Introduction to Computer Science

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Chapter 3

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Operating Systems

- Interface between a user and the computer hardware
- Provide an environment in which a user can execute programs
- Goals
  - Make the computer system convenient to use
  - Use the computer hardware (resources) in an efficient manner

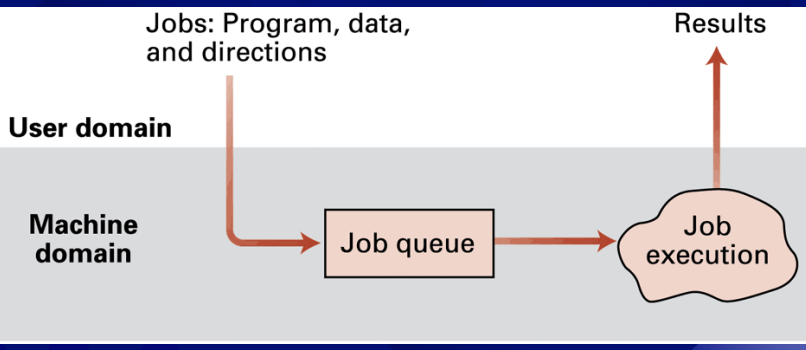
Some Functions of OS

- Oversee/control/monitor operation of computer
- Store and retrieve files/programs
- Schedule programs for execution
- Execute programs

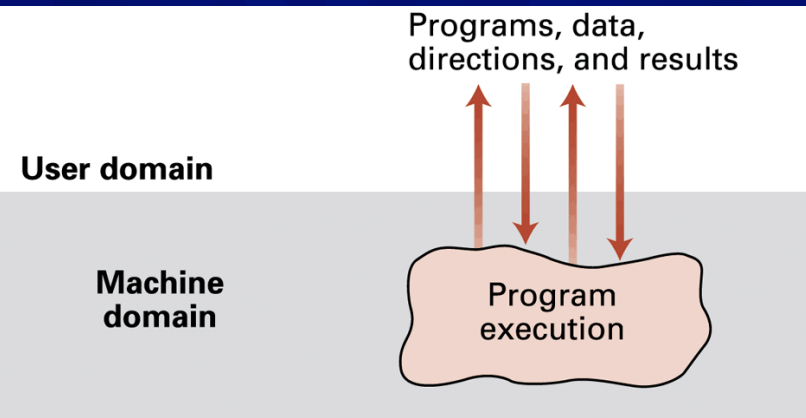
A Few Notions

- Batch processing
- Interactive processing
- Real-time processing
- Time-sharing system
- Multiprocessor system

Batch Processing



Interactive Processing



Real-Time Processing

- Processing where the response time is restricted
- For example, to operate the missile launching systems

Time-Sharing Systems

- Shuffle jobs by dividing time into intervals
- Multitasking for a one-user system
- More efficient than the sequential way especially for jobs which must wait for peripheral devices
- For example, to operate PCs with lots of I/O peripherals

Time Sharing at Home

- You have one PC at home
- You, your sister, your dad, your mom, the grandma and grandpa share the PC
- During the 7pm-10pm hours, everyone might need the PC at a random time
- Design two different ways of sharing the PC time among the users and state why the choice
  - In other words:
  - Who gets the PC from when and for how long?
  - And why you think your mechanisms are reasonable?

Multiprocessor Systems

- Sharing information and resources among different machines
- Networks (next chapter)
  - To couple computer systems
  - Software controlling a network as a network-wide operating system

Unique Problems

- Load balancing
  - Dynamically allocate tasks to various processors so that all processors are used efficiently
- Scaling
  - Break tasks into a number of subtasks compatible with the number of processors available
  - Hopefully, N processors → N times throughput

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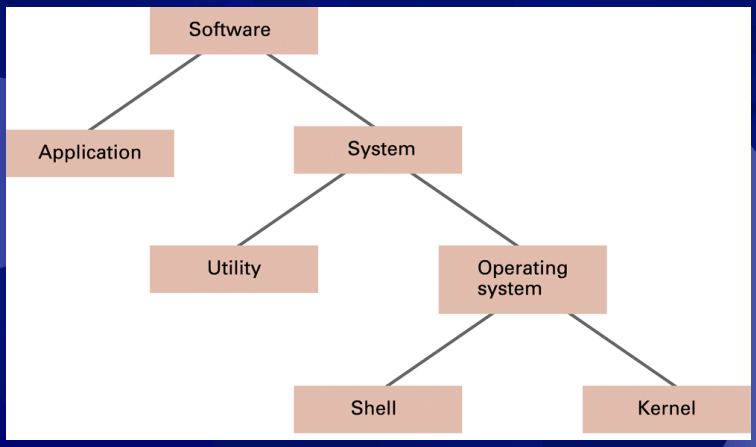
Types of software

- Application software
  - Perform specific tasks for users
- System software
  - Perform tasks needed by all computer systems
  - Operating system
  - Utility software
    - Collection of software units extending the capabilities of OS

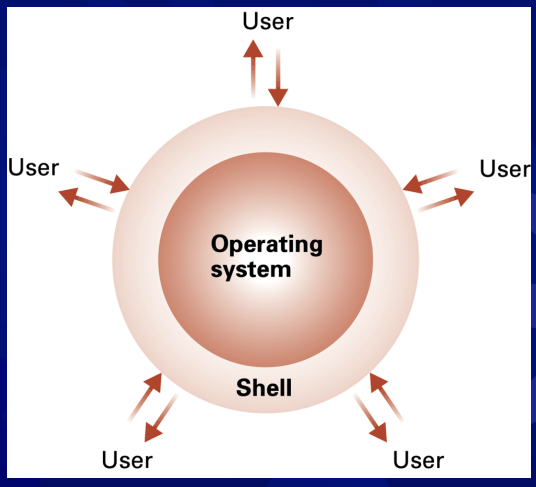
Law and Orders, Technologically Speaking

- Internet Explorer
  - Application software?
  - Utility software?
- Internet Explorer comes with Windows
  - Unfair competition?
  - Better OS?

Software Classification



Shell: the User-OS Interface



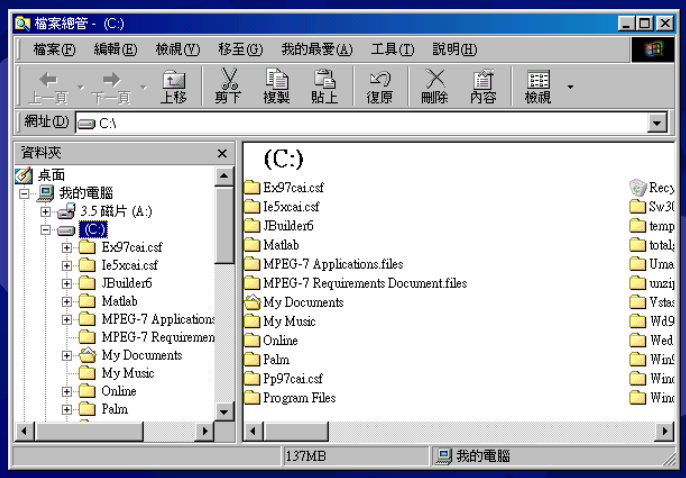
Shells

- Portion of an OS
  - Define the interface between the OS and its users
- Types of shells
  - Textual interface
    - Borne shell, C shell, Korn shell in Unix
    - MS-DOS command line for Microsoft Windows
  - Graphical user interface
    - Window manager in Unix
    - WinXP, Mac

Kernels

- Performs the very basic functions required by the computer installation
- Main components
  - File manager
  - Device drivers
  - Memory manager
  - Scheduler and dispatcher

File Manager



File System

- Directory or folder
  - User-created group or bundle of files
- Path: position of a file in directory hierarchy
  - *C:\animals\prehistoric\dinosaurs*
- Any access to a file by other software units is obtained with the help of the file manager
- File descriptor: information needed to access an open file

Device Manager

Device Driver

- Software units that
  - 1. tightly coupled with the controllers
  - 2. to carry out operations on the peripheral devices attached to the machine
- Each device driver is uniquely designed for its particular type of device
  - Example: Device driver for a printer contains software to read and decode status word as well as other handshaking details. Other software does not have to deal with those details in order to print a file

Memory Manager

- Coordinating the machine's use of main memory
- Quite a lot of work in multi-user or time-sharing environments
  - Many programs and data reside in main memory concurrently

Three Major Functions

- When new programs/data are to be processed
  - Must find memory area to fulfill the program/data's memory requirements
- While programs/data are in progress
  - Need to know which memory cells belonging to which program/data
- When programs/data are finished with processing
  - Need to keep track of memory areas no longer occupied

Easier Analogy

- Suppose you work part-time as the receptionist (領檯) of a restaurant

Quiz Time!

Memory Management Methods

- Partition
- Page
  - Unit of memory managed
  - A few kilobytes
- Virtual memory
  - Illusionary memory space
  - Useful when there's not enough RAM space for the programs/data to execute

Partitioning

- Divide memory into partitions
  - Fixed-size partitions
  - Variable-size partitions

Fixed-Size Partitioning

- What should be the size?
- Can't be too small
  - The partition must accommodate the largest possible program
- Can't be too large
  - May cause wasted memory space

Variable-size Partitioning

- Sequential memory allocation
  - Program memory space interleaving
  - Tedious link list
- Sequential memory block allocation
  - Less memory space interweaving
  - Manageable link list
  - Memory blocks are referred to as **page frames**

Page

- Divide the program into equal-size pieces (pages)
- Store each piece in equal-size memory spaces (page frames)
- Typical size is 2KB or 4KB
- Create an index to each page and store in a Page Table

Comparison

Manageability ⟷ Thrifty use of memory

Fixed-size Partition	Page	Variable-size Partition

Run out of RAM space!
Some parts of a program might not really be used…

Virtual Memory

- Illusion of additional memory space
  - by rotating pages of programs and data back and forth
  - Between main memory (RAM) and mass storage (hard disk)
- Software units can execute as though there were a large amount of main memory in the machine

Paging

- A portion of the program is placed in memory (RAM)
- The remainder is on disk (hard disk)
- Pages on disk will be brought into memory as needed (one page at a time)
- Referred to as the **Paging Process**

Swapping

- If there's no free space on the physical memory, some pages need to be discarded
- This is referred to as the swapping process

Quiz Time!

Swapping Rule

- Oldest
  - The oldest page gets swapped out first
- Least Frequently Used (LFU)
  - The least used gets swapped out first
- Least Recently Used (LRU)
  - The least recently used gets swapped out first
  - Linux

LRU Exercise

- There is a running process on Linux and the physical memory space is only 4 page large. Suppose the process needs to load the pages in the following order: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 2, 6.
  - Q: Which is the page to be replaced by page 5?
  - Q: Which is the page to be replaced by page 2?
  - Q: Which is the page to be replaced by page 6?

Thrashing

- Too large a portion of CPU time is spent locating the correct page and bringing it into memory

Thrashing Exercise

- In a LFU system where the physical memory space is only 4 page large. Suppose the process needs to load the pages in the following order: 1, 2, 3, 4, 1, 1, 1, 1, 2, 2, 2, 2, 3, 3, 3, 3, 4, 5, 4, 5, 4, 5, 4, 5, 4, 5, 4, 5.
- Q: Which is the page to be replaced by each page load?
- If no page is swapped out, just write -

Linux

- Page-based Virtual Memory
- Demand Paging
- Least Recently Used Swapping

- Windows?… you guess

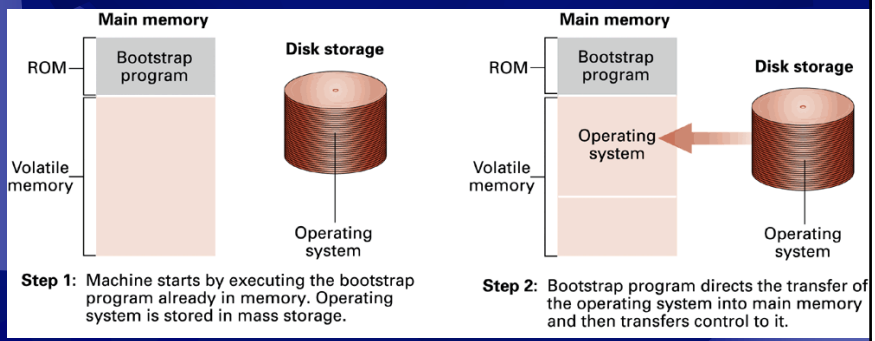
Scheduler and Dispatcher

- Process manager!
- Scheduler
  - Determines which activities are to be considered for execution in a time-sharing system
- Dispatcher
  - Controls the allocation of time slices to the scheduled activities (how long)

Getting it Started (bootstrapping)

- Bootstrap: program in read only memory (ROM)
  - Run by the CPU when power is turned on
    - **B**asic **I**nput **O**utput **S**ystem
  - Transfers operating system from mass storage to main memory
    - After OS installation, inform the BIOS the location
    - Configurable via BIOS
  - Executes jump to operating system
  - At this point, the operating system takes over and begins controlling the machine's behavior

The Booting Process



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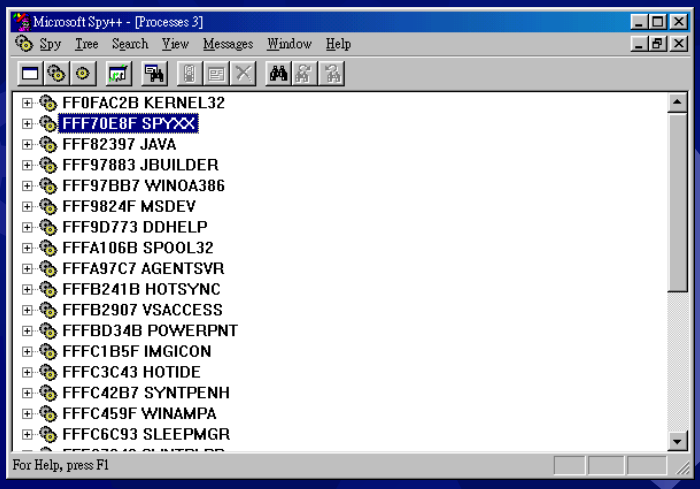
Processes

- Program
  - A static set of directions
- Process
  - Program (application and utilities) in execution
  - Needs resources to accomplish its task
  - Resources are given to the process when created
  - Can be executed in parallel

Process Management

- Handled by scheduler and dispatcher within kernel
- Scheduler
  - Maintains a process table
- Dispatcher
  - Ensures the scheduled processes are actually executed
  - Time slice (or quantum): typically no more than 50 milliseconds
  - Process switch

Process Table



Scheduler

- Keeps states of all processes in a process table
- Scheduling information
  - Status of processes
    - Ready or waiting
  - Priority of processes
- Non-scheduling information
  - Memory pages assigned to the processes
    - Process states

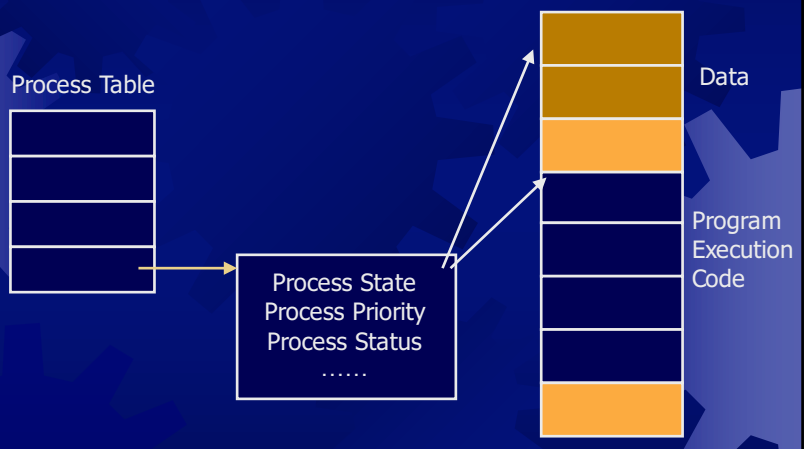
Process Status

- Defined by its current activity

Process State

- A snapshot of the machine at that time
- Includes program counter, values in CPU registers and associated memory cells, etc.
- Changes as a process executes

Program and Processes



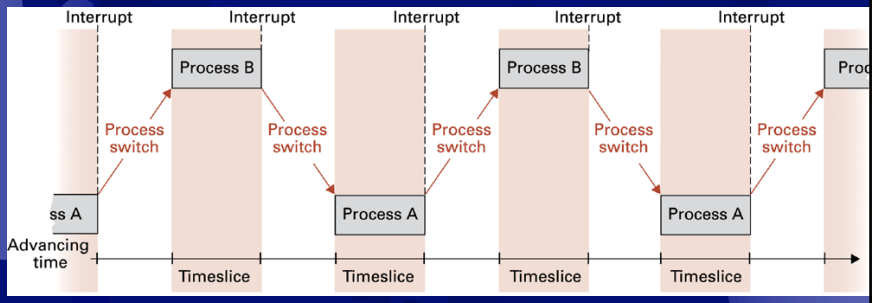
Dispatcher

- Gives one time slice or quantum to a process that is ready
- Executes a process switch (or context switch) when the running process's time slice is over
  - Interrupt indicates that time slice is over
    - Interrupt generated
  - Interrupt handled by interrupt handler
    - interrupt handler is part of dispatcher

Interrupt Handler

- Process state of an executing process is saved and the process becomes idle
- Process state of the process to be executed next is loaded
- The new process starts running

Time-Sharing Between A & B



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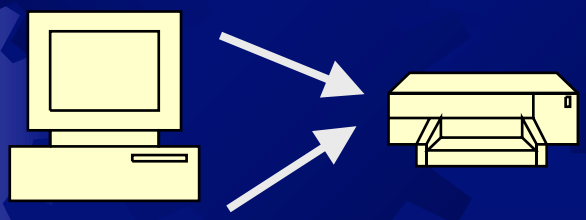
Competition among Processes



What could be the problem if two time-sharing processes are printing at the same time?

Any easy solution?

Competition for Resources

- Assume a process needs to print
- Request the OS to give it access to the printer's device driver
- OS decide whether to grant the request, depending upon whether the printer is already being used by another process
- If the printer is used by another process, the OS should deny the request and classify the process as waiting until the printer is ready
- If two processes were given simultaneous access to printer, the results would be worthless to both!!
- Also known as the race condition

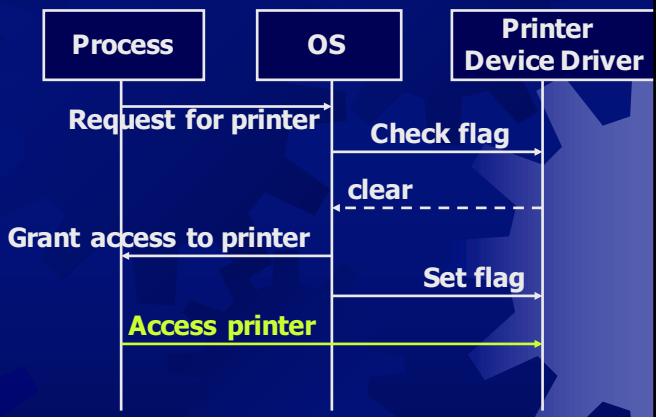
Allocation of Resources

- An important task of an operating system is the allocation of resources to the processes in the system
  - How to allocate is resource dependent!
- Resources: machine's peripheral devices as well as features within the machine
  - Access to files and disk space (file manager)
  - Memory space (memory manager)
  - Space in process table (scheduler)
  - Time slices (dispatcher)

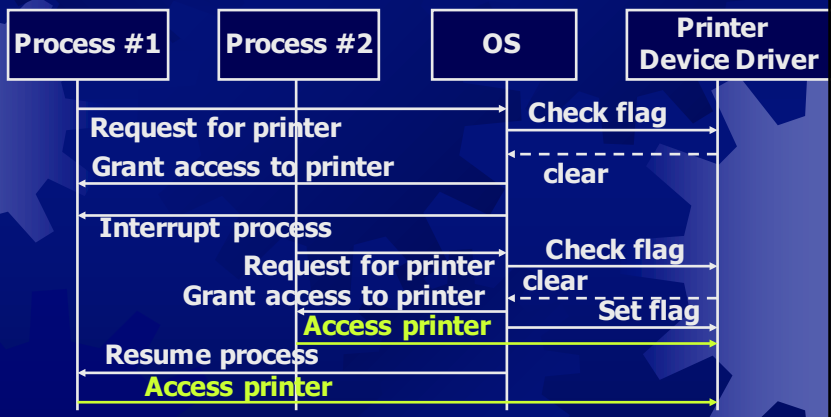
Using Flag to Control Access

- OS must keep track of whether the printer has been allocated
- Use a flag (a bit in memory) as set or clear to indicate that the printer is currently allocated or not
- But.. testing and setting the flag requires several machine instructions

Flag Setting: Step by Step



A Possible Problem



Quiz Time!

Two Solutions

- Use the interrupt disable and interrupt enable instructions provided in most machine language
  - When a process request for the printer, the OS disables the interrupt and enables the interrupt when the printing job is completed
- Use the test-and-set instruction available in many machine language
  - Direct the CPU to retrieve the flag, note the value received, and set the flag, all within a machine instruction

Critical Region

- A.k.a critical section
- Sequence of instructions that should be executed by only one process at a time

Semaphore

- A control flag telling if resource is in use
- Test and set must be done together for non-preemptable resources (e.g., printer)

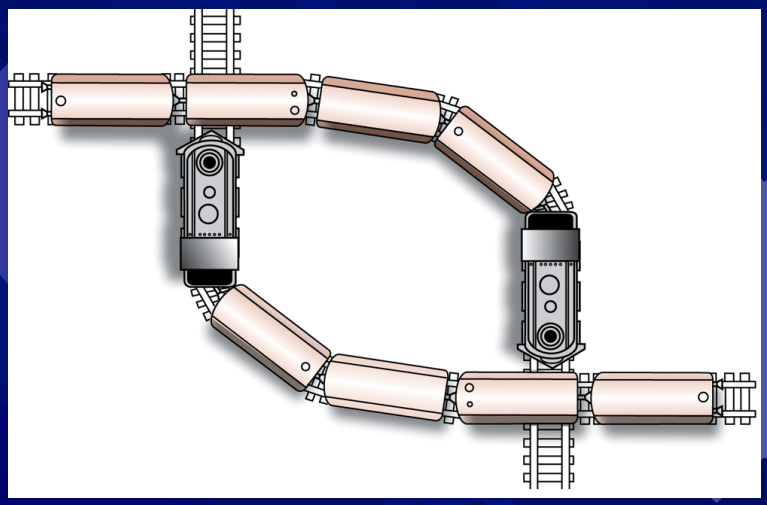
Mutual Exclusion

- One process already in the critical region
- Other processes cannot enter the critical region
- But…

Deadlock

- Two processes block each other from continuing
- Conditions that lead to deadlock
  1. Competition for non-sharable resources
  2. At least two resources are needed in common by both processes
  3. An allocated resource can not be forcibly retrieved (mutual exclusion)

A Deadlock



Examples of Deadlock

- One process has access to printer but is waiting for tape drive, while another process has access to tape drive but is waiting for printer
- Scheduler has no space left in the process table and each process in the system must create an additional process before it can complete its task
- Other examples of deadlock in real life?

Removing Deadlocks

- Deadlock detection and correction schemes
- Removing
  - Just kill some of the processes
- Preventing
  - Requiring each process to request all the resources at one time
  - Converting non-shareable resources into shareable ones
    - Spooling

Spooling

- Postpone requested operation until a later time
  - Each time a process requires the printer, the OS grants the request. However, OS connects the process to a device that stores the information to be printed on a disk
  - When the printer is available, OS transfers the data from the disk to printer
- Makes a non-shareable resource appear shareable
  - Technique of deadlock avoidance

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Two Types of Security Problems

- Problems from within
- Attacks from outside

To Protect from Problems from Within

- Operating system prevents illegal access to resources
  - Different memory for different processes

To Protect from Attacks from Outside

- Access control
  - Privileged instructions only allowed in kernel
  - All file access passes through the kernel
  - Other devices can only be accessed through the kernel
- Most common protection
  - Require user name and password

Hot Attacks

- Intrusion
- The pests

Computer Intrusion

Undesired access by unauthorized people to your computer system

Stealing Passwords

- Guessing
  - Keep trying until one gets it right
- Tricking
  - Pretend to be admin and ask you to turn in password
- Wire-tapping
  - Tapping the computer cable like tapping the phone lines
- Disguised system daemon asking for passwords
  - Pretend to be the login program

Countermeasure

- Always tell user when he/she last logged in
- Report repeated bad guesses
- Log the guesser into a captive account to spy on the guesser
- Avoid using public machines


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