

Introduction to Operating Systems

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- **Silberschatz2013osc** 9th edition [**Silberschatz2013osc**].

Virtual Learning Environment

- The virtual learning environment (VLE) used for the course is "Lärplattformen 2.0", i.e. Moodle.
- In the section "Course Material" found in the VLE you will find recordings of lectures and lecture slides.
- In the section "Examination" you will find all things related to the examination, i.e. hand-in assignments.
- In each hand-in box you will find the instruction for that particular assignment.
- Read the instructions carefully!
- The hand-in assignments are numbered starting on 0 and are prefixed with a letter indicating the type of assignment. Theory assignments are prefixed T and laboratory assignments are prefixed L.

Examination

- Hand-ins: theory assignments, laboratory assignments. These are spread evenly across the course.
- Final exam the last week of the course.

Examination

Hand-ins

- T0 Overview
- T1 Processes
- T2 Memory
- L3 Paging Algorithms
- T4 Storage

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Final exam

- The final exam will cover the entire course.
- The hand-in assignments serve as a good preparation for the exam.

- UNIX was originally developed at Bell Labs.
- This timeline is derived from documents in Bell Labs' historical archive [**BellLabs2002tco**].

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- 1978 Professors at Berkeley continued the enhancement of UNIX and distributed their work as Berkeley Software Distribution (BSD).

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