Computer Architecture & Real-Time Operating System

12. Operating System Overview

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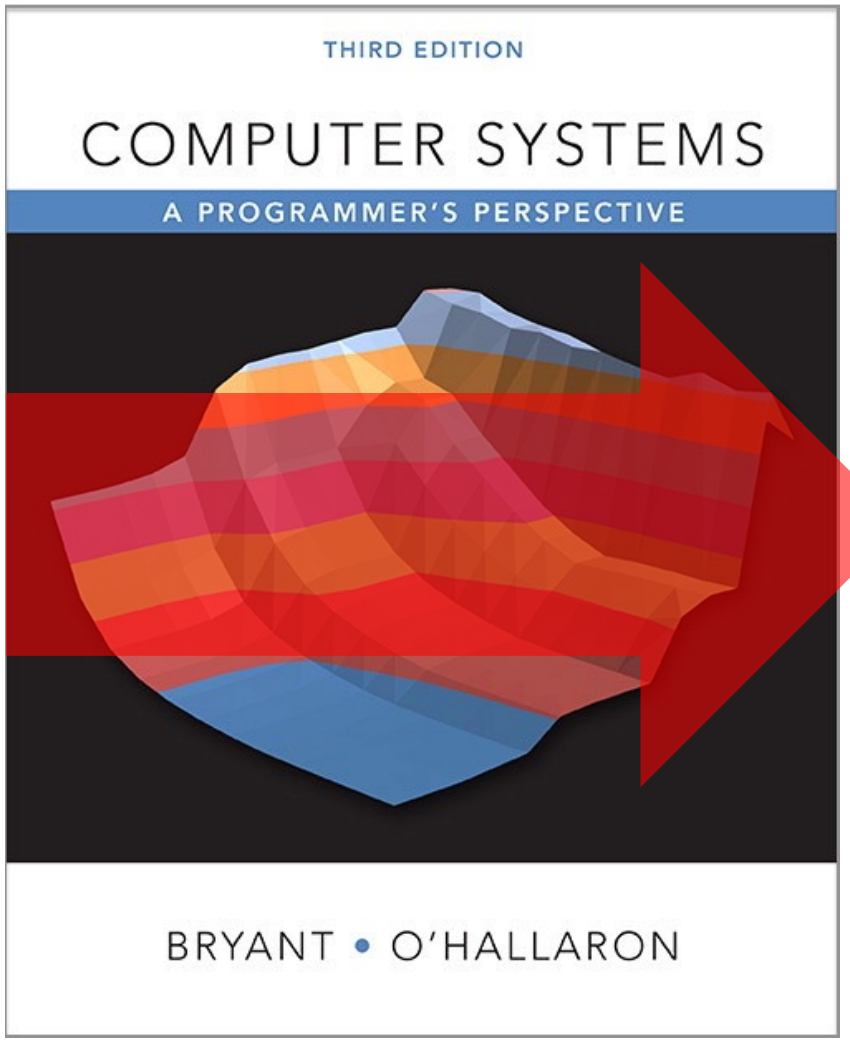
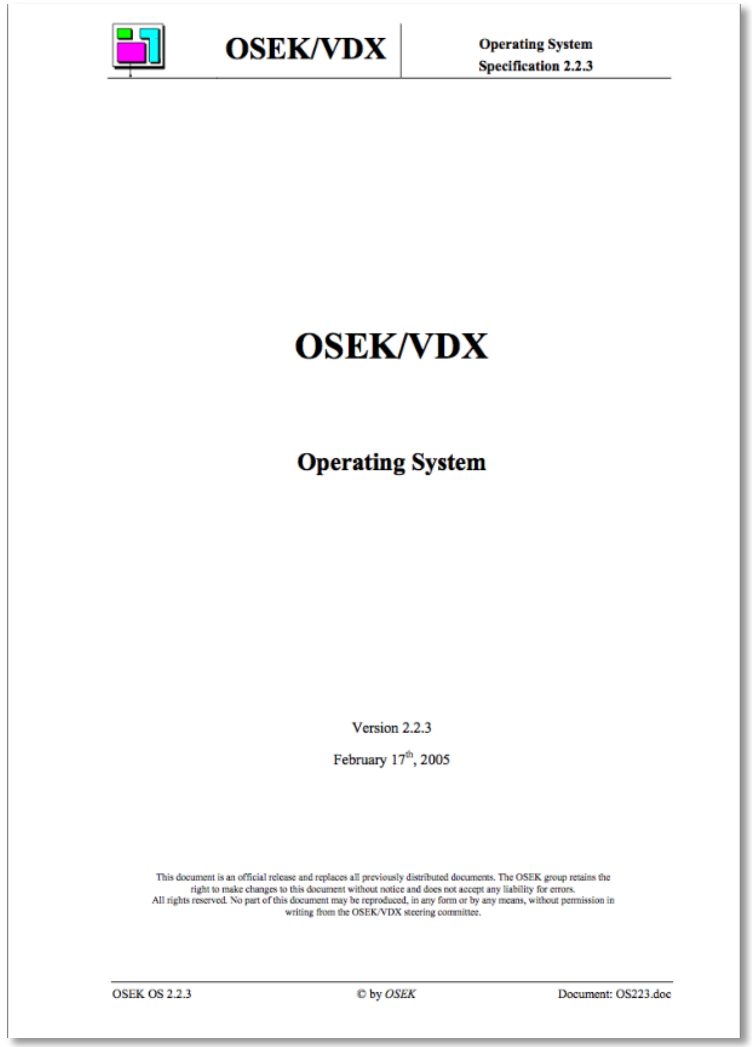
We are moving on to the next topic (OS)



Computer Architecture Textbook

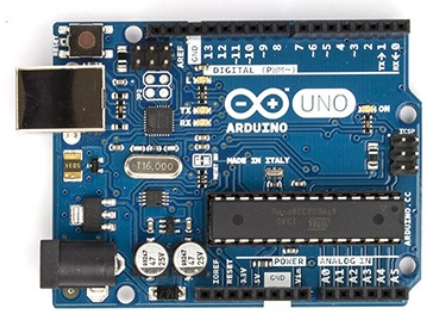
OS Textbook

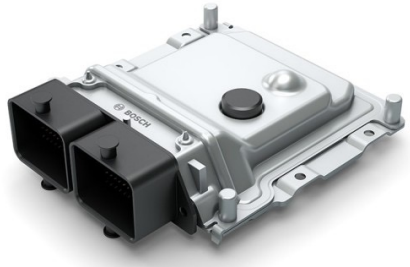


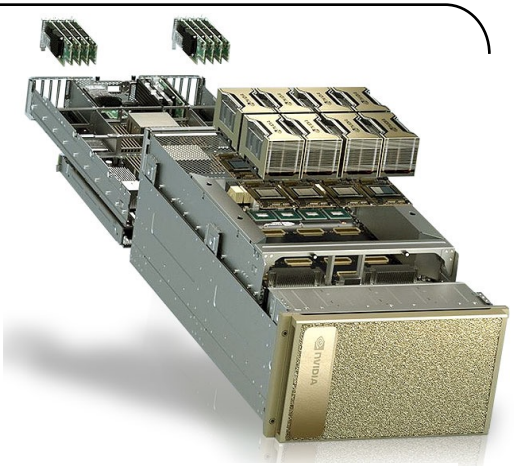
Why OS matters?

- Computers have fundamentally the same hardware architecture
- Different operating systems make the real difference

Firmware | Real-Time OS | General-Purpose OS







No OS

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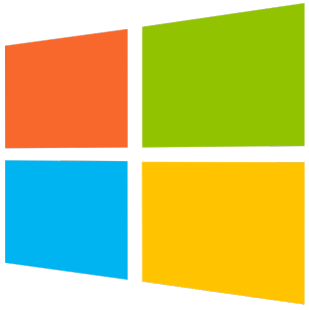

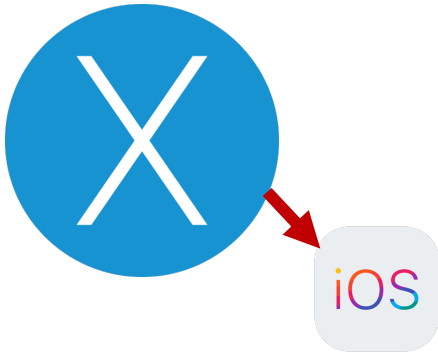

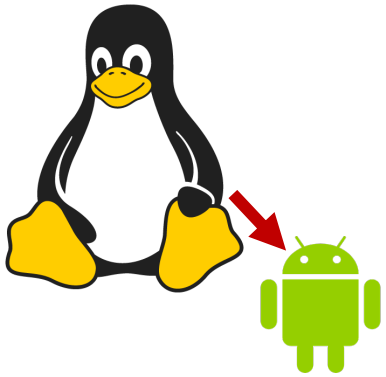

Firmware-based Systems

- A system with a single application having a single "main" function
- Programs directly executed on flash memory (no loading)

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int main(void)
{
    ...
}
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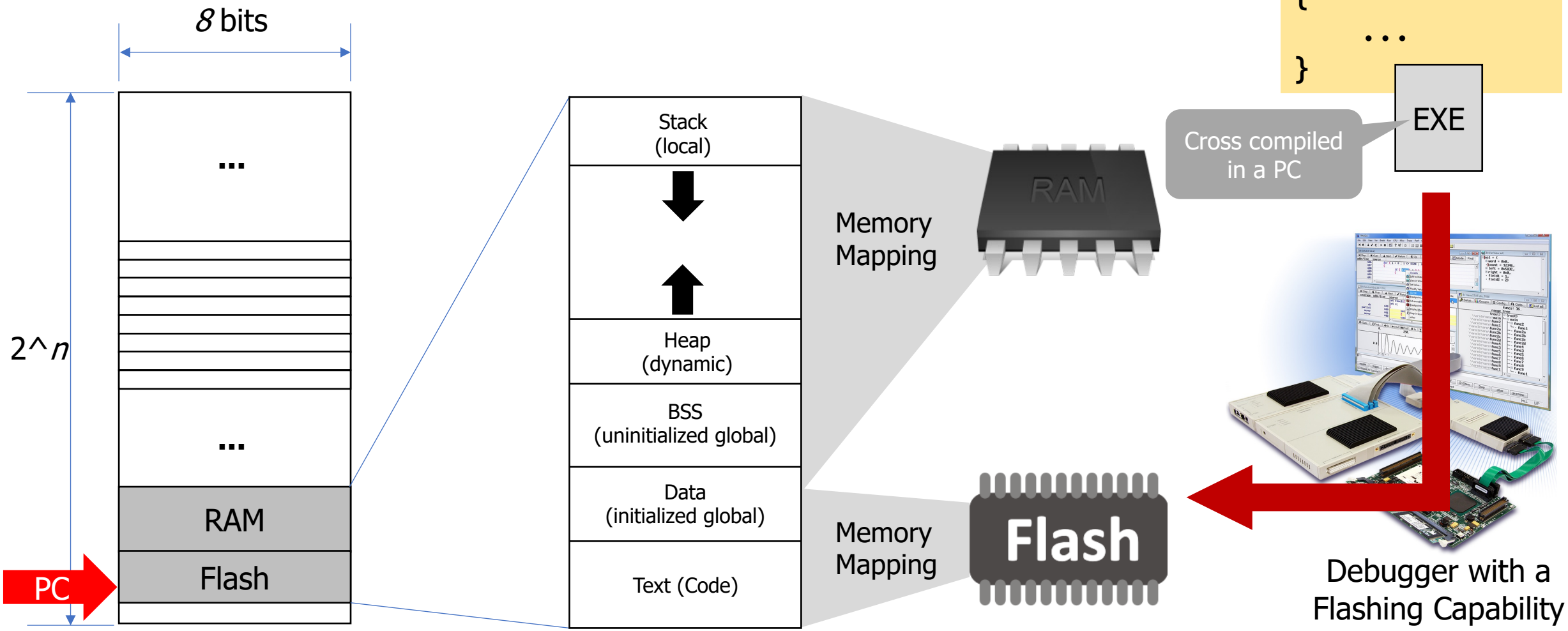


OS-based Systems

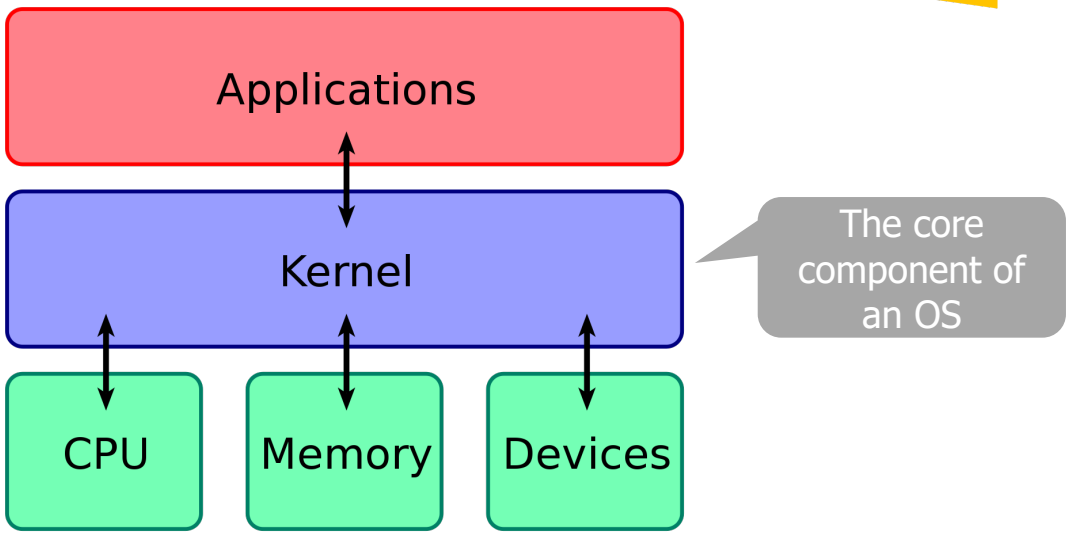
- End User's View
  - Graphical or Command-line User Interface
  - Filesystem and Directory Structure

- Program's View
  - HW Resource Manager
  - Illusion Maker (Dedicated HW for each application)

- Programmer's View
  - Set of Library Functions and System Calls

Inside library files

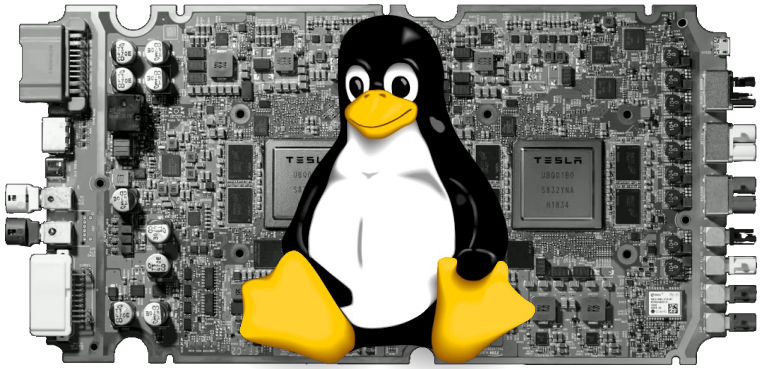
Directly provided by the OS kernel



Our Focus: Linux Operating System

- The most widely used operating system
- Tesla Autopilot is based on Linux
- Standard OS for developers

Linux Is Not UniX



AutoPilot ECU

Central Information Display

Instrument Cluster

The firmware of APE is a SquashFS image without any encryption. The image is running a highly customized Linux (like "CID" and "IC"). In the firmware, we observed that binaries of APE software are under "`/opt/autopilot`" folder.

Source: Experimental Security Research of Tesla Autopilot (Tencent Keen Security Lab) 2019.3

Birth of UNIX (1969)

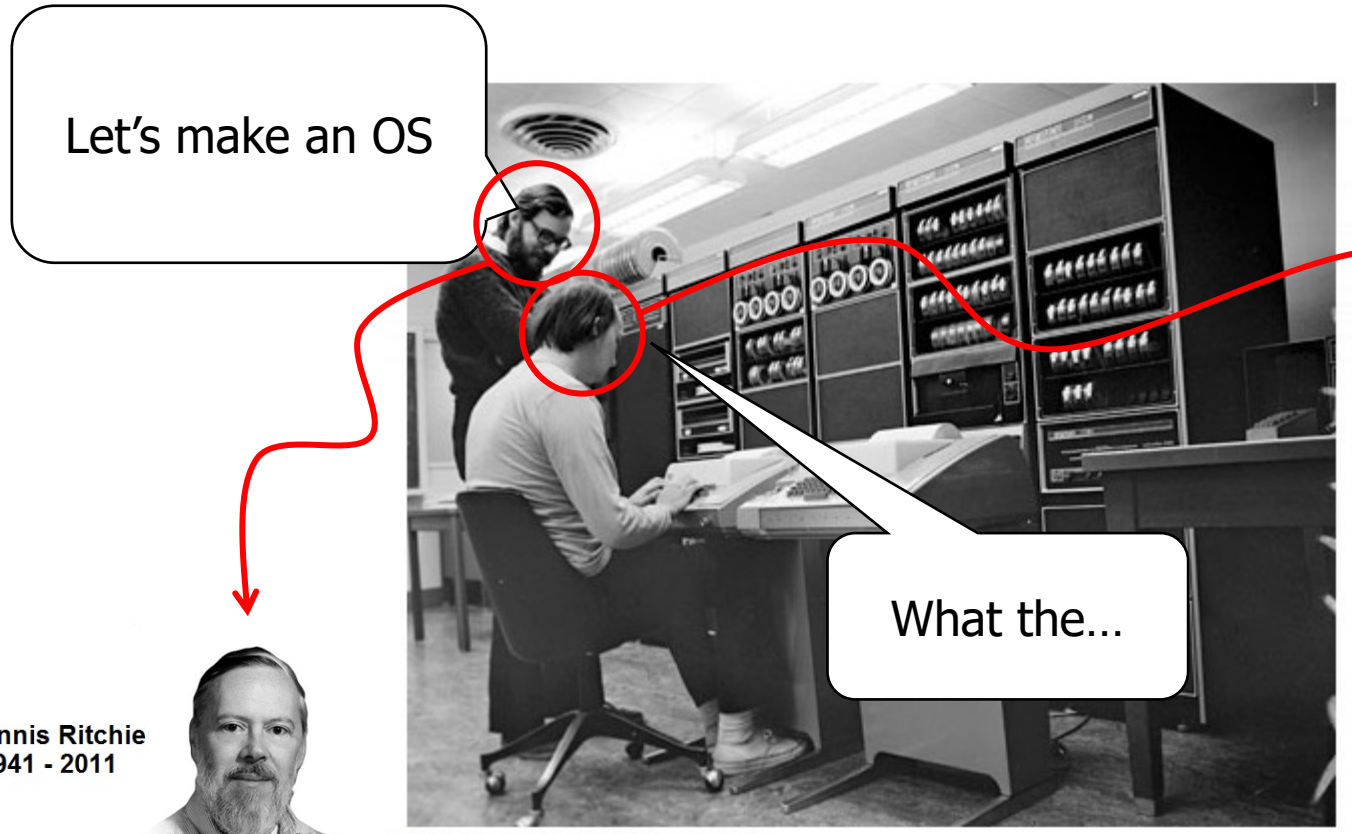


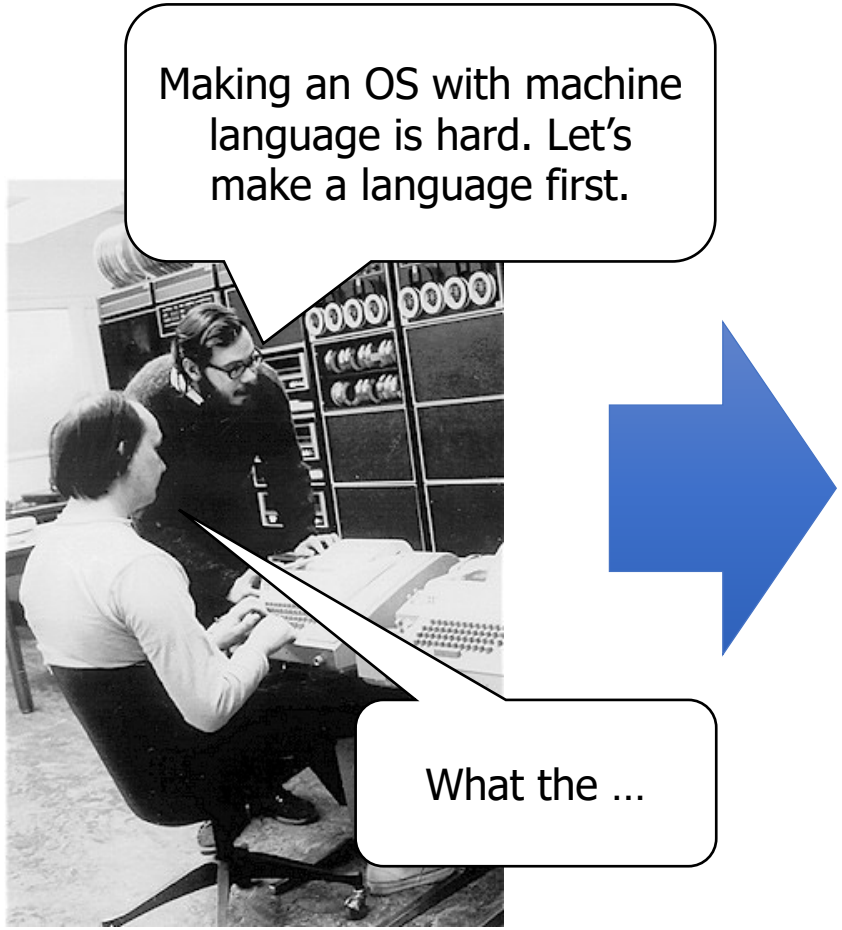
Photo: Alcatel-Lucent

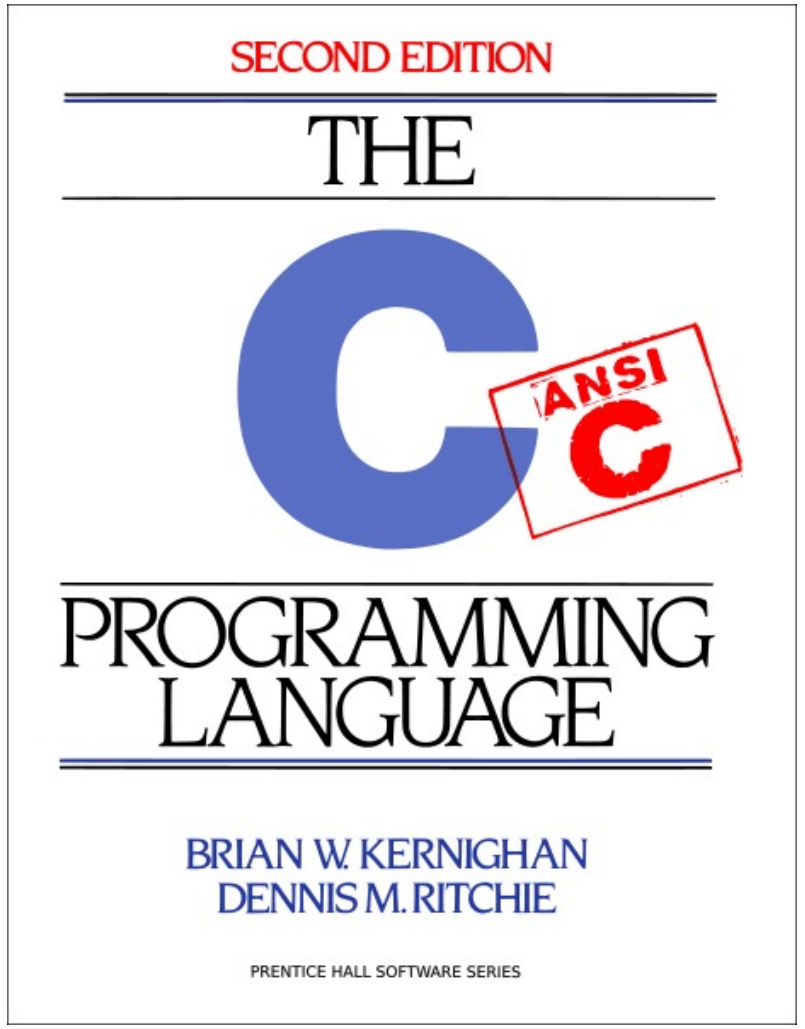
Dennis Ritchie
1941 - 2011

Dennis Ritchie & Ken Thompson
at
AT&T Bell Lab.

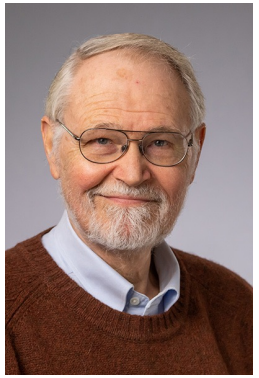
Photo: Gabriela Hasbun
Proud father: Ken Thompson poses to show off his brainchild, 40 years after its birth.

Birth of C Programming Language (1972)

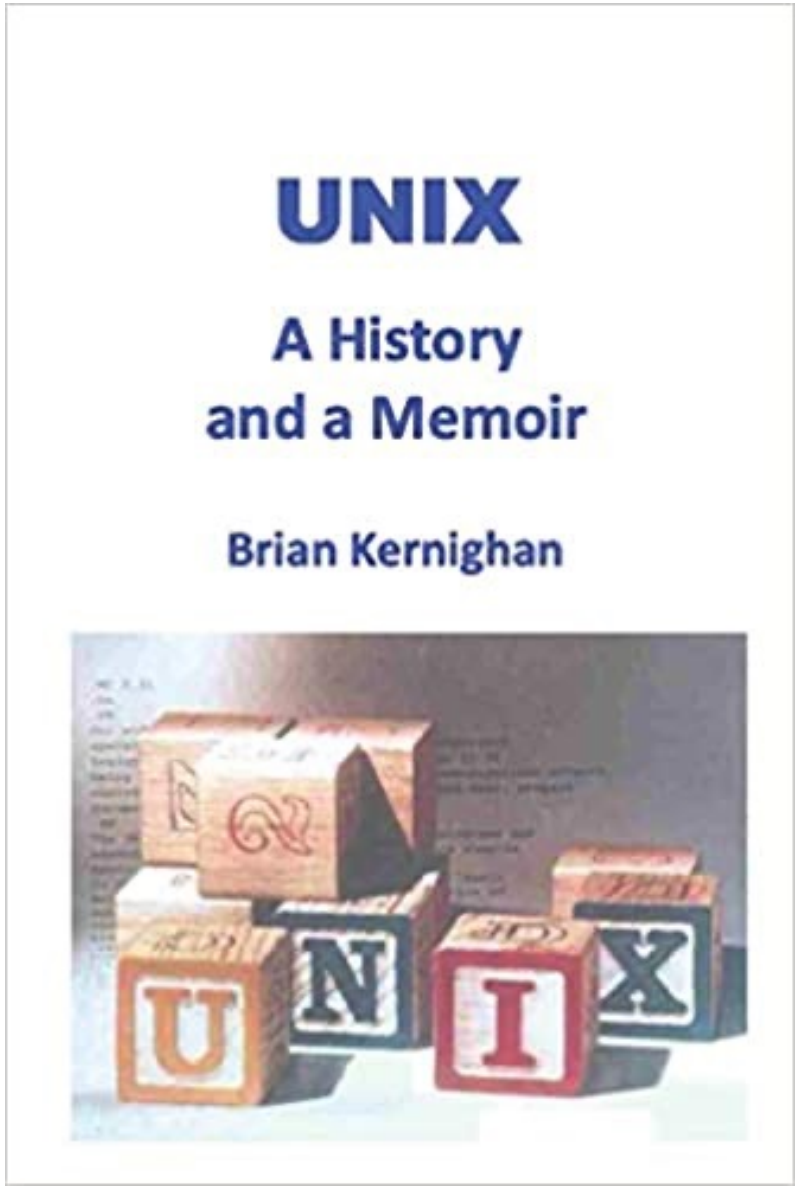




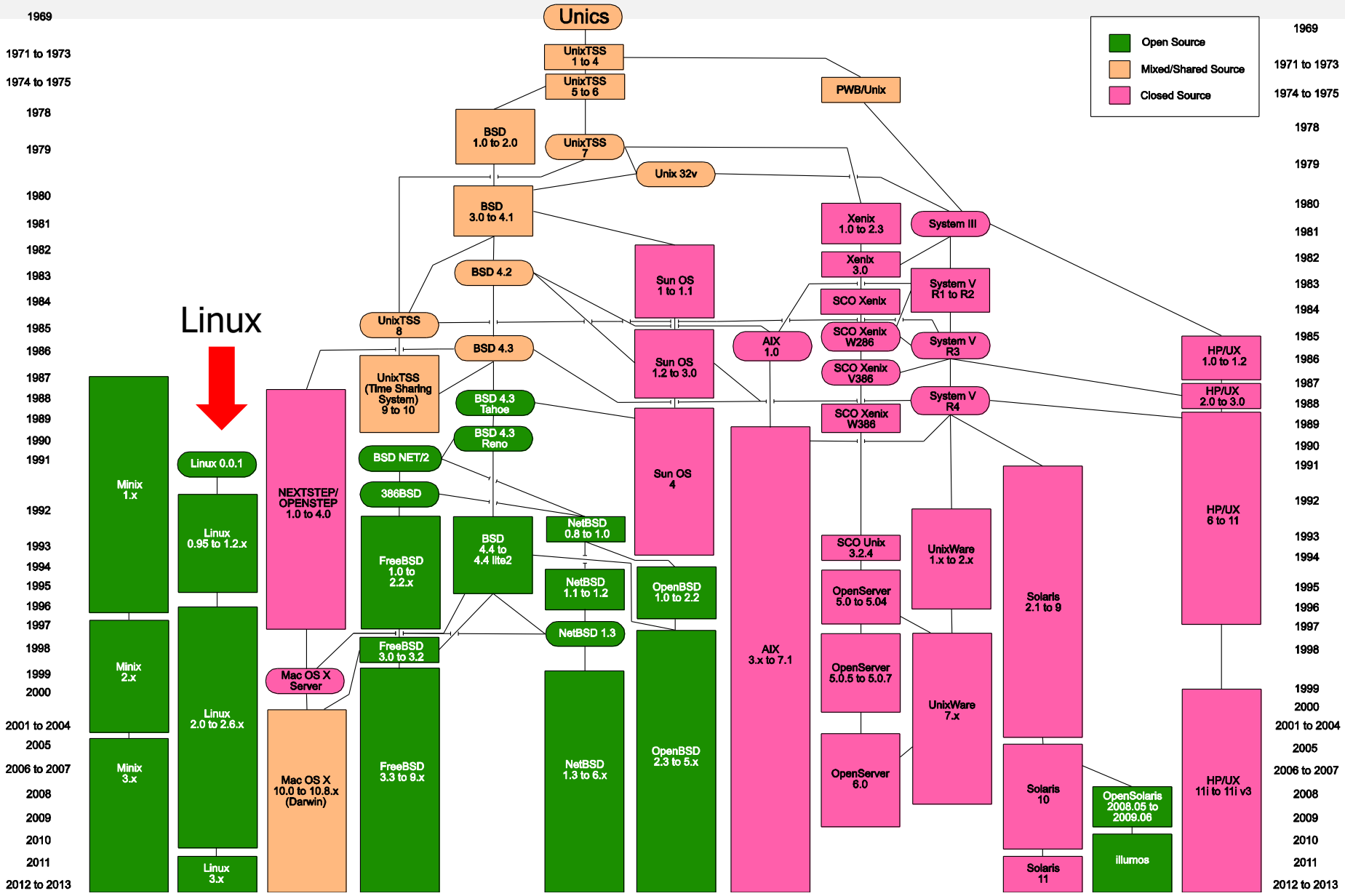
A History



Brian Kernighan



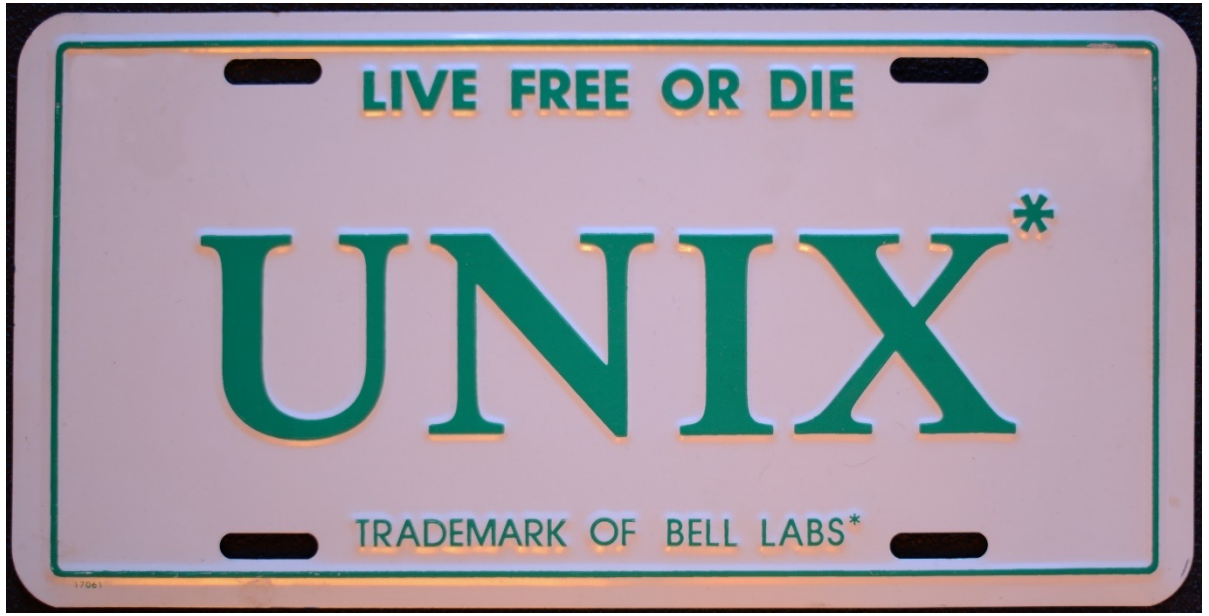
UNIX Family Tree

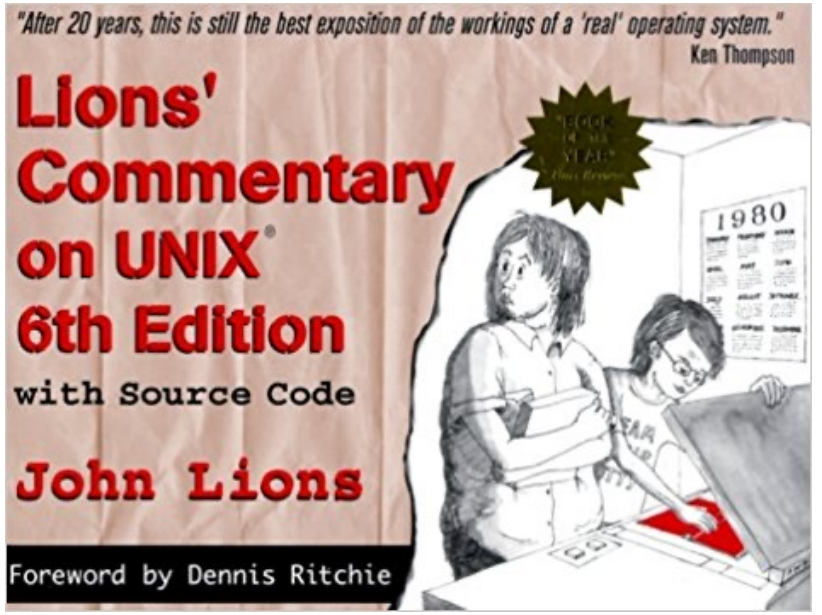


https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/History_of_Unix

UNIX Dark Age

- Unix source code had been open for classroom use until 1979
- From then, AT&T closed it for profit by selling it
- Lion's book (1976) had been illegally used to study UNIX



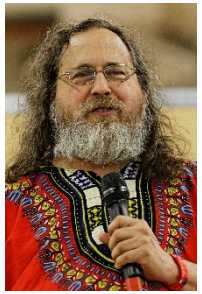


GNU (GNU's Not Unix)

- Launched by Richard Matthew Stallman aka RMS at MIT in 1983
- The goal was to develop a UNIX-compatible free operating system
- GPL (GNU General Public License)
- Famous software packages (e.g., GCC, GDB, Make, GNU C Library, …)
- By the early 1990s, everything except its kernel had been developed

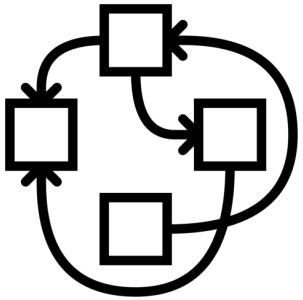
Infectious

Freedom, not about the price



Richard Stallman
(Source: Wikipedia)

GNU Project



Hurd (Kernel)

Early GNU Hurd

```
login: root
Password:
 This is the GNU Hurd.  Welcome.

The Hurd is not Linux. Make sure to read
http://www.debian.org/ports/hurd/hurd-install
to check out the few things you _need_ to know.
Also check out the FAQ
http://www.gnu.org/software/hurd/faq.html
or its latest version on
http://darnassus.sceen.net/~hurd-web/faq/

To read a short intro on some nice features of the Hurd, just have a look at
the translator_primer file, for example via 'nano translator_primer'
root@debian:~# apt -y full-upgrade
Reading package lists... Done
Building dependency tree
Reading state information... Done console
Calculating upgrade... Done
0 upgraded, 0 newly installed, 0 to remove and 0 not upgraded.
root@debian:~# uname -a
GNU debian 0.9 GNU-Mach 1.8+git20190109-486/Hurd-0.9 i686-AT386 GNU
root@debian:~#
```

Birth of Linux Kernel (1991~)

- GPLed UNIX kernel began in 1991 by a Finnish student, Linus Torvalds
- Became much more popular than the GNU Hurd kernel
- Has grown up to 27.8 million lines of code (2020)

Version Number

comp.os.minix ›
What would you like to see most in minix?
314 posts by 288 authors

Linus Benedict Torvalds

Hello everybody out there using minix -

I'm doing a (free) operating system (just a hobby, won't be big and professional like gnu) for 386(486) AT clones. This has been brewing since april, and is starting to get ready. I'd like any feedback on things people like/dislike in minix, as my OS resembles it somewhat (same physical layout of the file-system (due to practical reasons) among other things).

I've currently ported bash(1.08) and gcc(1.40), and things seem to work. This implies that I'll get something practical within a few months, and I'd like to know what features most people would want. Any suggestions are welcome, but I won't promise I'll implement them :-)

Linus (torv...@kruuna.helsinki.fi)

PS. Yes - it's free of any minix code, and it has a multi-threaded fs. It is NOT protable (uses 386 task switching etc), and it probably never will support anything other than AT-harddisks, as that's all I have :-(.

Linus's first email announcing Linux to comp.os.minix

Linus Torvalds (1969 ~)

Most active 5.10 employers

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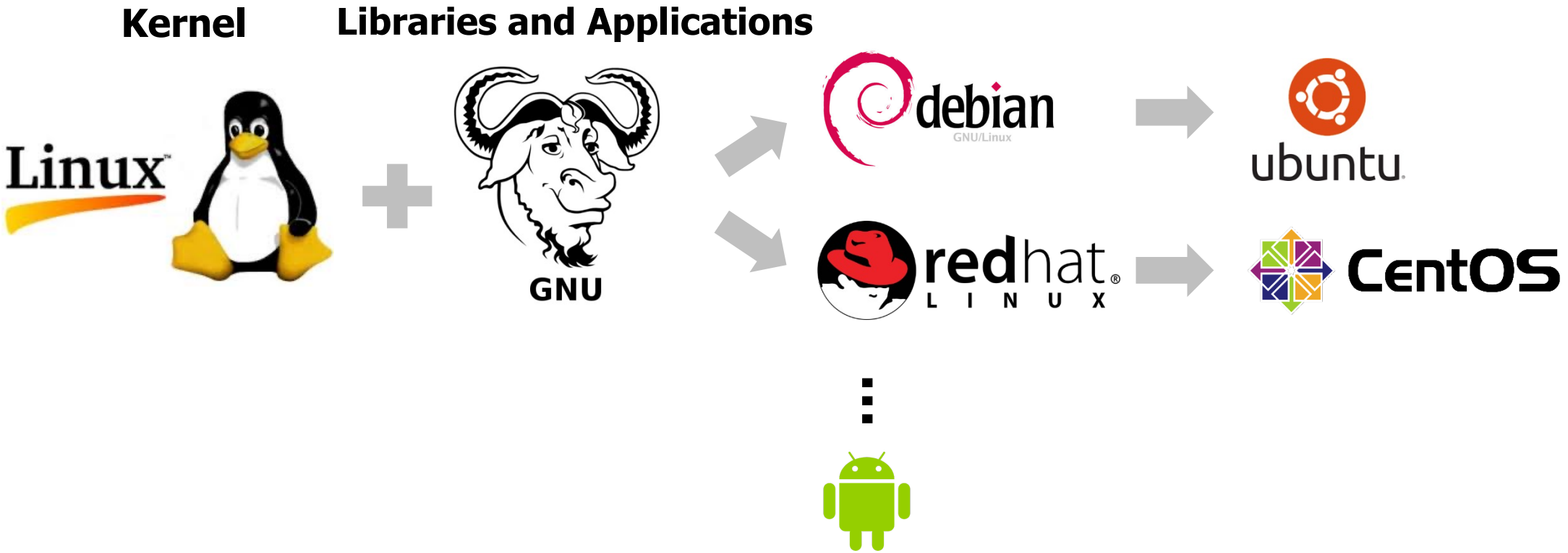
Huawei Technologies	1434	8.9%	Intel	96976	12.6%
Intel	1297	8.0%	Huawei Technologies	41049	5.3%
(Unknown)	1075	6.6%	(Unknown)	40948	5.3%
(None)	954	5.9%	Google	39160	5.1%
Red Hat	915	5.7%	NXP Semiconductors	35898	4.7%
Google	848	5.2%	(None)	30998	4.0%
AMD	698	4.3%	Red Hat	30467	3.9%
Linaro	670	4.1%	Code Aurora Forum	29615	3.8%
Samsung	570	3.5%	Linaro	29384	3.8%
IBM	521	3.2%	Facebook	27479	3.6%
NXP Semiconductors	439	2.7%	BayLibre	24159	3.1%
Facebook	422	2.6%	AMD	23343	3.0%
Oracle	414	2.6%	(Consultant)	19905	2.6%
SUSE	410	2.5%	IBM	18312	2.4%
(Consultant)	404	2.5%	MediaTek	15893	2.1%
Code Aurora Forum	313	1.9%	Arm	13390	1.7%
Arm	307	1.9%	Texas Instruments	11814	1.5%
Renesas Electronics	283	1.7%	SUSE	11063	1.4%
NVIDIA	262	1.6%	Oracle	10542	1.4%
Texas Instruments	218	1.3%	NVIDIA	10481	1.4%

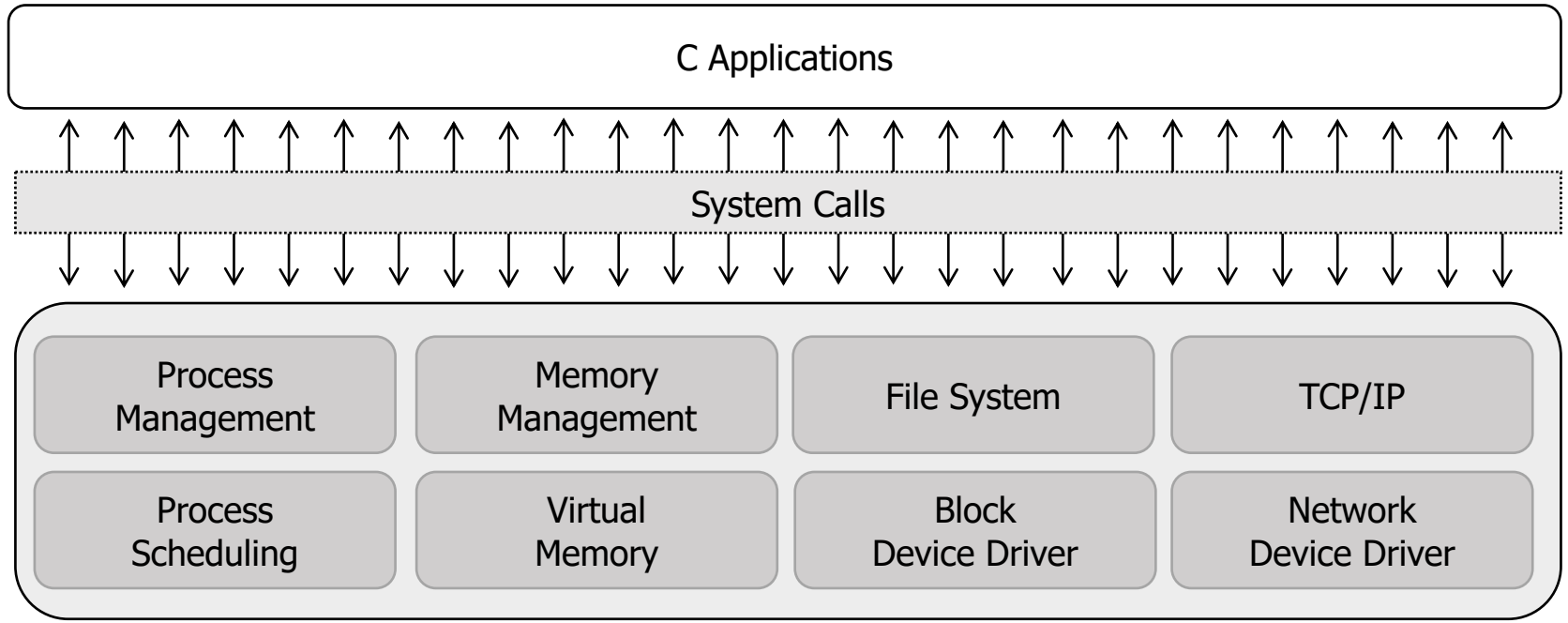
Recent Contributions from Big Companies

GNU/Linux Operating Systems

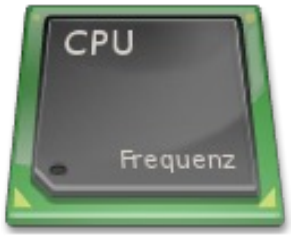
- Many companies and organizations develop their own **GNU/Linux operating system** based on the Linux kernel and the GNU project



Operating System Kernel



CPU



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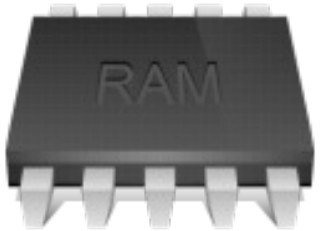
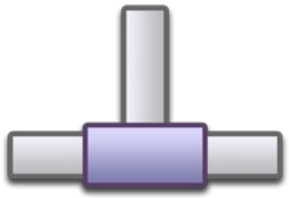


Hard disk

Network interface



Software Layers and Control Flows

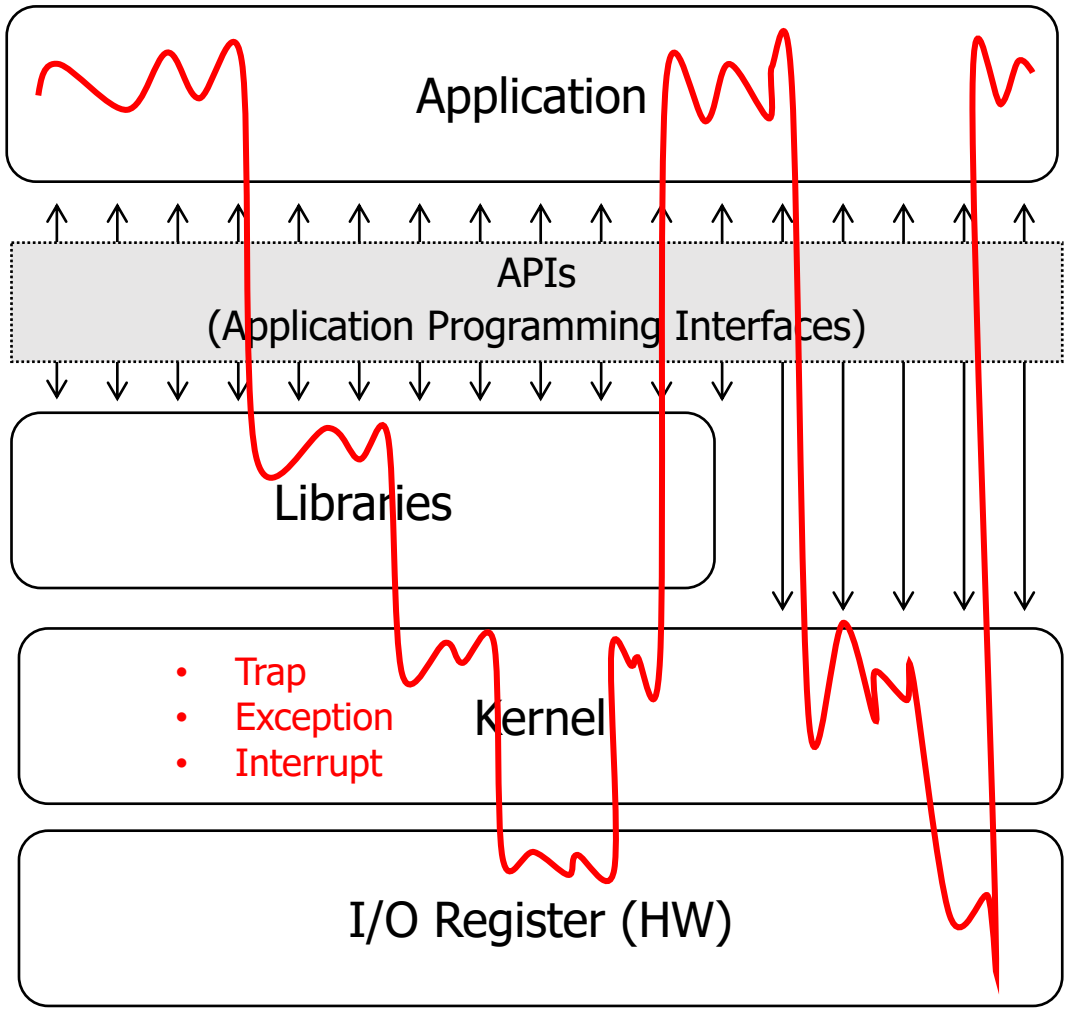
- Limited access to address space
- Cannot access hardware registers directly

User Level

CPU mode changes between user mode and kernel mode (privileged mode)

Kernel Level

- Unlimited access to address space
- Can directly handle hardware registers



Library Function vs System Call

```c
#include <stdio.h>

int main(void)
{
    printf("Hello World\n");
    return 0;
}
```

Library function

- Library Functions
  - Serviced in user level
  - May call system calls inside

```c
#include <unistd.h>

int main(void)
{
    write(STDOUT_FILENO, "Hello World\n", 12);
    return 0;
}
```

System call

- System Calls
  - Serviced inside the kernel

User Mode / Kernel Mode Transition

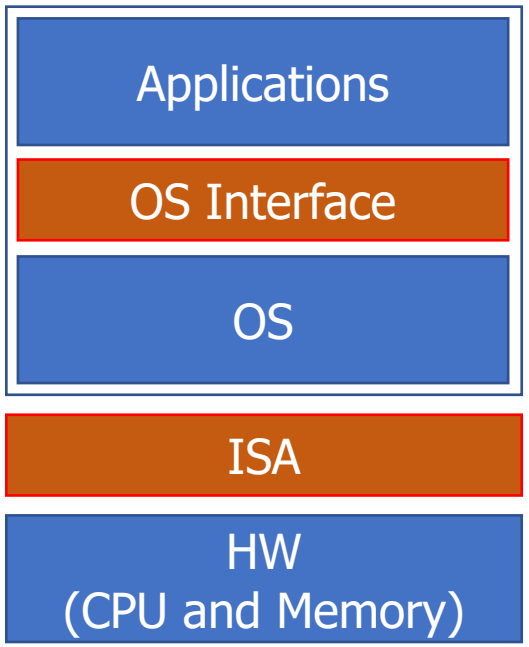
- Trap (Synchronous)
  - Calling a system call

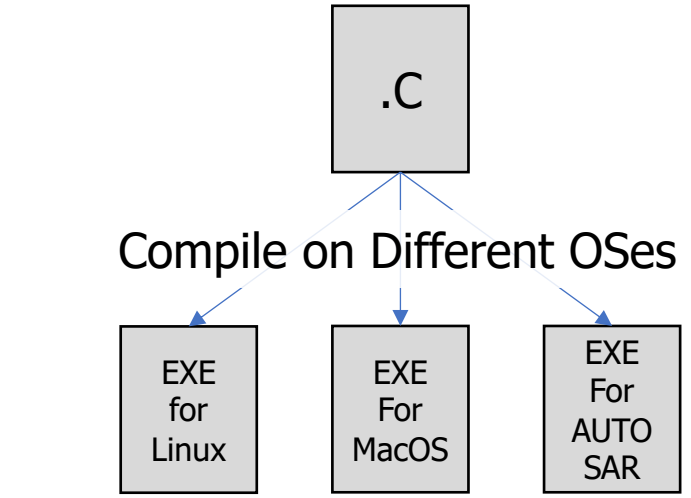
- Exception (Synchronous)
  - Jump to an exception handler in kernel
  - E.g.) divide by zero

- Interrupt (Asynchronous)
  - Jump to an interrupt handler in kernel
  - E.g.) Hardware interrupt

OS Interfaces

- Standards for library functions and system calls (or APIs)
  - Applications are "portable" across different OSes with the same OS interface
  - Source-level portability, not binary-level portability





Single Source Code for Multiple OSes

POSIX Standards

- Portable Operating System Interface (POSIX)
  - The most popular OS interface for UNIX-like OSes

- 1003.1-2017 - IEEE Standard for Information Technology--Portable Operating System Interface (POSIX(TM)) Base Specifications, Issue 7
  - https://ieeexplore.ieee.org/document/8277153
  - Baseline standard

- 1003.13-2003 - IEEE Standard for Information Technology - Standardized Application Environment Profile (AEP) - POSIX(TM) Realtime and Embedded Application Support
  - https://ieeexplore.ieee.org/document/1342418
  - Minimal standard (subsets) for real-time embedded applications

Adaptive AUTOSAR based on POSIX 1003.13

- AUTOSAR Adaptive Platform
  - Platform software standards for autonomous driving systems
  - Based on POSIX 1003.13

> The OSI provides both C and C++ interfaces. In case of a C program, the application's main source code business logic include C function calls defined in the POSIX standard, namely PSE51 defined in IEEE1003.13 [1]. During compilation, the compiler determines which C library from the platform's operating system provides these C functions and the application's executable must be linked against at runtime. In case of a C++ program, application software component's source code includes function calls defined in the C++ Standard and its Standard C++ Library.

Specification of Operating System Interface for AUTOSAR Adaptive Platform

Summary

- Firmware vs. OS-based Systems
- History of UNIX and Linux Operating Systems
- The Kernel Concept and System Calls
- User Mode vs. Kernel Mode
- POSIX Standard