**Operating system (OS)**

**What is Operating system (OS)?**

* An Operating System or OS is the program which provides an environment to run other applications.
* It is a collection of software that manages computer hardware resources and provides common services for computer programs.
* OS interacts with hardware which means it acts as mediator between hardware and user interface.
* It manages hardware, software and memory resources.
* Examples of Operating Systems are Windows, Linux, Mac OS, Ubuntu etc.

**Why we required Operating System?**

* Operating system plays a crucial role in computer system, it allows us to interact with computers without knowing how to speak in computer's language.
* It helps in improving the computer software as well as hardware.
* It works as a communication channel between system hardware and system software.
* It acts as interpreter or translator as it translates human readable (high level) language into machine level (binary or low level in 0's or 1's format) language.

**Types of Operating System**

**1) Desktop OS:**

* Operates in Desktop Machines.
* Used for general purpose tasks such as making presentation, gaming etc.
* Serve for single user at time.
* Examples- Ubuntu-desktop, Windows 10,8, Kali Linux

**2) Server OS:**

* Operates in Server Machines.
* Used for hosting purpose.
* Multiple clients can handle at same time.
* Serves multiple user devices.
* Examples- Windows 1.3 Server, 1.9 Server, Linux, Ubuntu, Centos, Fedora

**Server**

* A server is a computer or system that provides resources, data, services, or programs to other computers, known as clients, over a network.

**Functions of the Operating System**

* **Resource Management:** The operating system manages and allocates memory, CPU time, and other hardware resources among the various programs and processes running on the computer.
* **Process Management:** The operating system is responsible for starting, stopping, and managing processes and programs. It also controls the scheduling of processes and allocates resources to them.
* **Memory Management:** The operating system manages the computer’s primary memory and provides mechanisms for optimizing memory usage.
* **Security:** The operating system provides a secure environment for the user, applications, and data by implementing security policies and mechanisms such as access controls and encryption.
* **Job Accounting:** It keeps track of time and resources used by various jobs or users.
* **File Management:** The operating system is responsible for organizing and managing the file system, including the creation, deletion, and manipulation of files and directories.
* **User Interface:** The operating system provides a user interface that enables users to interact with the computer system. This can be a Graphical User Interface (GUI), a Command-Line Interface (CLI), or a combination of both.

**Development of OS**

* Single user and single tasking at same time.
* Single user and multiple tasking at same time.
* Multiple user and multiple tasking at same time.

**History of Linux**

In earlier days, computers were as big as houses or parks. So, you can imagine how difficult it

was to operate them. Moreover, every computer has a different operating system which made it

completely worse to operate on them. Every software was designed for a specific purpose and was

unable to operate on another computer. It was extremely costly and normal people neither can afford

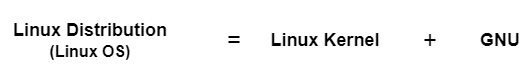
it nor can understand it.

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| 1969 | Unix | Ken Thompson | Developed at AT&T Bell Lab. Not Free |
| 1983 | GNU Project | Richard Stallman | Free version of UNIX |
| 1991 | Linux | Linus Torvald | Make first Linux kernel which is freely available to anyone |

Linux is a kernel and not an operating system.

A Linux distribution(os) is the combination of Linux kernel and a collection of software (GNU) that together, called an OS.

Linux is not a UNIX derivative. It was written from scratch.



**Features of Linux**

**1) Open Source**

* + The source code of Linux OS is openly available to anyone.
  + Anyone can open it, expand it and modify it as required.
  + We can create our own OS by using Linux code.
  + Simply open-source means have freedom to:
  + run program, for any purposes.
  + study how program works and change it.
  + distribute versions.

**2) Free**

* Free to use this OS for personal use, on the server, and for educational use.
* A free License and collaborative project that can be developed by the user contribution.

**3) Security**

* Linux is more secure OS
* Limited permissions
* Super user and standard user privileges
* Open source- allowing anyone to inspect, modify and improve code enable large community to fix vulnerabilities
* A global development community look at different ways to enhance its security, hence it is highly secured and robust so we don't need an antivirus to scan it regularly**.**

**4) Lightweight**

* + Required less hardware resources.
  + 4-8 GB hard disk space required to install.
  + it can be installed on any small hardware and it uses quite small disk space while installation.

**5) Multi-user Capability**

* + An operating system that allows and grants permission to multiple users to access underlying hardware resources simultaneously.
  + Multiple users can access the same system resources like memory, hard disk, etc.

**6) Multi-tasking**

* It allows multiple users to work on various tasks at once.
* Single users doing multiple tasks.
* Multiple users do multiple tasks which includes editing file, and using browsing facility at the same time.

**Linux Distributions**

* Linux has number of different versions for from new users to hard core users.
* Linux distributions are various versions of the Linux operating system that bundle the Linux kernel with other software packages, tools, and applications.
* Nearly every version of Linux is free to download.

**Popular Linux distributions include:**

* REDHAT
* AMAZON LINUX
* LINUX MINT
* MANJARO
* DEBIAN
* UBUNTU
* ANTERGOS
* FEDORA
* ELEMENTARY OS
* OPENSUSE