
Special Constraints and Requirements of Mobile O/S

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- ❖ What we need to consider?
 - Power
 - Frequent low power sleep mode.
 - Mobile need to be booted much faster.
 - Small size kernel.

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❖ Special Constraints

- Limited Memory.
- Limited Screen Size.
- Miniature keyboard.
- Limited processing power.
- Limited battery power.
- Limited and fluctuating bandwidth of the wireless medium.

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❖ Limited memory

- Less amount and both storage and volatile memory.
- OS must small as much as possible.
- Provide rich user functionalities when user demands.
- Size of the kernel plays very vital role in this.

❖ Limited Screen Size

- Size of mobile must be small and portable screen size is important.
- New innovative user interface is needed.
- Switching between menu and iconic display.

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❖ Miniature KeyBoard

- Use of small size keyboard and stylus.
- Typing is too difficult for large document creation
 - We need auto completion option.
 - Free form writing and handwriting recognition.

❖ Limited Processing Power

- ARM - Based processor.
- It is energy efficient, cheaper, powerful.
- It is slower processor.
- Size of on-chip memory is restricted.
- So the development is carried out outside.

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❖ Limited Battery Power

- Mobile need to lightweight and portable so we need to use slim batteries.
- No frequent recharges.
- OS needs to be computationally efficient and minimum power consumption.
- Putting processor and display into sleep mode when it is not needed.

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- ❖ **Limited and Fluctuating bandwidth of the wireless medium**
 - Mobile need to run complex protocols caused by mobility and wireless medium.
 - Medium is directly prone to noise leads to bit-errors rates.
 - Bandwidth may fluctuate due to noise, mobility of the node and obstacles.
 - This show up with short-term fades.
 - Longer disconnections due to handoffs.
 - Uninterrupted communication requires special support like data caching, pre-fetching and integration.

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❖ Special Requirements

- Support for specific communication protocols.
- Support for variety of input mechanisms.
- Compliance with open standards.
- Extensive library support.