

Chapter 3
software



Informatics Practices Class XI (As per CBSE Board)

Visit : python.mykvs.in for regular updates



Software - is an organized instructions/code written by programmers using any of various special computer languages for specific purpose.

Purpose:

- Main purpose of software is to convert data into information
- In business decision making
- Scientific investigation and engineering problem solving
- To run embedded system(t.v.,auto. washing machine,dvd player etc.)
- Office automation
- Education



Types of software:

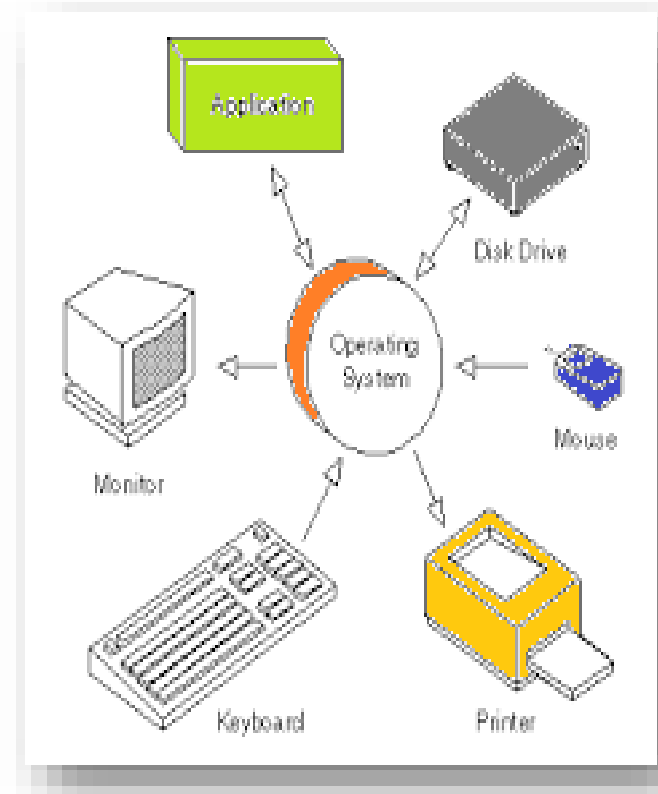
- (1) **Application software:** It handles specialized/ common tasks a user wants to perform, such as banking, hotel management, any data processing, word processing etc.
- (2) **System software:** controls the basic functions of a computer & hides complexity of computer system from user and application software. E.g. Operating System, Compiler, Interpret etc.
- (3) **Utility software:** Which helps to manage, maintain and control computer resources. E.g. are antivirus software, backup software and disk tools.

(1) System software

OPERATING SYSTEM

An Operating System (OS) is a system program that controls and manages the computer resources(resource manager) so that application software can run on it.

Example: Microsoft Windows, Solaris, Linux, MAC OS, Ubuntu, Apple's i-Phone OS etc.



Operating Systems

Software

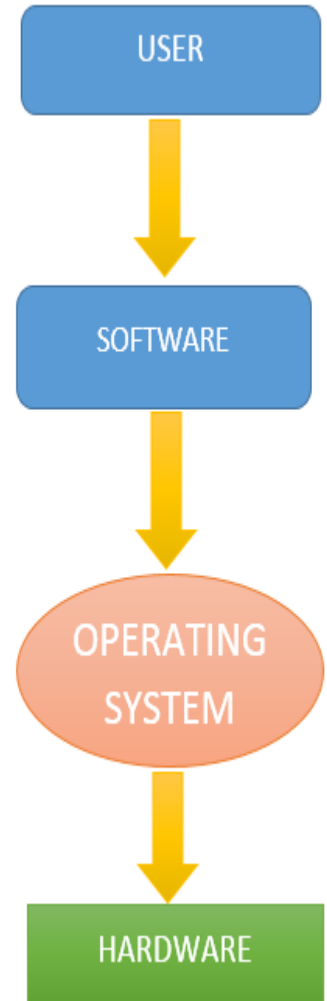


HOW OPERATING SYSTEM WORKS

In any computer or mobile device, the operating system can be termed as the back bone when it comes to software. This is because it has to be there before other programs can be run. It works as a middleman (interface) between machine and user.

At the simplest level, an operating system does two things:

- It manages the hardware resources of the computer system. These resources include such things as the processor, memory, disk space, etc.
- It provides a stable, consistent way for applications to deal with the hardware without having to know all the details of the hardware.





FUNCTIONS OF OPERATING SYSTEM

- Processor management

Loads, schedules and execute process/programs.

- Memory management

Allocates /De-allocation of memory for program execution.

- Device management

Communicate and controls various I/O devices.

- Storage management

Manages and controls the storage device to provide space to program for execution & data save.

- Application interface

API/drivers provide a way for applications to make use of hardware

- User interface

structure for interaction between a user and the computer



TYPE OF OPERATING SYSTEM

* Single-User, Single Task Operating System:

These operating systems work on single task & single user at a time. E.g. DOS

* Single-User, Multi-Task Operating System:

These operating systems work on more than one task and process them concurrently at a time. E.g. windows 95 or later version of windows

* Multiuser Operating System:

In these OS, multiple users are allowed to access the same data or information at a time via a network. E.g. Unix, Linux, Windows 7.

* Multiprocessing Operating System:

Here, a single process runs on two or more processors. All the processing and their management takes place in a parallel way, hence this OS are also called as Parallel Processing. E.g. Linux, UNIX and Windows 7.

* Embedded Operating System:

These are embedded in a device, which is located in ROM. E.g. OS of microwaves, washing machine.

* Distributed Operating System:

In these OS, the computers work in co-operation with each other.



SYSTEM SOFTWARE/PROGRAMMING SOFTWARES

Language processor/Programming Language

As the computer understand machine language(0/1) where as Humans understand High level/Human Lang.

Language Processors does the conversion task(high level to machine lang.)

These are of 3 types Language processors

1. **Compilers**-It convert high-level language code to machine code in one session. It takes time because it have to translate high-level code to lower-level machine language all at once and then save the executable object code to memory.
2. **Interpreters**-It translates code like a compiler but reads the code and immediately executes that code, and therefore it is initially faster than a compiler.
3. **Assemblers**-It translates an assembly language program into machine language.

One-pass assemblers go through the source code once. Any symbol used before it is defined will require "errata" at the end of the object telling the linker or the loader to "go back" and overwrite a placeholder which had been left where the as yet undefined symbol was used.

Multi-pass assemblers create a table with all symbols and their values in the first passes, then use the table in later passes to generate code.



Difference between Compiler and Interpreter:

S.N	COMPILER	INTERPRETER
1.	Scans the whole program in one go.	Translates program one statement at a time.
2.	the errors (if any) are shown at the end together.	errors are shown line by line.
3.	Main advantage of compilers is it's execution time.	Due to interpreters being slow in executing the object code, it is preferred less.
4.	It converts the the instructions into systematic code.	It doesn't convert the instructions instead it directly works on source language.
5	E.g. C, C++, C# etc.	E.g. Python, Ruby, Perl, MATLAB etc.



(2) Application software

* General/Generic Purpose application software

These are ready to use software for daily use purpose
e.g. word processor,spread sheet,presentation,DBMS etc.

* Specific Purpose application software

Softwares which are designed for specific task
e.g. Payroll,Hotel Mgmt,Hospital Mgmt,Stock Mgmt etc.



(2) Application software

* General/Generic Purpose application software

1. Word Processing Packages:

is a software which is used to process text. It allows the user to type, view, edit, manipulate, store and retrieve text material. With word processors we can create well formatted documents that may contain text and even graphics. We can create letters, statements, leaflets etc with a word-processing package.



(2) Application software

* General/Generic Purpose application software

2. Electronic Spreadsheets

is a software tool for manipulating data in tabular form. A spreadsheet is a grid of rows and columns. The intersections of rows and columns are called cells.

In a spreadsheet cell, text, numbers or formulas can be entered. Any formula entered is automatically evaluated and displayed by the program.



(2) Application software

* General/Generic Purpose application software

3. Graphics and Multimedia Packages

Are software designed for creating and manipulating images using a computer. Drawings, graphics and pictures can be created and edited using graphic Software.

Adobe photoshop, Paintshop pro, Ulead photo impact etc. are popular image editing software for the windows environment.



(2) Application software

* General/Generic Purpose application software

4. Database Management Systems

is a software used to manipulate large volumes of data stored in well organized manner, called a database. A database is a repository of related collections of data. For example, a company database might contain information about customers, suppliers, employees, sales and inventory. The DBMS stores data in a way that allows it to access those data at any time.



(2) Application software

* General/Generic Purpose application software

5. Desk Top Publishing (DTP) Packages :

DTP packages can be used for creating professional quality documents and publications. DTP software integrates the processes of design, typesetting and pasteup into one task down. Through DTP We can create an entire publication such as a textbook on a PC. Examples of DTP Packages are Aldus PageMaker, CorelDraw, Microsoft publisher etc. Some examples of Indian, multilingual packages are, prakashak, Lipi, ISM, Patrika etc.



(2) Application software

* Specific Purpose application software

Softwares which are designed for specific task.E.g.

- Payroll- for employee salary purpose
- Medical store management
- Hospital management
- Hotel management
- Library management
- Airline/Railway/Bus reservation system
- Stock/Inventory management
- And there may be many more



(3) Utility software

that assist OS in carrying out certain specialized tasks are called utility software.

- **Antivirus** - An anti-virus scans the system for any virus and if detected, gets rid of it by deleting or isolating it.
- **Compression tools** - Compression tools are utilities that assist operating systems in shortening files so that they take less space.



(3) Utility software

- **Disk Cleanup** - Disk cleanup tools assist users in freeing up disk space.
- **Disk Defragmenter** - Disk defragmenter is a disk management utility that increases file access speeds by rearranging fragmented files on contiguous locations.
- **Backup** - Backup utility enables backing up of files, folders, databases or complete disks.
- **File management tools** - Utility software providing regular file management tasks like browse, search, update, preview, etc. are called file management tools.
- **Restore** – This utility restores the backup earlier taken.