

Introduction: Main OS Concepts

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Kernel and User Mode Programs



➔ Kernel Mode

- Privileged mode
- Strict assumptions about reliability/security of code
- Memory resident

➔ User Mode:

- More flexible
- Simpler maintenance and debugging



Kernel and User Mode Programs



- ➔ Functionality Implemented in Kernel
 - CPU-, memory-, Input/Output management
 - Multiprocessor management, diagnosis, test
 - Parts of file system and of the networking interface

- ➔ Functionality Implemented in User
 - Compiler, assembler, interpreter, linker/loader
 - File system management
 - Telecommunication
 - Network management
 - Editors, spreadsheets, user applications



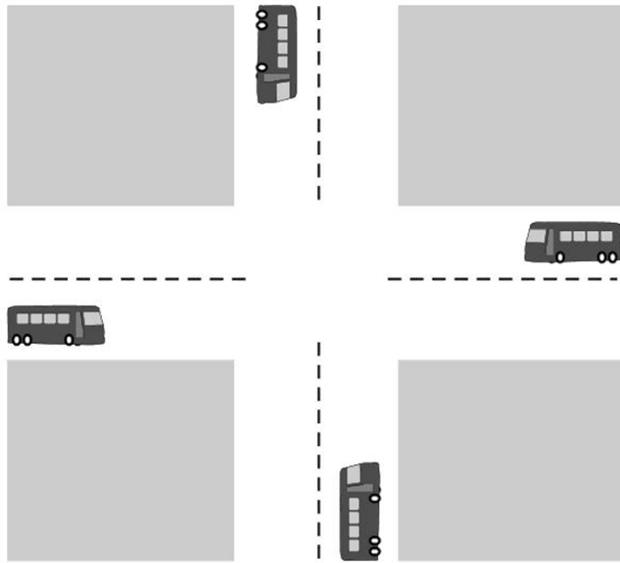
Processes



- ➔ Processes, process table, core image
- ➔ Parent and child processes
- ➔ Mutual exclusion and synchronization
- ➔ Inter-process communication
- ➔ Scheduling, signals
- ➔ Deadlock and synchronization

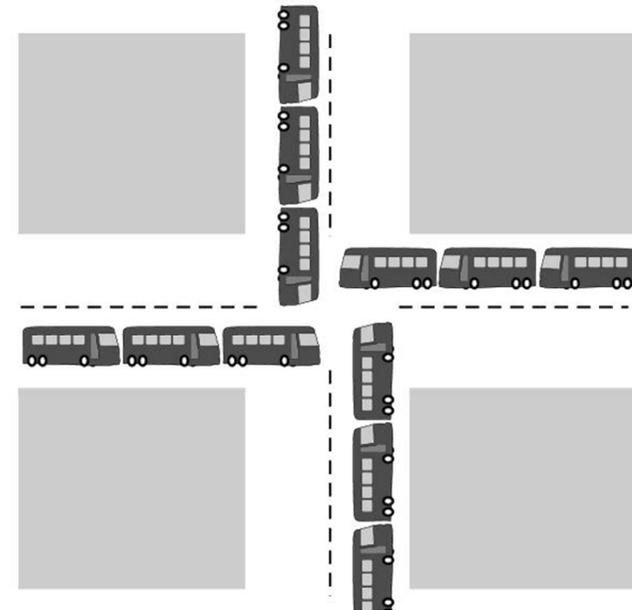


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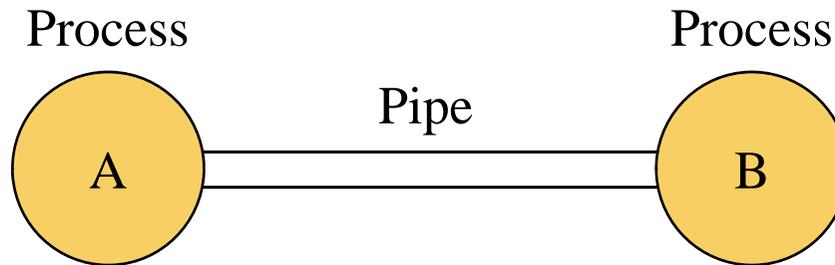


(a) A potential deadlock

deadlock



(b) an actual deadlock



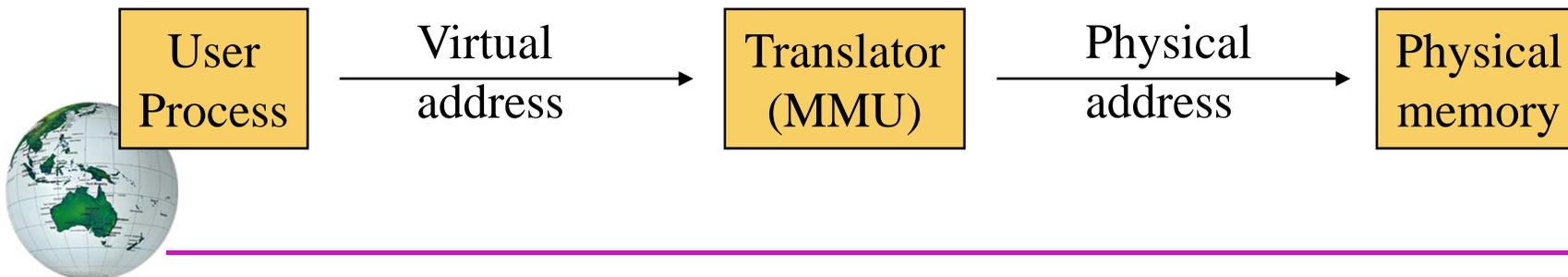
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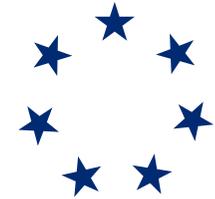
Memory Management



- ➔ Basic memory management
 - Segmentation, swapping, base and bound
- ➔ Virtual memory
 - Memory hierarchy, address translation
- ➔ Paging systems
 - Page replacement, design issues for paging systems
- ➔ Segmentation systems
 - Segmentation with paging

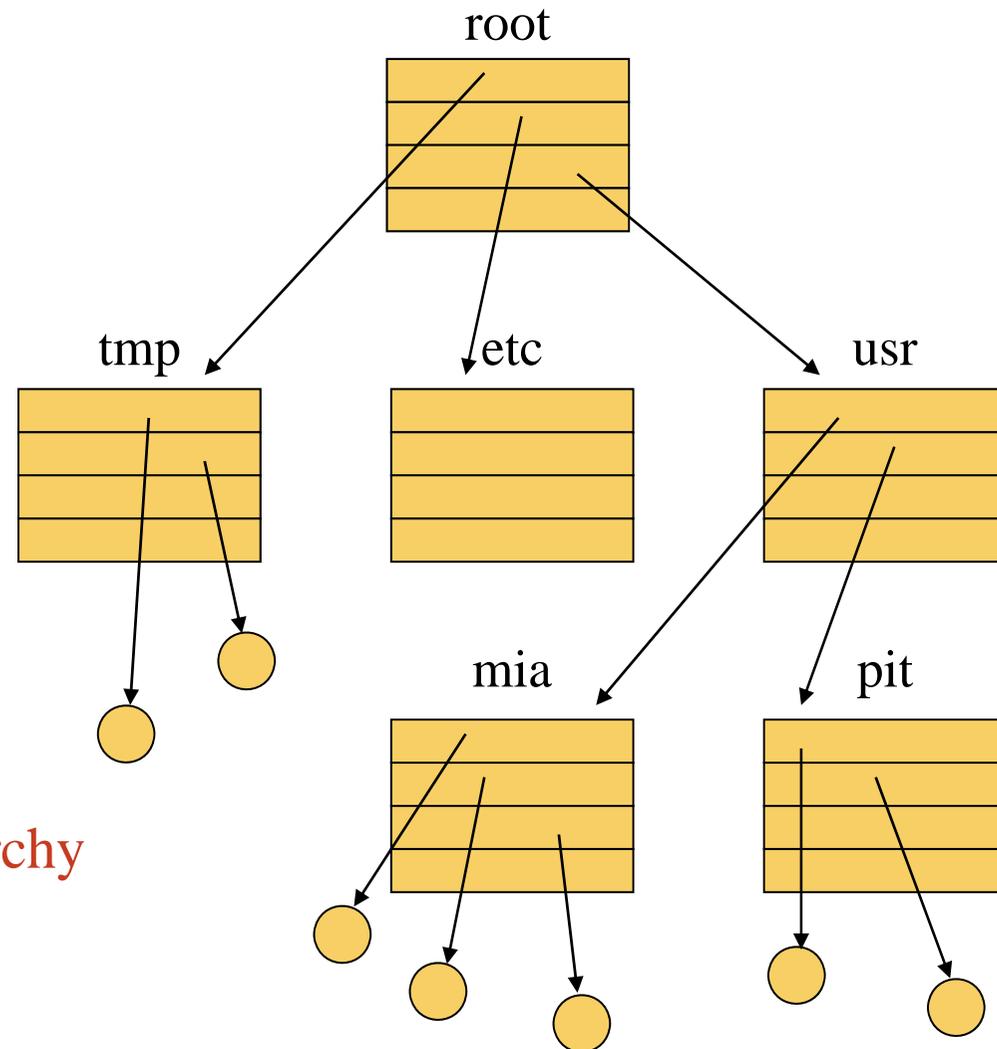
Dynamic Address Translation





Files

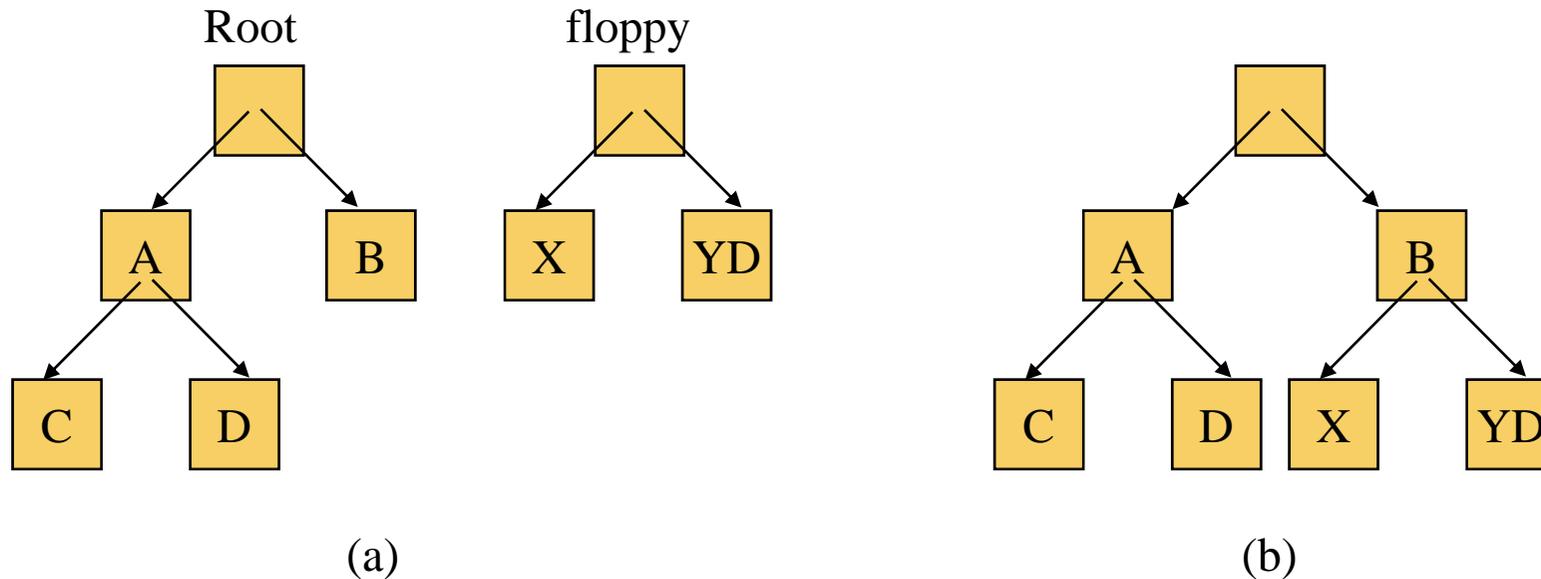
- ➔ Files, directories, root
- ➔ Path, working directory
- ➔ Protection, rwx bits
- ➔ File descriptor, handle
- ➔ Special files, I/O devices



A sample file hierarchy



File Mounting



- ➔ Before mounting,
 - files on floppy are inaccessible
- ➔ After mounting floppy on b,
 - files on floppy are part of file hierarchy



System Calls



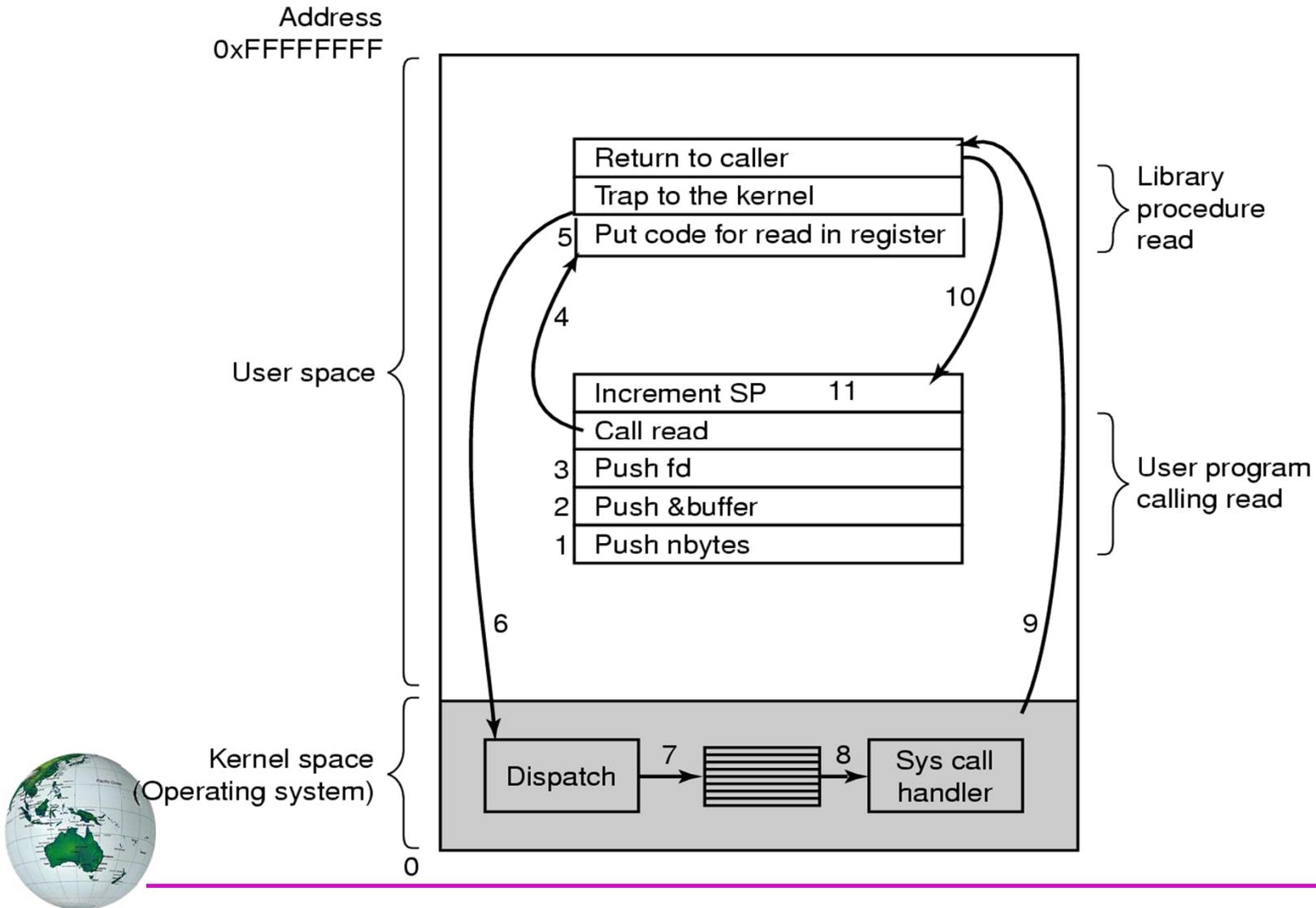
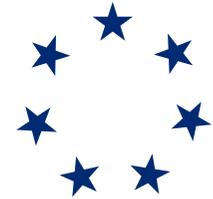
- ⇒ User programs access operating system services via system calls
- ⇒ Parameter transmission via trap, register, stack

count = read (file, buffer, nbytes);

- ⇒ Five Classes of System Calls
 - Process control
 - File manipulation
 - Device manipulation
 - Memory manipulation
 - Information maintenance
 - Communications



Steps in Making a System Call



Sys Calls For Process Mgmt



Call	Description
<code>pid = fork()</code>	Create a child process
<code>pid = waitpid(pid, &statloc, options)</code>	Wait for a child to terminate
<code>s = execve(name, argv, environp</code>	Replace a process's core image
<code>exit(status)</code>	Terminate process & return status



Sys Calls For File Mgmt



Call	Description
<code>fd = open(file, how, ...)</code>	Open a file for reading or writing
<code>s=close(fd)</code>	Close an open file
<code>n=read(fd, buffer, nbytes)</code>	Read data from a file into a buffer
<code>n=write(fd, buffer, nbytes)</code>	Write data from buffer into a file
<code>position=lseek(fd, offset, whence)</code>	Move the file pointer
<code>s = stat(name, &buf)</code>	Get a file's status information



Sys Calls For Directory Mgmt



Call	Description
S = mkdir(name, mode)	Create a new directory
S = rmdir(name)	Remove an empty directory
S = link(name1, name2)	Create a entry name2 pointing to name1
S = mount(special, name, flag)	Mount a file system
S = umount(special)	Unmount a file system



Sys Calls For Miscellaneous Tasks



Call	Description
S = chdir(dirname)	Change the working directory
S = chmod(name, mode)	Change a file's protection bits
S = kill(pid, signal)	Send a signal to a process
Seconds = time(&seconds)	Get the elapsed time since Jan. 1, 1970



Some Win32 API calls



UNIX	Win32	Description
Fork	CreateProcess	Create a new process
Waitpid	WaitForSingleObject	Can wait for a process to exit
Execve	(none)	CreateProcess=fork+execve
Exit	ExitProcess	Terminate execution
Open	CreateFile	Create a file or open an existing file
Close	CloseHandle	Close a file
Read	ReadFile	Read data from a file
Write	WriteFile	Write data to a file
Lseek	SetFilePointer	Move the file pointer
Stat	GetFileAttributesEx	Get various file attributes



Some Win32 API calls



UNIX	Win32	Description
Mkdir	CreateDirectory	Create a new directory
Rmdir	RemoveDirectory	Remove an empty directory
Link	(none)	Win32 does not support links
Unlink	Deletefile	Destroy an existing file
Mount	(none)	Win32 does not support mount
Umount	(none)	Win32 does not support umount
Chdir	SetCurrentDirectory	Change the current working directory
Chmod	(none)	Win32 does not support security (NT does)
Kill	(none)	Win32 does not support signals
Time	GetLocalTime	Get the current time



Shell



- ➔ Command interpreter
- ➔ Displays prompt
- ➔ Implements input/output redirection
- ➔ Background processes, job control
- ➔ Pseudo terminals



Shell Example



\$ date

\$ date >file

\$ sort <file1 >file2

\$ cat file1 file2 file3 > /dev/lp1

\$ make all >log 2>&1 &



Implementing a Shell



- ➔ Shell provides the user interface
 - sh, csh, tcsh, bash, zsh, etc.
- ➔ Windows Explorer is similar
 - looks like part of the operating system
 - but we now know enough to write a shell as a standard user program
- ➔ How to write a shell?

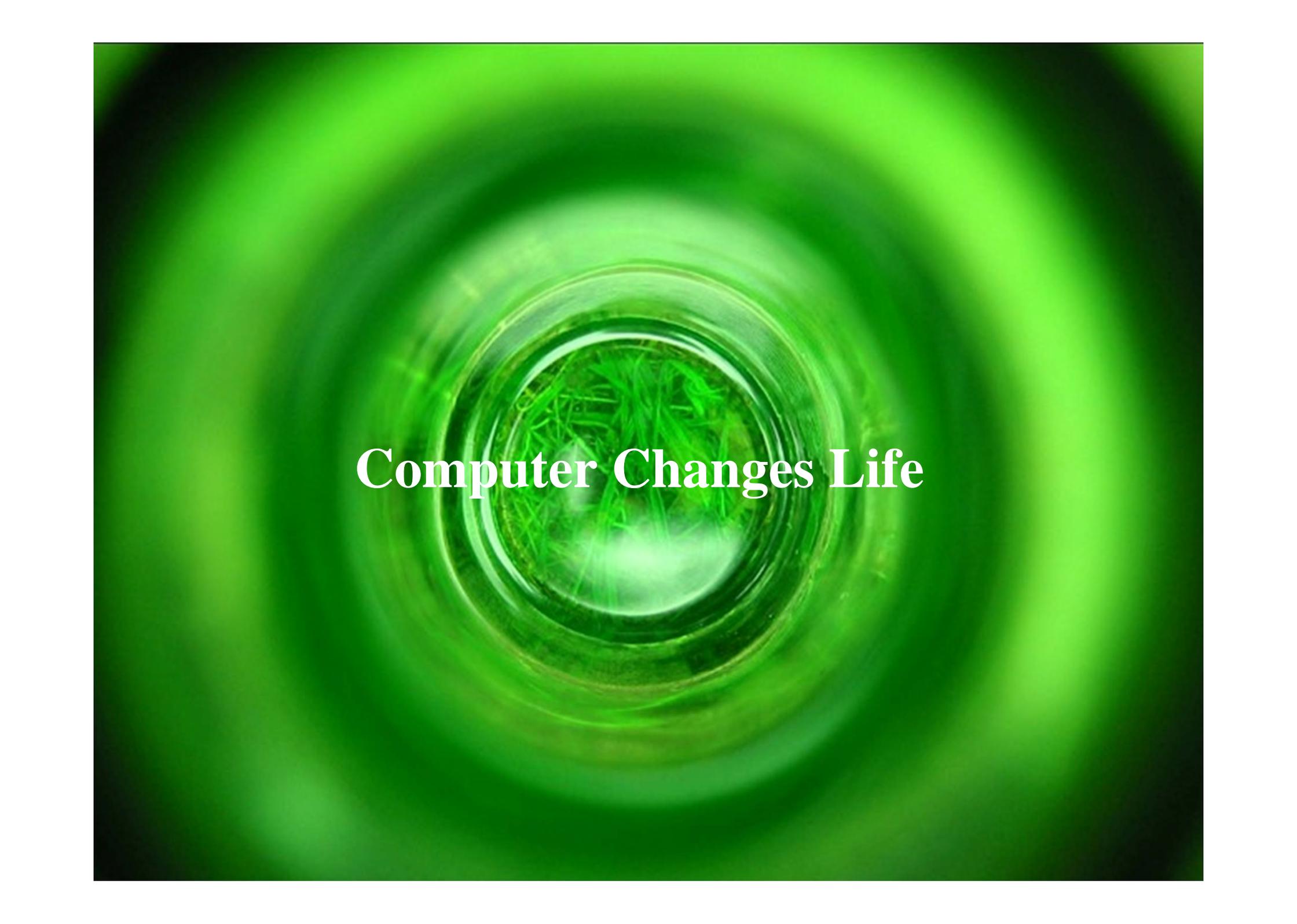


A Stripped Down Shell



```
while (TRUE) {  
    type_prompt( );  
    read_command (command, parameters)  
    if (fork() != 0) {  
        /* Parent code */  
        waitpid( -1, &status, 0);  
    }  
    else { /* Child code */  
        execve (command, parameters, 0);  
    }  
}
```





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