
Heroism in a Broken World
An explanation of the life of late King Terry A. Davis

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Introduction

The purpose of this book is to describe, the heroic nature of Terry's life, an explanation of the purpose behind his actions.
We were horrified when we read the explanations of his life. For example, Down the Rabbit Hole (youtube), pretty much explains away his life as mental illness. This seems to be the general view on Terry. And the general discourse on his life is about a mentally ill man who was betrayed by healthcare.

However, we present here an alternative viewpoint. Terry's entire life and every decision he made was genius, perfect, and beautiful. We believed that this viewpoint was obvious, however upon reading many different accounts of Terry's life, we became convinced that not many seemed to view Terry's life the way we did.

This book does not intend to be a full explanation of Terry's life, but rather, a focus on the aspects which we believe has not been adequately covered by others.

The Nature of TempleOS

The technical details of TempleOS are described well. However, we wanted to describe here our viewpoint on the value of TempleOS.

TempleOS is, simply put, a work of genius. It addresses many core topics not only in the field of science and engineering, but also, the methods used to produced scientific and engineering work. TempleOS is a marvel that reflects a deep understanding of ancient wisdom and philosophies, based on human life in terrible situations.

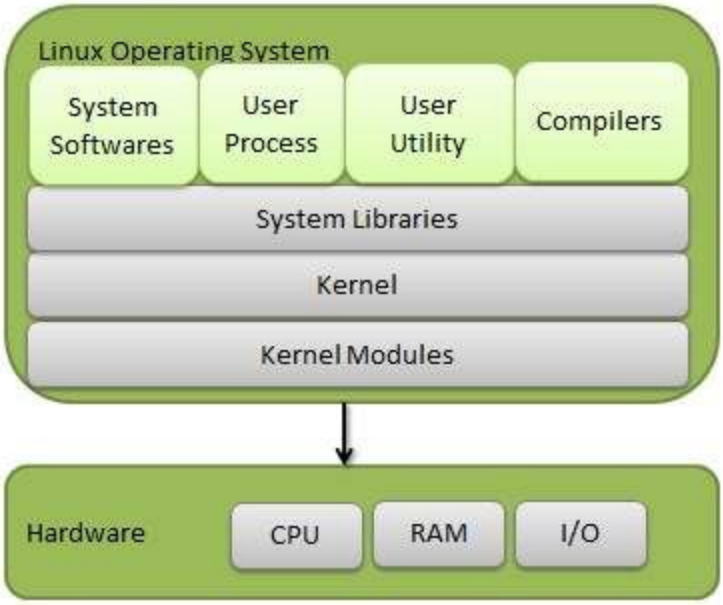
Security in Extremely Urgent Situations

Imagine the following scenario in a fictional world. A man, Paul, and his family are living in a 1984-style world. They suffer a lot of pain in their lives. They want to use a computer but most operating systems are basically malware that spies on them and reports on them. They want to use a computer that they can trust so they can perform computational tasks with a free mind. TempleOS is the ideal Operating System for this situation. Let's compare the following situations for Paul.

Remember, Paul is living in a 1984-style world. The corrupt government has complete power over him, and the only warning he has is an agent would knock on the door saying "Open up!", and a few moments before agents swarm his room. Which Operating System would you prefer in this situation?

-**Windows OS**. Paul uses Windows OS to perform computational tasks. It was connected to the internet and was sending information to Big Brother the entire time. Agents snoop on that to find out who Paul's sneaky friends are and catches all of them *before* even knocking on his door. Game over.

-**Linux OS**. But Paul is smarter than that. Windows OS is closed-source, meaning he cannot inspect the code. Surely he can trust Linux! He downloads a Linux source code from some mirror, and builds it because he is a smart at security. He does not have the time to read the over 15 million Lines of Code that Linux kernel alone has. He does not notice 5 lines of code that report all his activities to Big Brother over the network. Game over.



The Linux Kernel alone is over 15 million lines of code, and the is not even cover the whole Operating System of whichever Linux OS is being used. (source)

-TempleOS with networking: Now Paul has learnt his lesson, he needs a small OS with very low number of lines of code. But hey networking and security is really important right? It turns out that it is extremely challenging to secure the network. All it takes is one bug to exploit his system. Big Brother pwned his computer. Game Over.

-TempleOS with security: Paul has gone hardcore now. He does not even use networking. Many people complain about TempleOS lacking security, so there is nothing better than TempleOS with security, right? Wrong! Because Paul has security on his TempleOS, he locks his computer with a password. Everything is encrypted with mathematical precision and elegance. Big Brother agents come in and arrest him for having encrypted information and refusing to reveal it. They torture him in prison and gets him to unlock it.

-TempleOS original: Paul decides to just stick to Terry Davis's implementation. Big Brother could not spy on him because there was no network. Also, Paul was able to inspect the entire source code because it had less than 100,000 lines of code. Remember, he only needs to find secret backdoors, or places where Big Brother would spy on his code through some secret network implementation, but with only 100,000 lines of code Paul can easily browse through the code base. Since there is no encryption security on his computer Paul resorts to methods which are actually secure, such as padlocking his computer. The moment

agents knock on his door, Paul immediately incinerates his computer because he knows it does not have any encryption. He does not have any fake sense of security. While ‘professional engineers’ and ‘smart security guys’ count security in ‘number of layers of defense’, TempleOS counted security in ‘number of layers of cognitive complexity’ or in other words, ‘when 20 armed professionals are about to swarm your room and kidnap you what decisions would an untrained person make in half a second’. If the computer had any sort of encryption, Paul would naturally feel a sense of doubt before destroying his computer. He would feel, what if they could not break my security. I do not have to burn all my hard work. But TempleOS’s insecurity would force Paul to make the secure decision, within half a second, to immediately destroy all of his precious hard work without any hesitation whatsoever. TempleOS thus exhibited a genius that exceeds Linux OS, Windows OS, security, cryptography, and networking combined. The genius of keeping Paul safe.

Many people misunderstand Terry’s statement when Terry said that TempleOS should be used alongside a normal operating system. What he meant was, before the world goes nuts, keep using your normal operating system, and learn how to use TempleOS and get used to it. But when the world goes nuts, you would install TempleOS on a dedicated computer because your normal OS would be completely, and absolutely unusable for your secret computing applications.

The purpose of keeping Paul safe of course is that now he can use computing freely, think freely, and do noble things in a world where heroes are forbidden. What would be a suitable name for such a safe haven for noble heroes? Well… **Temple**OS is a great name.

Religion in Extremely Dire Situations

TempleOS is infamous for its focus on religion and religious topics. Even among those who respect religion, it is infamous for the style in which it approaches religion.

Imagine Paul again, in an extremely dire situation. He lives in a stressful world where Big Brother is always watching. He suffers in his daily life, and needs a solution to allow him to **operate** at **high levels of capability** despite not completely lacking access to training facilities. For example, Big Brother would never give Paul intense mental or physical training because that would make him strong. How would Paul cope? Again, Terry has the answer.

In our world of modern science, it is easy to underestimate the brilliance of ancient methods. People in ancient times lived in extremely dire situations. They suffered a lot of pain. They used religion as a way to cope and *perform well* in dire situations. Even though modern atheists deny that religion has any logic, in reality, in extended and extremely dire situations, even atheists start being religious or spiritual in some way, regardless of the logic of religion. Religion therefore is a useful coping mechanism. The value of religion shines best when the combination of *extremely untrained person* and *extremely dire situation* come together.

Even the choice of religious content on TempleOS is genius. Consider the people of planet Earth at time of writing. There are 2.4 billion Christians and 1.8 billion Muslims. Therefore, over 50% of the Earth's population follows Abrahamic religion. TempleOS is cleverly designed to be based on items which generalize well enough to Abrahamic faith. After all, notice how Moses's story is prominent, not that of Jesus.

The Psalms serve their own important purpose. The purpose of the Psalms is to maintain sanity. The primary tool of a Big Brother government, or society in general, to control an individual is to produce cognitive dissonance. The nature of cognitive dissonance is that when society says something like 'The sky is polka-dotted' and punishes you for believing otherwise, you will experience extreme stress when you believe otherwise. The psalms would help a person to have faith in their own beliefs. This is why the psalms could not be simply 'typed out' by someone who likes psalms but had to come preloaded in TempleOS.

Resiliency for Extreme Timeframes

A common problem of technical knowledge, especially in the field of computers, is that knowledge becomes outdated very quickly. An infamous example was the release of Python 3, which required all major packages written in Python 2 to be updated. This is why it was so important for C to be the language upon which TempleOS was based. In general, the expected longevity of usefulness of an invention is directly proportional to its age, because time is the great destroyer of the frivolous. Even 20 years from now, while most current programming languages will be hopelessly outdated, C will still be relevant.

Extreme Speed

Another infamous characteristic of TempleOS is that it places computing speed as priority above all else. Many people felt that computing speed did not matter that much. Secondly, multitasking also has no value because the system is being used in a one-tasking way. Thirdly, speed is extremely important because time is of the essence (Big Brother could knock anytime soon).

Extreme Low Graphics and Sound

Firstly, in dire situations, high resolution graphics have absolutely no value. Secondly, as Terry mentioned himself, always updating GPU drivers is a pain. Thirdly, having to maintain GPU drivers makes TempleOS much less resilient to time and hardware. And fourthly, having bad graphics is actually an extremely important feature. Graphics has a similar role to security. In modern computers, the main purpose of high resolution graphics and sound is to keep people addicted. To put it simply, they are for entertainment and lull users into weakness. TempleOS is designed to be used as a useful tool for computing.

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