Operating System Notes



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1 Introduction to Operating System

1.1 What is an Operating System

• Acts as an intermediary between a user of a computer and the computer hardware

• Goals

- Execute user programs and make solving user problem easier
- Make the computer system convenient to use
- Use the computer hardware in an efficient manner

1.2 Computer System Structure

- Hardware: provides basic computing resources
- Operating System: Controls and coordinates use of hardware among various application and users
- Application Programs: Define the ways in which the system resources are used to solve the computing problems of the users
- User: The one who operates the computer

1.3 Operating System Definition

- Resource Allocator: Manages and controls all hardware resources
- Control Program: Controles the execution of programs to prevent errors and improper use of the computer

1.4 Types of Operating System

- Batching System
- Multi-programming System
- Time-sharing / Multi-tasking System
- Multiprocessing System (Asymmetry & Symmetry)