Introduction

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Hardware
to implement an operating system

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nice B
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standard C
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Java API

Java VM

clean A

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mean and lean

— Hypervisor —
Some history - way back

- 1960
- Large single job machines, batch processing
- Operating system often only libraries to handle hardware.

BESK - KTH 1953, 512 word memory
also long time ago

1970 - 1980
Multiuser systems, minicomputers (very large)
Time sharing, virtual memory, hard drives, ...
Birth of Unix and C

PDP-10 - KTH 1970 ca, 256 Kiword memory
before you were born

Mac or IBM PC?

- 1980 - 1990
- The personal computer.
- Manual switching between programs.
- MS-DOS, Mac OS, ..
The *nix war

AIX, HP-UX, Solaris, Ultrix ...

- 1980 - 2000
- Unix flavors become the leading operating systems for everything but personal computers.
- Everyone wants a standard - their own.
at the same time

1983 -
Providing a free (as in speech, not beer) operating system with everything you could need.

Everything was in place ... the kernel will soon be ready.
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Linux:

- 1993 -
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- A monolithic system targeting the Intel 386 CPU.
- Linux was born and became the kernel for GNU.
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Share of Top500 Super Computers
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What’s next