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- Application software is the software that has made using computers indispensable and popular
- Common application software
 - Word processors
 - Desktop publishing programs
 - Spreadsheets
 - Presentation managers
 - Drawing programs



Learning how to develop application software is our focus

Operating System

- Examples
 - Windows[®], UNIX[®], Mac OS X[®]
- Controls and manages the computing resources
- Important services that an operating system provides
 - File system
 - Directories, folders, files
 - Commands that allow for manipulation of the file system
 Sort, delete, copy
 - Ability to perform input and output on a variety of devices
 - Management of the running systems

Translation System

- Set of programs used to develop software
- A key component of a translation system is a translator
- Some types of translators
 - Compiler
 - Converts from one language to another
 - Linker
 - Combines resources

Examples

- Microsoft Visual C++[®], CBuilder[®], g++, Code Warrior[®]
 - · Performs compilation, linking, and other activities.







Engineering Software

- Software engineering
 - Area of computer science concerned with building large software systems
- Challenge
 - Tremendous advances in hardware have not been accompanied by comparable advances in software



Software Engineering Goals

- Reliability
 - An unreliable life-critical system can be fatal
- Understandability
 - Future development is difficult if software is hard to understand
- Cost Effectiveness
 - Cost to develop and maintain should not exceed profit
- Adaptability
 - System that is adaptive is easier to alter and expand
- Reusability
 - Improves reliability, maintainability, and profitability

Software Engineering Principles

- Abstraction
 - Extract the relevant properties while ignoring inessentials
- Encapsulation
 - Hide and protect essential information through a controlled interface
- Modularity
 - Dividing an object into smaller modules so that it is easier to understand and manipulate
- Hierarchy
 - Ranking or ordering of objects based on some relationship between them













Objects

- An object is almost anything with the following characteristics
 - Name
 - Properties
 - The ability to act upon receiving a message
 - Basic message types
 - Directive to perform an action
 - Request to change one of its properties









