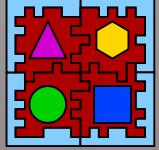


The Boot: Getting ready for the OS

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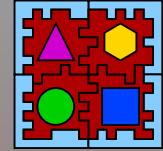
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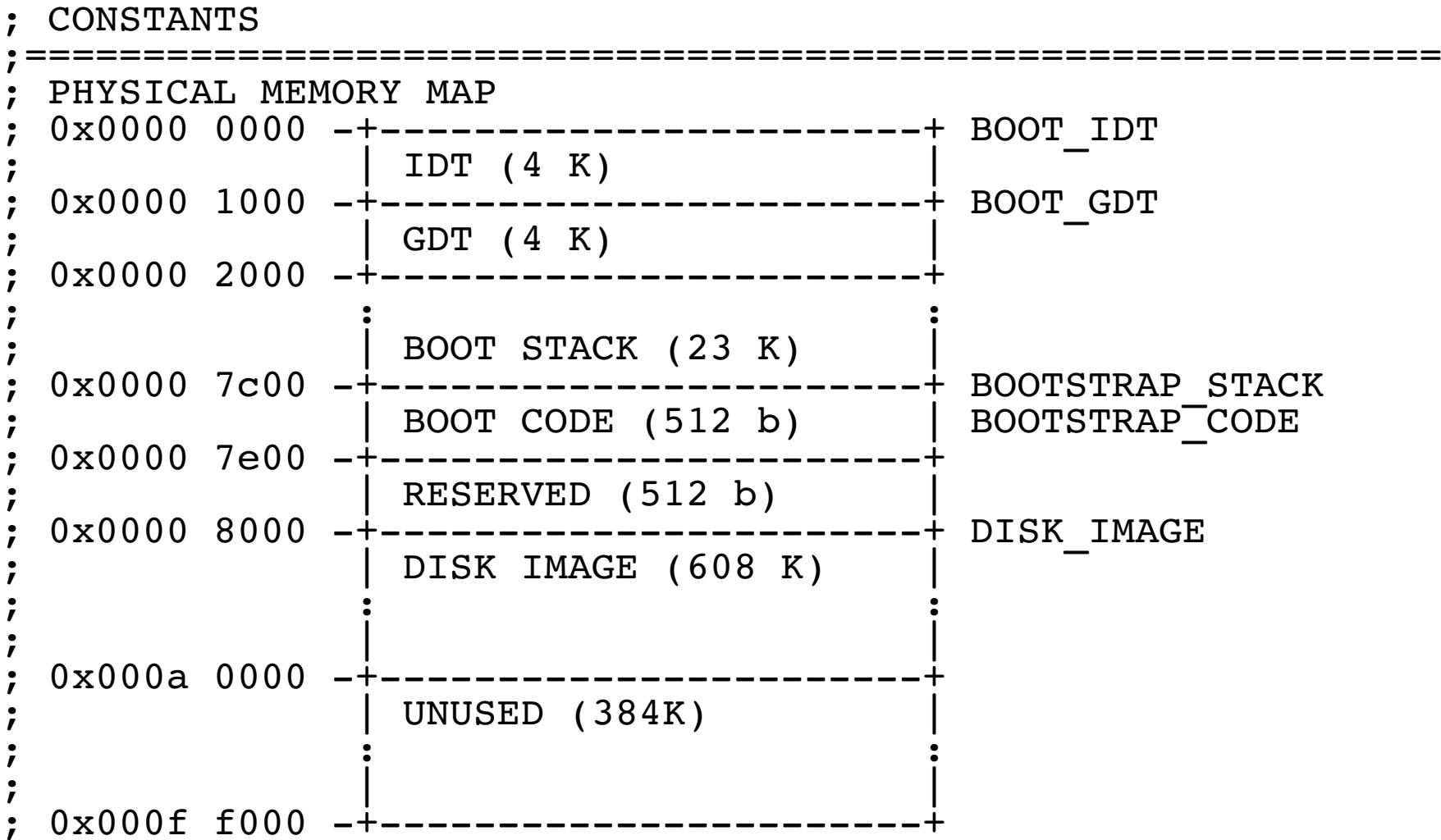
Where are we now?

- BIOS brought the system on
 - BIOS initialized a complex architecture
 - BIST, POST, hooks
 - First instruction fetched
 - 0x7c00
 - Lots of “jmp” so far, no calls, why?
 - Where is the stack?
- BIOS got the system ready for

The Bootstrap => Today class



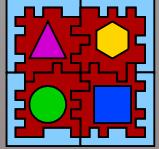
EPOS Bootstrap: src/boot/pc_boot.S





EPOS Bootstrap: Notes

- Code to be ran at real mode (16 bits)
- Interrupts (IDT)
 - At real mode, always at 0x0000
 - At protected mode, anywhere (IDTR)
- Segmentation (GDT)
 - Always on at x86, in any mode
 - GDTR
- Bootstrap code
 - Code starts at 0x7c00
 - Stack stays below 0x7c00
 - It uses BIOS to access discs and load system



EPOS Bootstrap: main entry point

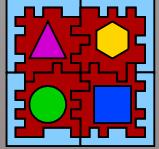
```
entry main
main:
    cli ; disable interrupts
    xor ax,ax ; data segment base = 0x00000
    mov ds,ax
    mov es,ax
    mov ss,ax
    mov sp,#BOOTSTRAP_STACK ; set stack pointer
```

- Basic segments initialization



EPOS Bootstrap: disc image layout

```
; DISK IMAGE LAYOUT
; +-----+ DISK_IMAGE_SYS_INFO
; | SYS_INFO (512 bytes) |
; +-----+ DISK_IMAGE_SETUP
; | SETUP |
; :
; +-----+
; | SYSTEM |
; :
; +-----+
; | INIT |
; :
; +-----+
; | LOADER/APP1 |
; :
; +-----+
; | APP1 |
; :
; +-----+
; | APPn |
; :
; +-----+
```

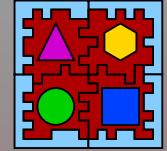


EPOS Bootstrap: loading image from disc

```
; Load the boot image from the disk into "DISK_IMAGE"
    mov si,#msg_loading
    call print_msg
    push es
    mov ax,#IMAGE_SEG
    mov es,ax          ; don't try to load es directly
    mov bx,#0          ; set es:bx to DISK_IMAGE
    mov ax,[n_sec_image]
    mov cx,#0x0002      ; starts at track #0, sector #2,
    mov dx,#0x0000      ; side #0, first drive
    call load_image
    pop es
    mov si,#msg_done
    call print_msg

; Stop the drive motor
    call stop_drive
```

- Function calling (e.g., “print_msg”)
 - Parameter passing



EPOS Bootstrap: print_msg – BIOS access

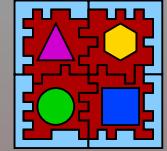
```
;=====
; PRINT_MSG
;
; Desc: Print a \0 terminated string on the screen using the BIOS
;        Message must end with 00h ;
;
; Parm: si  -> pointer to the string
;=====

print_msg:
    pushf
    push ax
    push bx
    push bp
    cld

print_char:
    lodsb
    cmp al,#0
    jz end_print
    mov ah,#0x0E
    mov bx,#0x0007
    int 0x10
    jmp print_char

end_print:
    pop bp
    pop bx
    pop ax
    popf
    ret
```

- BIOS access
 - “int 0x10”
- CISC magics
 - “cld”
 - “lodsb”



EPOS Bootstrap: load_sector – BIOS access

```
;=====
; LOAD_ONE_SECTOR
;
; Desc: Load a single sector from disk using the BIOS.
;
; Parm: es:bx  -> buffer
;        cx      -> track (ch) and sector number (cl)
;        dx      -> side (dh) and drive number (dl)
;=====

load_sector:
    pushf
    push ax

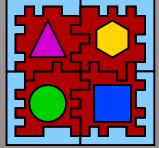
    mov ax,#0x0201    ; function #2, load 1 sector
    int 0x13
    cli              ; int 0x13 sets IF
    jc ls_disk_error ; if CY=1, error on reading

    pop ax
    popf
    ret

ls_disk_error:
    mov si,#msg_disk_error
    call print_msg    ; print error msg if disk is bad
    call stop_drive

ls_disk_halt:
    jmp ls_disk_halt ; halt
```

- “method signatures” depend on BIOS API

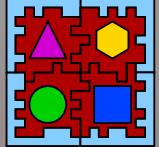


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- Print => Load Image => Print => Stop Drive
- Why stop drive?



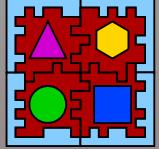
EPOS Bootstrap: memory initialization

```
; Get extended memory size (in K)
;           xor dx,dx
;           mov ah,#0x88
;           int 0x15          ; what if memory size > 64 Mb?
;           push   ds
;           push   #INFO_SEG
;           pop    ds
;           mov [0],ax
;           mov [2],dx
;           pop    ds

; Say hello;
mov si,#msg_hello
call print_msg

; Enable A20 bus line
call enable_a20
```

- BIOS info on memory is unreliable
- EPOS will test memory by itself
- A20 line
 - DOS access data and IO in one segment until 80186
 - 80286 needed this line to access 16MB memory, so we have this legacy



EPOS Bootstrap: entering protected mode

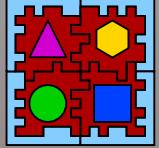
```
; Zero IDT and GDT
    cld
    xor ax,ax
    mov cx,#0x1000 ; IDT + GDT = 8K (4K WORDS)
    mov di,#BOOT_IDT ; initial address (relative to ES)
    rep           ; zero IDT and GDT with AX
    stosw

; Set GDT
    mov si,#GDT_CODE ; Set GDT[1]=GDT_CODE and
    mov di,#BOOT_GDT ; GDT[2]=GDT_DATA
    add di,#8        ; offset GDT[1] = 8
    mov cx,#8        ; sizeof GDT[1] + GDT[2] = 8 WORDS
    rep           ; move WORDS
    movsw

; Set GDTR
    lgdt GDTR

; Enable Protected Mode
    mov eax,cr0
    or al,#0x01 ; set PE flag and MP flag
    mov cr0,eax
```

- Protected mode configured
- But not entered yet...



EPOS Bootstrap: breaking the pre-fetch queue

```
; Adjust selectors
    mov bx,#2 * 8      ; adjust data selectors to use
    mov ds,bx           ; GDT[2] (DATA) with RPL = 00
    mov es,bx
    mov fs,bx
    mov gs,bx
    mov ss,bx

; As Linux as86 can't generate 32 bit instructions, we have to code
; it by hand. The instruction below is a inter segment jump to
; GDT[GDT_CODE]:SETUP. Jump into "SETUP" (actually ix86 Protected
; Mode starts here)
;     jmp 0x0008:#SETUP_ENTRY
    .byte 0x66
    .byte 0xEA
    .long SETUP_ENTRY
    .word 0x0008
```

- Need to break the pre-fetch queue
 - Force CPU to read configuration registers
- LDT and IDT not assembled yet
 - Next class: pc_setup.cc