Administrative Overview

- 6 Projects
- Design Review: Monday before 6:30pm
- Lab Friend Center 010 ("Fishbowl")

COS 318 Project 1 Bootloader



Problem

- We will write an Operating System
 - ☐ Manages programs, resources, users, etc.
- How are programs loaded?
 - ☐ The OS takes care of this
- How is the OS loaded?

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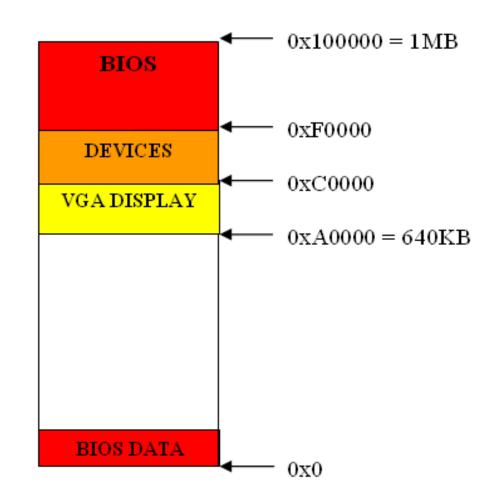
Booting a Computer On Startup...

- The BIOS is loaded
 - Typically doesn't know anything about the OS
 - Minimal functionality
- The BIOS loads & runs the first sector of a boot device.
 - □ An OS cannot fit in just one sector



Bootup Details

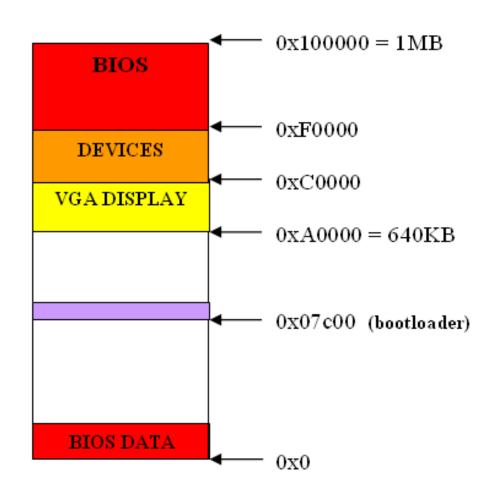
- Start at 0xFFFF0
- Self test & initialization
- Search for a boot device
 - □ Hard disk
 - □ Floppy
 - □ Flash
 - □ ...



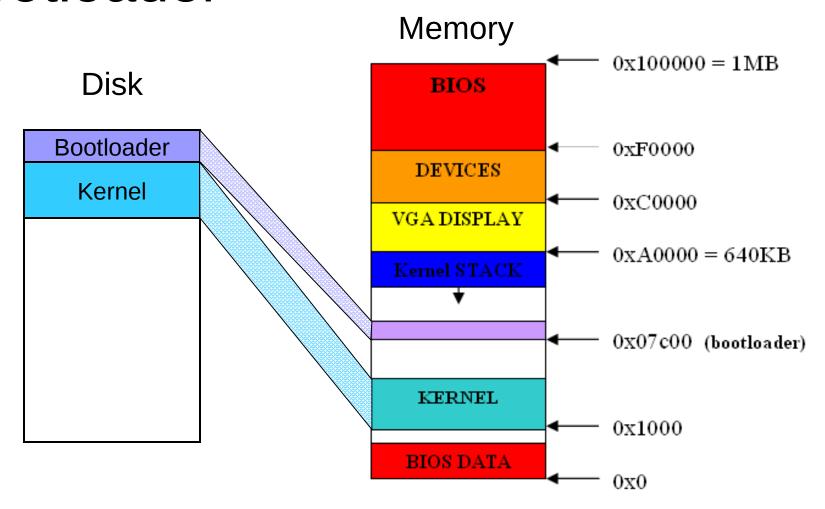


Bootup Details

- 1st sector loaded to 0x7c00
- Jump to 0x7c00
- 512 bytes to load the kernel



Bootloader

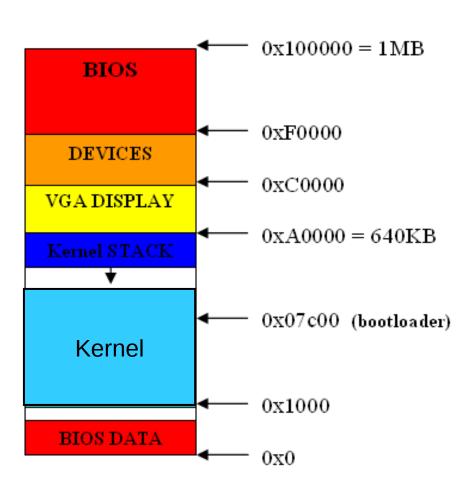


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Entering the Bootloader

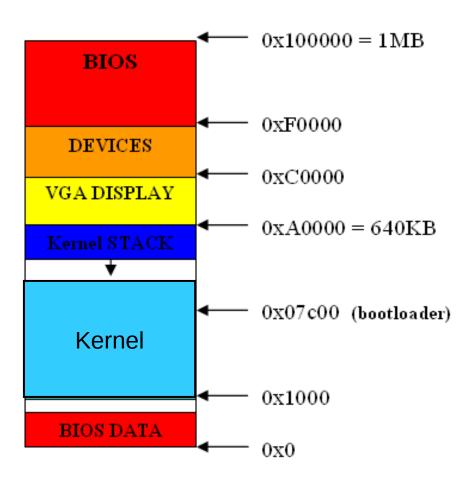
- %dl = Boot device number
 - Load the kernel from this device
- %cs = Code segment
- NO STACK! (%ss, %sp unset)
- %ds unset (set it to 0x07c0 before fetching from memory!)
- Other registers unset







Move the bootloader



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Loading the kernel

- Load to address 0x0000:1000
- Set up the stack
- Set %ds for kernel
- Switch control to the kernel (long jump to kernel)

Addressing

- Real Mode
 - □ 1 MB
 - ☐ Format: 0x0000:0000
 - \square Physical address = (segment << 4)+offset
 - \blacksquare Ex: 0x07c0:0000 = 0x0000:7c00
- Protected Mode
 - □ 4 GB (*32-bit*)
 - □ Format: 0x0000:00000000 (*32-bit*)
 - Virtual Addressing (user mode)
 - \square Physical address = a bit more complicated...

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Registers

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General Registers
31 16 8 0

E_X EAX, EBX, ECX, EDX

_X AX, BX, CX, DX

_H _L AH, AL, BH, BL, ...
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Segment Registers 16 CS, DS, SS, ES, FS, GS
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AT&T Syntax

- Registers: %ax, %ah, %eax ,...
- Definitions
 - □ .equ BOOT_SEGMENT, 0x07c0
- Constants: \$0x0100, \$4
- Labels
 - start:
 - □ print string:
- Memory access
 - □ movw %ax, (0x40)
 - □ movb %dl, (a_label)
 - □ movw %es:(%ax), %dx
- Comments
 - □ /* multiline */
 - # to the end of the line
- Directives
 - .equ, .byte, .word, .ascii, .asciz