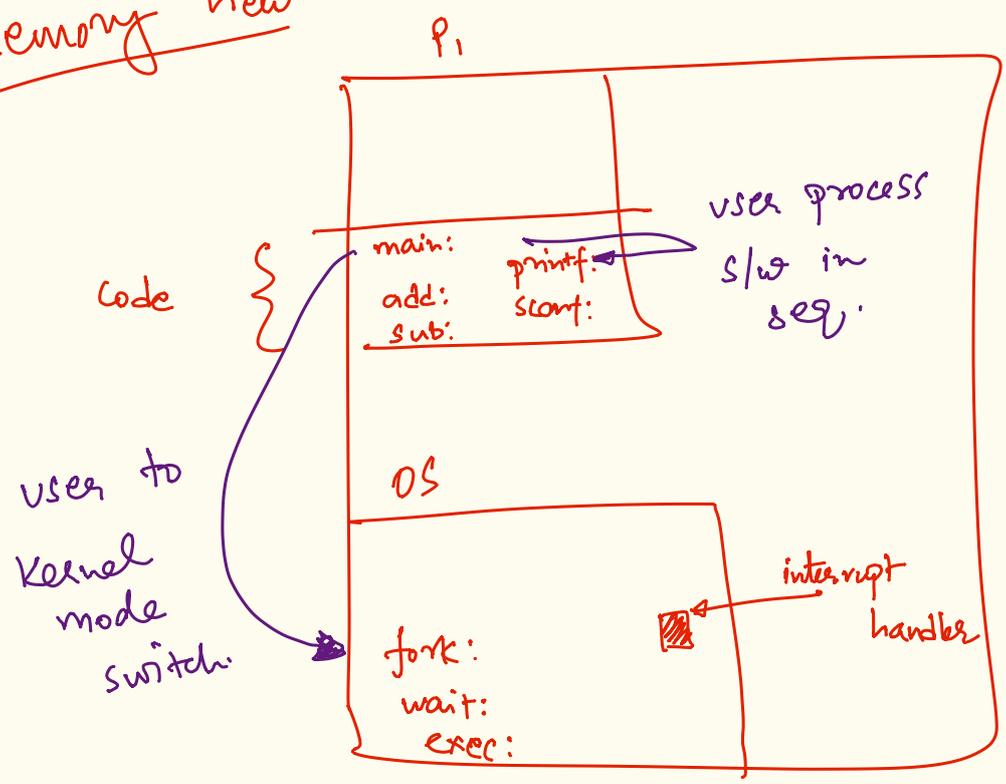


interaction.
- helloworld

binary.

heap
stack
data
code

-memory view

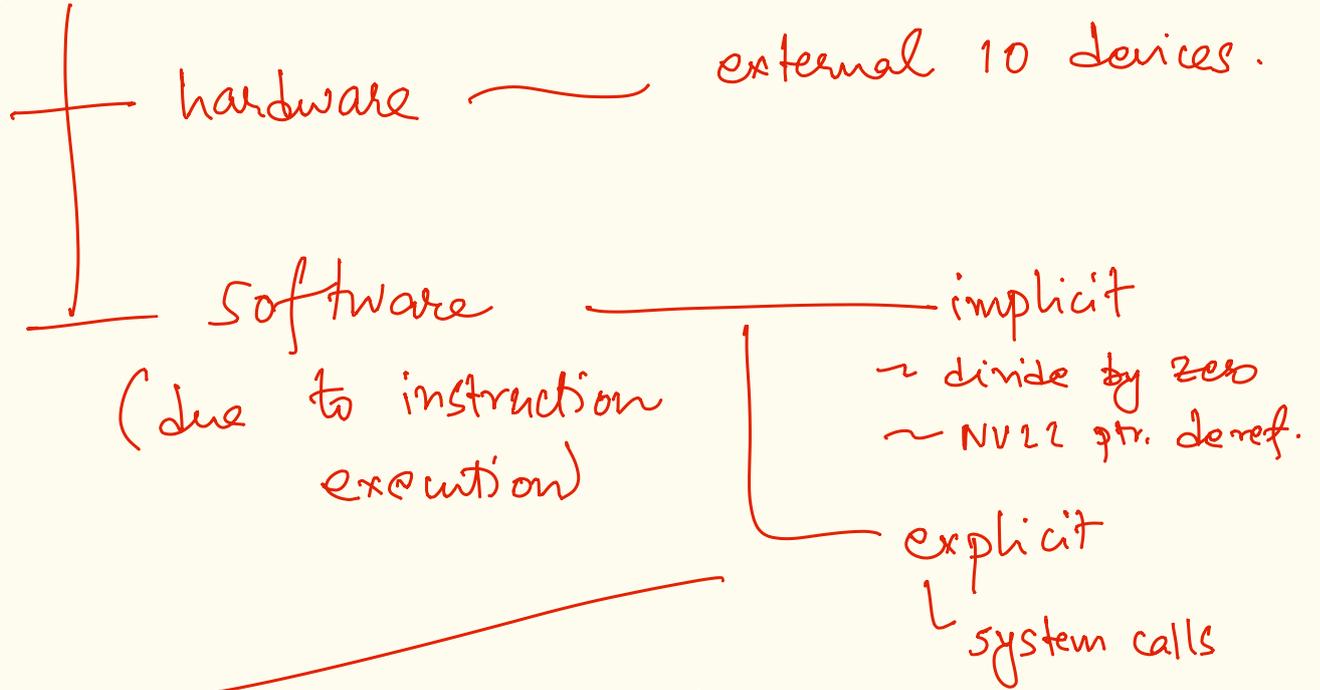


requirements

- ~ how to invoke?
- ~ mechanism to switch privilege levels?
- ~ context save & restore
- ~ mechanism to handle/pass arguments
return values.
- ~ mechanism to specify system call identity
- ~ mechanism to locate system call code!

(*) all systems calls are interrupts!

interrupts



① ISA-specific mechanism

x86

INT 0x80

risc-v

ecall

on an explicit slow interrupt -

~ slow to CPU privileged mode / kernel mode

~ save context of running ~~the~~ instance (process).

~ switch to kernel config. < stack memory

~ JMP to interrupt handler

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② ~ iret / sret ~ return from handler.

x86

IDTR

interrupt descriptor table register.

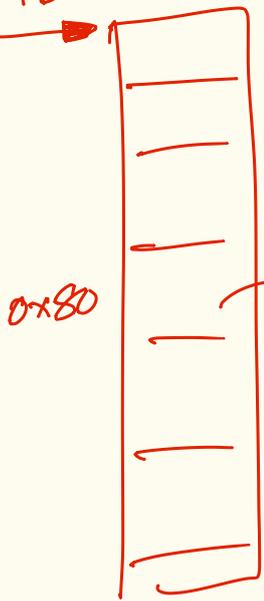
— stores locⁿ.
of IDT

riscv

stvec

cause ~ 8

IDT



fn ptr.
to interrupt
handler
0x80