

Unit 13 Operating Systems

1A

Q1. How many operating systems can you think of?

Windows (7, XP, Vista, Millennium, 2000, NT, 98), DOS (Disc Operating System), Linux, UNIX.

Q2. What is the function of operating system?

Operating system controls the hardware and software of a computer.

1B

1. Software
2. System software
3. Application software
4. Operating system

2A

Q1. What does *user-friendly* mean?

User-friendly means easy to use.

Q2. Do you think most operating systems are *user-friendly*? Give reasons for your answers.

Yes, most operating systems are *user-friendly* because they use GUI.

2B

✓	X	✓	X	✓	X	✓
User-friendly	Slow	Accessible	Text-based	Intuitive	Complex	Graphics-based

2C

1. Text-based OS was used in early 80s.
2. In 1984, Apple produced the Macintosh, the first computer with a mouse and a graphical user interface (GUI).
3. WIMP stands for Windows, Icons, Menus, and Pointer.
4. By double clicking the program icon.
5. Multitasking means you can run several programs – and do various tasks – at the same time.
6. Unix.
7. Anybody can copy its source code, change it and distribute it.

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8. Windows Mobile.

2 E

Label the interface features (a-j) on the screenshot of Apple's Mac OS X operating system.

g hard disk icon

f window

e picture icon

c program icon

d folder icon

a menu bar

b drop down menu

h scroll bar

j dock

i desktop

3 B

1) Home Basic

2) Entertainment

3) Business organization

4) Visual style

5) Speech recognition

6) Anti-spyware

7) Internet attacks

8) Microsoft Office

9) Word processor

10) Presentations graphics

4 Language work:

1. Are these nouns countable (c) or uncountable (u)?

User	C	Email	C	Computing	U	Edition	C	Entertainment	U
Interface	U	Icon	C	Technology	U	Security	U	Spyware	U

2. Complete the text with a/an/the/ -

- 1) an
- 2) a
- 3) The
- 4) -
- 5) a
- 6) a
- 7) -
- 8) -

5 Writing Summary:

1. In the past computers did not have a GUI.
2. Only experts used computers
3. Anyone can use computer now.
4. GUI uses WIMP (windows, icons, menus, and pointer)
5. The most popular operating systems are:
 - a. Windows
 - b. Mac OS
 - c. Unix
 - d. Linux
 - e. Windows mobile
 - f. Palm OS
 - g. RIM
 - h. Symbian OS
 - i. Android OS

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In the past computers were only used by experts. They were difficult to operate. Today, computers have GUI (Graphical User Interface) which makes them easy to use. Now, anybody can use a computer. A GUI uses WIMP technology (Windows, Icon, Menus, and Pointer technologies).

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