Operating Systems (CMPS 272)

Lecture 1: Overview

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Outline

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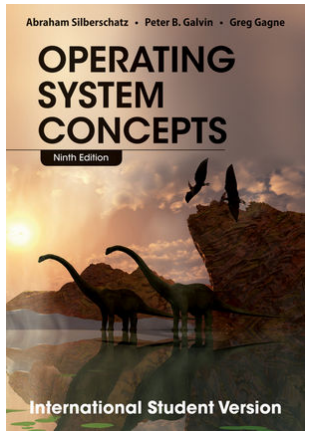

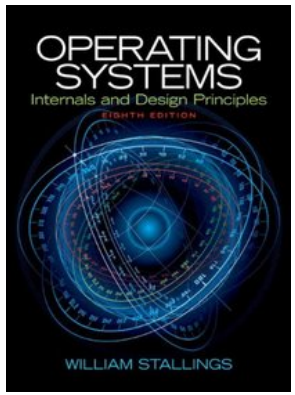

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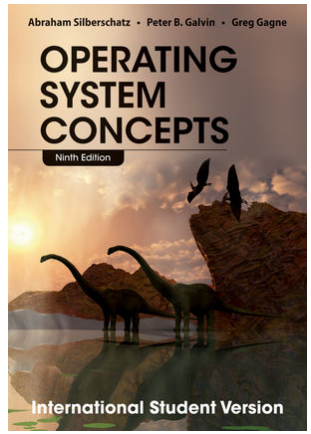

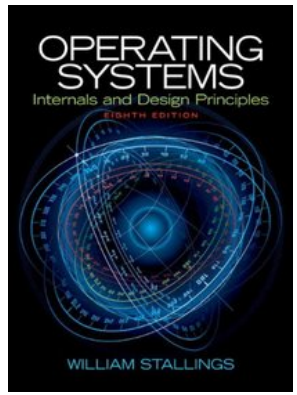

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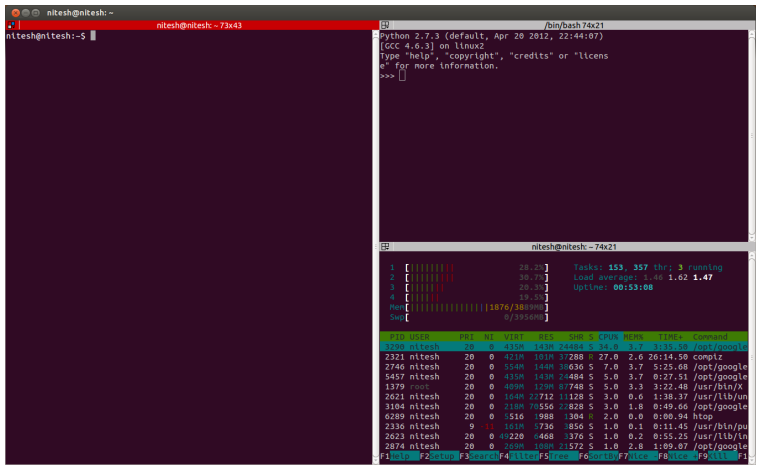

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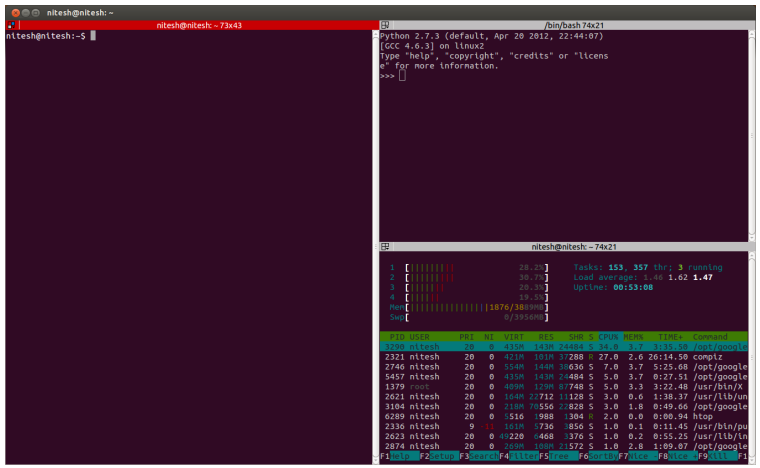

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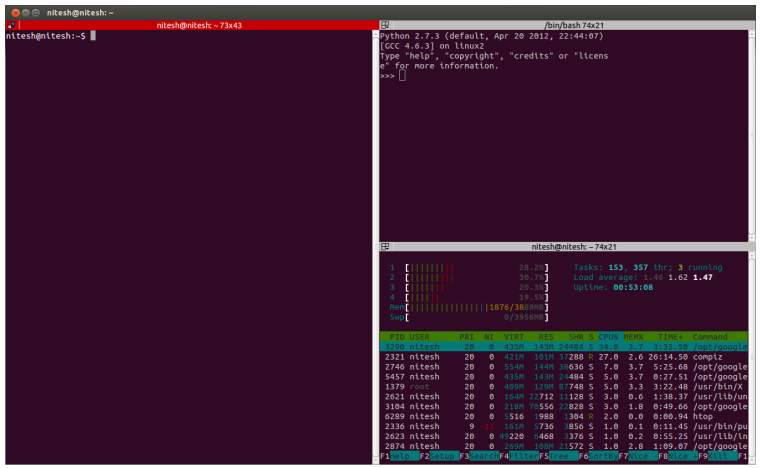

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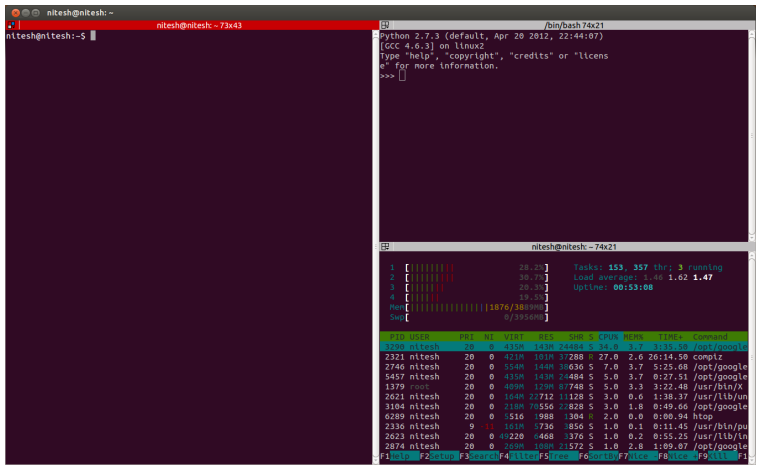

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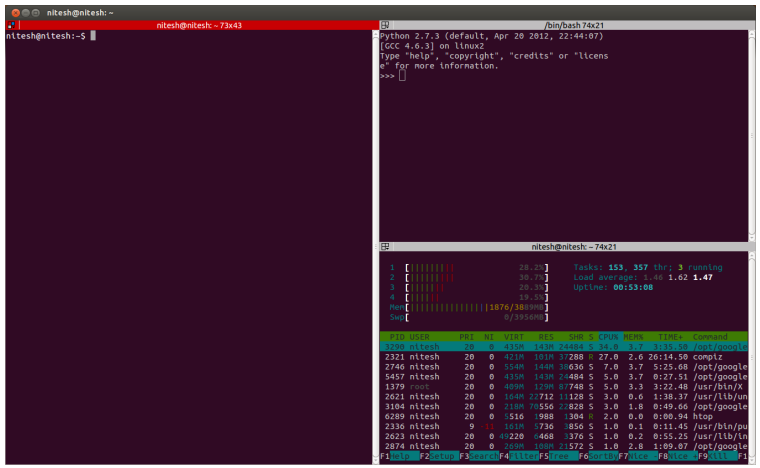

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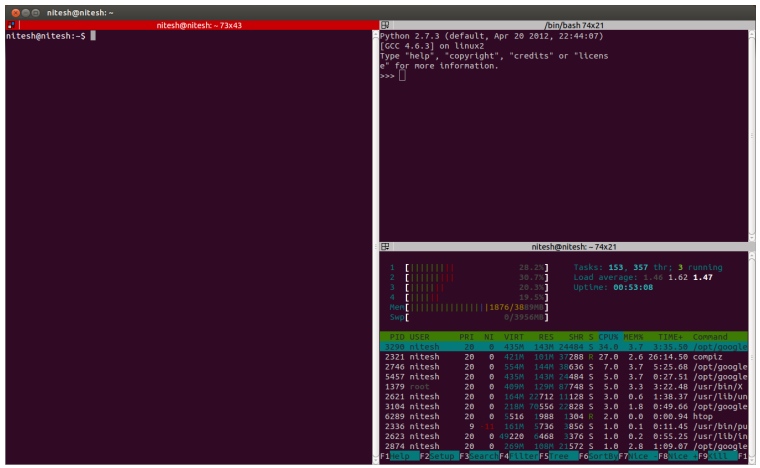

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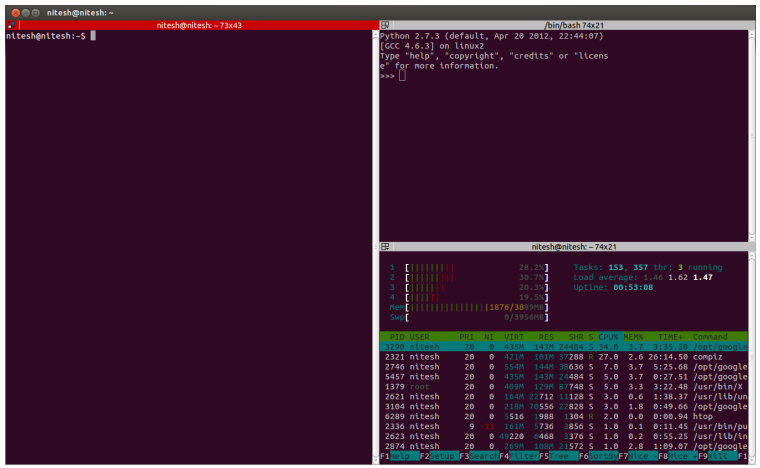

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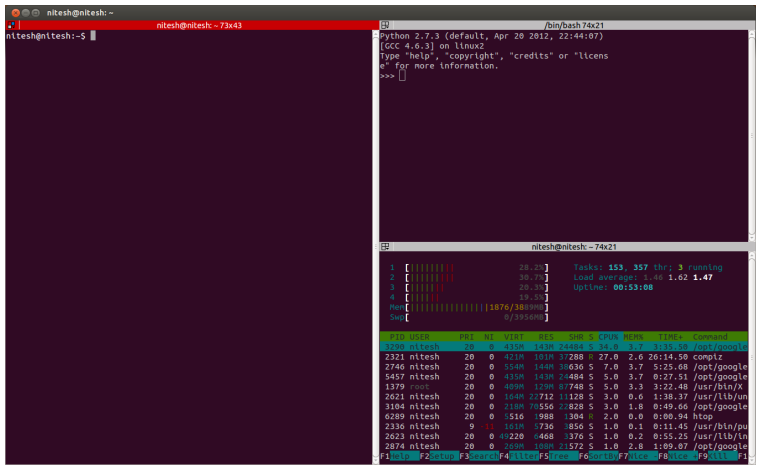

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Computer Architecture

- Computer elements (Processor, Memory, I/O, etc.)
- Program execution
- Interrupts

Operating System Introduction

- Operating System Structure
- System calls
- Multi-programming, time-sharing, job scheduling
- Physical and virtual Memory
- Installation and booting of an Operating System

Process Concept

A program in execution, which forms the basis of all computation

- Process Scheduling
- Operations on Processes (creating, deleting, etc.)
- Interprocess Communication IPC

Multithreaded Programming

A fundamental unit of CPU utilization that forms the basis of multithreaded computer systems

- Multithreading model overview
- POSIX Threads Programming

Scheduling

- Introduce process scheduling, which is the basis for multiprogrammed operating systems
- Describe various process-scheduling algorithms

Synchronization

- The critical-section problem (n processes all competing to use some shared data)
- Peterson's solution
- Synchronization hardware
- Semaphores
- Classic problem of synchronization

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  - Deadlock prevention
  - Deadlock avoidance
  - Deadlock detection
  - Recovery from deadlock

Memory Management

- We must keep several processes in memory.
- This drastically improve the speed of the computer!
- Various memory-management techniques:
  - Swapping
  - Segmentation
  - Paging

Virtual Memory

Virtual memory is a technique that allows the execution of a processes that are not completely in memory

- Describe the benefits of a virtual memory system
- Explain the concepts of demand paging, page-replacement algorithms, etc.

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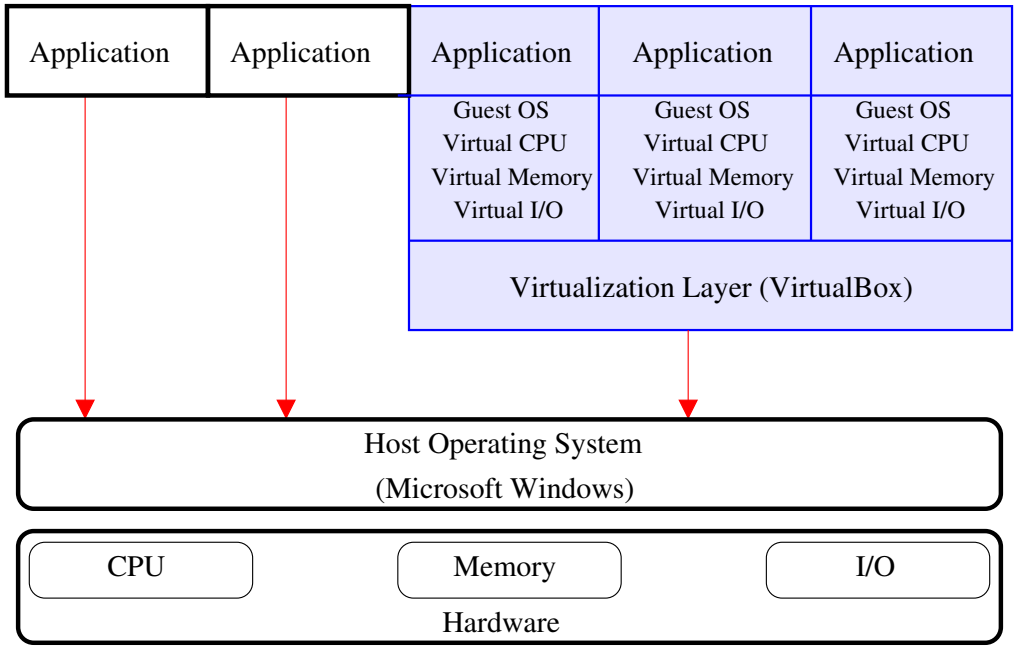
- I/O vary widely in their function and speed (mouse, hard disk, etc.). Thus, varied method are needed to control them.
  - How to manage I/O operation and devises
  - Application I/O interface
  - Device drivers (if time permits)

Popular Modern Operating Systems

- Examples: Linux (open source), Microsoft Windows, etc.
- During this course, we consider Ubuntu Linux. Ubuntu is popular Linux distribution.
- ***Instructions for installing Ubuntu inside Windows or Mac OS X using VirtualBox on Moodle.*** (Assignment zero)



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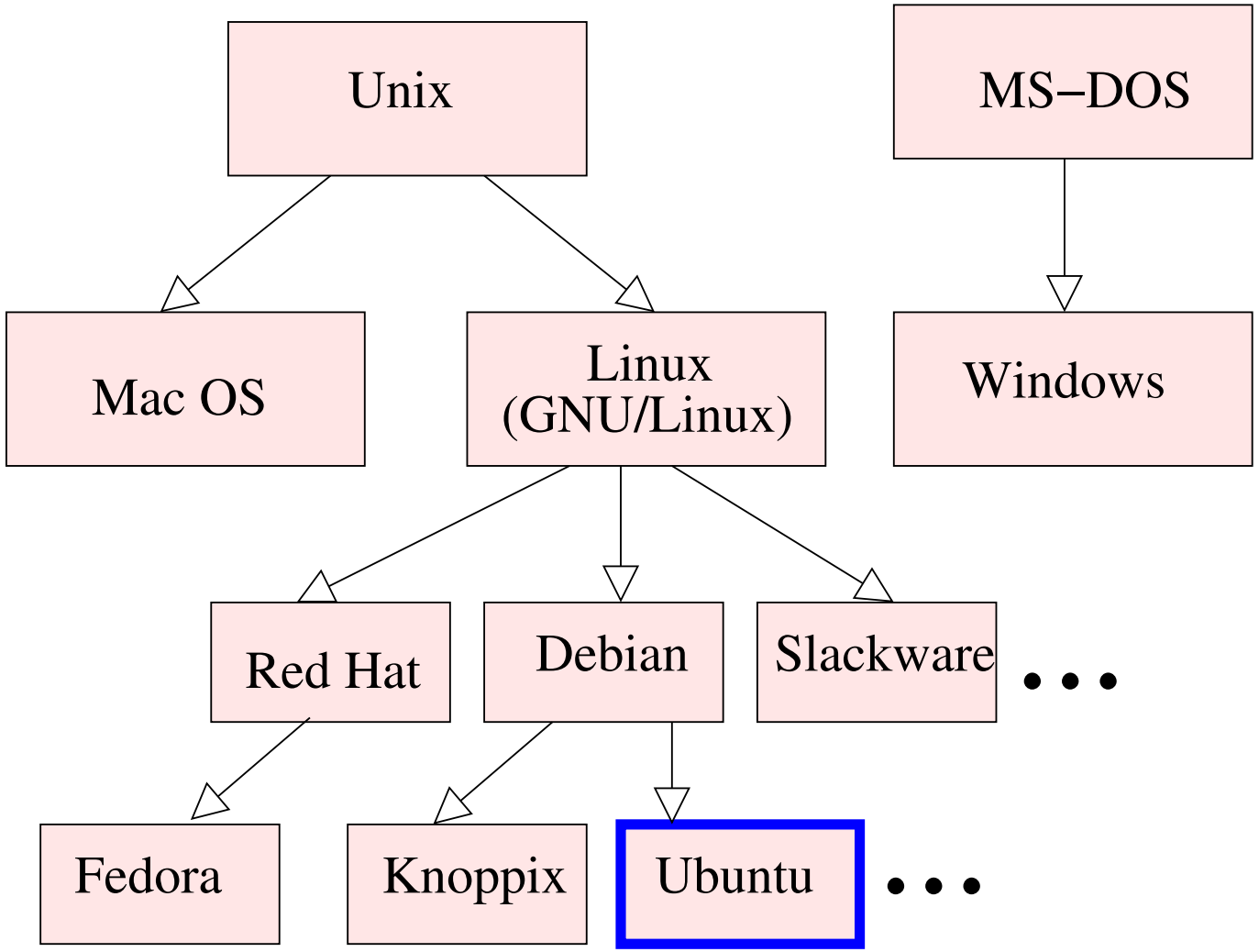

Kernel

The kernel is the core of the operating system:

- Interrupt handlers
- Scheduler to share processor
- Memory management
- File systems
- Inter-process communication
- Networking
- ...

Example of Linux kernel version (major version . minor version . revision).

Latest Stable Release:

4.12.9