

Lab Four

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1. What is the relationship between a guest operating system and a host operating system in a system like VMware? What factors need to be considered in choosing the host operating system?

A guest OS provides services by mapping them onto the functionality provided by the host OS. One issue in choosing the host OS is whether it is sufficiently general in terms of the system-call interface in order to support the functionality associated with the guest OS.