

**EECS 111:**

**System Software**

**Lecture: Introduction**

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# Lecture: outline

- ☐ **Course Management**
- ☐ **What is System Software?**
- ☐ **Open Discussion**
- ☐ **Introduction to System Software (OS in general)**

# Course Management

❑ Web link: <https://eee.uci.edu/16s/18080/>

## SYSTEM SOFTWARE

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Announcement:

- **Lectures will begin** from **March 29th 2016 at 11:00 AM (PSCB 140)**
- Every week Tuesday and Thursday, we will meet from 11:00 AM till 12:20 PM
- Every week Friday, we will meet from 8:00 AM till 8:50 AM for the first discussion session (**NS1 3116**)
- Every week Friday, we will meet from 9:00 AM till 9:50 AM for the second discussion session (**NS1 3116**)
- Every week Friday, we will meet from 10:00 AM till 10:50 AM for the third discussion session (**NS1 3116**)
- Please see the Class Announcements on the [Course MessageBoard!](#)
- **Final Examination** is scheduled for **Tuesday, June 7th, in between 10:30 AM till 12:30 PM at PSCB 140.**
- **Midterm Examination** will be on April 28th

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# Communication

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## **MessageBoard**

<https://eee.uci.edu/toolbox/messageboard/m17962/>

**E-mail → Anytime 24/7 but if general question pls post in the messageboard.**

# What is System Software?

- ❑ **System software** is a type of computer program that is designed to run a computer's hardware and application programs. If we think of the computer **system** as a layered model, the **system software** is the interface between the hardware and user applications.
- ❑ **System software** (or systems software) is computer software designed to operate and control the computer hardware and to provide a platform for running application software.

# What is System Software?

- ❑ System software includes the following:
  - ❑ The **operating system** (prominent examples being, Microsoft Windows, Mac OS X and Linux), allows the parts of a computer to work together by performing tasks like transferring data between memory and disks or rendering output onto a display device. It also provides a platform to run high-level system software and application software.
  - ❑ **Utility software** helps to analyze, configure, optimize and maintain the computer.
  - ❑ **Device drivers** such as computer BIOS and device firmware provide basic functionality to operate and control the hardware connected to or built into the computer.
  - ❑ **A user interface** "allows users to interact with a computer." Since the 1980s the graphical user interface (GUI) has been perhaps the most common user interface technology. The command-line interface is still a commonly used alternative.

# What is System Software?

- ❑ Sometimes, the term system software **also includes software development tools** (like a compiler, linker or debugger).
- ❑ In contrast to system software, software that allows users to do things like create text documents, play games, listen to music, or surf the web is called **application software**.



# Course Description

**Q2. “What are the objectives or outcomes in *this* class?”**

**<http://plaza.eng.uci.edu/course/eecs/111/outline/2015-2016>**

**□ Students will:**

- 1. Structure concurrent programs composed of processes and threads. (EAC a, EAC c, EAC e, EAC k)**
- 2. Describe basic CPU scheduling techniques. (EAC a, EAC b, EAC c, EAC e, EAC k)**
- 3. Describe the principles and techniques for designing and analyzing concurrent processes capable of correct synchronization among themselves. (EAC a, EAC b, EAC c, EAC e, EAC k)**

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**4. Describe the principles and techniques for designing and analyzing concurrent processes capable of avoiding or recovering from deadlocks. (EAC a, EAC c, EAC e, EAC k)**

**5. Describe the principles and techniques for designing and analyzing memory management mechanisms including virtual memory. (EAC a, EAC c, EAC e, EAC k)**

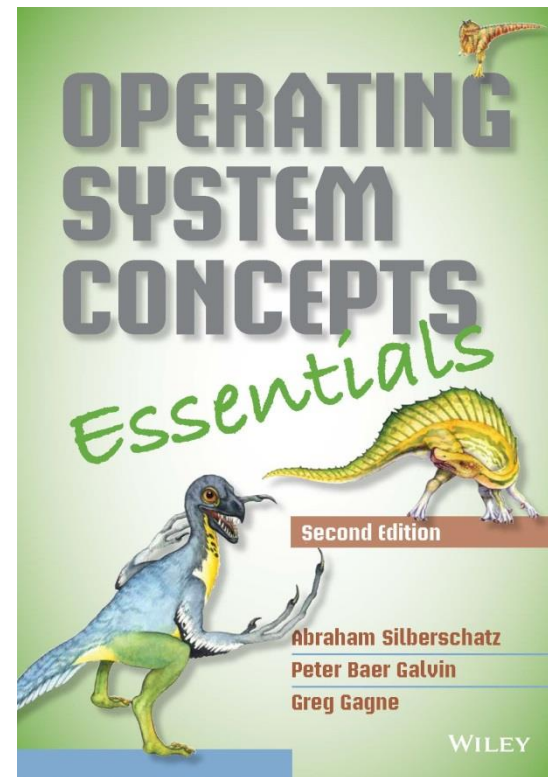
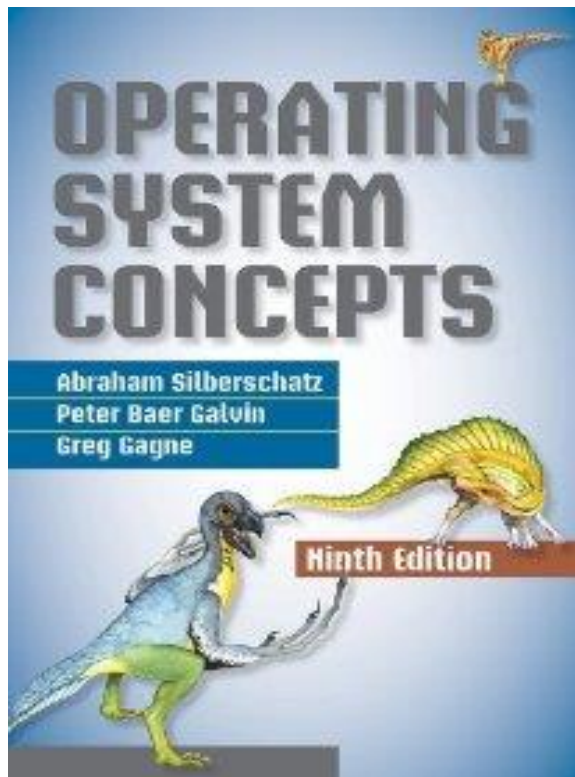
# Course Description

- ❑ **EECS111 System Software → Study of OS including**
  - ❑ **Introduction to OS**
  - ❑ **OS structures**
  - ❑ **Processes**
  - ❑ **Threads**
  - ❑ **Process/Thread Synchronization,**
  - ❑ **CPU Scheduling,**
  - ❑ **Deadlocks,**
  - ❑ **Main memory, Storage, etc. → Memory and Storage management**
  - ❑ **File Systems.**

# Course Description

- ❑ **Prerequisite:** EECS112; CSE46, ICS 46 or EECS114.
  - ❑ Only one course from EECS 111, COMPSCI 143A, CSE 104 may be taken for credit.
- ❑ **Note:** This course covers introductory topics in operating systems.
- ❑ There will be practical projects during this course.
- ❑ Students have to implement various properties of OS using JAVA and C programming languages.
- ❑ We will be using **Light version of Nachos OS** for this course.
- ❑ Therefore. it is expected that the students have sufficient knowledge from their computer engineering education on:
  - ❑ EECS112, CSE46, ICS 46 or EECS114 : Data Structure.
  - ❑ Also Computer Architecture (MIPS), Programming (C, JAVA),

# Major Text Book



**Abraham Silberschatz, Peter B. Galvin, Greg Gagne:  
"Operating System Concept", Publisher : Wiley; 9 edition  
(December 17, 2012), ISBN-13: 978-1118063330**

# Course Policy

## ❑ Attendance Policy:

- ❑ Attendance and active participation are required.

## ❑ Exams:

- ❑ **Midterm** will be on Thursday, April 28<sup>th</sup> 2016 (in the last lecture of 5<sup>th</sup> week) in between 11:00 AM till 12:20 PM at PSCB 140.
- ❑ **Final Exam** Tuesday, June 7th, in between 10:30 AM till 12:30 PM at PSCB 140.

# Grading Policy and Academic Honesty

**This course grading will be distributed as follows:**

Part	Share
Homework	10%
Lab assignment and Quiz during the lecture sessions	30% (programming part 25% and quiz about theory 5%)
Mid term (April 28 <sup>th</sup> 2016)	20%
<b>Final exam</b> (June 7 <sup>th</sup> , 2016)	40%

## ❑ Academic Honesty:

- ❑ The complete policy statement on academic honesty is published in the UCI Schedule of Classes, Spring Quarter 2016.

**Dishonesty will not be tolerated.**

# Course Policy

## ☐ Programming assignments

- ☐ 8<sup>th</sup> April TA will discuss the details.

## ☐ Midterm exam:

- ☐ It will be 1 hour exam (if there is any change in the policy we will inform at least 1 week before the exam)
  - ☐ True/False
  - ☐ Multiple choices
  - ☐ Problems solving
  - ☐ Essay-type

## ☐ Final exam will be similar

- ☐ More information will be provided if other than midterm 1 week before the final.



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# What is an Operating System?

- ❑ A program that acts as an intermediary between a user of a computer and the computer hardware
  
- ❑ **Operating system goals:**
  - ❑ Execute user programs and make solving user problems easier
  - ❑ Make the computer system convenient to use
  - ❑ Use the computer hardware in an efficient manner

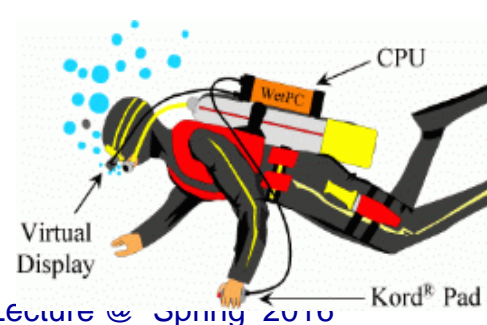
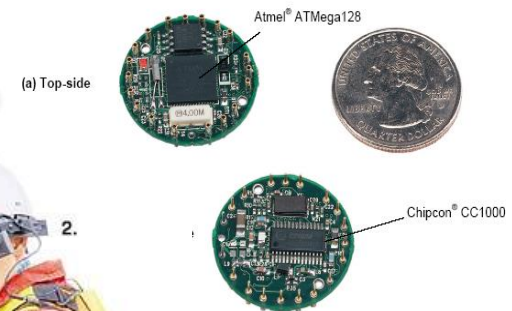
# Why should I study Operating Systems?

- ❑ **Need to understand interaction between the hardware and applications**
  - ❑ New applications, new hardware.
  - ❑ Inherent aspect of society today
- ❑ **Need to understand basic principles in the design of computer systems**
  - ❑ efficient resource management, security, flexibility
- ❑ **Increasing need for specialized operating systems**
  - ❑ e.g. embedded operating systems for devices - cell phones, sensors and controllers
  - ❑ real-time operating systems – vehicles, aircraft control, multimedia services

Source: from ICS 143, Prof. Venkat

# Systems Today and The Future

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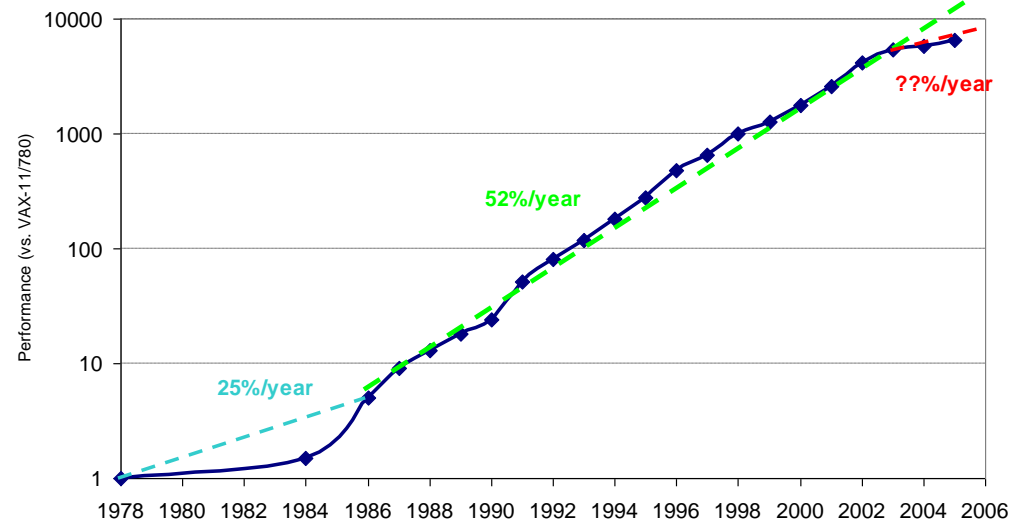
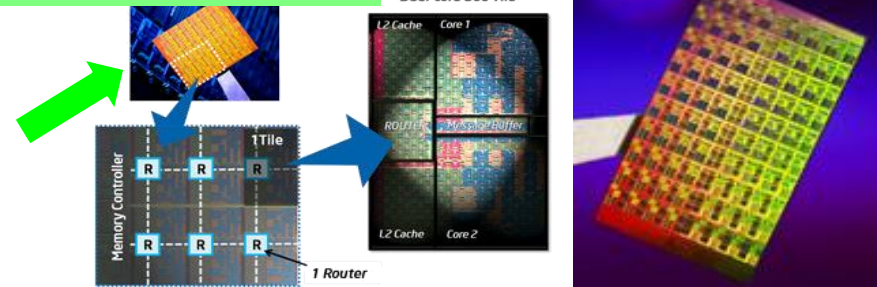
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# Hardware Complexity Increases

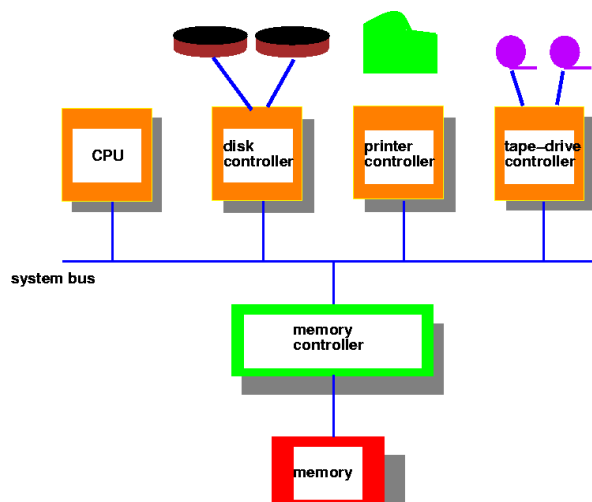
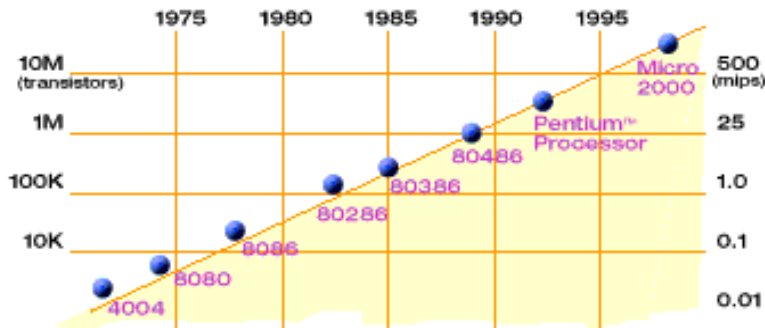
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From Berkeley OS course

## Intel Multicore Chipsets



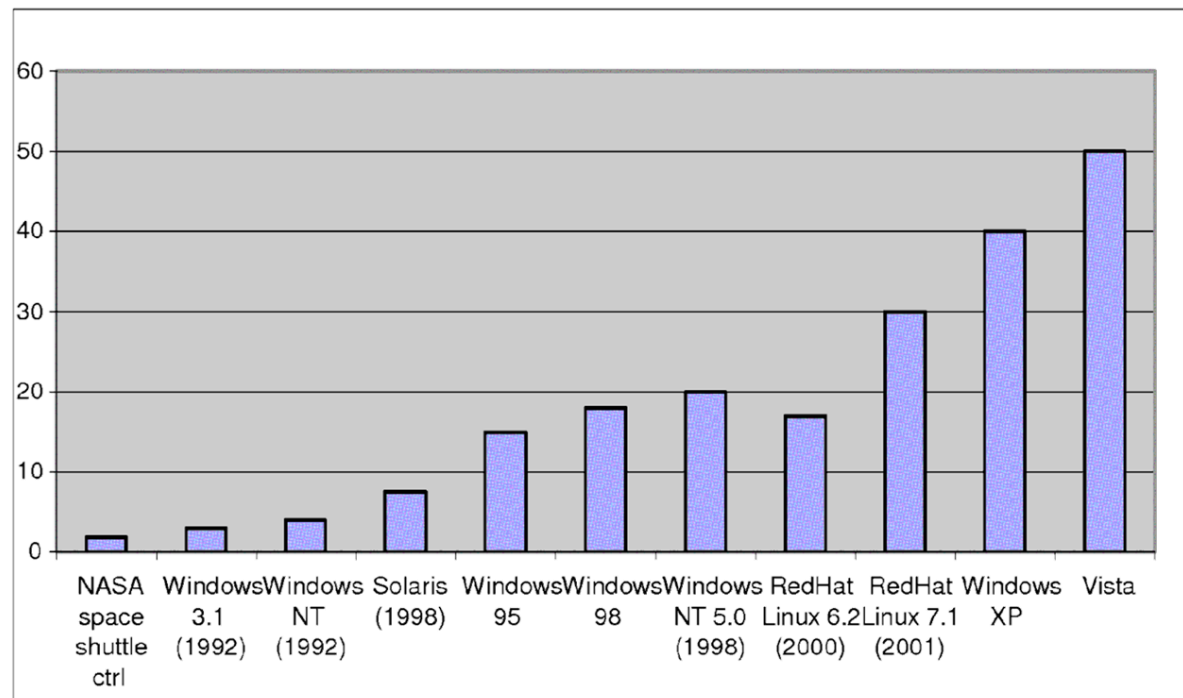
From Hennessy and Patterson, *Computer Architecture: A Quantitative Approach*, 4th edition, Sept. 15, 2006





# Software Complexity Increases

Millions of lines of  
source code



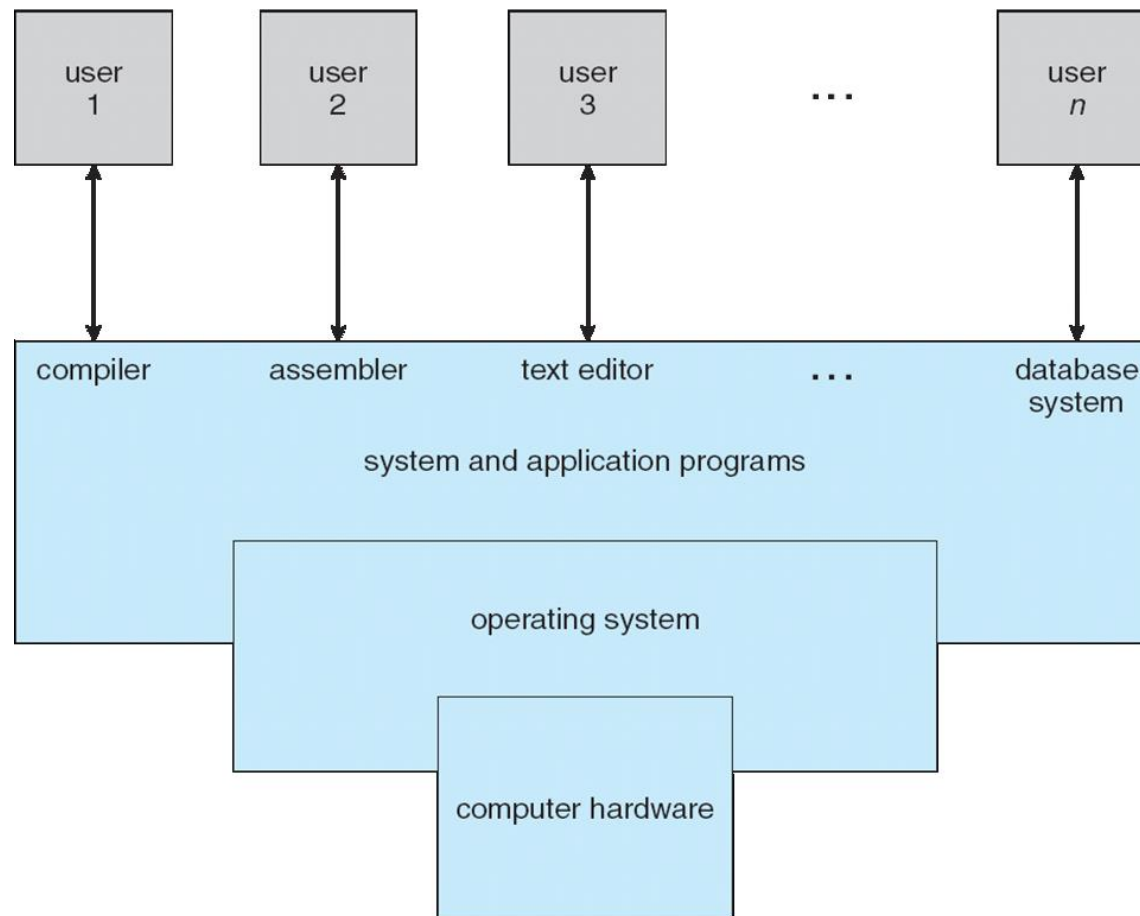
**From MIT's 6.033 course**

# Computer System Structure

- ❑ **Computer system can be divided into four components:**
  - ❑ **Hardware – provides basic computing resources**
    - ❑ CPU, memory, I/O devices
  - ❑ **Operating system**
    - ❑ Controls and coordinates use of hardware among various applications and users
  - ❑ **Application programs – define the ways in which the system resources are used to solve the computing problems of the users**
    - ❑ Word processors, compilers, web browsers, database systems, video games
  - ❑ **Users**
    - ❑ People, machines, other computers



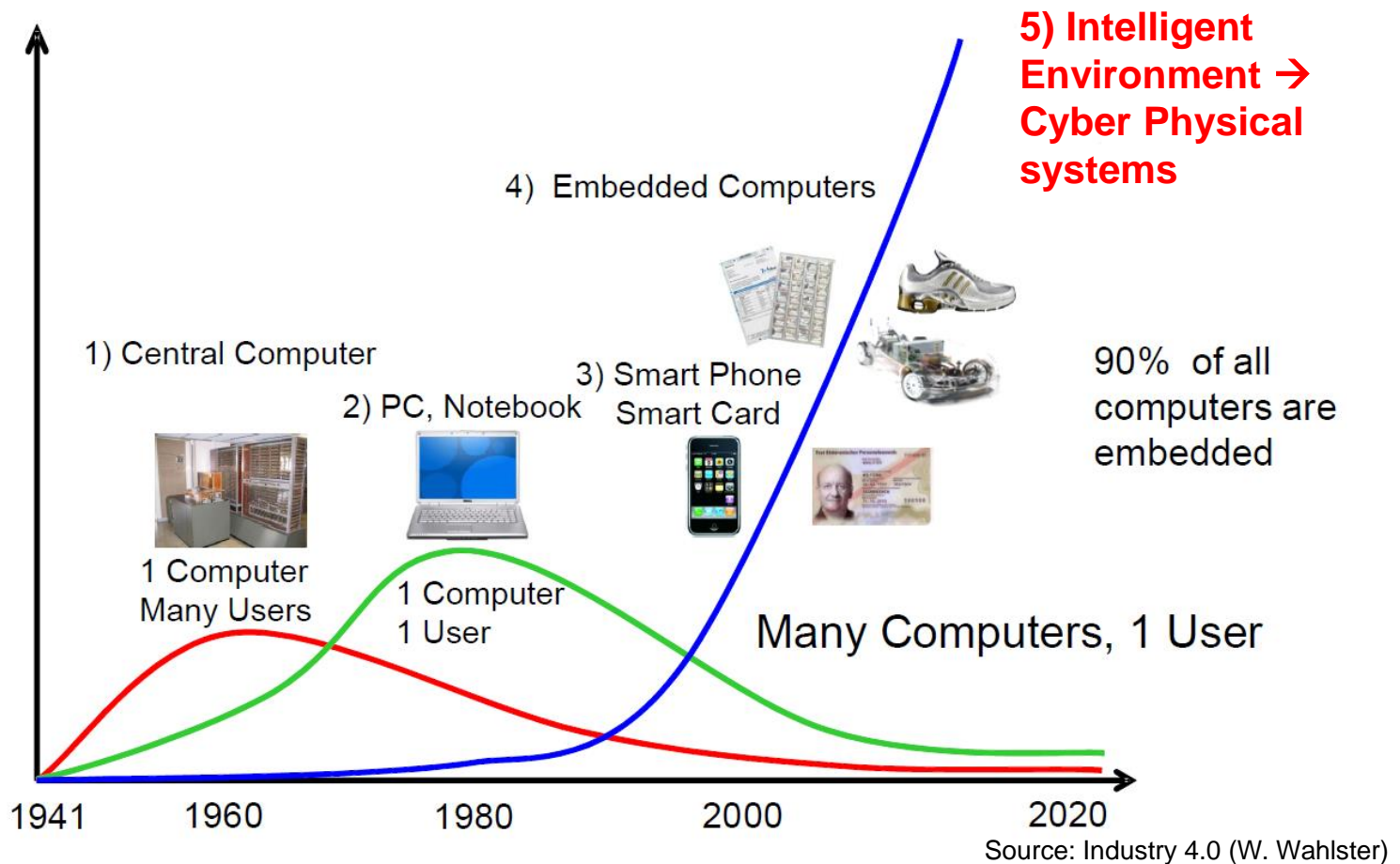
# Four Components of a Computer System



# What Operating Systems Do

- ❑ Depends on the point of view
- ❑ Users want **convenience**, ease of use
  - ❑ Don't care about resource utilization
- ❑ But **shared computer** such as mainframe or minicomputer must keep all users happy
- ❑ Users of dedicate systems such as **workstations** have dedicated resources but frequently use shared resources from servers
- ❑ **Handheld computers** are resource poor, optimized for usability and battery life
- ❑ Some computers have little or no user interface, such as **embedded computers** in devices and automobiles

# Computing System Paradigm



# Operating System Definition

## ☐ OS is a **resource allocator**

- ☐ Manages all resources
- ☐ Decides between conflicting requests for efficient and fair resource use

## ☐ OS is a **control program**

- ☐ Controls execution of programs to prevent errors and improper use of the computer

## ☐ **Kernel** “The one program running at all times on the computer” is the **kernel**.

# Computer Startup

- ❑ **Bootstrap program** is loaded at power-up or reboot
  - ❑ Typically stored in ROM or EPROM, generally known as **firmware**
  - ❑ Initializes all aspects of system
  - ❑ Loads operating system kernel and starts execution

**How many of you have used  
Linux or Unix before?**

# References

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Slides also contain lecture materials from John Kubiawicz (Berkeley), John Ousterhout (Stanford), Nalini (UCI), Rainer (UCI), and others

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attention**