

# Introduction

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# What is an operating system?

Abstraction, virtualisation and managing of resource.

- Abstraction
  - How do we create an abstraction layer that provides an environment for programming of a process?
- Virtualisation
  - How do we create the image of dedicated hardware while in fact we have several process sharing the same hardware?
- Resource management
  - Given that we have limited amount of resources, how do we share them in a fair way?

Applications

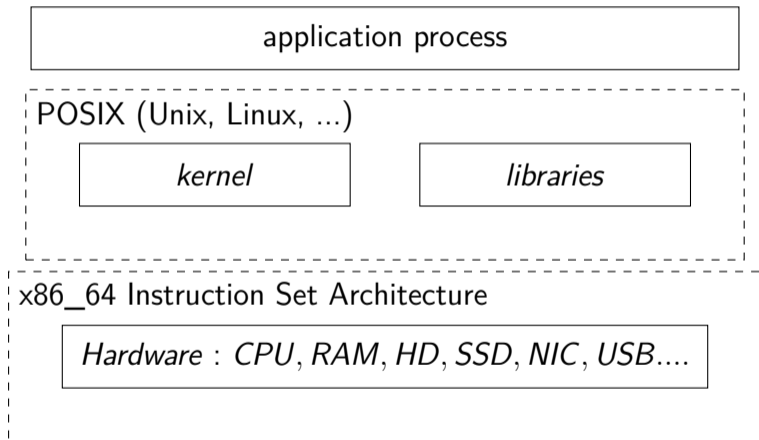
a clean interface

The Operating System

a complete mess

Hardware

# Abstraction



# POSIX: Portable Operating System Interface

## Operating system API

- process handling: fork, exec, wait, ...
- process communication: pipes, ..
- threads handling: pthread\_create, ...
- managing directory and file ownership
- network handling: socket, listen, accept, ...
- ...

## The C Standard Library (ISO C18)

- memory allocation: malloc, free, ...
- signal handling: signal, raise, kill, ..
- file operations: fopen, fclose, fread, fwrite, ....
- ...

## Command Line Interpreter

- shell: the text based interface
- scripting languages
- ...

# C programs

```
int counter = 0;

void hello(char *name){
    printf("Hello: %s, %d\n", name, counter);
}

int main() {
    char *me = argv[1];
    while(counter != 10) {
        counter++;
        hello(me);
        sleep(1);
    }
    return 0;
}
```

# Virtualization

A: 4 GB RAM

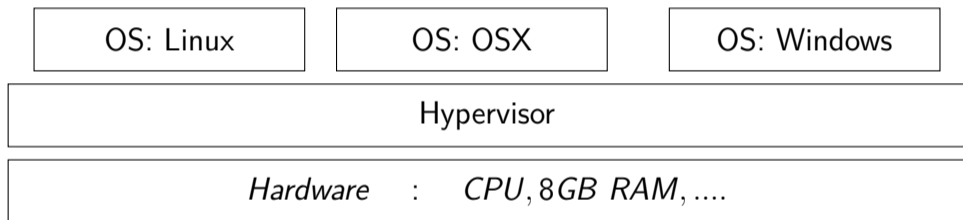
B: 4 GB RAM

C: 32 GB RAM

Operating System

*Hardware : CPU, 8GB RAM, ....*

# Virtualization





- Time: scheduling, how do we divide the execution time among processes
- Memory: efficient allocation and deallocation, malloc/free...

# to implement an operating system

Why is it hard to implement an operating system?

Start programming today.