CSCA0201
FUNDAMENTALS OF COMPUTING

Chapter 6
Operating Systems
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The operating system is the most important program that runs on a computer.

Operating system is an interface between computer and user.

It is responsible for the management and coordination of activities and the sharing of the resources of the computer.
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User

Application

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Types of Operating System

- Real-time
- Multi-user vs. Single-user
- Multi-tasking vs. Single-tasking
- Distributed
- Embedded
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Types of Operating System

Real-Time

• A real-time operating system is a multitasking operating system that aims at executing real-time applications.

• Responds to input instantly.
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Multi-user vs. Single user

- A multi-user operating system allows multiple users to access a computer system concurrently.
- Time-sharing system can be classified as multi-user systems as they enable a multiple user access to a computer through the sharing of time.
- Single-user operating systems, as opposed to a multi-user operating system, are usable by a single user at a time.
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Multi-tasking vs. Single-tasking

- When a single program is allowed to run at a time, the system is grouped under a single-tasking system.
- While in case the operating system allows the execution of multiple tasks at one time, it is classified as a multi-tasking operating system.
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Distributed

- A distributed operating system manages a group of independent computers and makes them appear to be a single computer.
- The development of networked computers that could be linked and communicate with each other, gave rise to distributed computing.
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Embedded

- Embedded operating systems are designed to be used in embedded computer systems.
- They are designed to operate on small machines like PDAs with less autonomy.
- They are able to operate with a limited number of resources.
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Major Functions of Operating System

• Resource management
• Data management
• Job management
• Standard means of communication between User and Computer
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Major Functions of Operating System

Resource Management

• The resource management function of an OS allocates computer resources such as CPU time, main memory, secondary storage, and input and output devices for use.
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Major Functions of Operating System

Data Management

• The data management functions of an OS govern the input and output of data and their location, storage, and retrieval.
• It also is responsible for storing and retrieving information on disk drives and for the organization of that information on the drive.
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Major Functions of Operating System

Job Management

• The job management function of an OS prepares, schedules, controls, and monitors jobs submitted for execution to ensure the most efficient processing.

• A job is a collection of one or more related programs and their data.
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Major Functions of Operating System

Standard Means of Communication between User and Computer

- The OS also establishes a standard means of communication between users and their computer systems.
- It does this by providing a user interface and a standard set of commands that control the hardware.
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User Interface

- A program that controls a display for the user (usually on a computer monitor) and that allows the user to interact with the system.
- The user interface allows the user to communicate with the operating system.
User Interface

• The user interface provides means of:
  – **Input** - allowing the users to manipulate a system
  – **Output** - allowing the system to indicate the effects of the users' manipulation.
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Types of User Interface

- Command line interface
- Graphical user interface
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Types of User Interface

Command Line Interface (CLI)

- A command-line interface is a mechanism for interacting with a computer operating system or software by typing commands to perform specific tasks.
- This method of instructing a computer to perform a given task is referred to as "entering" a command.
- Accept input via keyboard only.
- Not suitable for beginners.
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Types of User Interface

Command Line Interface (CLI)
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Command Line Interface (CLI)

- Examples of command:

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<td>COPY</td>
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<td>MD</td>
<td>To make new folder</td>
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<td>CLS</td>
<td>To clear screen</td>
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<td>Quit</td>
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Types of User Interface

Graphical User Interface (GUI)

• Is a type of user interface which allows people to interact with computer with images rather than text commands.
• Accept input via keyboard and pointing devices.
• Easy to learn.
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Elements of Graphical User Interface

• Pointer
• Icons
• Desktop
• Windows
• Menus
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Pointer

- A symbol that appears on the display screen and that you move to select objects and commands.
- Usually, the pointer appears as a small angled arrow.
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Icons

• Small pictures that represent commands, files, or windows.
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Desktop

- The area on the display screen where icons are grouped is often referred to as the desktop because the icons are intended to represent real objects on a real desktop.
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Windows

- Used to divide the screen into different areas.
- In each window, you can run a different program or display a different file.
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Menus

• Most graphical user interfaces let you execute commands by selecting a choice from a menu.
• Two types of menu:
  – Pull-down menu
  – Pop-up menu
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<td><strong>Ease</strong></td>
<td>Because of the memorization and familiarity needed to operate a command line interface, new users have a difficult time navigating and operating a command line interface.</td>
<td>Although new users may have a difficult time learning to use the mouse and all GUI features, most users pick up this interface much easier when compared to a command line interface.</td>
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<td><strong>Control</strong></td>
<td>Users have much more control of their file system and operating system in a command line interface. For example, users can copy a specific file from one location to another with a one-line command.</td>
<td>Although a GUI offers plenty of control of a file system and operating system, the more advanced tasks may still need a command line.</td>
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<td><strong>Multitasking</strong></td>
<td>Although many command line environments are capable of multitasking, they do not offer the same ease and ability to view multiple things at once on one screen.</td>
<td>GUI users have windows that enable a user to view, control, and manipulate multiple things at once and is much faster to navigate when compared with a command line.</td>
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<td><strong>Speed</strong></td>
<td>Command line users only need to use their keyboards to navigate a command line interface and often only need to execute a few lines to perform a task.</td>
<td>A GUI may be easier to use because of the mouse. However, using a mouse and keyboard to navigate and control your operating system for many things is going to be much slower than someone who is working in a command line.</td>
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Examples of Operating System

- MS-DOS
- Windows
- Mac OS
- Linux
- Solaris
- Android
Microsoft DOS

- DOS stands for Disk Operating System.
- Developed by Microsoft Inc.
- Using command line interface.
- It does not support multiple users and multitasking.
- First version: MS-DOS 1.0 (1981)
- Final version: MS-DOS 7.0 (1995)
Microsoft DOS

```plaintext
Microsoft(R) Windows DOS
(C)Copyright Microsoft Corp 1990-2001.
C:\>mem

655360 bytes total conventional memory
655360 bytes available to MS-DOS
578352 largest executable program size

4194304 bytes total EMS memory
4194304 bytes free EMS memory

19922944 bytes total contiguous extended memory
0 bytes available contiguous extended memory
15580160 bytes available XMS memory
MS-DOS resident in High Memory Area

C:\>
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Windows

- Produced by Microsoft, Inc.
- Using graphical user interface.
- Support multitasking and multiuser.
- First version: Windows 1.0 (1985)
- Latest version: Windows 8
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Mac OS

• The official name of the Macintosh operating system.
• Created by Apple Inc.
• Operating System for Apple Macintosh computer.
• First version: Mac System 1 (1984)
• Latest version: Mac OS 10.8.3
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Linux

• A freely-distributable open source operating system that runs on a number of hardware platforms.
• Linux has become an extremely popular alternative to proprietary operating systems.
• First version: Linux (1992)
• Latest version: Linux 3.9.6
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Android

• **Android** is a Linux-based operating system for mobile devices such as smartphones and tablet computers
• It is developed by the Open Handset Alliance, led by Google, and other companies
• First version: Android 1.0 (2008)
• Latest version: Android 4.2.2
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Solaris

- **Solaris** is a Unix operating system originally developed by Sun Microsystems.
- Solaris can be installed from physical media or a network for use on a desktop or server.
- Used on server and workstation.
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Solaris