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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.

#### The Nature of TempleOS

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

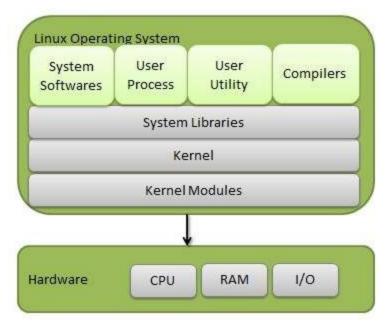
TempleOS is, simply put, a work of genius. It addresses many core topics not only in the field of science and engineering, but also, the methods used to produced scientific and engineering work. TempleOS is a marvel that reflects a deep understanding of ancient wisdom and philosophies, based on human 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 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 is 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 <u>networking</u>: 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 <u>security</u>: 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. Since there is no 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'. TempleOS thus exhibited a genius that exceeds Linux OS, Windows OS, security, cryptography, and networking combined. The genius of keeping Paul safe.

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... **TempleOS** is a great name.

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