

Questions from the textbook practice exercises.

We will discuss the answers at the start of next week's tutorial

Answers for some questions are available on-line at:

<http://os-book.com/> -> Solutions to Practice Exercises

2.1 What is the purpose of system calls?

2.7 What is the purpose of system programs?

2.5 What is the purpose of the command interpreter? Why is it usually separate from the kernel?

2.9 List five services provided by an operating system, and explain how each creates convenience for users. In which cases would it be impossible for user-level programs to provide these services? Explain your answer.

2.11 How could a system be designed to allow a choice of operating systems from which to boot? What would the bootstrap program need to do?