

# Windows User Mode Components

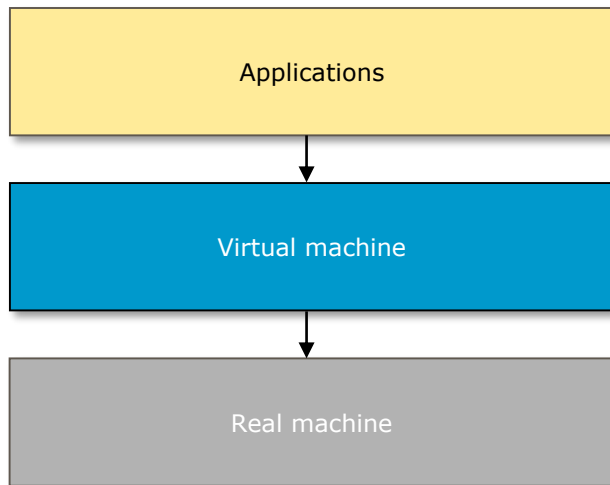
## Overview

- Organization
- Model
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- CPU Modes
- System processes
- Services processes
- Users processes
- Subsystems processes
- System services

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## OS Organization

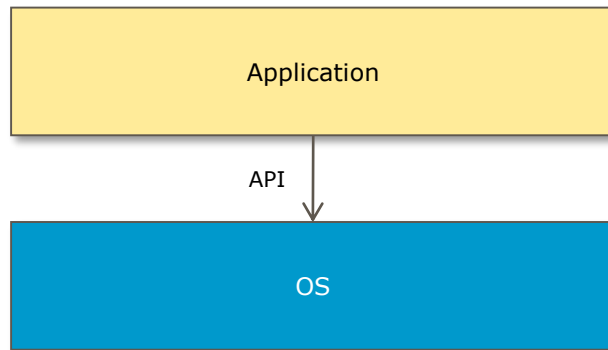
- Access to hardware is not allowed
- Access to hardware is made via system services



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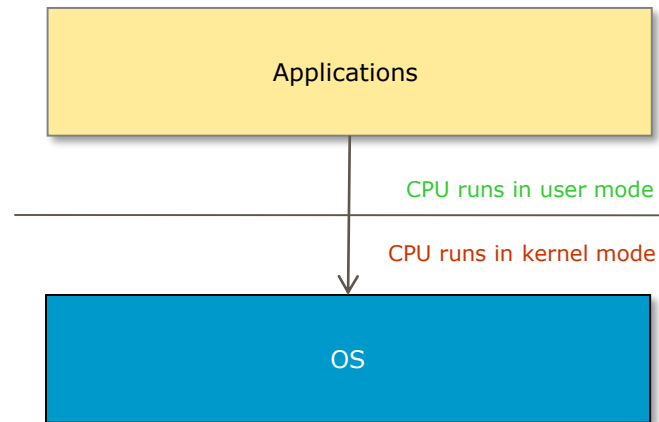
## OS Model

- Applications access the OS via one defined Application Program Interface (API)



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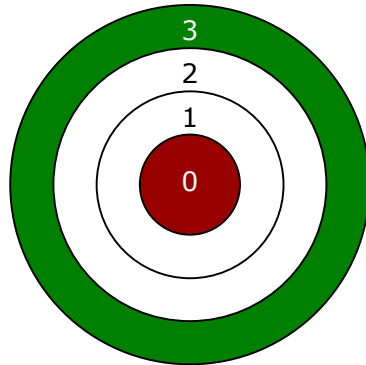
## OS Contexts



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## CPU Modes

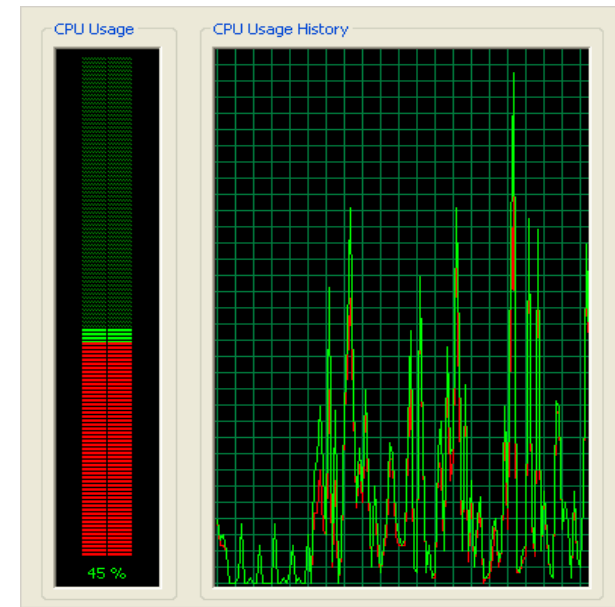
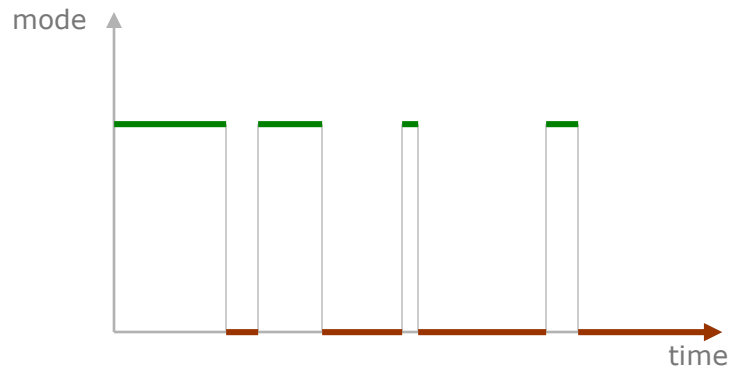
- Protect critical system data from user applications
  - User mode
  - Kernel mode



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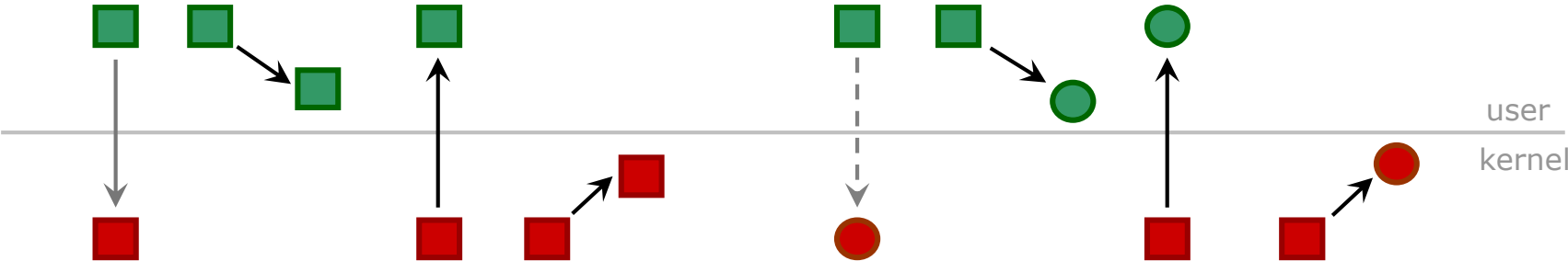
## CPU Modes - mechanism

- User programs typically run in both modes
- CPU mode switch  $\leftrightarrow$  CPU context switch



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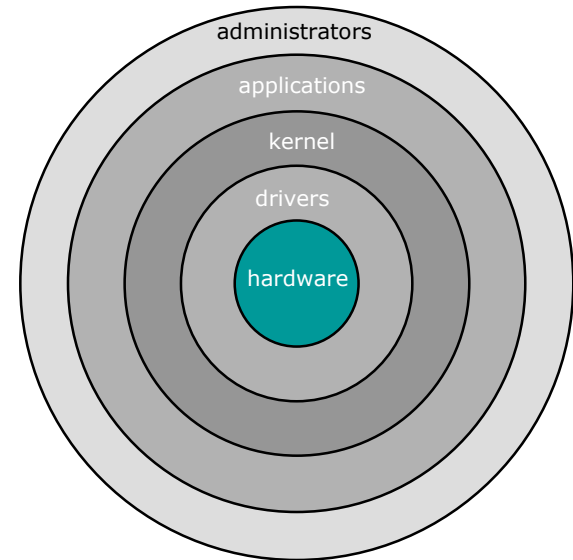
## CPU Modes - scenarios



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## TCB

- Context
  - No CPU restriction in kernel
  - No memory restriction in kernel
  - No security check in kernel
- Definition
  - Portions of the system trusted to enforce the security
- Components
  - Most hardware
  - All kernel code
  - Some user code (SeTcbPrivilege)
  - Administrators

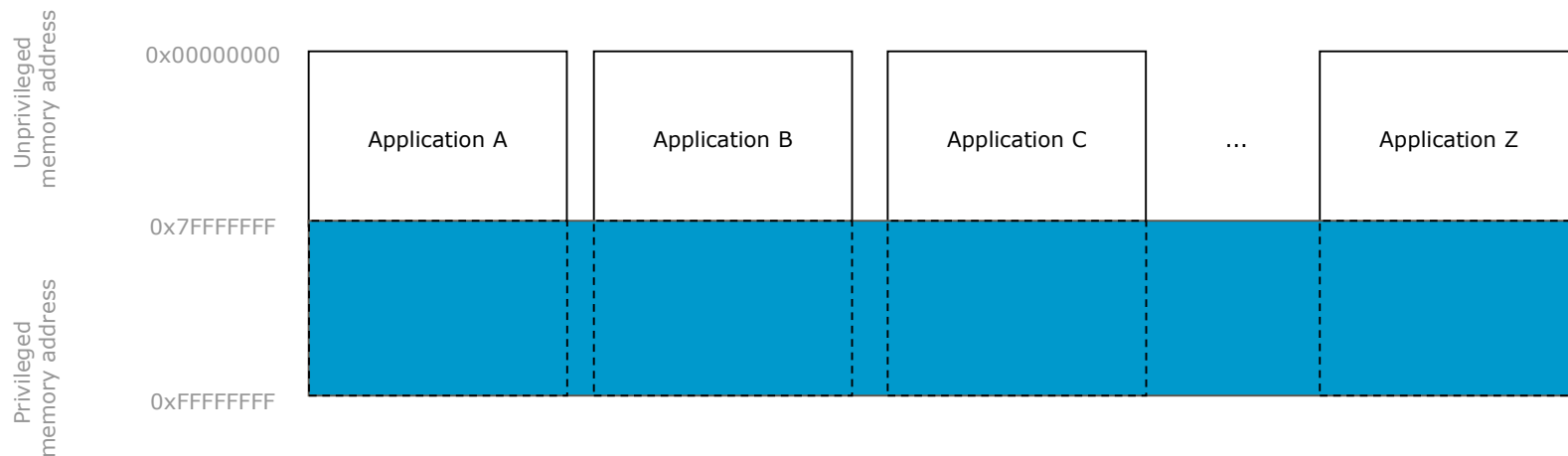




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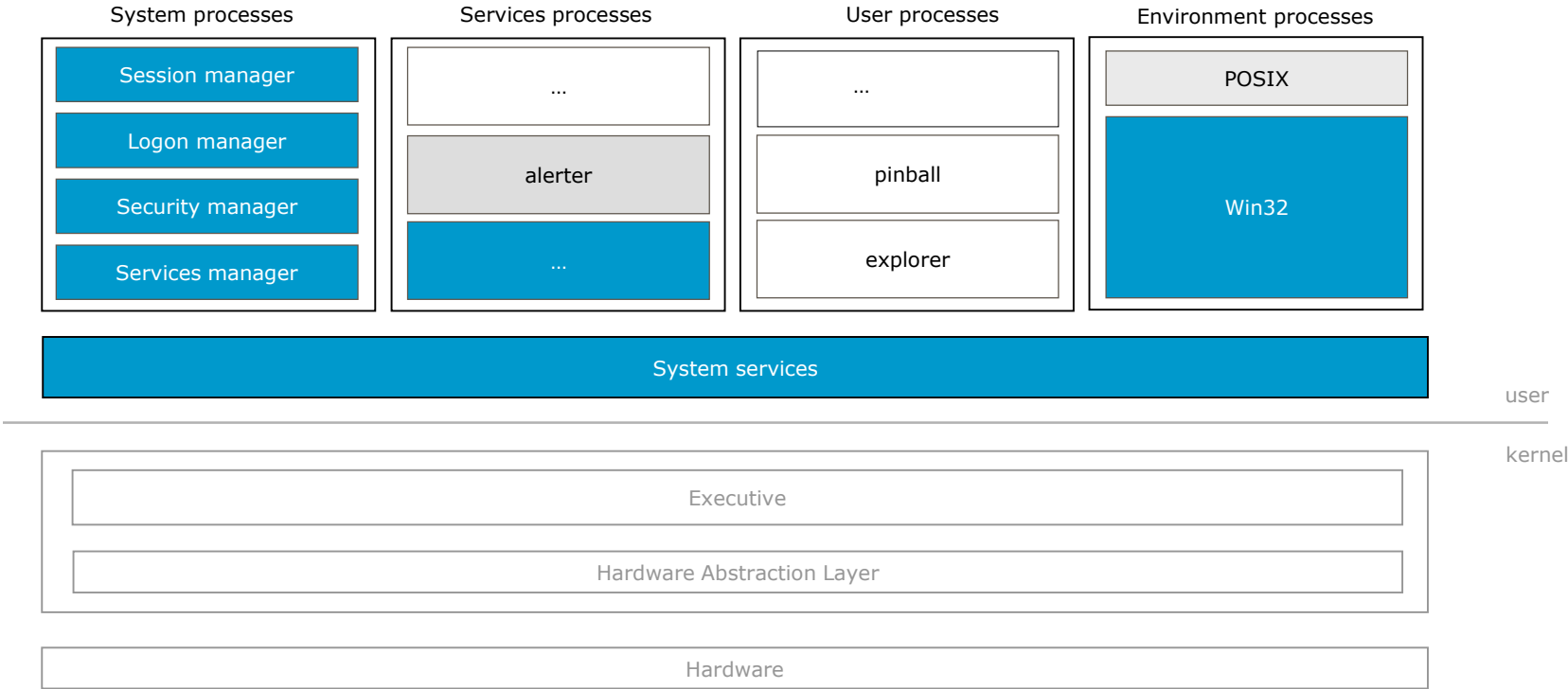
## Memory Layout

- Each application occupies 4 GB of address space
- All applications share system memory space



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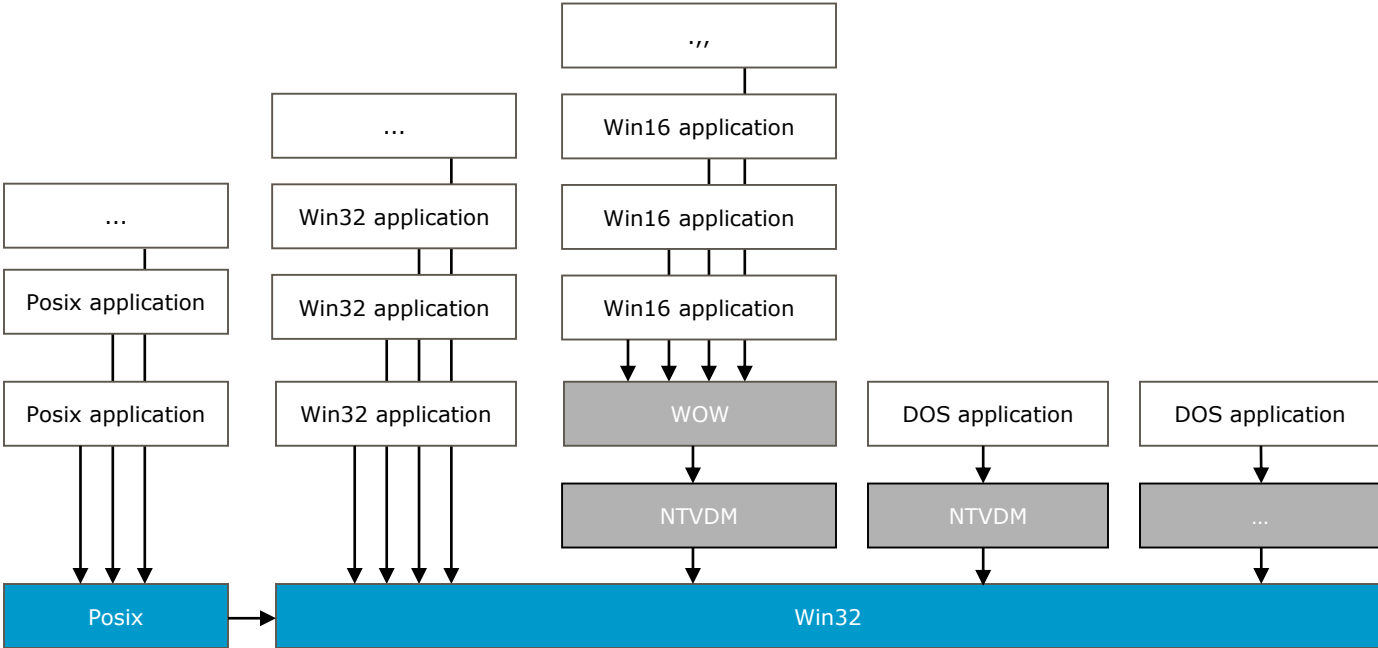
## OS Major Components



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## Environment Subsystems

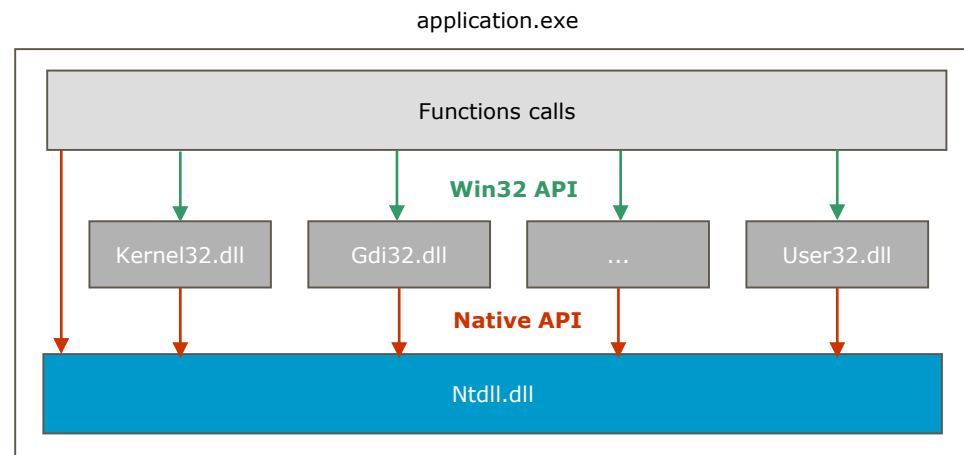
- Definition
- Role
- Types



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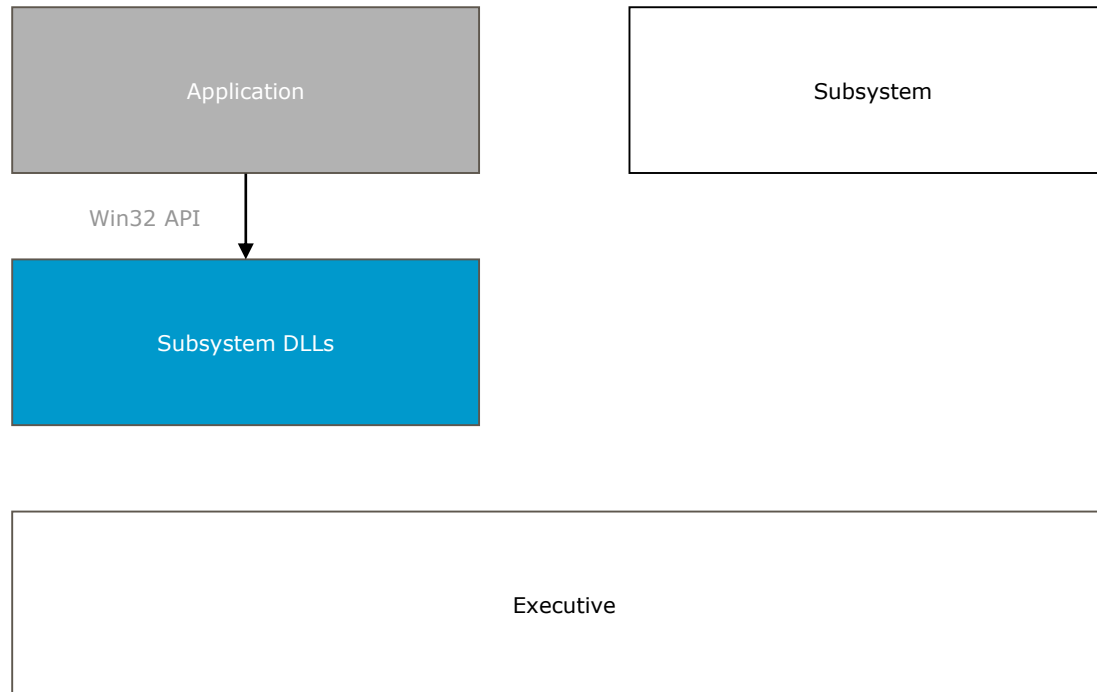
## Environment Subsystems - interfaces

- Subsystem
  - Process runs in a private address space
- Application
  - Sends messages to subsystem
  - Unaware of messages
  - Implicitly linked with systems's interfaces (image = code + metadata)



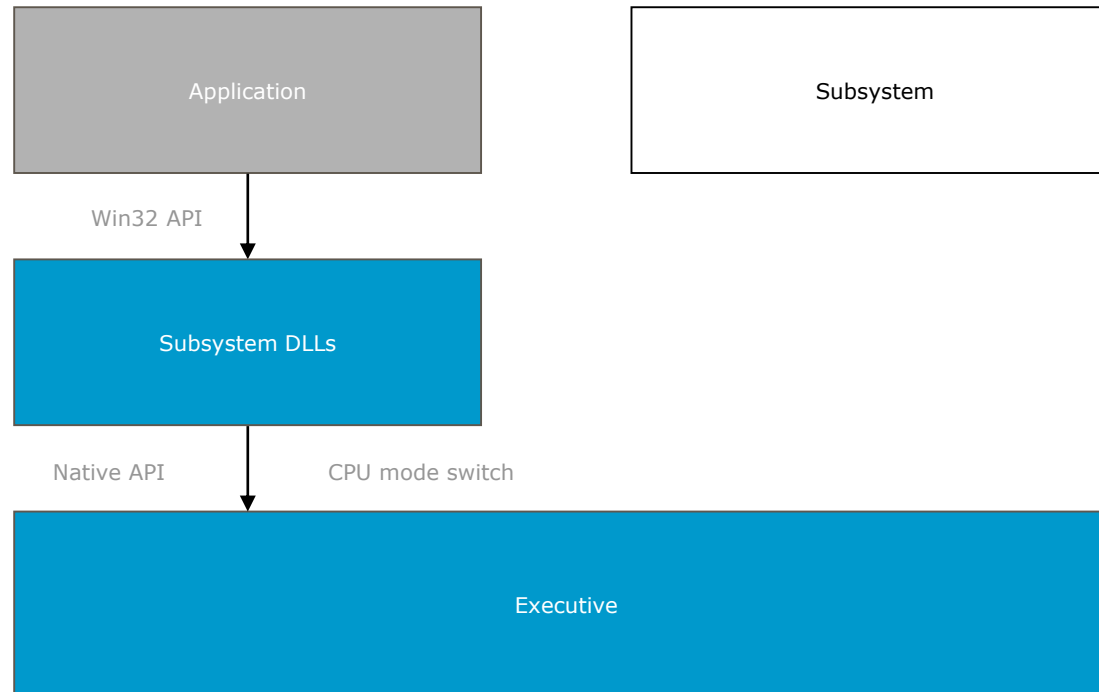
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## Environment Subsystems - strategy



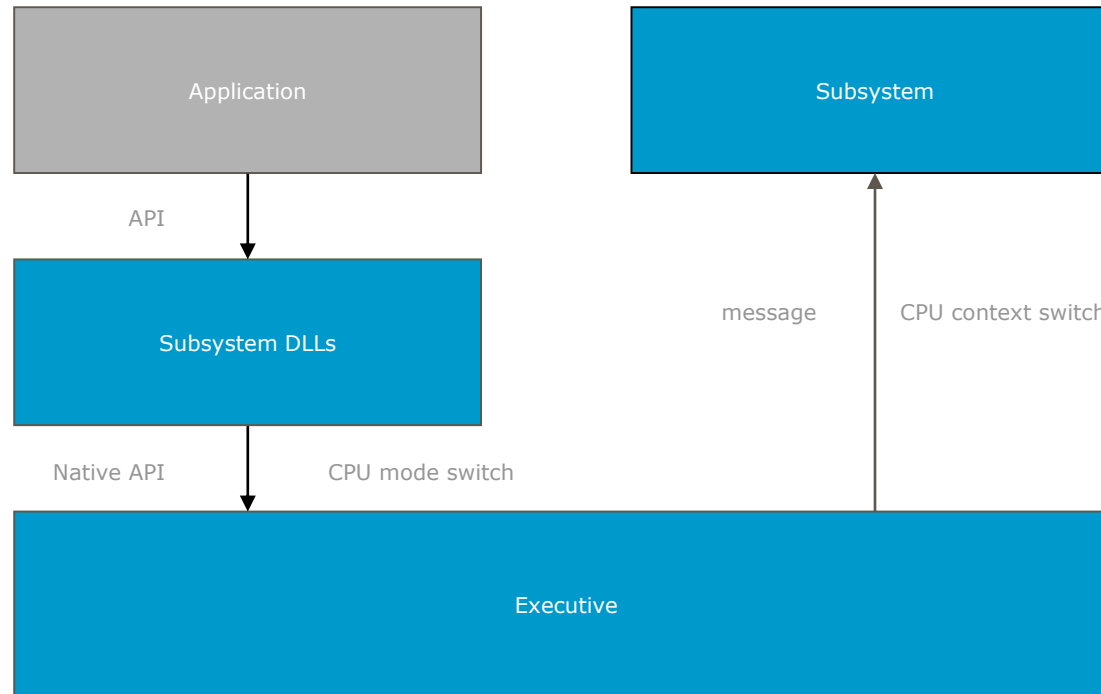
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## Environment Subsystems - strategy

| Service implementation | CPU mode switching | CPU context switching | Message sent |
|------------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|--------------|
| User process           | No                 | No                    | No           |
| Executive              | Yes                | No                    | No           |
| Server                 | Yes                | Yes                   | Yes          |

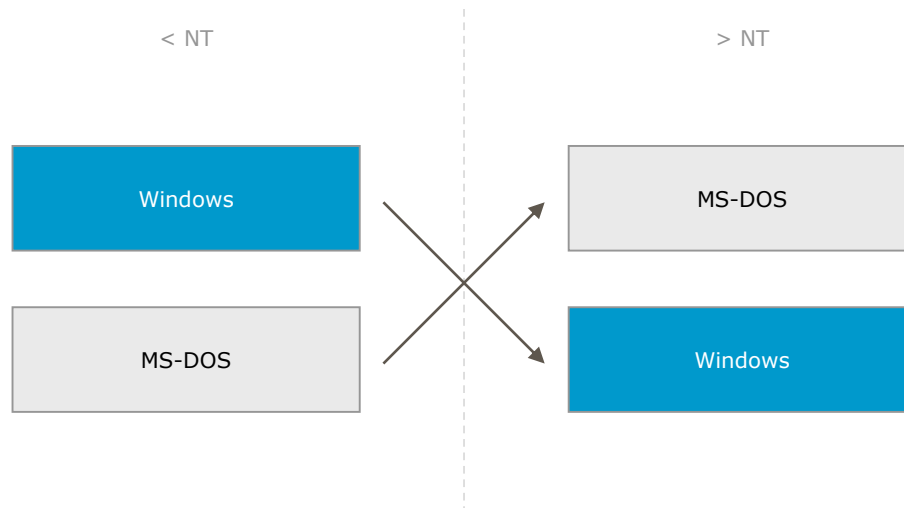




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## Win16 Support

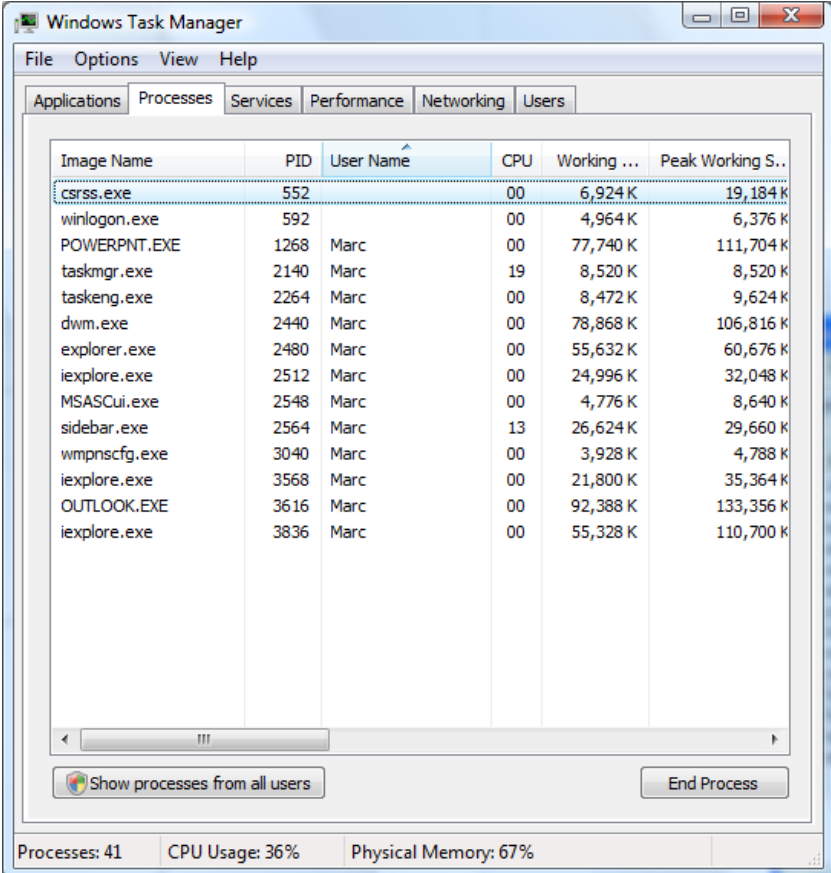
- MS-DOS applications
  - One-one relation
- Win16 applications
  - Many-one relation



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## System processes

- Are started by the system
- Are running on every system
- Cannot be stopped



Windows Task Manager

File Options View Help

Applications Processes Services Performance Networking Users

| Image Name   | PID  | User Name | CPU | Working ... | Peak Working S.. |
|--------------|------|-----------|-----|-------------|------------------|
| csrss.exe    | 552  |           | 00  | 6,924 K     | 19,184 K         |
| winlogon.exe | 592  |           | 00  | 4,964 K     | 6,376 K          |
| POWERPNT.EXE | 1268 | Marc      | 00  | 77,740 K    | 111,704 K        |
| taskmgr.exe  | 2140 | Marc      | 19  | 8,520 K     | 8,520 K          |
| taskeng.exe  | 2264 | Marc      | 00  | 8,472 K     | 9,624 K          |
| dwm.exe      | 2440 | Marc      | 00  | 78,868 K    | 106,816 K        |
| explorer.exe | 2480 | Marc      | 00  | 55,632 K    | 60,676 K         |
| iexplore.exe | 2512 | Marc      | 00  | 24,996 K    | 32,048 K         |
| MSASCui.exe  | 2548 | Marc      | 00  | 4,776 K     | 8,640 K          |
| sidebar.exe  | 2564 | Marc      | 13  | 26,624 K    | 29,660 K         |
| wmpnscfg.exe | 3040 | Marc      | 00  | 3,928 K     | 4,788 K          |
| iexplore.exe | 3568 | Marc      | 00  | 21,800 K    | 35,364 K         |
| OUTLOOK.EXE  | 3616 | Marc      | 00  | 92,388 K    | 133,356 K        |
| iexplore.exe | 3836 | Marc      | 00  | 55,328 K    | 110,700 K        |

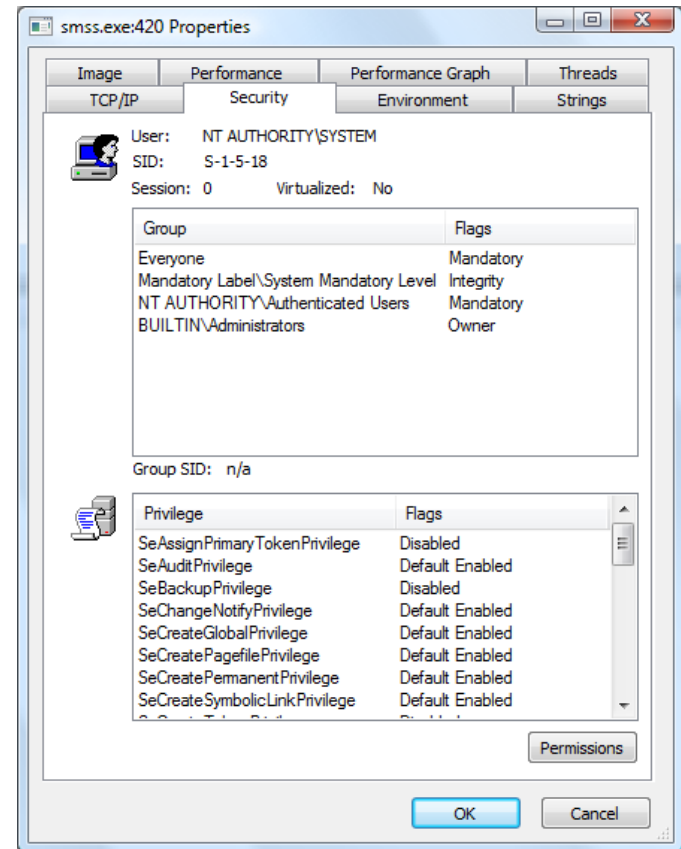
Show processes from all users End Process

Processes: 41 CPU Usage: 36% Physical Memory: 67%

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## Session Manager Subsystem

- Definition
- Role
- Particularities
  - Part of the TCB
  - Native user application



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## Logon Manager

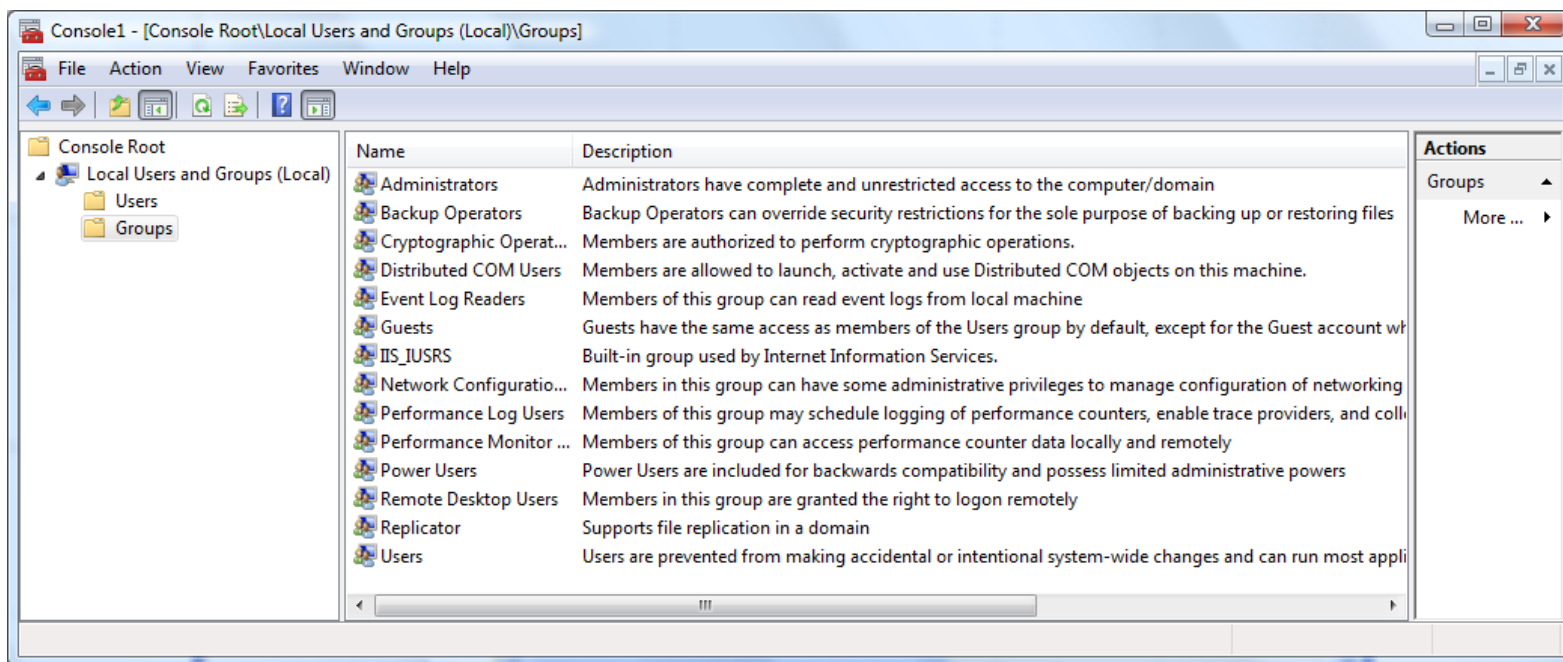
- Definition
- Role
  - Interactive logon request management
  - Authentication User interface management
  - User profile initialization
  - Shell creation
  - TASKMGR management

|                                   |                                  |
|-----------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Who you are<br>(identification)   |                                  |
| What you know<br>(authentication) | What you are<br>(authentication) |

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## Local Security Authority Subsystem

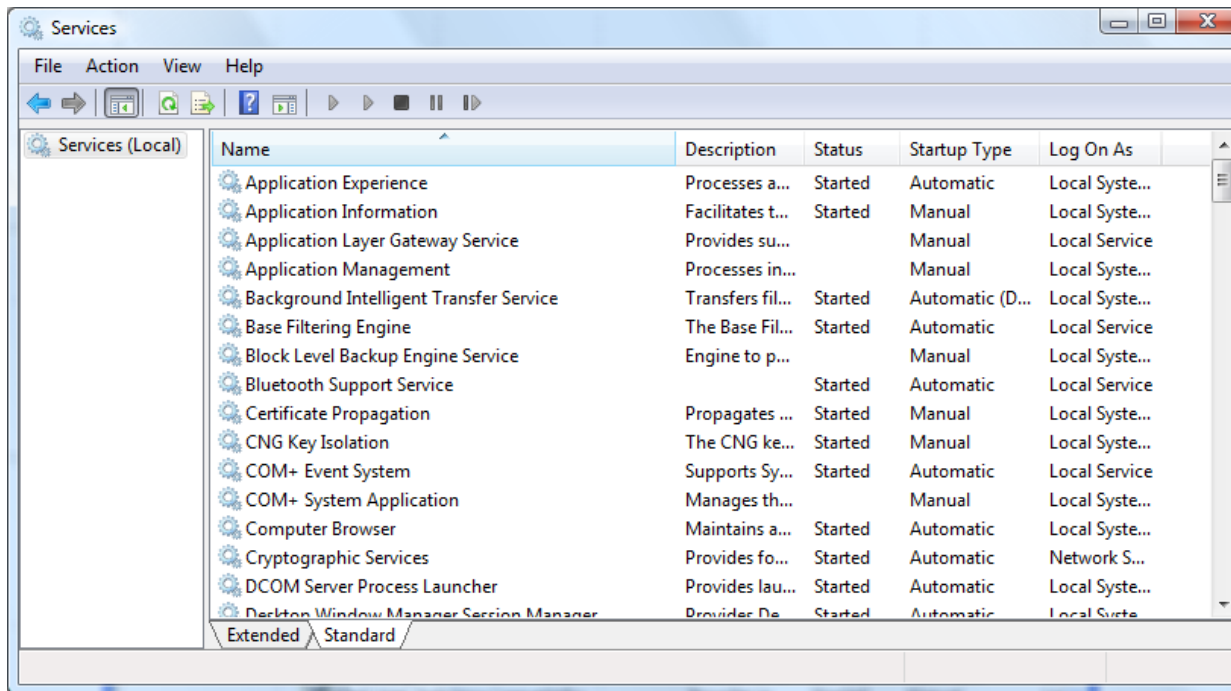
- Definition
- Role



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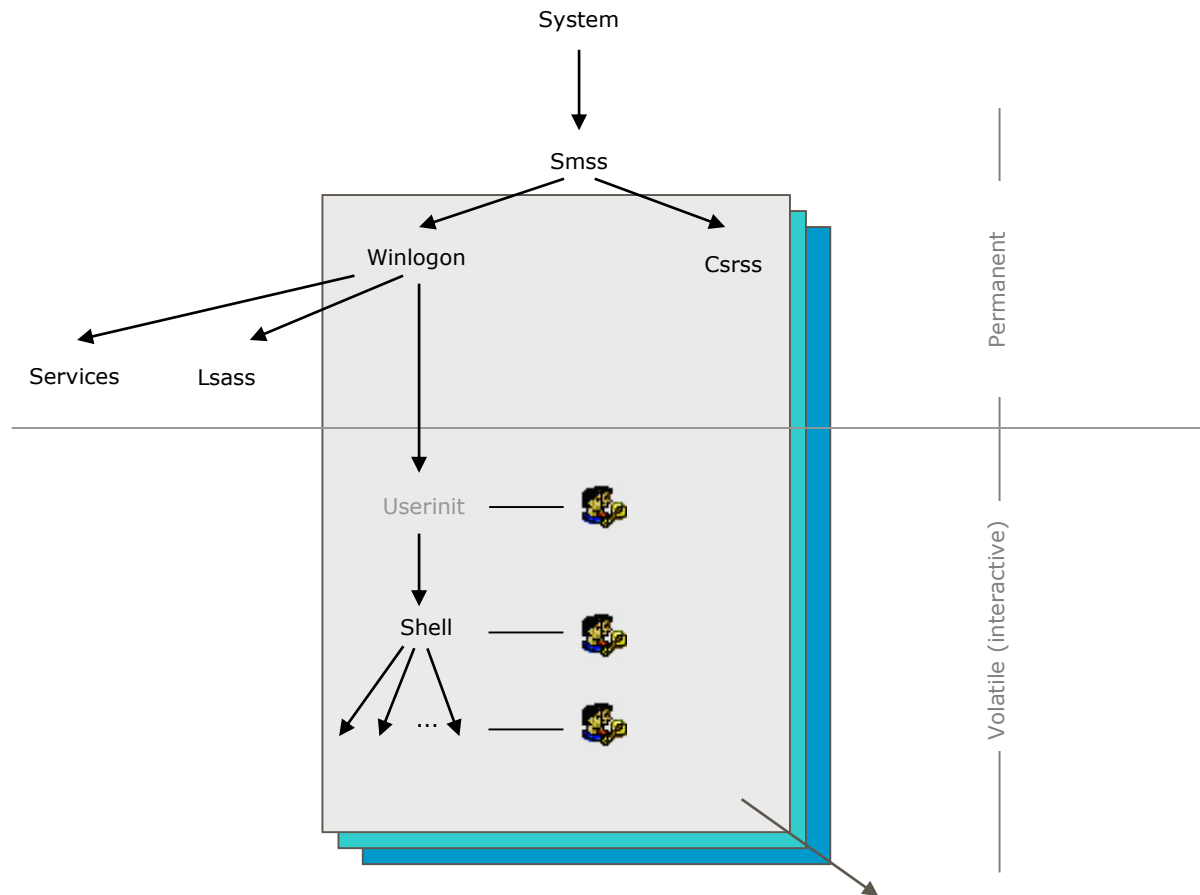
## Service Control Manager

- Definition
- Role



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## User Processes - creation



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