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Building a virtual personal computer out of multiple systems

Today's mobile users each own multiple devices: smartphone, tablet, laptop and perhaps in the future smart watch and smart glass. This raises challenges to both the user and application developer. The user has to manage states in each device; and the developer has to develop a version of her application for each device. By moving application states to the cloud, existing solutions address these challenges with limited success. Instead, we aim at separating the states of personal computing from their hardware incarnation so that (i) a personal service can exploit hardware resources from multiple systems by spreading its states over them and (ii) its states or a subset of them can move from one system to another with negligible delay compared to human mobility. This talk will share results from our recent endeavors toward this direction, including a shared-most operating system model and I/O sharing across devices.

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