

Evolution of Operating System(OS)

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NO OS/Serial Processing (1940s-Early 1950s):

Computers used plugboards; users manually loaded programs (punch cards), running one job at a time, a slow, inefficient process.

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Batch Processing (Mid-1950s-Mid-1960s):

Systems like GM-NAA I/O automated job handling by grouping similar tasks (batches) for sequential execution, improving CPU utilization.

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Multiprogramming & Time-Sharing (1960s-1970s):

Multiprogramming allowed multiple jobs in memory; Time-Sharing (CTSS, Multics) let many users interact simultaneously, making computers more interactive.

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Personal Computers & GUIs (1980s-1990s):

The PC revolution brought user-friendly OSs (MS-DOS, Windows, Mac OS) with Graphical User Interfaces (GUIs), making computing accessible to the masses.

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Networking & Internet (1990s-2000s):

Focus shifted to networked systems (Linux, Windows NT) with TCP/IP, enabling client-server models and internet connectivity.

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Mobile & Cloud Era (2000s-Present):

Emergence of mobile OSs (iOS, Android) and cloud computing led to highly portable, connected, and intelligent systems.

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IoT, Edge & AI (Ongoing):

Modern OSs are expanding into Internet of Things (IoT) devices, edge computing, and integrating AI for smarter, more adaptive experiences.