An Overview of Computer Systems

Overview of System Programming



- System Programming
 - Writing system programs
 - Direct control of HW
 - Using assembly
 - Implementing system utility or OS features
 - Using system programs
 - Application programming using OS services
 - I/O device control using device drivers

Course topics

- Assembly programming
- Programming with OS services
- Program execution logics
- Computer communications and collaborations

Overview of System Programming

- Example of system programming
 - Make program with assembly language which controls printer newly developed
 - Make program with C language which schedules processes of OS with new way and integrate it to OS
 - Improve memory management technique of OS
 - Make program which efficiently compresses files using file handling service program of OS
 - Make program which transmits files to other computers connected to the Internet
 - Make and add media-related runtime library to reinforce multimedia handling capabilities of OS

Progress of civilization and computer system

- Knowing history of computing
 - Make analyzing and understanding of the present state of computing technology more accurate
 - increase predictability of future technologies



Progress of computer

Chronology



1951: UNIVAC I – Census Bureau 1964: IBM System 360

1977: Apple II PC 1978: IBM PC/MS-DOS

1983: Begin of Internet – opening to the public of ARPANET

1990: Tim Berners-Lee - WWW 1995: Microsoft Windows 95, GUI

EDVAC: Electronic Discrete Variable Automatic Computer ENIAC: Electronic Numerial Integrator and Computer

Progress of computer

- Progress of information technology
 - information technology
 - mainframe computing \rightarrow personal computing \rightarrow distributed computing
 - electronic(semiconductor) technology
 - vacuum tube → transistor → integrated circuit
 - communication technology
 - analog voice ightarrow digital voice and data ightarrow digital multimedia
 - energy technology

- engine, fossil fuel \rightarrow electric power, nuclear fuel \rightarrow battery, chemical fuel
- stage of progress of computer technology

Generation	Period	Technology	Technology Major new product	
1	1950-1959	Vacuum tube	Public/military computer	Manufacturing technology
2	1960-1968	Transistor	Commercial computer	Efficiency of manufacturing
3	1969-1977	Integrated circuit	Mini computer	Improving business productivity
4	1978-1993	LSI, VLSI	PC, workstation	Information society
5	1994-	Distributed computing, parallel computing	Client/server system, net/web, mobile device	Knowledge/networ k based society ₆

Changes in computing technology

- Things that have not changed during past 60 years
 - electronic computing
 - Von Neumann computing
 - basic features of computing
- Things that have changed during past 60 years
 - hardware material: vacuum tube -> integrate circuit
 - processing unit : faster processing speed, larger memory device
 - data and user interface: text-> multimedia/graphic/hypertext
 - Computing method: centralized -> parallel/distributed
 - Computer size: large computer -> personal computer
 - Changes in the role and application of computer
 - mobile/ubiquitous/embedded/web/Internet computing
- Present state of system software
 - based on non changed computing principle
 - embrace various change and provide development infrastructure

Changes in computing technology

- Change of computer hardware/software configuration technology
 - Technologies of computer and related field have been rapidly progressed during past 60 years.
 - According to progress of semiconductor technology, computers were faster, larger(capacity), smaller and cheaper. Software features enhanced and applications of it were rapidly widened.
 - In particular, configuration technology and application of software produced synergy and it became more active because of progress of Internet.
 - But, basic computer system didn't change and there were peripheral and functional changes and progress.
- Keyword of present computing technology
 - multimedia, Internet, web, information search, contents
 - mobile, ubiquitous, embedded
 - Fusion technology: IT/NT/BT/CT

Changes in computing technology

- Progress of computer system and software
 - independent system → network computing system, distributed system
 - single tasking system \rightarrow multitasking system
 - single user system \rightarrow multi user system
 - batch system \rightarrow interactive system, online system
- People involved in operating a computer system
 - participants: user, programmer, operator, service provider
 - early days: user = operator = programmer
 - large computer age: user ≠ operator ≠ programmer
 - PC age: (user = operator) ≠ programmer
 - Internet age: (user = operator) ≠ programmer ≠ service provider

New computer system

- "intercomputer"
 - Computer doesn't exist by itself but has meaning from relationship between computers.
 - Network forms relationship between computers.



- Embedded Computer
 - computer which doesn't like computer

Pictorial View of Computer History



An Example of RT-Ubiquitous Systems (Real-Time Human/Object Tracking)



No Real-Time Consideration



Our New Method



3-D Problem



3-D Blocking Solved!



To build such systems

- We need a *holistic understanding* about computer systems
 - Hardware
 - System software
 - Applications
 - Computer Networking

Configuration of computer system



Components and functions of computer

 Network	connect with other members(computers integrate distributed N computers ⇒ single system interface with all components		
 Application software	Industrial: science, engineering, production/manufacture business: online/data/office processing general: study, entertainment, small applications etc. embedded: system for other purpose		
 System software	communication applications, database applications, user interface, distributed support, transaction handling		
	OS/ assembler, compiler utility(editor, debugger etc.) communication protocol		
Hardware	data processing, I/O, communication		

Example of computer system configuration

Hi	erarchical computer syst	eı	n Components	Example
	Application software		Application software	stock analysis, Aircraft design
	System software		Compiler, middleware Operating system	C compiler , UNIX, Windows XP, Corba
	Hardware		CPU, memory , disk	Pentium, VGA terminal, hard disk

Configuration of computer hardware

Major components I/O devices, processor, memory devices

disk, USB flash memory



Network access device: modem, LAN adaptor

Configuration of computer hardware

System software and application software



Closing – computer and vehicle

Metaphor

- -Will(Thought) of running car? driver
- Will(Thought) of running computer? software

Computer hardware

- provide motive power by calculation by structure of machine
- like a car

Computer software

- fruit of knowledge and wisdom of human(programmer)
- projection of human's mind
- representative of human