User-Mode Processes

Four basic types are supported by Windows:

Special System Processes	• user-mode services needed to manage the system
Service Processes	• the printer spooler, event logger, and user-mode components that cooperate with device drivers, and various network services
Environment Subsystems	• provide different OS personalities (environments)
User Applications	• executables (EXEs) and DLLs that provide the functionality users run to make use of the system