Lec 5: Opreating Systems, Programming Languages, and Software Development Dr. Sedeeq Al-khazraji 2024-2025

<u>OS:</u> An operating system (OS) is system software that manages computer hardware and software resources, and provides common services for computer programs.

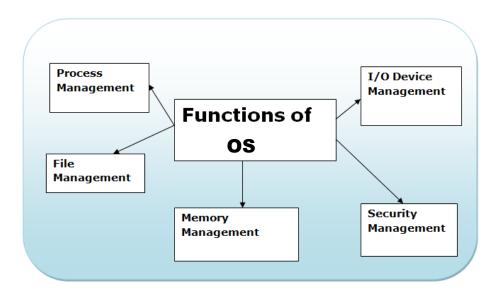
Important services that an operating system provides:

- > Security: prevent unauthorized users from accessing the system.
- > Commands to manipulate the file system.
- > Input and output on a variety of devices.
- > Windows management.

Operating system goals:

- Execute user programs and make solving user problems easier.
- ➤ Make the computer system convenient to use.
- > Use the computer hardware in an efficient manner.

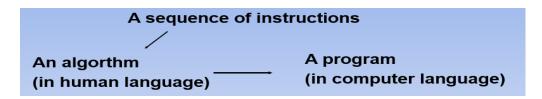
Functions of Operating System



Operating System Mode

- ➤ The *User Mode* is concerned with the actual interface between the user and the system; it controls things like running applications and accessing files.
- ➤ The *Kernel Mode* is concerned with everything running in the background. It controls things like accessing system resources, controlling hardware functions, and processing program instructions.

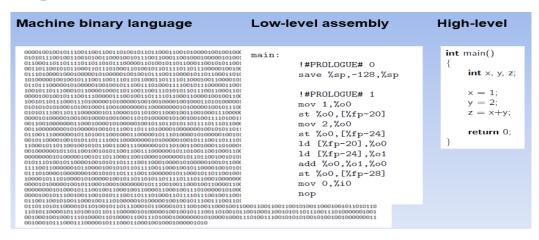
What is a (programming) language?



A program needs to written in a programming language, there are many programming languages.

Low-Level Languages	High-Level Languages
Unreadable	Readable
Not understandable by a human	Understandable by a human
Defined at the hardware level	Not Defined at the hardware level
Low Portable	Highly Portable
Machine-dependent (run only on one	Machine-independent (can run on
hardware)	another hardware)
Example: Assembly language and machine	Example: C++, Java, C#
binary language	

An example:



How to Translate?

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A program written in high-level programming language (for example, C++ program)

COMPILER (for example, Visual C++)

A low-level (machine language) program that is understandable by a computer (for example, a PC)
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Translation System: A special translator/processor system software used to convert programming languages to machine language (binary code). Compilers and Interpreters are used to convert High-Level Language into machine language.

Major Activities of Software Development

- o Editing (writing the program)
- o Compiling (creates .obj file)
- o Linking with compiled files (creates .exe file)
 - Object files
 - Library modules
- Loading and executing
- Testing the program

