Introduction to Pintos

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Welcome to Pintos!

- **What is Pintos?**
  - An instructional operating system
  - Developed by Ben Pfaff @ Stanford U.
  - A real, bootable OS for 80x86 architecture
    - Run on a regular IBM-compatible PC or an x86 simulator

  - The original structure and form was inspired by the Nachos instructional OS from UC Berkeley (Java-based)

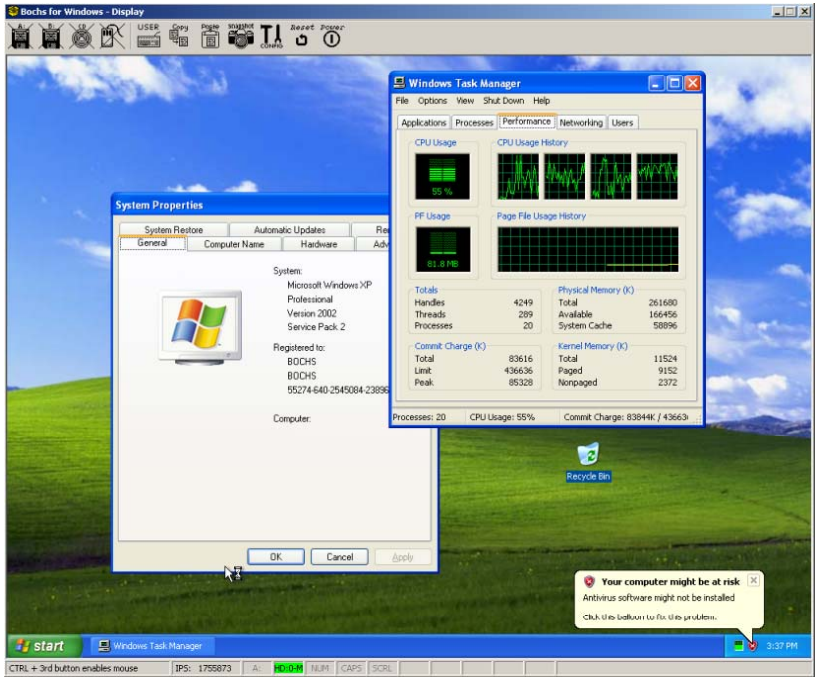
  - A few of the sources files are derived from code used in the MIT's advanced operating systems course
  - Written in C language (with minimal assembly code)

Bochs (1)

- **What is Bochs?**
  - Open-source IA-32 emulator
  - Simulates a complete Intel x86 computer in software
    - Interprets every instruction from power-up to reboot
    - Has device models for all of the standard PC peripherals: keyboard, mouse, VGA card/monitor, disks, timer, network, …
    - Supports many different host platforms: x86, PowerPC, Alpha, Sun, and MIPS
  - Runs most popular x86 Oses:
    - Windows 95/98/NT/2000/XP/Vista, Linux, BSDs, …
  - Written in C++
  - Emulation, not virtualization

Bochs (2)

- **Linux + Bochs**
  - We will run Pintos using Bochs on Linux
  - Bochs makes it easy to develop and debug Pintos projects



Setting Up (1)

- **Install Linux distribution on your machine**
  - Debian, Fedora, Ubuntu, or whatever you like
- **Install development tools**
  - Including gcc, make, perl, gdb, and so on
  - GCC >= 4.0, binutils >= 2.13
- **Install development libraries, (for Bochs)**
  - Install X windows development libraries, if needed
    - For Debian, install xorg-dev package
  - Install curses development libraries, if needed
    - For Debian, install libncurses5-dev package
  - There could be additional libraries to install

Setting Up (2)

- **Install Pintos**
  - Download the Pintos package (pintos.tar.gz)
    - Available from http://csl.skku.edu/uploads/CSE3008F09/pintos.tar.gz
    - Use this version only
  - Untar Pintos

```
$ tar xvzf pintos.tar.gz
```

  - Build Pintos

```
$ cd pintos/src/threads
$ make
```

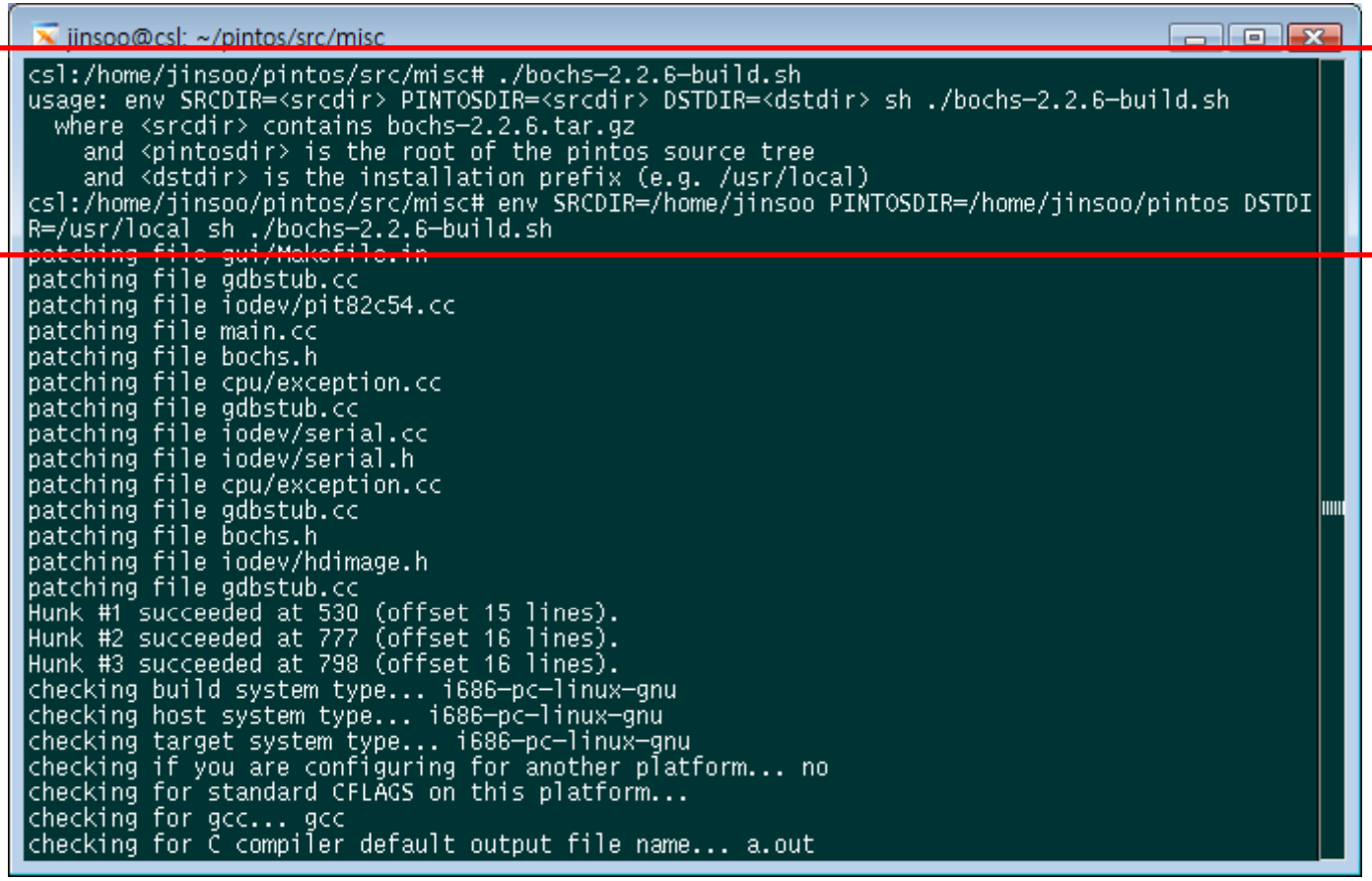
    - This will create the kernel image (kernel.bin) and the final OS disk image (os.dsk = loader.bin + kernel.bin) in ./build

Setting Up (3)

- **Install Bochs**
  - You need Bochs to run Pintos
  - Get the source code from http://bochs.sourceforge.net
    - Make sure you are downloading v2.2.6 (`bochs-2.2.6.tar.gz`)
    - You don't have to untar the source code
  - Install Bochs
    - Must patch the Bochs source code for Pintos (Patches are available in `pintos/src/misc`)
    - Use the installation script provided by Pintos (`pintos/src/misc/bochs-2.2.6-build.sh`)
    - The script will untar, patch, configure, compile, and install Bochs
    - You need to be a superuser (root) to install Bochs in the system directory (e.g., `/usr/local`)

Setting Up (4)

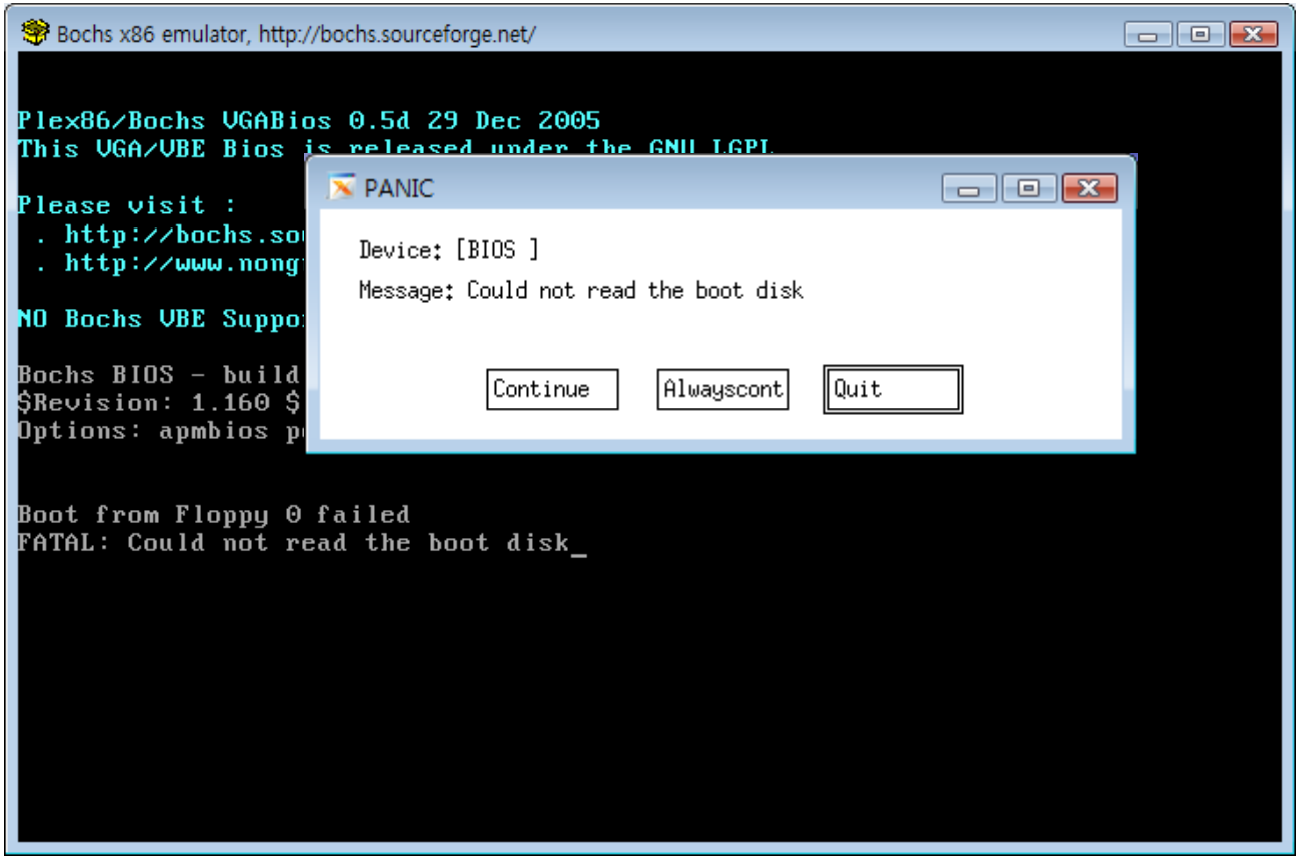
- **Install Bochs (cont'd)**
  - Running the script:



Setting Up (5)

- **Test Bochs**

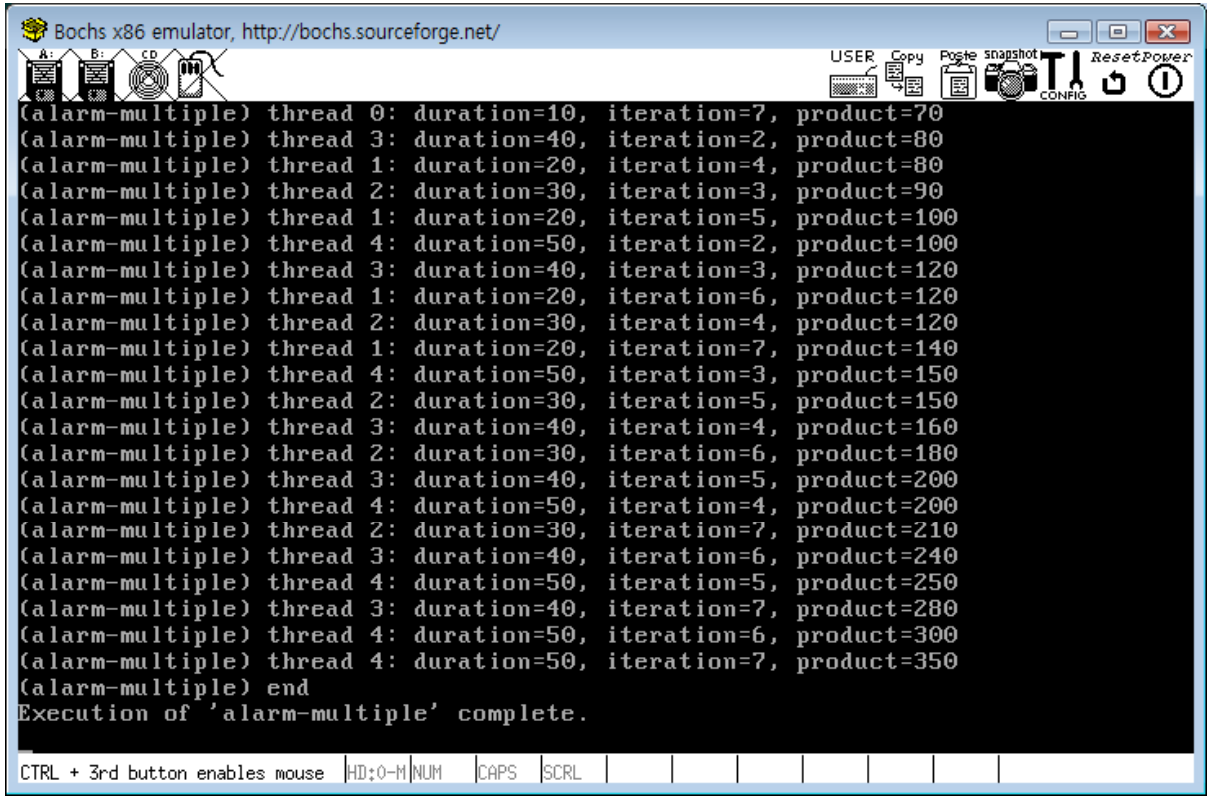
  $ bochs ; Put $DSTDIR/bin into your PATH



Setting Up (6)

- **Run Pintos**

```
$ cd pintos/src/threads
$ ../utils/pintos run alarm-multiple
```



A Tour of Pintos (1)

- **Projects**
  - Project 1: Threads ;
    - `pintos/src/threads`
  - Project 2: User programs
    - `pintos/src/userprog`
  - Project 3: Virtual memory
    - `pintos/src/vm`
  - Project 4: File system
    - `pintos/src/filesys`
  - Use “make” command in each of project directories

A Tour of Pintos (2)

- **Interesting files in the ./build directory**
  - kernel.o:
    - The object file for the entire kernel
    - Used for debugging
  - kernel.bin:
    - The memory image of the kernel
  - loader.bin:
    - The memory image of the kernel loader (512 bytes)
    - Reads the kernel from disk into memory and starts it up
  - os.dsk:
    - Disk image for the kernel (loader.bin + kernel.bin)
    - Used as a "virtual disk" by the simulator

A Tour of Pintos (3)

- **Running Pintos**
  - Add "pintos/src/utils" to $PATH and run "pintos"

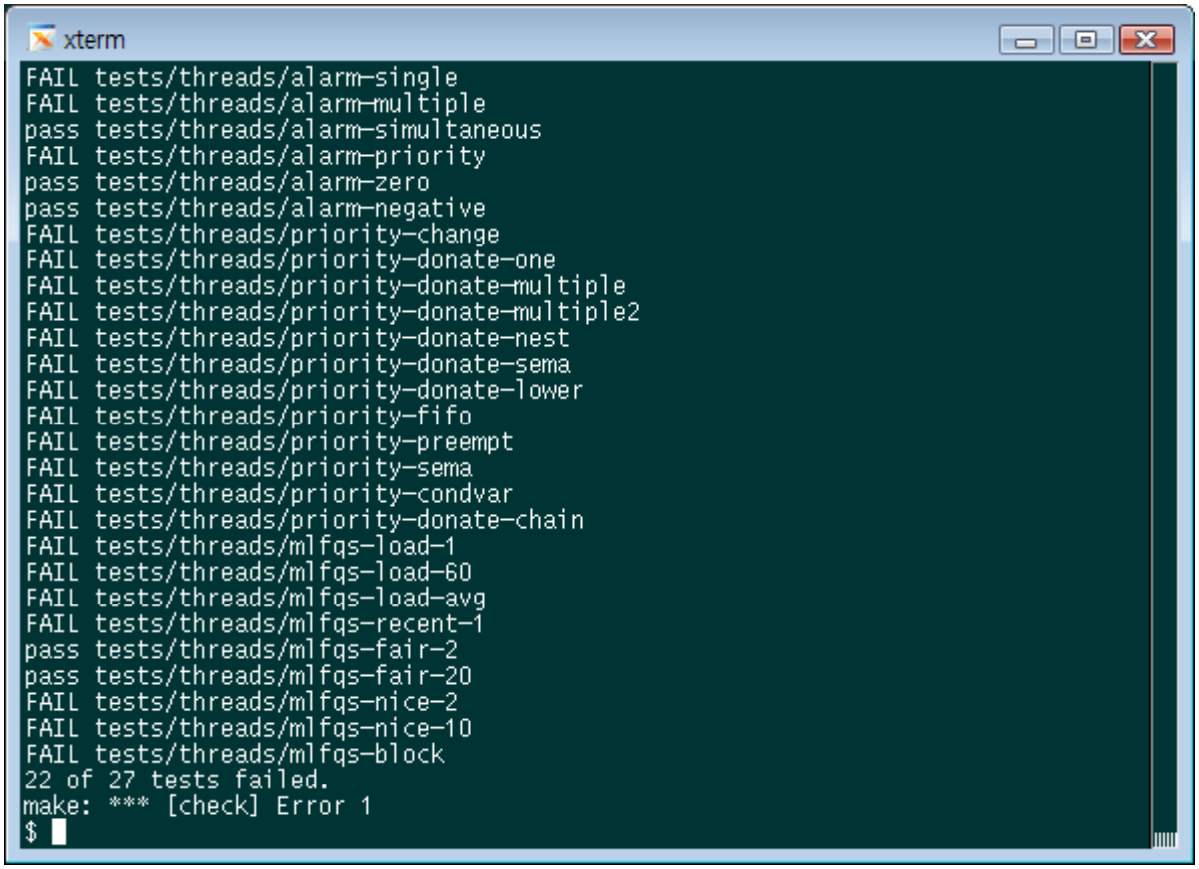
    ```
    $ export PATH="/home/jinsoo/pintos/src/utils:$PATH"
    ```

    ```
    $ pintos [option] -- [argument]
    ```
  - Option
    - Configure the simulator or the virtual hardware
  - Argument
    - Each argument is passed to the Pintos kernel verbatim
    - 'pintos run alarm-multiple' instructs the kernel to run alarm-multiple
  - Pintos script
    - Parse command line, find disks, prepare arguments, run the simulator (Bochs)

A Tour of Pintos (4)

- **Project testing**

```
$ make check
$ make grade
```



A Tour of Pintos (5)

- **Useful tools**
  - gdb: The GNU project debugger
    - Allows to see what's going on inside another program while it executes
    - Refer to Appendix E.5: GDB
  - Tags
    - An index to the functions and global variables
    - Powerful when it is combined with vi editor
    - Refer to Appendix F.1: Tags
  - CVS: Version-control system
    - Useful for version controls and concurrent development
    - Refer to Appendix F.3: CVS

A Tour of Pintos (6)

- **Tips**
  - Read the project specification carefully
  - Before starting your project, read the document template too!
    - It may give you useful tips
  - Study the test cases in `pintos/src/tests` used by "make check"
    - One C program for each test case (*.c)
    - One Perl script to check whether your implementation is correct or not (*.ck)
    - Study the correct output stored in the perl script
  - Do it incrementally
    - Otherwise, it can be totally messed up

System Startup

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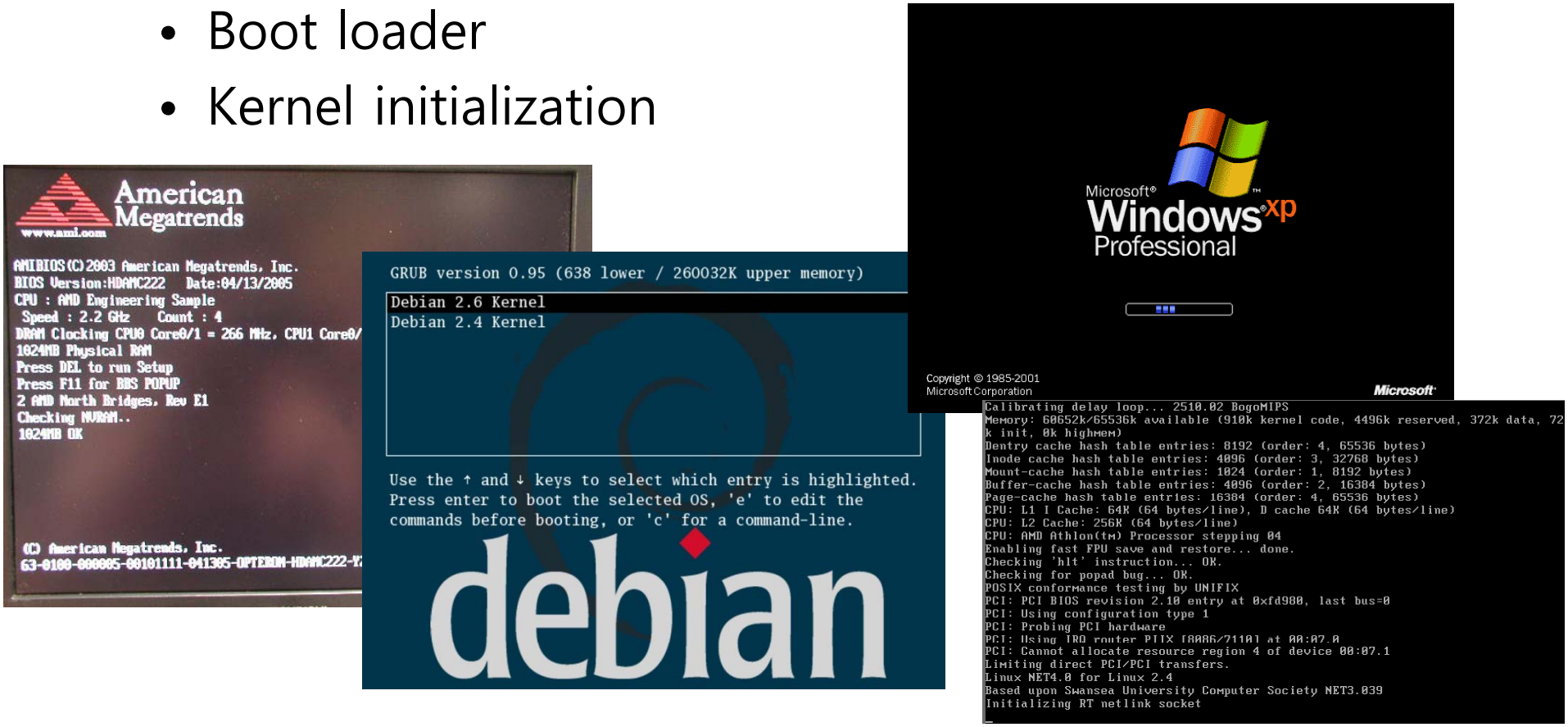
System Startup (1)

- **Overview**
  - BIOS
  - Boot loader
  - Kernel initialization



System Startup (2)

- **The BIOS**
  - The CPU initializes itself and then begins to execute an instruction at a fixed location (`0xffff fff0`)
  - Those instructions are supplied from ROM and make the CPU jump into the BIOS
  - The BIOS finds a boot device and loads its first sector into memory
    - Starting from physical address `0x0000 7c00`
    - The first sector contains the Pintos' loader (`threads/loader.S`)
  - The BIOS transfers control to the loader

System Startup (3)

- **The boot loader**
  - Enables memory accesses beyond first 1MB
    - For historical reasons, this initialization is required
  - Asks the BIOS for the PC's memory size
    - Again for historical reasons, the function we use can only detect up to 64MB of RAM (This is the limit that Pintos can support)
    - The memory size is stored in the loader and the kernel can read the information after it boots
  - Creates a basic page table
    - This page table maps the 64MB at the base (starting at virtual address 0) directly to identical physical address
    - It also maps the same physical memory starting at virtual address LOADER_PHYS_BASE (`0xc000 0000`)

System Startup (4)

- **The boot loader (cont'd)**
  - Turns on protected mode and paging
    - Interrupts are still disabled
  - Loads the kernel from disk
    - Assumptions:
      - » The kernel is stored starting from the second sector of the first IDE disk
      - » The BIOS has already set up the IDE controller
    - The loader loads the kernel starting at physical address LOADER_KERN_BASE (`0x0010 0000`)
  - Jumps to the kernel entry point
    - main() in src/threads/init.c
    - Set up using the linker script (`threads/kernel.lds.S`)

System Startup (5)

- **Kernel initialization**
  - Clears BSS and get machine's RAM size
  - Initializes threads system
  - Initializes VGA, serial port, and console
    - To print a startup message to the console
  - Greets user and reading kernel command line
    - "Kernel command line: "
  - Initializes memory system
  - Initializes random number generator and interrupt system
  - Starts thread scheduler and enables interrupts
  - Initializes file system

Project Policies

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Project Schedule

- **Project 0**
  - Warming-up project (1 week, ~9/30)
- **Project 1**
  - Threads (2 weeks, ~10/15)
- **Project 2**
  - User programs (3 weeks, ~11/5)
- **Project 3**
  - Virtual memory (5 weeks, ~12/10)
- **This schedule is subject to change**

Project Policy (1)

- **Team project (except Project 0)**
  - Three members in a team
  - You must work in teams in the "real world"
  - Communicate with colleagues (team members)
    - Communication problems are natural
    - It's a good chance to get to know each other
    - How to divide work among team members?
    - What have you done?
    - What answers you need from others?
    - You must document your work!
    - You should clearly state the contribution of each team member in your project report
      (And this should be agreed upon among team members)

Project Policy (2)

- **Working in teams**
  - Do not try to merge all the codes developed independently by each team member just before the deadline
  - Often two changes conflict with each other, requiring lots of debugging
  - Instead, integrate your team's changes early and often.
  - Understand your requirement first. And then design well before the actual implementation

    → This will save your time considerably.
  - Refer to 2.1.4: Development Suggestions

Project Policy (3)

- **Late policy**
  - Each team has 5 "slip" days
  - 20% off per day after slip days exhausted
  - No advantage on remaining slip days
  - Save your slip days for rainy days, as the project is getting harder and harder
  - For Project 0, there is no slip day.

Project Policy (4)

- **Cheating policy**
  - "Copying all or part of another person's work, or using reference material not specifically allowed, are forms of cheating and will not be tolerated."
  - For a student involved in an incident of cheating, the following policy will apply:
    - You will get 0 points in the particular project and the final grade will be lowered by one grade (e.g., B+ → B)
    - For serious offenses, you will get an F grade and this will be notified to the department chair
  - Share useful information: helping others use systems or tools, helping them with high-level designs or debug their code is NOT cheating!

Project Grading (1)

- **Presentations in the Lab session (bonus)**
- **Functionality (70%)**

  $ make check

  $ make grade
- **Design & documentation (30%)**
  - Source code
  - Design document
    - Data structure, Algorithm, Synchronization, Rationale
  - Refer to Appendix D: Project Documentation
- **Demos & oral tests**

Project Grading (2)

- **Demos & oral tests**
  - Usually done in the next week of the due date
  - Each team should meet the instructor offline
  - All team members should be present
  - You may bring your notebook as there could be a problem in running your solution in the instructor's machine
  - You should be able to answer any questions on
    - Basic system architecture
    - Design decisions
    - Implementation details
    - …

Project Grading (3)

- **Individual score**
  - = *f* (overall project score, individual contribution)
  - You should specify the followings in your report:
    - The percentage of contribution for each team member
    - The detailed list of specific tasks done by each team member
  - The report should be signed by all team members as a token of acceptance.
  - During demos & oral tests, the percentage of contribution can be adjusted by the instructor.
  - As long as your contribution is >= 25%, you will get the full project score.

Project 0: Warming Up

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Project 0 (1)

- **Set up your own project environment**
  - Install Linux
  - Install all the required tools
  - Install Pintos
  - Capture the screen shot of working Pintos

    ```
    $ pintos run alarm-multiple
    ```

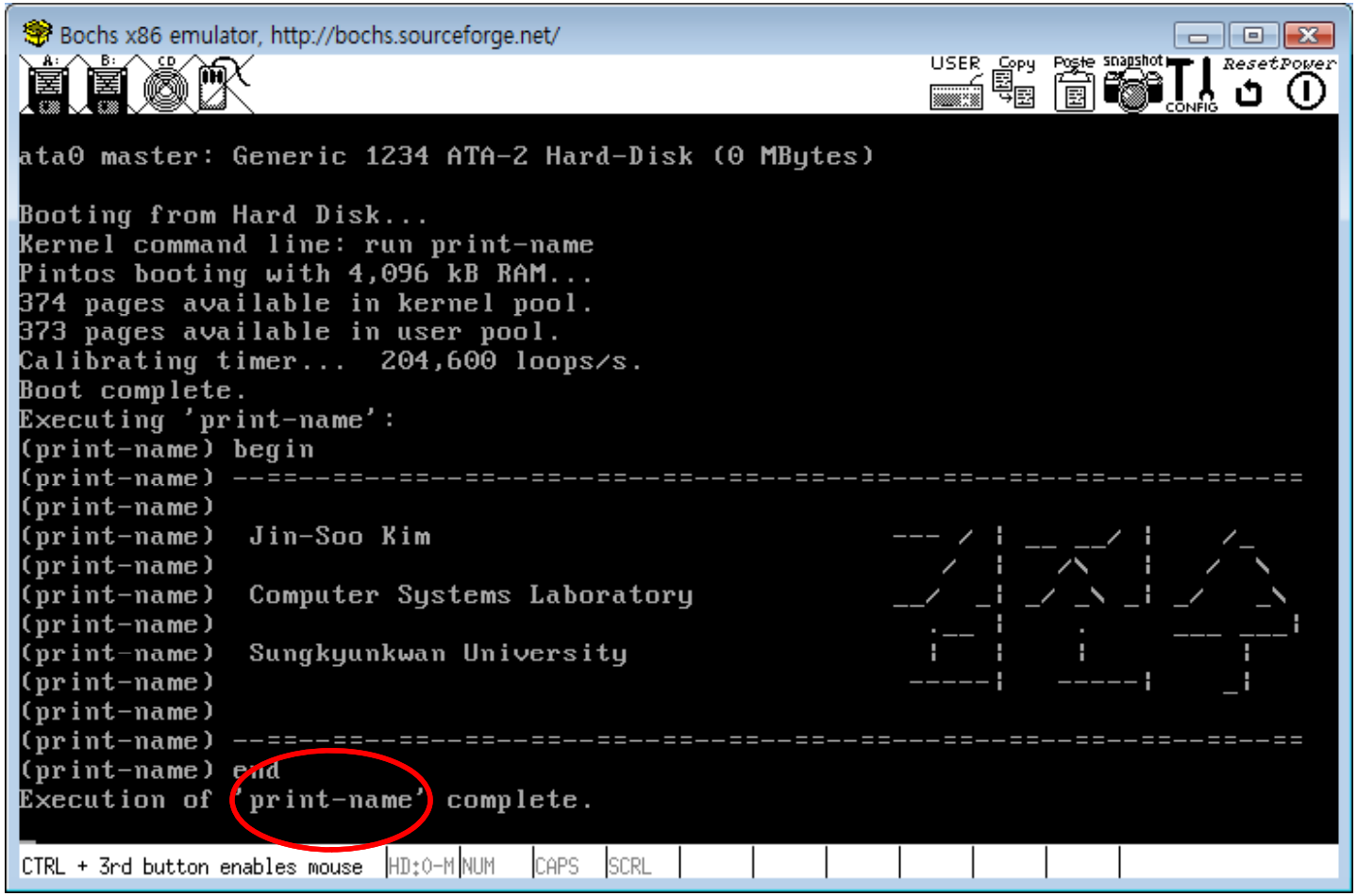
Project 0 (2)

- **Add a new test code: print-name**
  - Add a new kernel function which prints your name in ASCII text format
  - To run the new function, add a new command "`print-name`"
    - The following command should run your new function

      ```
      $ pintos run print-name
      ```
  - Work in the `pintos/src/threads` and `pintos/src/tests/threads` directories
  - Be creative when you print your name!
  - Capture the screen shot

Project 0 (3)

- **Example:**



Project 0 (4)

- **Documentation**
  - Specification of your environment
    - Linux distributions, versions of gcc, etc.
  - A screen shot of "`alarm-multiple`"
  - A screen shot of "`print-name`"
  - Detailed explanation of how the "`print-name`" is handled and your name is printed by the kernel
- **Due:**
  - Sep. 30, 11:59PM (NO slip day)
  - Submit via e-mail to jinsookim@skku.edu
  - Note: This is an individual project