What's an Operating System?

▶ *"Everything a vendor ships when you order an operating system"*
▶ It's the program that runs all the time
▶ It's a resource manager
   - Each program gets time with the resource
   - Each program gets space on the resource
▶ It's a control program
   - Controls execution of programs to prevent errors and improper use of the computer
▶ No universally accepted definition