Two primary roles of an operating systems are: Acting as a extended machine and acting as a resource manager. Extended machines main job is hiding the ugly interface of hardware and give it in a beautiful way to user. For instance, user does file operations with clicks but main thing is done disk. Resource managers main job is managing memory, CPU, drivers with a proper way. For example PC runs multiple programs at the same time without a problem. OS handles and limits the usage of resources and puts them in a proper way.