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# Classic Mac OS Compatibility Environment

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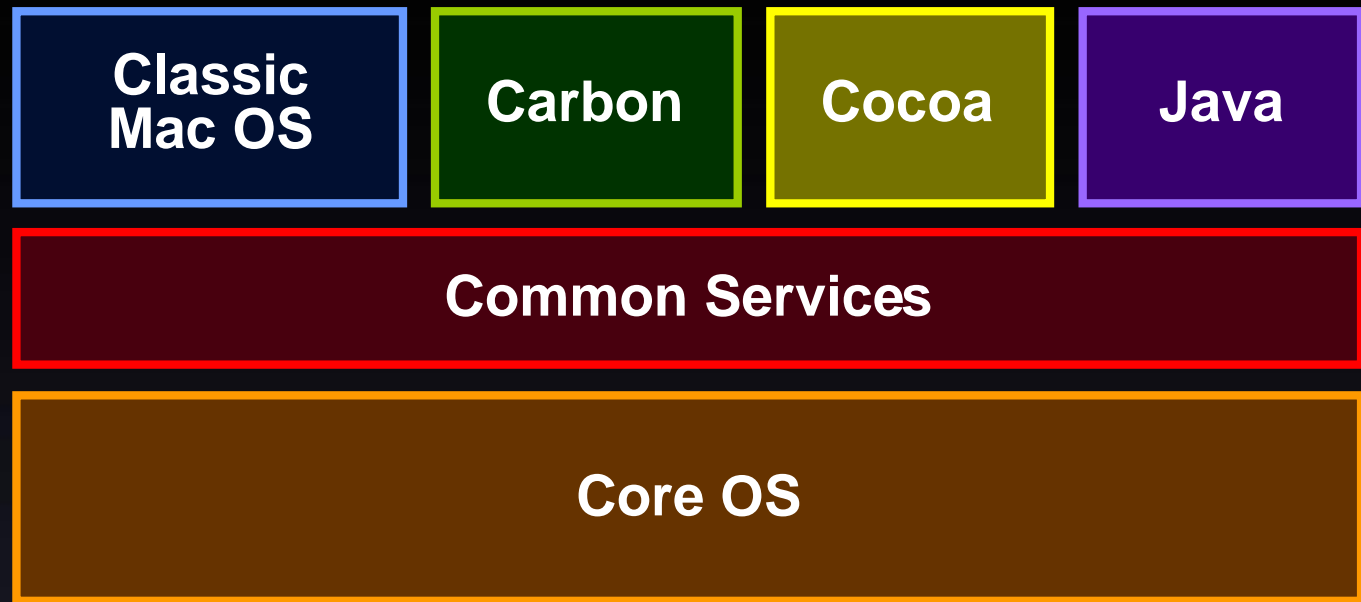
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# Session Overview

- What is it?
- What's changed?
- How does it work?
- What's coming?
- Q&A



# Mac OS X Architecture



# What Is It?

- A software compatibility environment
- Analogy: a new hardware model
- Does everything via Mac OS X services
- Not a processor emulator
- Not a vehicle for introducing new API's



# Why Is It Important?

- Carbon = protection + pre-emption
- How do we get there from here?
- Blue Box = existing applications
- Preserves and leverages our Mac OS investment
- A bridge to the future!



# Goals

- Compatibility
- Performance
- Robustness
- Smooth integration





# What Won't Work?

- Software that attempts to access memory-mapped device I/O registers
- Software that modifies or relies on Mac OS internals below our H/W abstraction
- Software that patches traps and requires global effect in order to work correctly
- That's all!



# Changes: DR2 to Server

- Shared HFS and HFS+ file system!
- SCSI Manager
- Mac OS 8.5
- CFM file mapping supported



# Changes: Server to Now

- Adaptations for new foundations
  - New kernel (Mach 3.0)
  - New I/O subsystem (IOKit)
  - New graphics model (Quartz)
- Mac OS 8.6: even better integration
  - Standard Mac OS installer, Disk First Aid, Disk Copy, etc.





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# Demo

# Implementation

- Runtime
- Blue Abstraction Layer (BAL)
- Memory
- File System
- Networking
- Device Drivers



# Runtime

- Classic Mac OS Power Macintosh runtime
- Includes Mac OS 68K Emulator
- ROM-in-RAM architecture

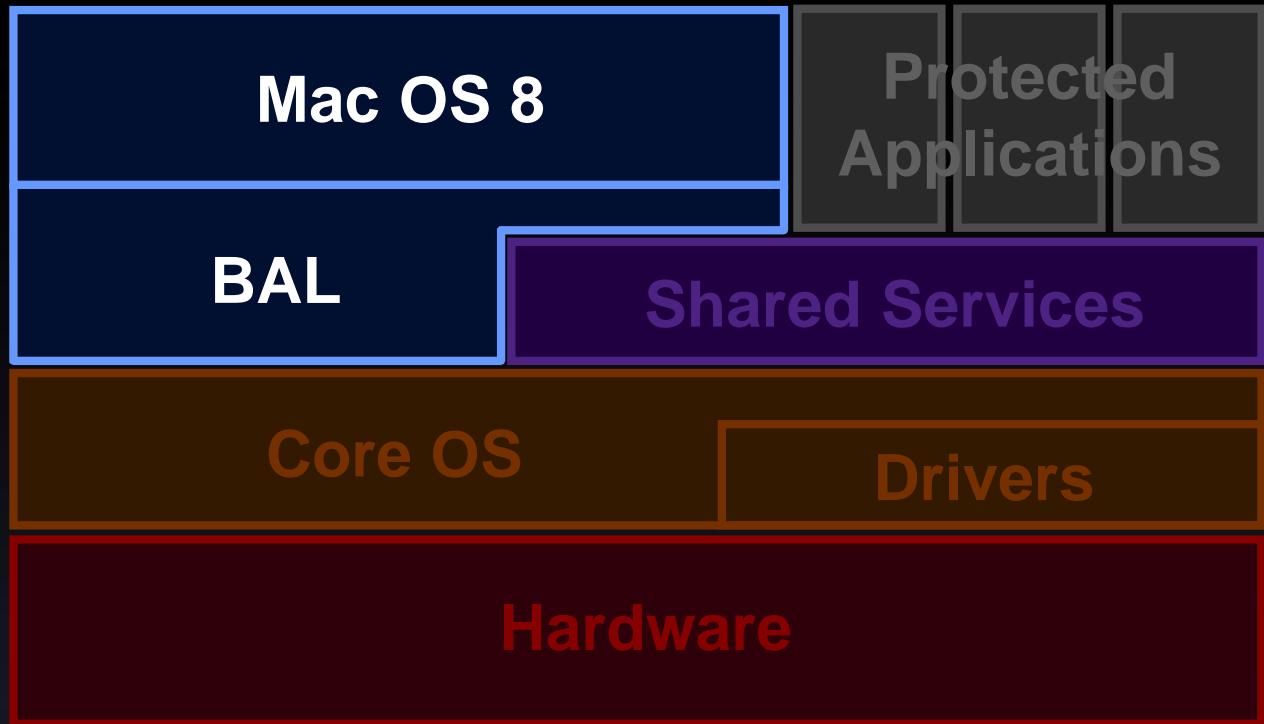


# Blue Abstraction Layer

- Hardware services
  - Interrupts
  - Timing
  - I/O (disk, networking, user input, video)
- Shared services
  - File system, Desktop DB, Copy and Paste, AppleEvents, etc.

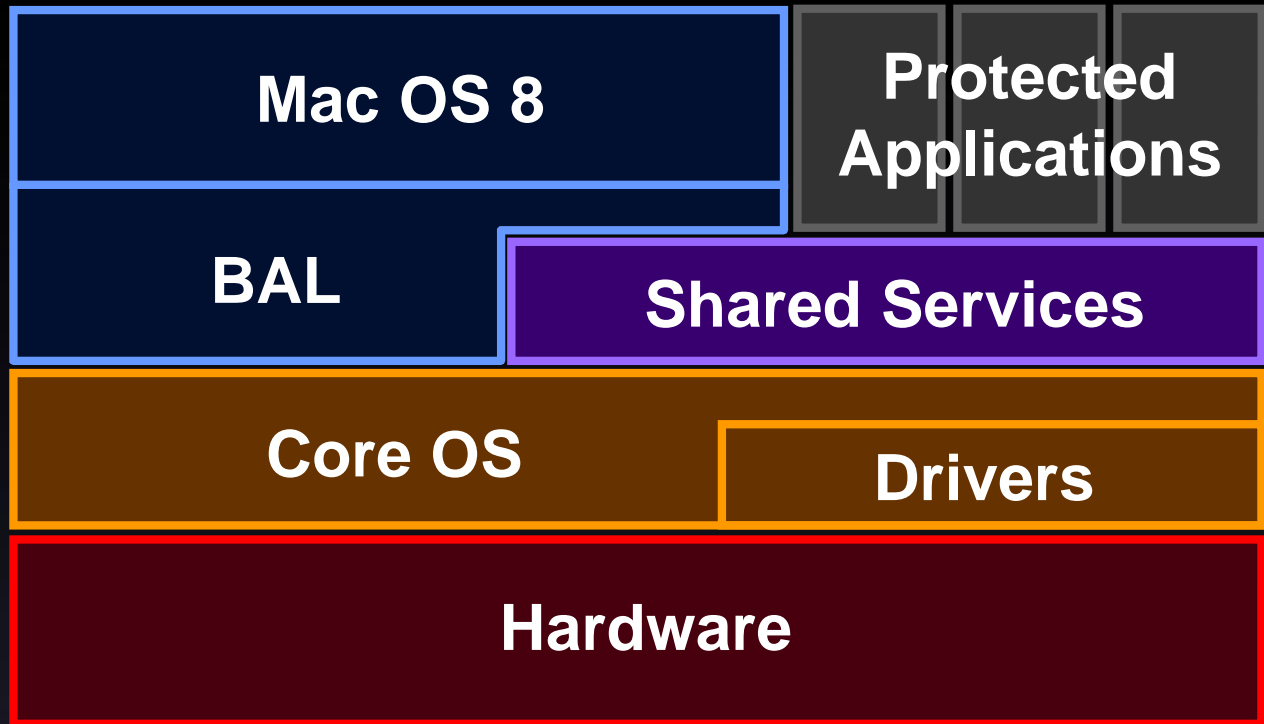


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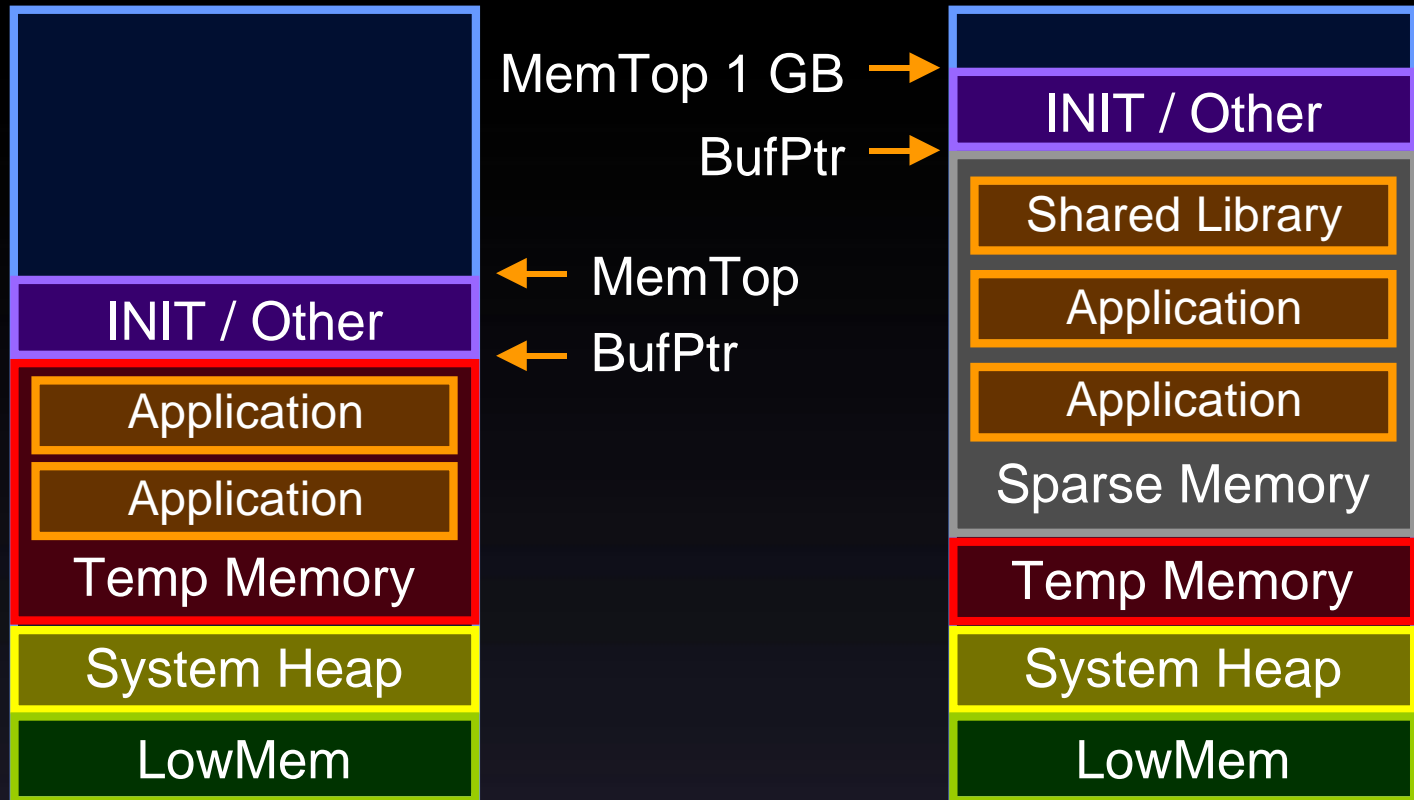


# Memory

- Appears to have 1 GB RAM
- Mac OS Virtual Memory appears disabled
  - But CFM file mapping is enabled
- Uses Core OS Virtual Memory
  - Application heaps are sparsely allocated rather than using Temporary Memory
  - Allows the user to run more apps!



# Memory Map Changes



# Shared File System

- Work with the same disk volumes from both classic and protected applications
- HFS and HFS+
- Supports HFS-centric functionality
  - Forks, FileID's, CatSearch
- Restrictions: no driver level access



# Exclusive File System

- Even more compatible than Shared mode
- Supports ISO 9660, DOS FAT, etc.
- Supports disk partitions and image files
- Disk images in Disk Copy format
  - Convenient on UFS partitions
  - Startup disk supplied this way



# Networking

- Open Transport is fully supported!
- Includes compatibility services
  - Classic AppleTalk
  - MacTCP
- Very compatible
- Uses any ethernet adapter supported by Mac OS X



# Device Drivers: DRVR

- Supported as long as they don't touch hardware
  - SCSI device drivers (returning soon)
    - Scanners, disk drivers
  - Disk images, RAM disks
  - Desk Accessories



# Device Drivers: ndrv

- Name Registry and DriverServicesLib
- Currently, the device tree is empty,
  - This may change for USB, FireWire
- PCI devices require IOKit drivers
  - IOKit supports most video 'ndrv' drivers





# What's Coming

- More Mac OS features
- More interoperability with protected apps
- Breaking out of the box!



# More Mac OS Features

- Sound (returning soon)
- SCSI (returning soon)
- USB
- FireWire
- UDF (DVD-RAM/ROM)



# More Interoperability

- Unified process management
- Single IP address
- Drag & drop



# “Boxless” Blue Box

- All applications will share the screen
- A single, Carbon-based Finder
- Protected applications remain protected





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# Demo

# A Reminder...

- When writing directly to the frame buffer
  - Create a window covering the screen
  - Only write when in the foreground
  - Use ShieldCursor/ShowCursor
  - Provide a compatibility mode that only uses QuickDraw



# Summary

- The Blue Box *is* classic Mac OS
- You don't need to “port” your applications to the Blue Box
- Instead, port them to Carbon!



# Roadmap

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**Mac OS X Update**

Hall 2  
**Mon., 1:00pm**

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**Mac OS X Graphics  
Architecture**

Hall 2  
**Wed., 9:00am**

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**Carbon Overview  
(Repeat)**

Hall C  
**Fri., 9:00am**

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**Mac OS X File System**

Hall A1  
**Fri., 2:30pm**







Q&A

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