

OS building blocks

1. privileged mode-based execution (LDE)
2. interrupt-driven execution

meta-invariant
OS is the
sole
owner/
controller
of all
resources.

~ stop a sequence

~ stop a sequence of instructions
on the CPU.

~ next instⁿ. after interrupt not from PC+1

PC changed to instⁿ. seq. that
"handles" interrupts

~ "state" / context of sequence has to
be stored

(Stored somewhere
where-?)

(to be restored
later)

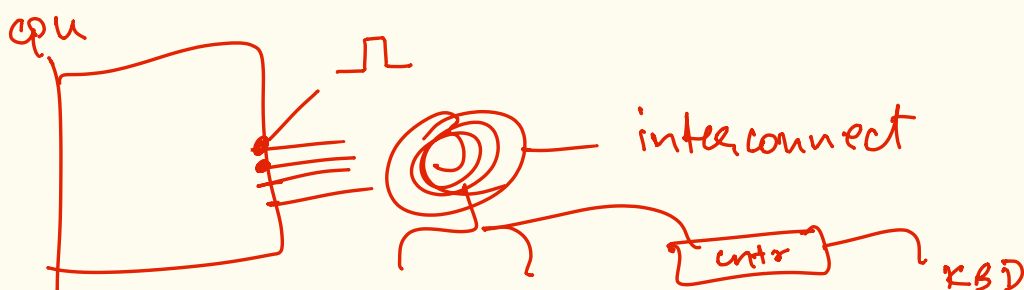
⑧

- keep executing instructions

- on interrupt, pause,

~ handle interrupt

- return to locⁿ. where seq. was
abandoned.



⑧ what is an interrupt?

+ physical pins on the CPU
connected / toggled
via an interconnect
to signal interrupt
& device information.

program

mov R0, 23 ← PC

add R0, R1 ←

sub R3, R4 ← (X) interrupt!

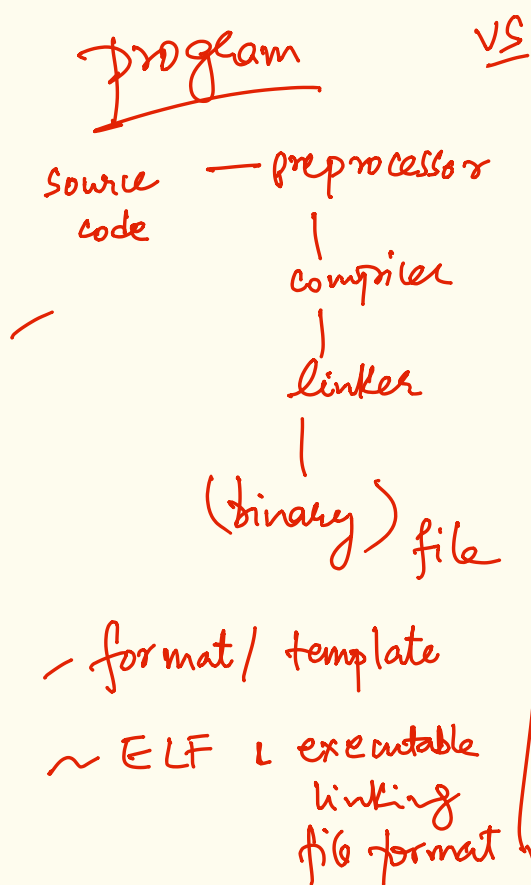
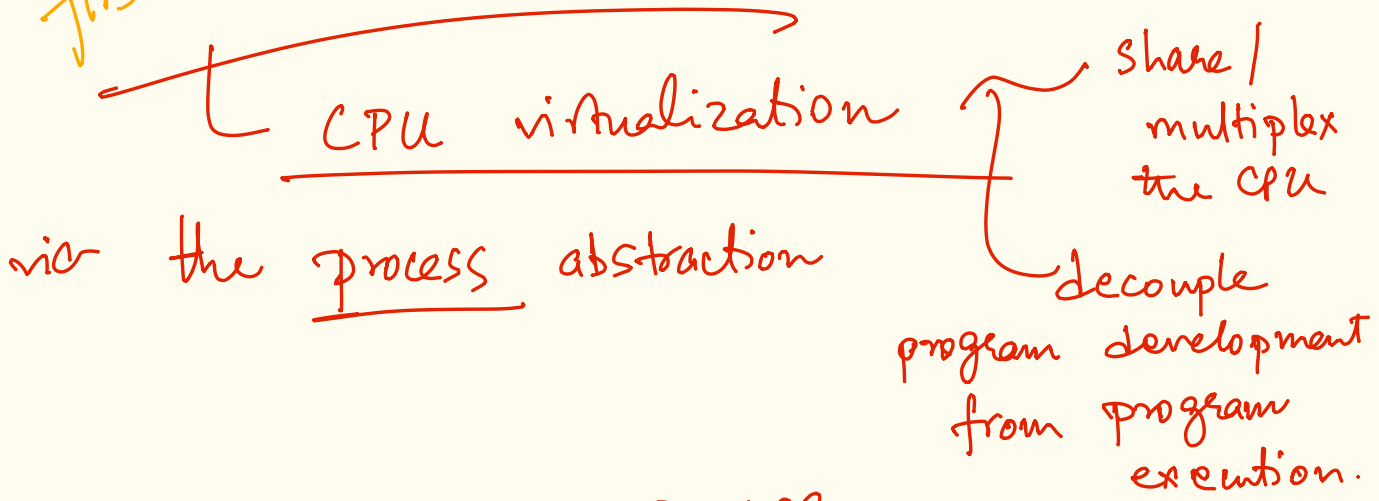
Context → inc R6 ←

⋮

— Save context
save all registers.
 general purpose special
 regs

— restore context
& execute next
instruction.

first OS abstraction



- ~ OS abstraction
- program in execution
 - "instance" of a program
 - entity that consumes resources
 - set of instructions & data loaded in memory
 - decouples execution from program
 - + # instances
 - + priority
 - + scheduling, resources
 - start, stop, pause