Exercise Sheet 1

The exercise sheets of the operating systems course contain theoretical and practical exercises. To solve the practical exercises, you need a UNIX shell. Widely used shells include bash (Bourne-Again SHell), fish (Friendly Interactive Shell), ksh (KornShell), csh (C Shell), tcsh, and zsh (Z Shell). The Apple Mac OS X Terminal is sufficient for most practical exercises. Mac OS X from version 10.3 to 10.14 uses the bash by default and newer versions use the zsh. The Windows Command Prompt and Windows PowerShell are <u>not</u> sufficient for the exercises! However, installing the bash, or another shell in Windows 10 and 11 is trivial.

For preparation, it is recommended that you install the Linux operating system on your system. An installation in a container or a virtual machine is sufficient. Easy-to-use distributions include Debian, Ubuntu, Manjaro, Mint, Pop!_OS, Elementary OS, or Fedora.

On a system with a Windows operating system, the Windows Subsystem for Linux (WSL) is often the best choice for installing a Linux guest system. If WSL does not work properly on your system, the free virtualization solution VirtualBox is a good choice. VirtualBox is also available for systems with Mac OS X. A free alternative virtualization solution for devices with Mac OS X is UTM.

Exercise 1 (Operating System Structure)

1. The diagram shows the basic structure of an operating system. Fill in the lines the name of the components marked by the arrow.



Exercise 2 (Batch Processing)

- 1. Describe the objective of batch processing.
- 2. Describe why batch processing causes an acceleration effect, when multiple tasks are executed.

- 3. Name the preconditions that must be satisfied for batch processing before the execution of a task can begin.
- 4. Name tasks for which batch processing is well suited.
- 5. Batch processing is always...
 - \Box interactive \Box non-interactive
- 6. Name an application of batch mode, which is still popular today.
- 7. Describe what spooling is.

Exercise 3 (Time-Sharing)

- 1. Describe the objective of time-sharing.
- 2. Describe how time-sharing distributes the computing time among the processes.
- 3. Give the name of the quasi-parallel program or process execution.
- 4. Describe the objective of the quasi-parallel program or process execution.
- 5. Describe what scheduling is.
- 6. Describe what swapping is.
- 7. Describe how memory protection works.
- 8. Describe the purpose of memory protection.

Exercise 4 (Files and Directories)

- 1. Create in your home directory a directory BTS.
- 2. Navigate to the directory BTS and create inside an empty file with the filename File1.txt.
 - Do not use an editor application to create the file, but a command line command.
- 3. Check the file size of the file File1.txt.
- 4. Change the modification time of the file File1.txt to your birth date.
- 5. Create a new file in the shell File2.txt and insert any text with more than just a single line as content into the new file.

- Do not use an editor application to insert the text into the file, but a command line command.
- 6. Print out the first line of the file File2.txt in the shell.
- 7. Append the content of File2.txt to File1.txt.
 - Do not use an editor application, but a command line command.
- 8. Create in your home directory, a directory with the directory name BTS_new_semester.
- 9. Copy the files File1.txt and File2.txt from the directory BTS into the directory BTS_new_semester.
- 10. Erase the directory BTS.