

Module 7 (Lectures 32-33) Program profiling

1. The 'CPU time in system mode' reported by the Linux *time* command includes
 - a) only time spent by the process while running in system calls
 - b) only time spent handling interrupts relevant to the process
 - c) time spent by the process while running in system calls + time spent handling interrupts relevant to the process
 - d) time spent by the process while running in system calls + time spent handling interrupts while the process was running
2. Which of the following gives the best idea of the amount of time a process spent running?
 - a) elapsed time
 - b) CPU time in user mode
 - c) CPU time in user mode + CPU time in system mode
 - d) elapsed time – CPU time in system mode
3. One can estimate the amount of time spent executing a statement of a program with
 - a) UNIX prof mechanism
 - b) instrumentation using a hardware cycle counting mechanism
 - c) a basic block level profiling mechanism
 - d) UNIX *time* command
4. Program profiling can help you to identify the parts of your program that
 - a) contain logical errors
 - b) contain syntax errors
 - c) you should concentrate on to improve your program
 - d) must be protected as critical sections
5. System conditions under which profiling is done must be carefully controlled when using
 - a) basic block level profiling using execution counts
 - b) function level profiling using execution time estimates
 - c) statement level profiling using execution counts
 - d) function level profiling using execution counts