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Q1.) Define an OS? Explain its role in the computer system.

Answer → Operating system is an user interface between the user and the hardware and enables the interaction of computer's hardware and software. An operating system is a software which perform tasks like, file management, storage, process, handling input and output. An OS acts like an mastermind performing multitude of operation.

Roles of OS :

- ① Device management: It keeps track of all devices, Decides which process gets the device when and for how much time., Deallocates devices.
- ② File management: OS allocates and deallocates resources. It regulates which process get the file and for what duration.



Q2) What are interrupts? Explain the working of an interrupt and the interrupt vector?

Answer → The interrupt is a signal emitted by hardware or software when process or an event needs immediate attention. It alerts the processor to a high priority process requiring interruption of the current working progress. In I/O devices one of the control lines is dedicated for this purpose.

Interrupt vector: An interrupt vector is an memory location of an interrupt handler, or from a program with the computer, that tells the OS to stop and decides what to do next. When an interrupt is generated, OS saves its execution state by means of a context switch, a procedure that a computer processor follows to change from one task to another.



Q3/ Discuss the storage structure of a computer system in details.

Answer: → There are 2 types of storage devices, volatile storage device and non volatile storage devices.

Storage devices consist of registers, cache, main memory, electronic-Disk, magnetic disk, optical-Disk, Magnetic-Tapes. Each storage system provides the basic system of storing a datum and of holding the datum until he is retrieved at a later time.

All the storage device differ in speed, cost, size, volatility. The most common secondary-storage device is a magnetic-Disk, which provides storage for both programs and data.

The storage systems above the electronic disk are volatile, whose those are below are non-volatile.



Q4) what are the different services that operating systems provide?

Answer → • Program execution: To execute a program, several tasks need to be performed. Both instruction and data must be loaded into main memory.

• Program Creation: The OS offers that structure and tools, including editors and debuggers, to help the program create.

• Accounting: An OS collects utilization of data records for numerous assets and tracks the overall performance parameter and responsive time to enhance overall performance.

• Security and Protection: Operating devices affords safety to the statistics and packages of a person and protects interference from unauthorized users.