

# Pintos Overview



— Why, What and How

TA Session



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# Some announcements:

- Lab 0 Code will due next Thursday 11:59 pm
- Lab 0 Design Doc will due next Sunday 11:59 pm
- We have updated the Lab0 Design Doc on Tuesday ( removed two questions )



# Educational OS Project Zoo



Massachusetts  
Institute of  
Technology

JOS

IA32  
MIT6.828



xv6

RISCV32  
MIT6.S081



Berkeley  
UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA

Nachos

MIPS  
Old CS162



Pintos

IA32  
CS162



JOHNS HOPKINS  
UNIVERSITY



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Carnegie  
Mellon  
University



Stanford  
University

# Q : Why Pintos ?

## Design and Implementation



➤ OSDI, NSDI, PLDI ... ..

➤ Talk is cheap, show me the code

➤ Your design matters !!

➤ Write 2000+ LOC in a 10000+ LOC codebase



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# Q : Why Pintos ?

You will learn by **Read The Code**

- important skill both in production and research
- learn from good coding style
- some tools may help you



# Q : Why Pintos ?

You will learn by **Design The Code**

- think tenth, code once
- design doc template may help you
- not Pintos, but **Your Pintos**



# Q : Why Pintos ?

You will learn by **Write The Code**

- maybe your first time writing 2000+L C code
- tricky multi-threading synchronization
- test-driven development



# Q : Why Pintos ?

You will learn by **Debug The Code**

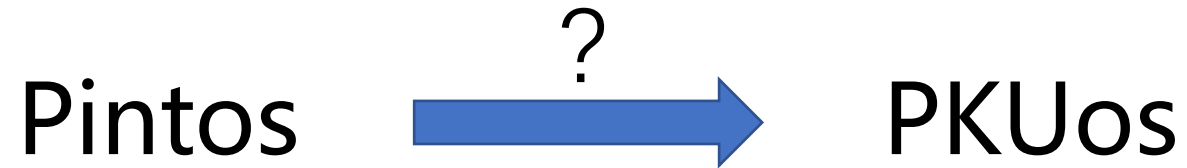
- You will **live** in the GDB
- start early, start early, start early





# Q : Why **not** Pintos ?

- IA32 architecture : CISC ISA, historical legacy

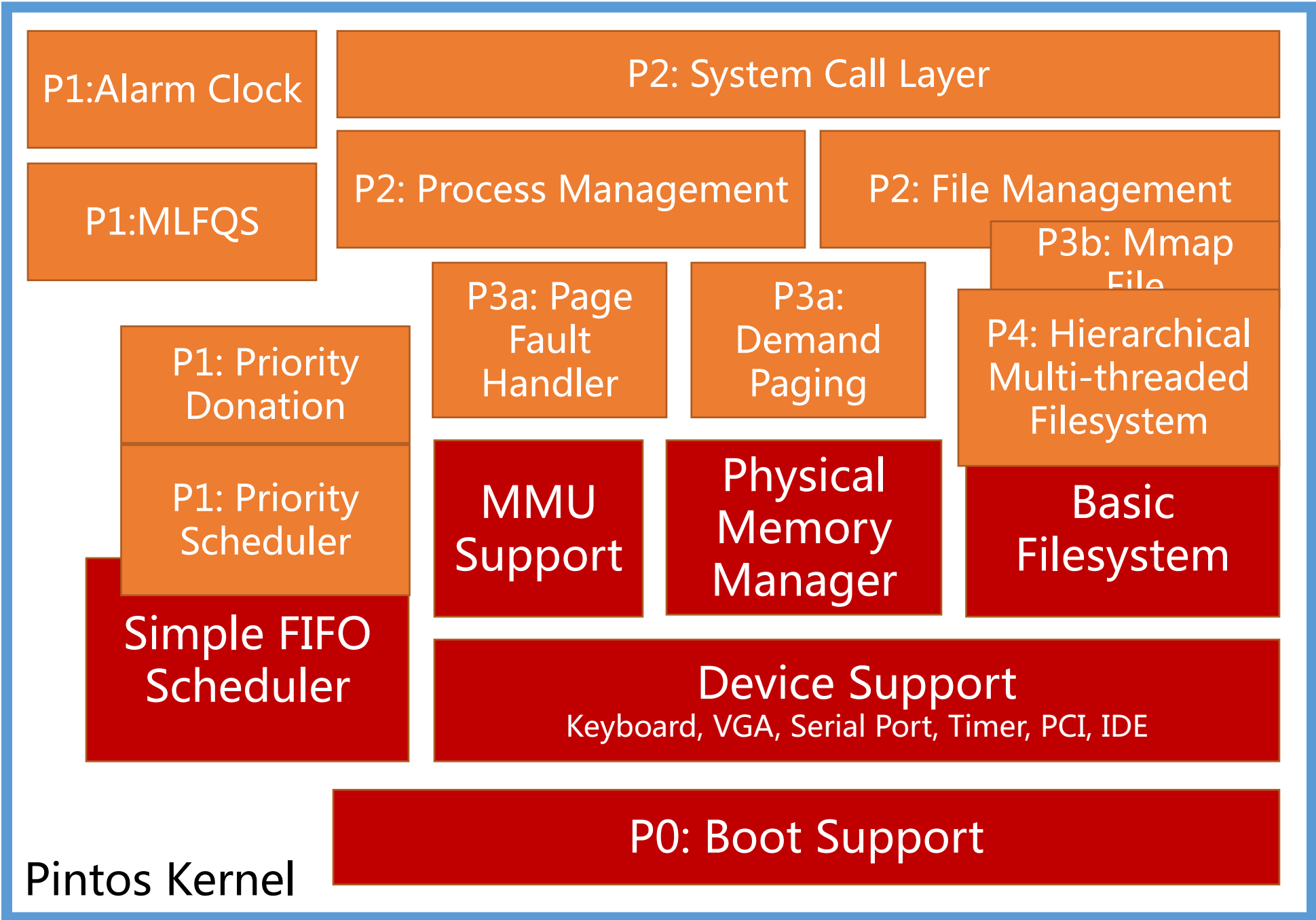


- time consuming : 100 hours + + +

optional lab4, long long long lab document, per-lab TA session



Q : So ... what will I do?



- P0: Getting Real
- P1: Threading
- P2: User Programs
- P3: Virtual Memory
- P4: File System

Students Create

Support Code

# Typical workflow:

Labx released  
on the PKU Course Website



Read through the lab document



TA session

Read through the lab document  
and design doc carefully



Design your data structures  
and interfaces



Write and Debug code  
Pass all the test cases  
Submit code zip before code DDL

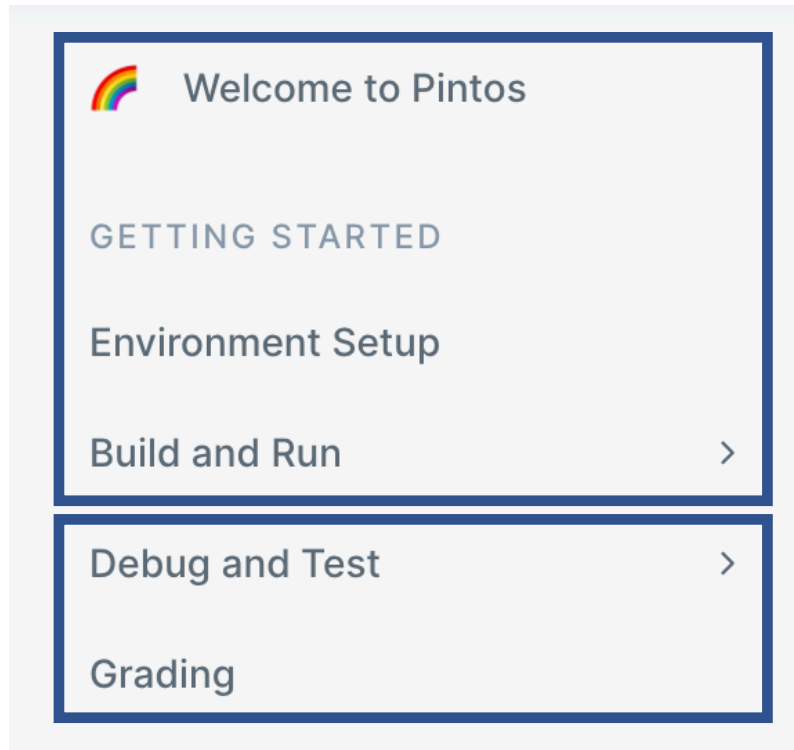


Answer the questions in design doc  
submit it before design doc DDL



# Q :How to survive?

PintosBook long, but helpful



You have read. If not, **get hurry!**

You have read, but not fully understand.



# Q :How to survive?

## PintosBook

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

|                               |   |
|-------------------------------|---|
| Lab0: Getting Real            | > |
| Lab1: Threads                 | > |
| Lab2: User Programs           | > |
| Lab3a: Demand Paging          | > |
| Lab3b: Mmap Files             | > |
| (Optional) Lab4: File Systems | > |

Look through before TA Session.  
Read carefully during implementation.

Optional but rewarding Lab4.



# Q :How to survive? PintosBook

APPENDIX

- Code Guide >
- 4.4BSD Scheduler
- C Standards
- Project Documentation
- Development Tools
- Bibliography
- Code Browser ↗

Read when needed as the projects going.

Referenced in the previous chapters.

```
# Notify BIOS that boot failed. See [IntrList].  
int $0x18
```

[IntrList]. R. Brown, [Ralf Brown's Interrupt List](#), 2000.



Q :How to survive?

Your kind TA **fat**, but **helpful**

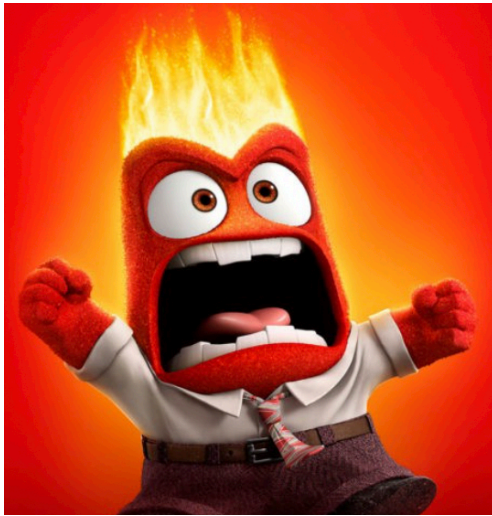
**Learn** to ask questions.

Do not be shy, ask in the WeChat group, in class or personally.





**But** ... .. your TAs are not your personal assistants.



- "My program crashed."
- "What does this error mean?"
- "I failed xxx testcase."
- "My computer can not boot."



# Think twice, Ask once.

- [How to ask questions the smart way.](#)
- RTFM ( Read The Fucking Manual )
- STFW ( Search The Fucking Web )



# Think twice, Ask once.



- "I encounter xxx under xxx condition."
- "Google says xxx, StackOverflow says xxx, Document says xxx, but yyy."
- "Hey, fat TA, I found xxx and I think you do not know about it !"

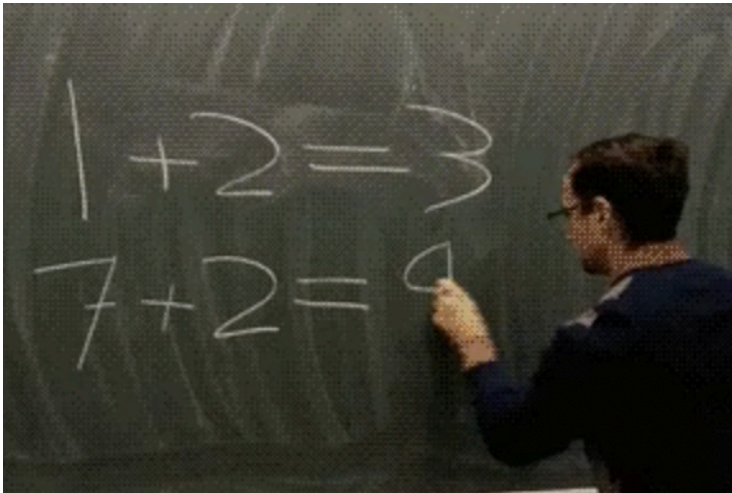


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Q :How to survive?

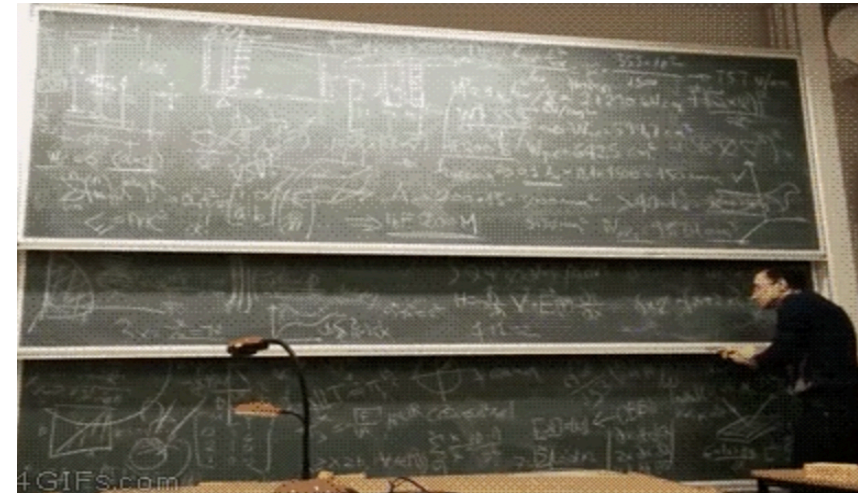
Good habits *awkward*, but *helpful*

Use **Version Control** tool — **Git**



Newly written code

A week later



The same code



[How to write good commit message.](#)

# Q :How to survive? Good habits

Write **concise** but **good** comments.

- Summarize the function in one sentence first.
- Pre-condition: input constraints (You may ASSERT these constraints)
- Post-condition: return value, exception (kernel panic)



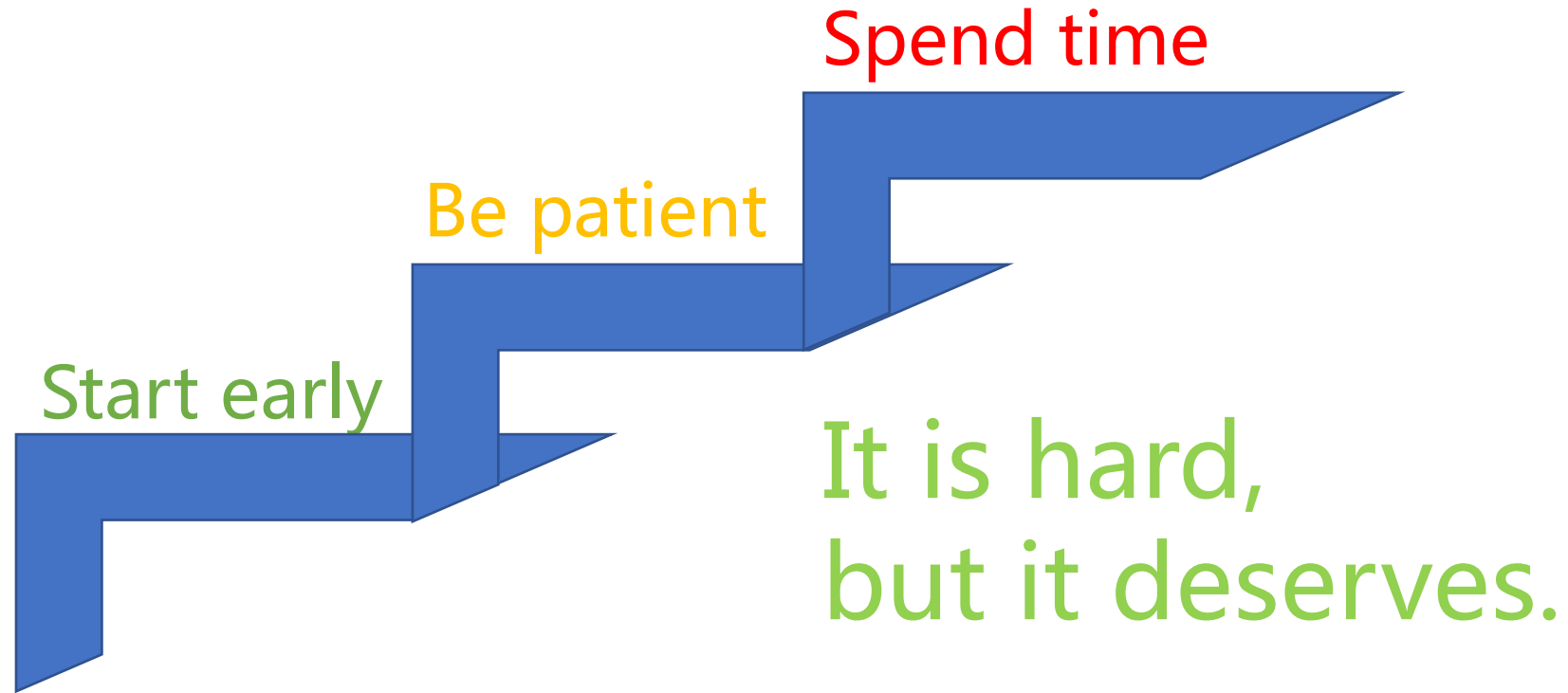
Q :How to survive? Good habits

## Module and Abstraction.

- A function should (only) do one thing clean
- A function more than 100 LOC warning
- A function more than 200 LOC Something may go wrong



# Q :How to survive?



# Lab0 FAQs

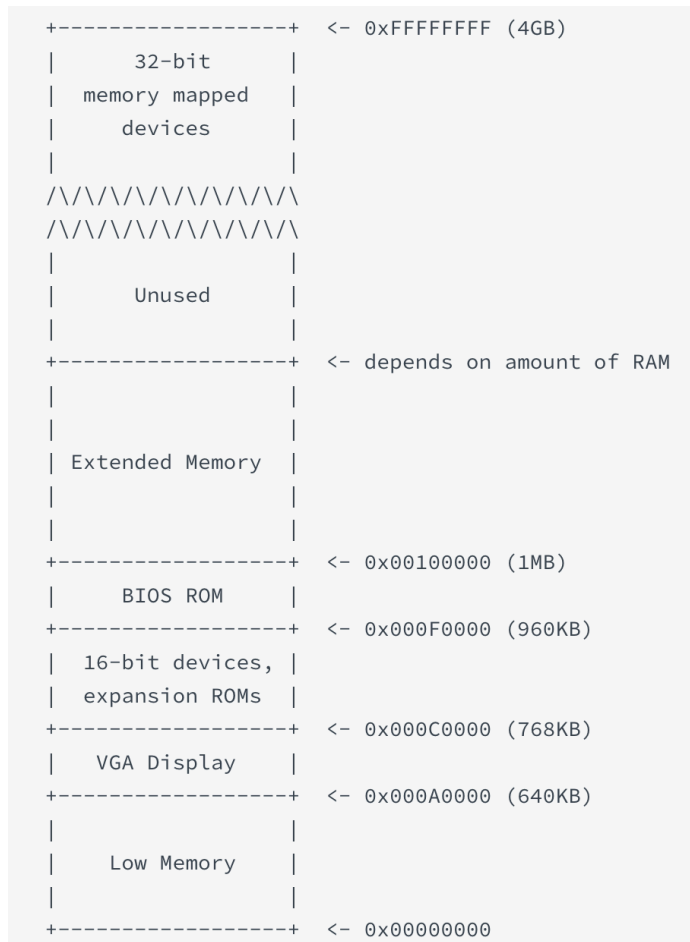


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# Booting Pintos

## Physical Address Space



4GB physical memory == 4GB RAM ?

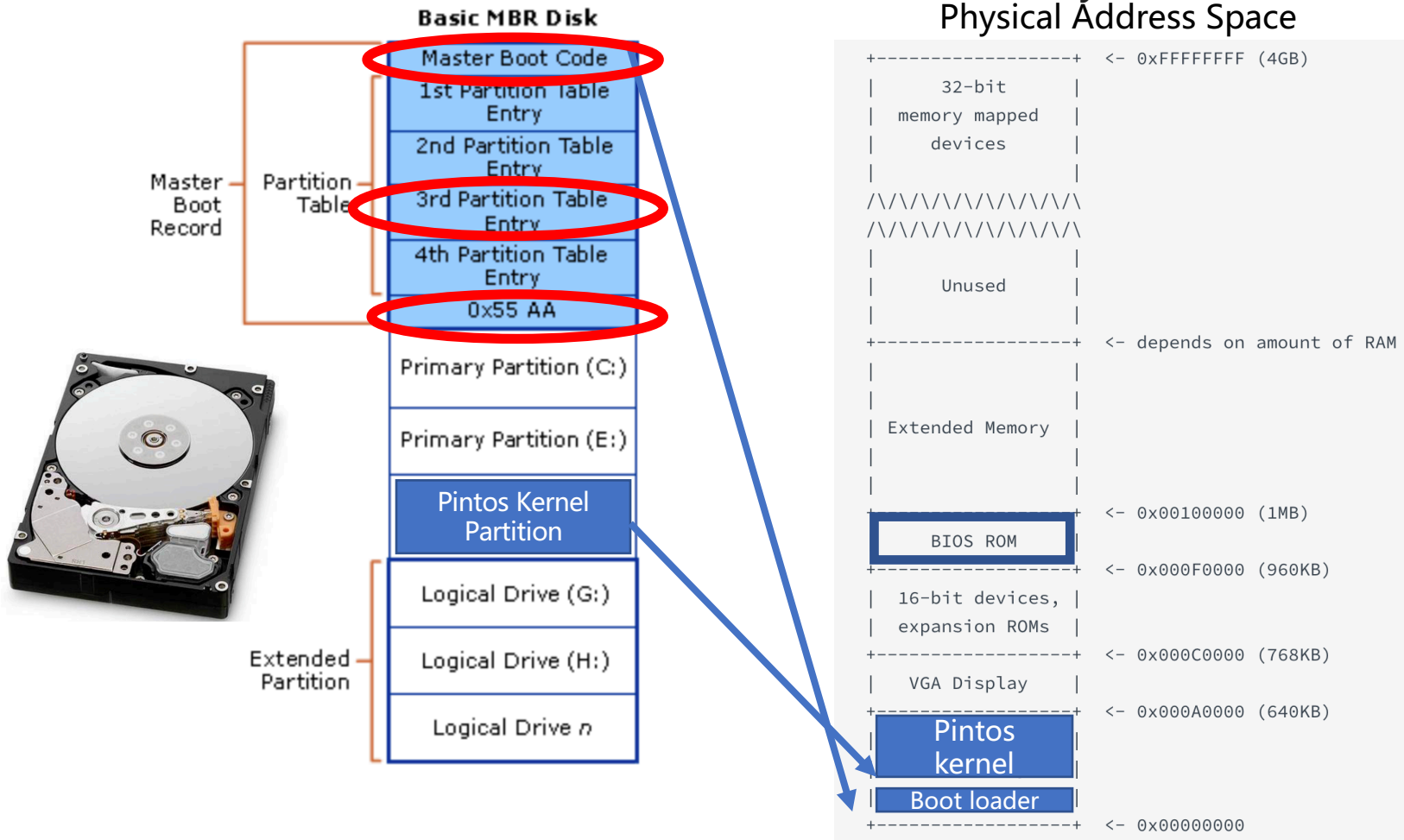
```
Pintos hda1
Loading.....
Kernel command line:
Pintos booting with 3,968 kB RAM...
367 pages available in kernel pool.
367 pages available in user pool.
Calibrating timer... 32,716,800 loops/s.
Boot complete.
```

You can even set the RAM size in pintos options.



# Booting Pintos

This MBR code is usually referred to as a boot loader.



Hard-wired by the hardware

The real-world booting process can be much more **complicated**

GRUB, UEFI, ... ..



# X86 Mode (history legacy)

## X86 Real Mode

Enabled in `start.S`



## X86 Protected Mode

- 16-bit Instructions and Registers

AX, BX, CX, DX, SI, DI, BP, SP

- 20-bit Memory Address Space (Up to 1MB)

16-bit segment registers

CS, DS, SS, ES, FS, GS

$PAddr = SEG \ll 4 + \text{Operand}$

- 32-bit Instructions and Registers

EAX, EBX, ECX, EDX, ESI, EDI, EBP, ESP

- 32-bit Memory Address Space (Up to 4GB)

Reserved segment registers, but for protection

Address translation enabled



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# Conclusion

## ➤ Why Pintos?

- Design and Implementation
- Read, Design, Write, Debug the code

## ➤ What will you do in the projects?

- Projects Map
- Typical workflow

## ➤ How to survive the projects?

- PintosBook
- Ask questions
- Good habits
- Good attitude

## ➤ Lab0 FAQs: Booting Pintos, X86 mode



# Any Questions ?

<https://www.wjx.cn/vj/hhnJxie.aspx>



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