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Presentation Review

Our presentation was about the history of the three most popular operating systems: Mac OS, Linux, and Windows. We covered the common ancestor of Mac OS and Linux, the Unix operating system, how Linux came to be by the hands on Linus Torvalds, how it is unique as the sole open-source operating system among the big three, and what different “distros” of Linux signifies and affects. We also covered the significant moments of Mac OS, how it was the first GUI to be released, how it refused to license and lease for other hardware, and the unique development path that choice led to. Lastly, we covered the different versions of Windows, how it was the sole descendant of MS DOS, and how its GUI operating system release was as a response to the 1984 Mac OS release. Finally, we compared the pros and cons between the three operating systems, to connect the histories to their current differences.