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#### **Functions of Operating System**

Below are the main functions of Operating System:



In an operating system software performs each of the function:

- 1. **Process management**:- Process management helps OS to create and delete processes. It also provides mechanisms for synchronization and communication among processes.
- Memory management:- Memory management module performs the task of allocation and de-allocation of memory space to programs in need of this resources.
- 3. **File management:** It manages all the file-related activities such as organization storage, retrieval, naming, sharing, and protection of files.
- 4. **Device Management**: Device management keeps tracks of all devices. This module also responsible for this task is known as the I/O controller. It also performs the task of allocation and de-allocation of the devices.
- 5. **I/O System Management:** One of the main objects of any OS is to hide the peculiarities of that hardware devices from the user.

- 6. **Secondary-Storage Management**: Systems have several levels of storage which includes primary storage, secondary storage, and cache storage. Instructions and data must be stored in primary storage or cache so that a running program can reference it.
- 7. **Security**:- Security module protects the data and information of a computer system against malware threat and authorized access.
- 8. **Command interpretation**: This module is interpreting commands given by the and acting system resources to process that commands.
- 9. **Networking:** A distributed system is a group of processors which do not share memory, hardware devices, or a clock. The processors communicate with one another through the network.
- 10. Keeping track of time & resource used by various job and users.
- 11. **Communication management**: Coordination and assignment of compilers, interpreters, and another software resource of the various users of the computer systems.

## Features of Operating System (OS)

Here is a list important features of OS:

- Protected and supervisor mode
- Allows disk access and file systems Device drivers Networking Security
- Program Execution
- Memory management Virtual Memory Multitasking
- Handling I/O operations
- Manipulation of the file system
- Error Detection and handling
- Resource allocation

#### System

- Allows you to hide details of hardware by creating an abstraction
- Easy to use with a GUI
- Offers an environment in which a user may execute programs/applications
- The operating system must make sure that the computer system convenient to use
- Operating System acts as an intermediary among applications and the hardware components
- It provides the computer system resources with easy to use format
- Acts as an intermediator between all hardware's and software's of the system

# Disadvantages of using Operating System

 If any issue occurs in OS, you may lose all the contents which have been stored in your system

- Operating system's software is quite expensive for small size organization which adds burden on them. Example Windows
- It is never entirely secure as a threat can occur at any time

## What is a Kernel?

The kernel is the central component of a computer operating systems. The only job performed by the kernel is to the manage the communication between the software and the hardware. A Kernel is at the nucleus of a computer. It makes the communication between the hardware and software possible. While the Kernel is the innermost part of an operating system, a shell is the outermost one.