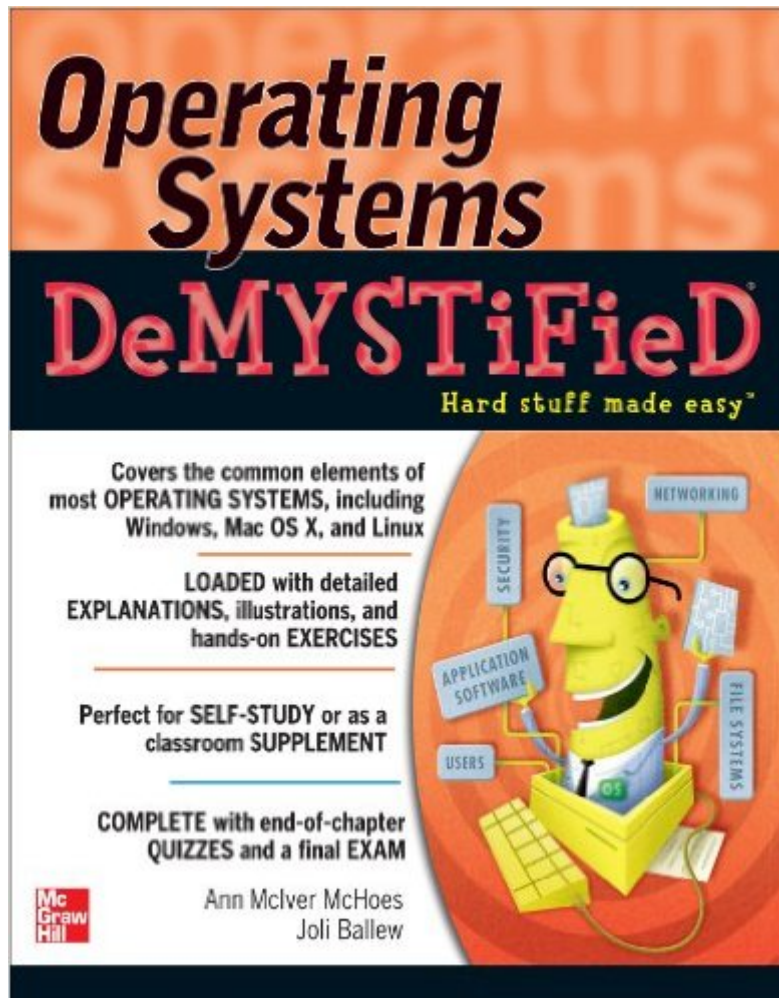


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I enjoyed this easy to read review of the fundamentals of operating system design. The book covers many elements without being bogged down in specific functionalities. It was designed to inspire curious students and would be an ideal supplement to those considering beginning coursework in networking. Operating Systems DeMYSTiFieD

I have just completed using this text in a course, and here's what I can tell you: The content is written at a level adequate to deliver basic information for an intro to OS course. It appears this content came from McHoes and Flynn's "Understanding Operating Systems"; the content in that text is similar but goes into much deeper detail. I had used this last text for several years and thought it was a good book, if a bit too detailed for my students' needs. I made the fatal error of assuming that the answer keys for the text questions were accurate. Both the end of chapter questions and the final exam at the end of the text had numerous errors. Further, quite a few questions were ambiguously worded. Ultimately, my students and I went through the final exam and identified the errors, and I will share the list if anyone is interested. Bottom line: the content is fuzzy, the chapter and final questions can't be trusted, and McGraw-Hill can't/won't support the text.

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