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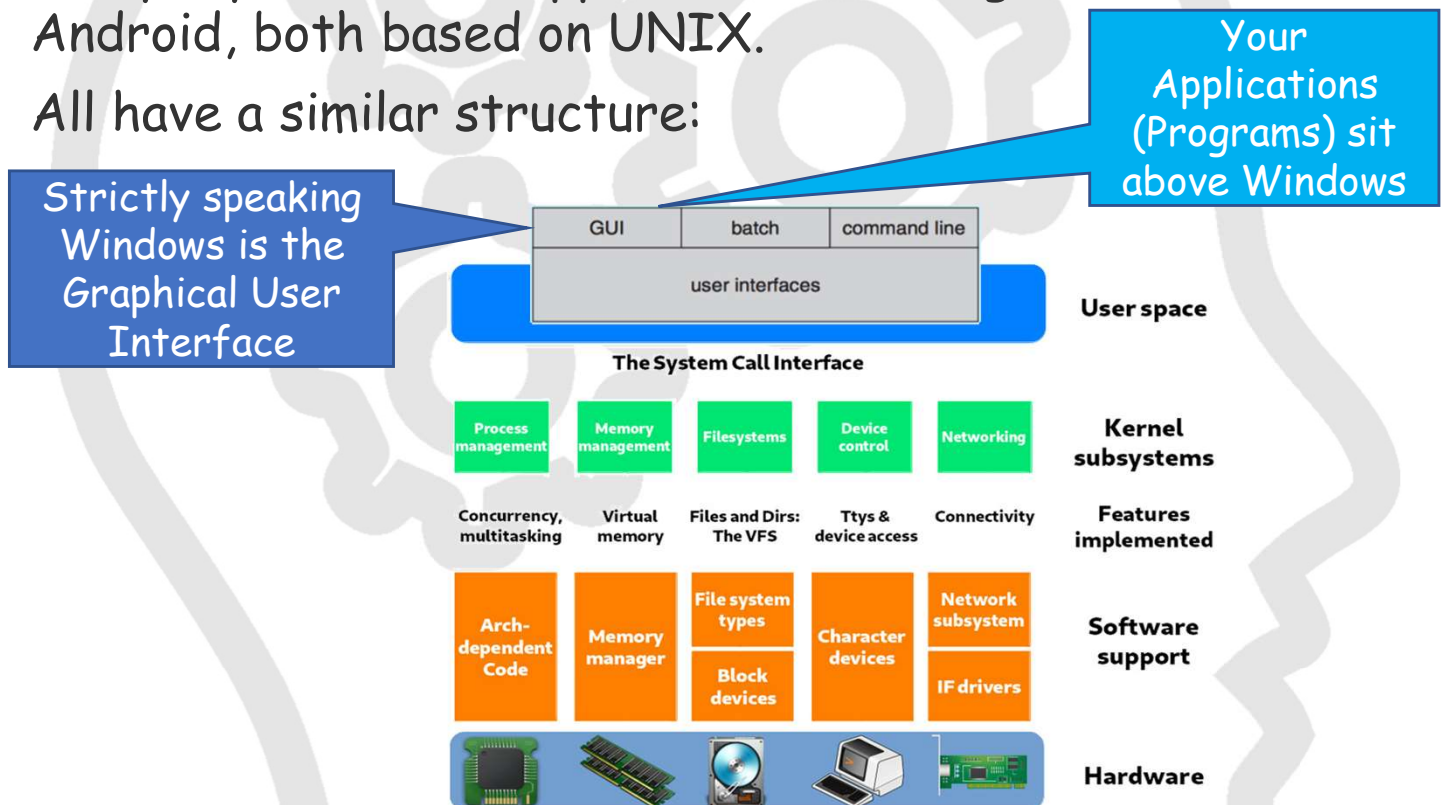
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Windows is an implementation of an Operating System created by Microsoft. Microsoft have had many renditions of Operating Systems from MS-DOS, through Windows 95, 98, Millennium Edition, XP, Windows 7 .. 8...10 ..11 etc. Microsoft tend to update every 3 years. FYI: Apple has IOS, Google has Android, both based on UNIX.

All have a similar structure:



Also consider the way a computer starts up, from the bottom of this stack. The hardware undergoes a POST, Power On Self Test, before being passed to the BIOS (Buffered Input / Output System) that looks for a BOOT (or start-up) device (Disk/ROM). This then starts the operating systems file systems, memory and process management etc kernel subsystems. Now the users CLI (Command Line Interface) kicks in starting WINDOWS which acts as a platform for your Apps.