LESSON 12

PC Operating Systems in Review

This lesson includes the following sections:

- UNIX
- DOS
- The Macintosh Operating System
- Windows 3.x
- OS/2 Warp
- Windows NT
- Windows 95 and 98
- Linux
- Windows 2000

UNIX

- UNIX is the oldest operating system used on PCs.
- UNIX was the first multi-user, multiprocessor, multitasking operating system available for use on PCs.
- Most versions of UNIX use a command-line interface, but some versions offer a GUI (Graphical User Interface).

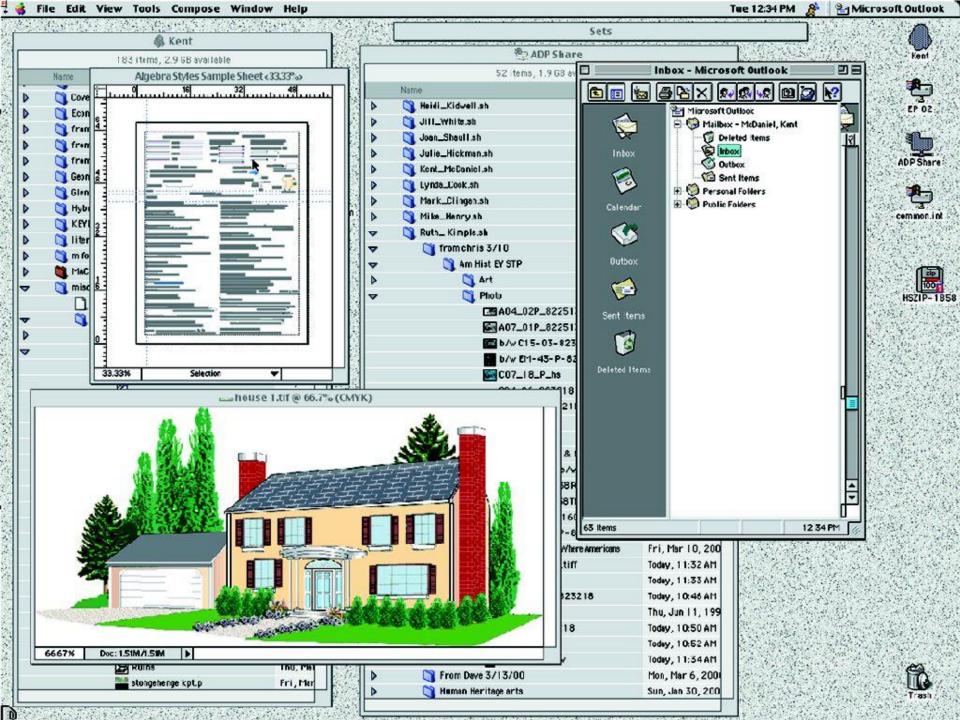
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linex2> ls
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             News/
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             ShopCart.dat james.pl
Mailboxes/
                                         public_html/
linex2> cd mail
linex2> ls
saved-messages sent-mail
                                sent-mail-feb-1996
linex2> cd ...
linex2> ls
Mail/
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             ShopCart.dat james.pl
Mailboxes/
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linex2> ps
 PID TT STAT TIME COMMAND
 3023 b8 S
              0:00 -csh (csh)
linex2> ftp
ftp> open ftp.netscape.com
Connected to ftp20.netscape.com.
220 ftp20 FTP server (Version wu-2.4(17) Tue Feb 20 09:08:35 PST 1996) ready.
Name (ftp.netscape.com:swankman): anonymous
331 Guest login ok, send your complete e-mail address as password.
Password:
230-Welcome to the Netscape Communications Corporation FTP server.
239-
230-If you have any odd problems, try logging in with a minus sign (-)
230-as the first character of your password. This will turn off a feature
230-that may be confusing your ftp client program.
230 -
230-Please send any questions, comments, or problem reports about
230-this server to ftp@netscape.com.
230 -
230-******** October 13, 1995 *******
230-Private ftp is now only on ftp1.netscape.com. Anonymous is supported on
230-ftp 2 through 8. If you are accessing a named account please use ftp1.
230 - 1
230 Guest login ok, access restrictions apply.
ftp> bye
221 Goodbue.
linex2>
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DOS

- DOS (Disk Operating System) dominated the operating system market during the 1980s.
- DOS is a single-user OS that supports only 640 KB of memory.
- DOS features a command-line interface, and does not support multitasking or multiprocessing.
- Because DOS provides no interface restrictions, DOS applications can look and function differently.

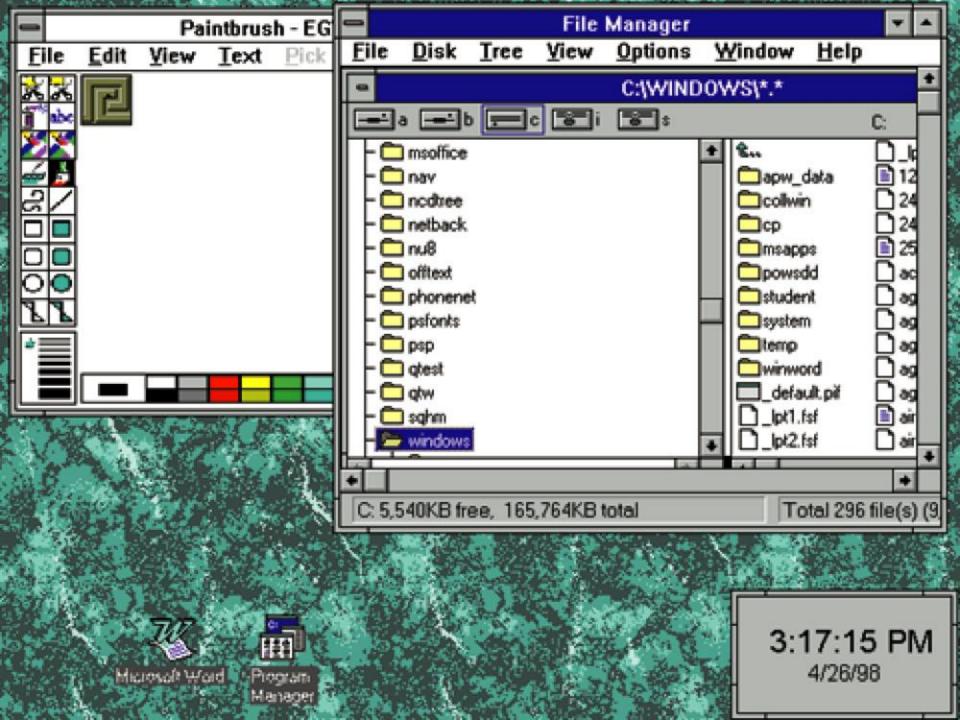
The Macintosh Operating System

- The Macintosh OS supports the graphical nature of the Macintosh computer.
- The Mac OS brought the first truly graphical user interface to consumers.
- The Mac OS also brought interface conformity to the desktop. All applications running under the Mac OS, therefore, provided the same "look and feel" to the user.



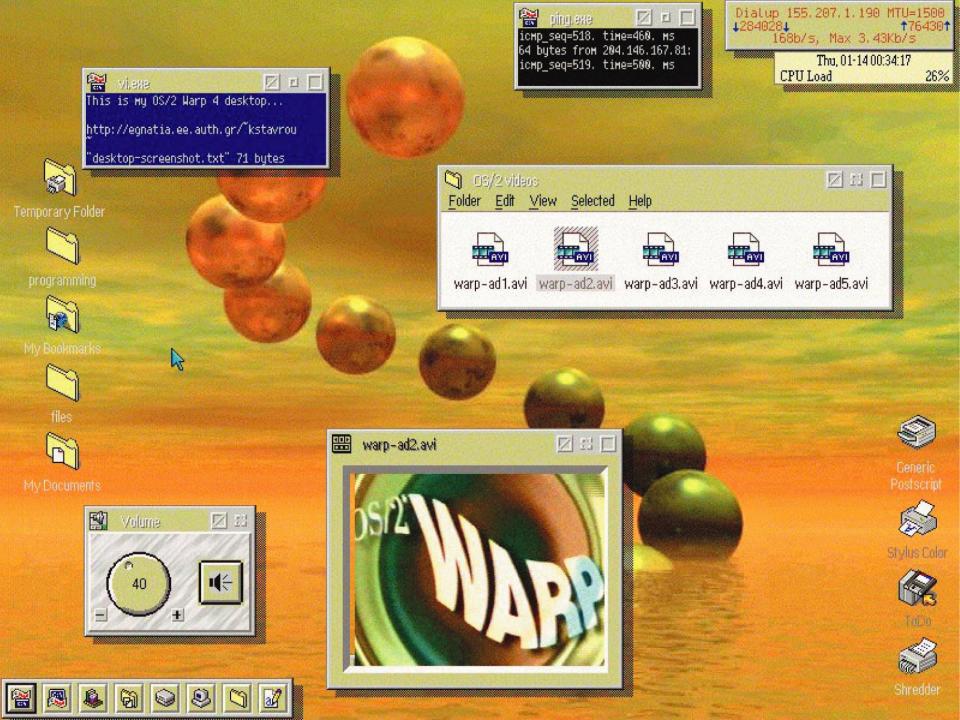
Windows 3.x

- Windows 3.0, 3.1, and 3.11 are called the Windows 3.x family.
- Windows 3.x brought a GUI and multitasking capabilities to PCs running DOS.
- Windows 3.x is an operating environment because it ran on top of DOS, which was the actual OS.



OS/2 Warp

- OS/2 Warp was the first true GUI-based operating system for Intel-based PCs.
- OS/2 is a multitasking OS that provides support for networking and multiple users.
- It was the first PC OS to feature built-in speech recognition capabilities.



Windows NT

- Microsoft's Windows NT was meant as a replacement for DOS, but was too resource- intensive to work on most PCs at the time of its release.
- Microsoft issued two versions of Windows NT— Windows NT Workstation and Windows NT Server.
- NT is a very powerful and robust OS, resistant to system crashes.

Windows 95 and 98

- Windows 95 was Microsoft's first true GUI-based,
 32-bit operating system for Intel PCs.
- Windows 95 supports multitasking and can run older DOS and Windows 3.x programs.
- Windows 98's features include advanced Internet capabilities, an improved user interface, and enhanced file system performance, among others.





Linux

- Linux is a recently developed version of UNIX, which is available for free or at a very low cost from various sources.
- Linux is a very powerful 32-bit OS that supports multitasking, multiple users, networking, and virtually any application.
- Linux can run on nearly any type of computer.
- Because of its power and openness, Linux is attracting many users, including students, teachers, Internet service providers, and others.

Windows 2000

- Windows 2000 features the same interface and features of Windows 98, with the file system, networking, power, and stability of Windows NT.
- Several versions of Windows 2000 are available, each targeting a specific user or computing environment, from home PCs to large enterprise networks.



My Documents



My Computer



My Network Places



Recycle Bin



Internet Explorer



Windows 2000 Server

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