# **Module 2: Critical Thinking**

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## **Critical Thinking 1**

Windows and Linux are two operating systems that handle process management differently. Windows uses a graphical tool called Task Manager while Linux uses shell commands to perform various tasks.

#### Windows

Figure 1 shows the first page you see when opening task manager. On this page you can monitor both running and background processes. From this page, you can select a task and end it or you can start a new task. You also see the percentage that is being used up by that process with respect to the CPU, memory, disk and network.

Figure 1: Windows Task Manager Processes

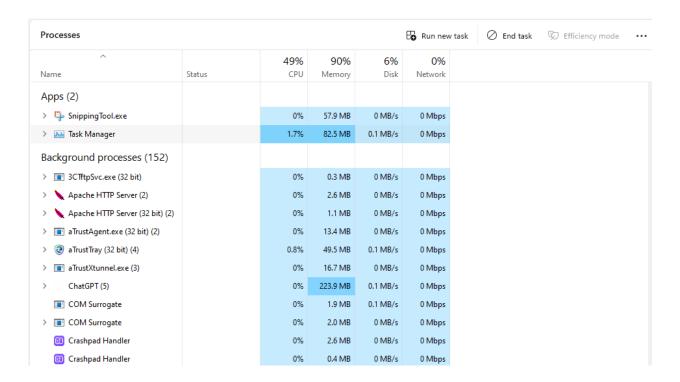


Figure 2 shows the page in Task Manager where you can monitor performance of the CPU, memory, disk, Wi-Fi, and GPU's. This can be useful when you want to monitor the computers overall resource usage in real-time.

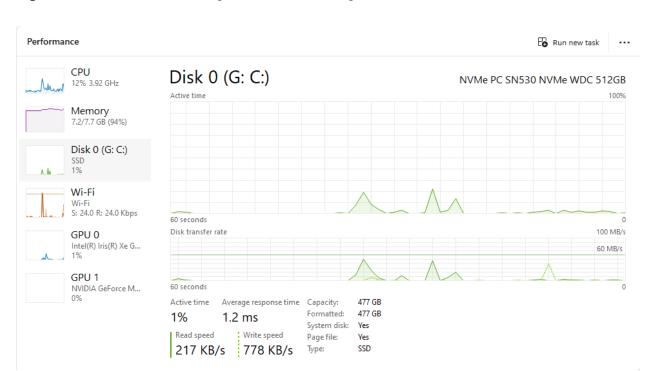


Figure 2: Windows Task Manager Performance Page.

Figure 3 is the Services page where it shows the PID, description, status, and group of a service. Here, you can stop or start a service deepening on your needs and can be helpful in IT troubleshooting if issues arise.

Figure 3: Windows Task Manager Services

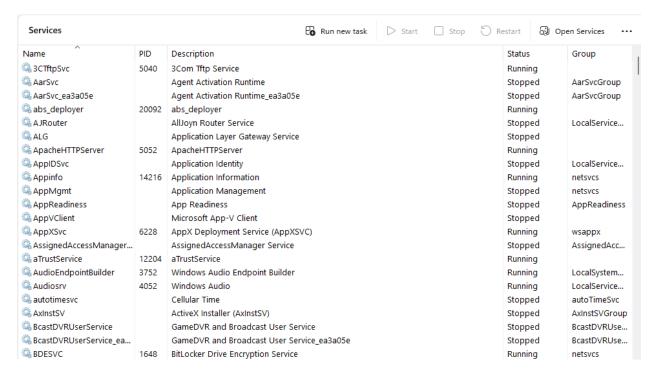


Figure 4 shows the app history. Here you will see the resource usage for each app that the computer runs.

Figure 4: Windows Task Manager App History

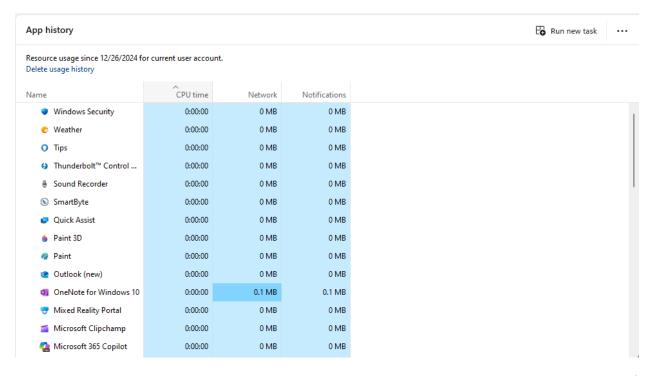


Figure 5 shows the Details page that displays all the running processes. This differs from the Services page because the Services page manages system services while Details manages active processes.

Figure 5: Windows Task Manager Details

Details							Run new task	
Name	PID	Status	User name	CPU	Memory (a	Archite	Description	
■ 3CTftpSvc.exe	5040	Running	SYSTEM	00	292 K	x86	3CTftpSvc.exe	
abs_deployer.exe	20092	Running	SYSTEM	00	1,048 K	x64	Sangfor Deployer Service	
AggregatorHost.exe	7816	Running	SYSTEM	00	1,760 K	x64	Microsoft (R) Aggregator Host	
ApplePhotoStreams	2996	Running	Brady Chin	00	6,508 K	x64	iCloud Photo Stream	
APSDaemon.exe	16672	Running	Brady Chin	00	5,664 K	x64	Apple Push	
■ aTrustAgent.exe	12204	Running	SYSTEM	00	3,380 K	x86	a Trust Agent. exe	
aTrustAgent.exe	1392	Running	SYSTEM	00	10,576 K	x86	aTrustAgent.exe	
🕝 a Trust Tray.exe	1308	Running	Brady Chin	00	22,812 K	x86	a Trust Tray	
a Trust Tray.exe	32900	Running	Brady Chin	00	4,296 K	x86	aTrustTray	
a Trust Tray.exe	27376	Running	Brady Chin	00	4,912 K	x86	a Trust Tray	
🕝 a Trust Tray.exe	20096	Running	Brady Chin	00	18,252 K	x86	a Trust Tray	
■ aTrustXtunnel.exe	30356	Running	SYSTEM	00	13,704 K	x64	a Trust X tunnel. exe	
■ aTrustXtunnel.exe	30432	Running	SYSTEM	00	2,760 K	x64	a Trust X tunnel. exe	
📑 audiodg.exe	17324	Running	LOCAL SE	00	4,680 K	x64	Windows Audio Device Graph Isolation	
	32460	Running	Brady Chin	00	77,256 K	x64	ChatGPT	
ChatGPT.exe	11424	Running	Brady Chin	00	6,028 K	x64	ChatGPT	
	24428	Running	Brady Chin	00	58,648 K	x64	ChatGPT	
ChatGPT.exe	13676	Running	Brady Chin	00	9,356 K	x64	ChatGPT	
ChatGPT.exe	24920	Running	Brady Chin	00	80,144 K	x64	ChatGPT	
conhost.exe	4716	Running	SYSTEM	00	296 K	x64	Console Window Host	
conhost.exe	5952	Running	SYSTEM	00	308 K	x64	Console Window Host	
conhost.exe	8284	Running	SYSTEM	00	296 K	x64	Console Window Host	
conhost.exe	9828	Running	SYSTEM	00	548 K	x64	Console Window Host	
conhost.exe	11728	Running	SYSTEM	00	528 K	x64	Console Window Host	

### Linux

Figure 6 is an example of the shell command that can be run to see the disk usage. This is done by running shell command "df -h". You can see the total, used, and available space for all systems.

Figure 6: Linux disk space usage.

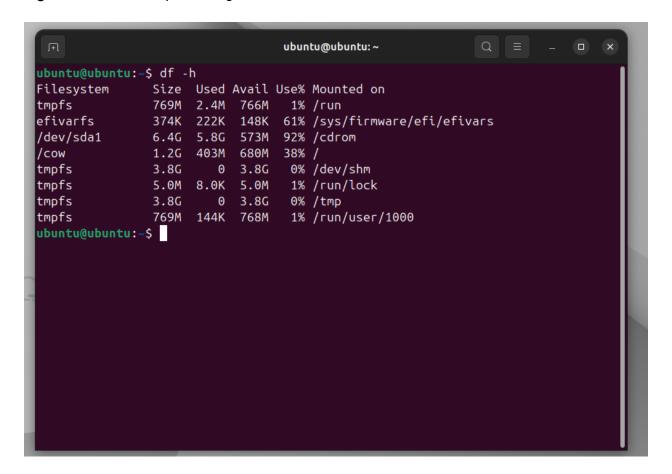


Figure 7 is an example of shell command "ps aux". This lists all running processes with detailed information, such as the process owner, CPU usage, memory usage, and the command that started the process.

Figure 7: Linux running processes

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ubuntu@ubuntu:-\$ ps aux													
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oot	3	0.0	0.0	0	9	?	S	18:41		[pool workque			
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oot	5	0.0	0.0	0	9	?	I<	18:41		[kworker/R-rc			
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oot	7	0.0	0.0	0	0	?	I<	18:41		[kworker/R-ne			
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oot	17	0.0	0.0	0	Θ	?	I	18:41	0:01	[rcu preempt]			
oot	18	0.0	0.0	0	0	?	S	18:41	0:00	[migration/0]			
oot	19	0.0	0.0	0	Θ	?	S	18:41	0:00	[idle_inject/			
oot	20	0.0	0.0	0	Θ	?	S	18:41	0:00	[cpuhp/0]			
oot	21	0.0	0.0	0	Θ	?	S	18:41	0:00	[cpuhp/1]			
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oot	23	0.0	0.0	0	0	?	S	18:41	0:00	[migration/1]			
oot	24	0.0	0.0	0	0	?	S	18:41	0:00	[ksoftirqd/1]			
	26	0.0	0.0	0	Θ	?	I<	18:41		[kworker/1:0H			
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	28	0.0	0.0	0	0	?	S	18:41		[idle_inject/			
oot 2	29	0.0	0.0	0	0	?	S	18:41	0:00	[migration/2]			
	30	0.0	0.0	0	0	?	S	18:41		[ksoftirqd/2]			
	32	0.0	0.0	0	0	?	I<	18:41		[kworker/2:0H			
	33	0.0	0.0	0	0	?	S	18:41		[cpuhp/3]			
	34	0.0	0.0	0	0	?	S	18:41		[idle_inject/			
	35	0.0	0.0	0	0	?	S	18:41		[migration/3]			
	36	0.0	0.0	0	0	?	S	18:41		[ksoftirqd/3]			
	38	0.0	0.0	0	0	?	I<	18:41		[kworker/3:0H			
	39	0.0	0.0	0	0	?	S	18:41		[cpuhp/4]			
	40	0.0	0.0	0	0	?	S	18:41		[idle_inject/			
	41	0.0	0.0	0	0	?	S	18:41		[migration/4]			
	42	0.0	0.0	0	0	?	S	18:41		[ksoftirqd/4]			
	44 4 F	0.0	0.0	0	0	?	I<	18:41		[kworker/4:0H			
	45 46	0.0	0.0	0	0	?	S	18:41		[cpuhp/5]			
	46 47	0.0	0.0	0	0	?	S	18:41		[idle_inject/			
	47 40	0.0	0.0	0	0	?	S S	18:41		[migration/5]			
	48 49	0.0	0.0 0.0	0 0	0 0	?	S I	18:41 18:41		[ksoftirqd/5]			
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Figure 8 displays CPU usage statistics for all CPU cores (-P ALL) every second (1), helping monitor CPU load in real time (Jevtic, G., 2025).

Figure 8: Linux CPU usage monitoring

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Figure 9 shows real-time network bandwidth usage, displaying active connections and their data transfer rates. The command "sudo" is used for elevated privileges (geeksforgeeks, 2024, April 24).

Figure 9: Linux real time network bandwidth usage.

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inux 6.8.0-41-generic (ubuntu)				0	1/25/2025	_;	_x86_64_		8 CPU)		
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Figure 10 shows running processes in a hierarchical tree format, displaying parent-child relationships between processes.

Figure 10: Linux running processes in a tree format

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ubuntu@ubu
ubuntu@ubuntu:~$ pstree
systemd \underline{\hspace{1.5cm}} ModemManager \underline{\hspace{1.5cm}} 3^*[\{ModemManager\}]
            -NetworkManager---3*[{NetworkManager}]
-accounts-daemon---3*[{accounts-daemon}]
            -avahi-daemon---avahi-daemon
            -bluetoothd
            -boltd---3*[{boltd}]
            -colord---3*[{colord}]
            -cron
            -cups-browsed---3*[{cups-browsed}]
            -cupsd
            —dbus-daemon
            -fwupd-
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                                                                    gnome-session-b—3*[{gnome-session-b}]
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                                               -3*[{qdm-session-wor}]
                      -3*[{gdm3}]
             gnome-remote-de-
                                     -3*[{gnome-remote-de}]
             -2*[kerneloops]
            -polkitd---3*[{polkitd}]
            _power-profiles-___3*[{power-profiles-}]
             -rsyslogd---3*[{rsyslogd}]
            -rtkit-daemon---2*[{rtkit-daemon}]
-snapd---14*[{snapd}]
            —subiquity-serve——python3.10——3*[{python3.10}]
—switcheroo-cont——3*[{switcheroo-cont}]
            -systemd-
                         —(sd-pam)
                          -at-spi-bus-laun-__dbus-daemon
_4*[{at-spi-bus-laun}]
                          -at-spi2-registr---3*[{at-spi2-registr}]
                          -dbus-daemon
                          -dconf-service---3*[{dconf-service}]
                          -evolution-addre---6*[{evolution-addre}]
-evolution-calen---9*[{evolution-calen}]
                          -evolution-sourc---4*[{evolution-sourc}]
                          -gcr-ssh-agent---2*[{gcr-ssh-agent}]
                           -2*[gjs---11*[{gjs}]]
                          -gnome-keyring-d--4*[{gnome-keyring-d}]
-gnome-session-b--evolution-alarm--7*[{evolution-alarm}]
-gsd-disk-utilit--3*[{gsd-disk-utilit}]
-update-notifier---4*[{update-notifier}]
                                                 4*[{gnome-session-b}]
                          -gnome-session-c---{gnome-session-c}
                           gnome-shell gjs-13*[{gjs}]
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## Conclusion

Windows and Linux processes management utilities serve similar functions but are performed differently. Windows relies on graphical interfaces making it user-friendly and more easily readable while Linux uses command-line tools offering more flexibility.

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