Exceptional Control Flow:

Hardware support for reacting to the rest of the world.

Control Flow

Processor: read instruction, execute it, go to next instruction, repeat

Physical control flow

Explicit changes:

Exceptional changes:

Exceptions

Synchronous: caused by instruction

Traps: system calls

Faults: unintentional, maybe recoverable

Aborts: unintentional, unrecoverable

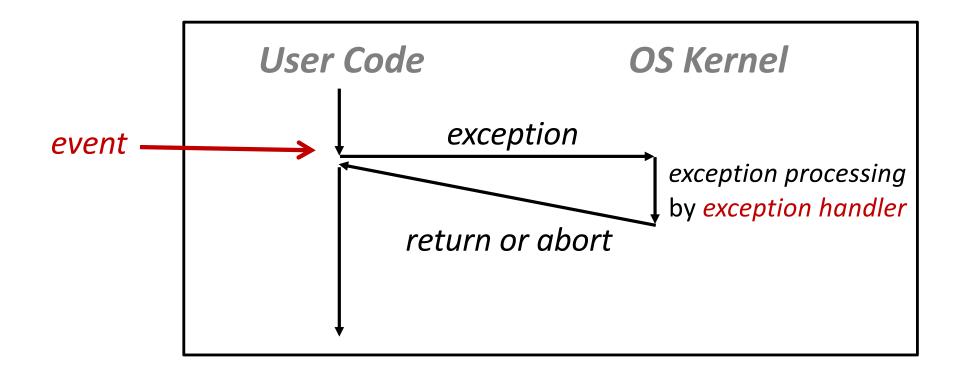
Asynchronous (Interrupts): caused by external events

incoming I/O activity, reset button, timers, signals

Exceptions: hardware support for OS

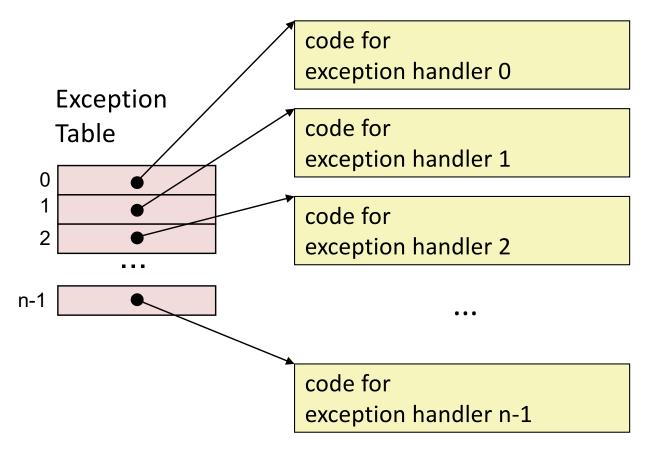
transfer control to OS in response to event

What code should the OS run?



Interrupt Vector

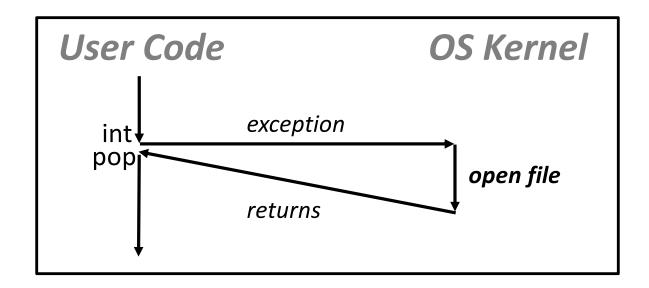
in memory special register holds base address



a jump table for exceptions...

Open a file (trap/system call)

User process calls: open (filename, options)
open executes system call instruction int

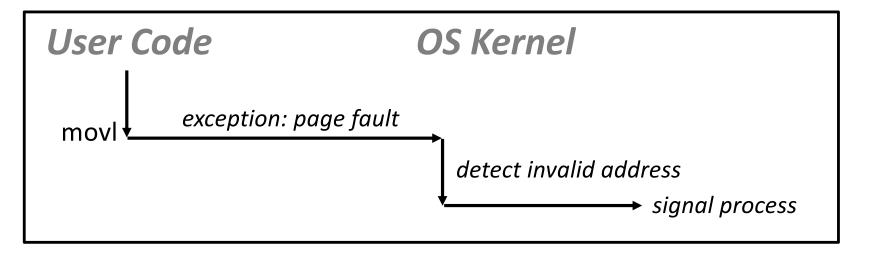


Segmentation Fault

```
int a[1000];
void bad () {
    a[5000] = 13;
}
```

Write to invalid memory location.

```
80483b7: c7 05 60 e3 04 08 0d movl $0xd,0x804e360
```



aborts process with SIGSEGV signal

Page Fault

Write to valid memory location

int a[1000];
main () {
 a[500] = 13;
}

... but contents currently on disk instead

(more later: virtual memory)

80483b7: c7 05 10 9d 04 08 0d movl \$0xd,0x8049d10

