### Software and Licences Lecture 3 - COMPSCI111/111G

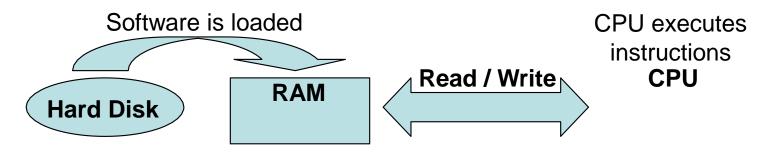


# Today's lecture

- Describe what software is
- Understand the legal protections for software
- Learn about the different software licences
- Identify different kinds of software

#### What is software?

- Aka 'programs' or 'apps'. Instructions and other data used by the computer
- User can perform tasks and interact with the hardware through software
- Loaded from secondary memory into primary memory, where it is executed by the CPU



### Kinds of software

#### System software:

- Operating system (eg. Windows, Mac OS X)
- Device drivers
- Diagnostic and maintenance tools (eg. Disk Cleanup)
- Application software:
  - Used by users to perform tasks on the computer

#### File formats

All data on a computer is stored in binary

- However, a program encodes files in its own way; this is the file format
- A program will be unable to open a file if it does not understand the file format



### **Standards**

- File formats sometimes follow a standard; an agreed way of encoding data (eg. webpages use the HTML5 standard)
- Standards can be:
  - Open
    - Published openly
    - Free to use
    - ▶ Eg. HTML, PDF
  - Proprietary
    - Owned by a company
    - Others can use the standard if they pay for a licence
    - ► Eg. MP3

#### File extension

- Used by the operating system to determine a file's format
- Eg. the .docx file format opens by default with Microsoft Word

Graphics	.jpg , .png , .gif	Video	.mpg , .avi , .divx
Sound	.mp3 , .wma , .ogg	Programs	.exe , .com , .bat
Text	.txt,.doc	Program Code	.c , .java , .cs , .py

# Copyright

#### Software is protected by a range of IP rights

#### Copyright:

- Protects the expression of an idea
- Copyright Act 1994: literary works (includes software) is protected by copyright

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#### Kinds of software

#### Proprietary software

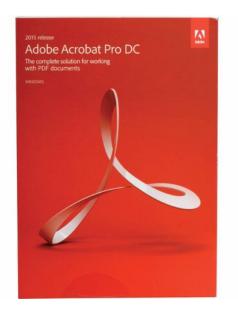
- Owned by an individual or company
- Types:
  - Commercial
  - Shareware
  - Freeware
  - Semi-free (for non-profits)

#### Open source software

- Freely available
- Anyone can use or edit the software's source code

#### Proprietary software - commercial

- Software that a user must purchase to use
- Examples: Microsoft Office, Adobe Acrobat, SPSS





#### Proprietary software - shareware

- User has a trial period in which to evaluate the software, and purchase it if they want
- Nagware: software keeps reminding the user to purchase the full version
- Crippleware: software that works with limited functionality until the user purchases it
- Freemium: software with a free tier and paid tier





#### Proprietary software - freeware

- Software is free to use but source code is not publically available
- Freeware can be a loss leader or adware
- Some freeware is known as abandonware; software no longer maintained but still available





### Open source software

- Software that is free to use and whose source code is public
  - Anyone can use or modify the source code
  - Anyone can create a derivative work from the source code
- Open source movement started in the late 1980's and outlined in the Open Source Definition
- Open source software licences (eg. Apache, GNU) are not as restrictive as commercial software licences

#### **Open source software**

Examples of open source software







#### User interfaces

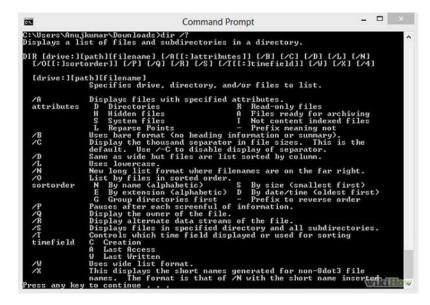
Two kinds of user interface

- Command line interface (CLI)
- Graphical user interface (GUI)

Key difference is that a CLI is text-based while a GUI graphically-based

#### **Command line interface**

- User enters text commands to perform tasks
- Can complete tasks very quickly by combining commands
- Can be difficult to use the text commands if you don't know or understand them



### Graphical user interface

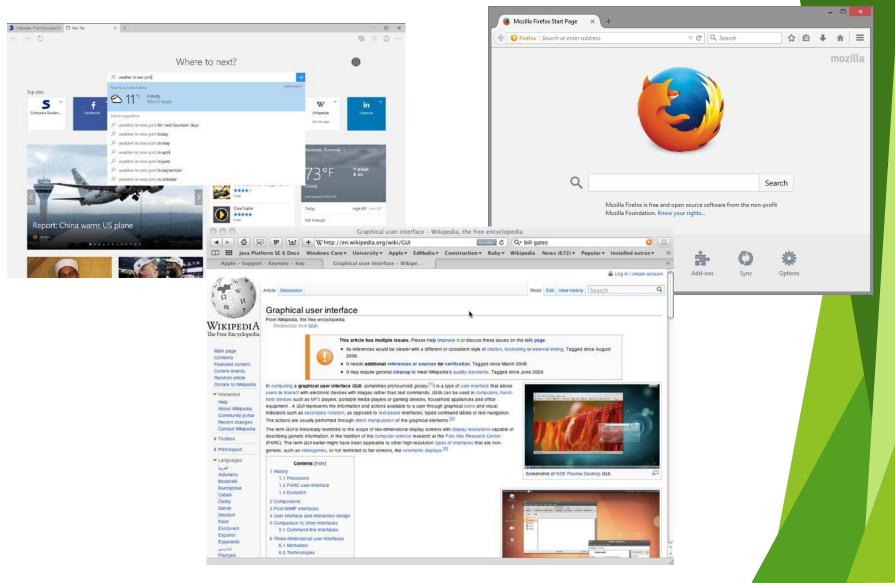
- User performs tasks using the software's graphical elements (eg. windows, pointers, icons, menus)
- Generally easy to use, especially for new users
- Can be inefficient for experienced users, but keyboard shortcuts help to make GUIs more efficient



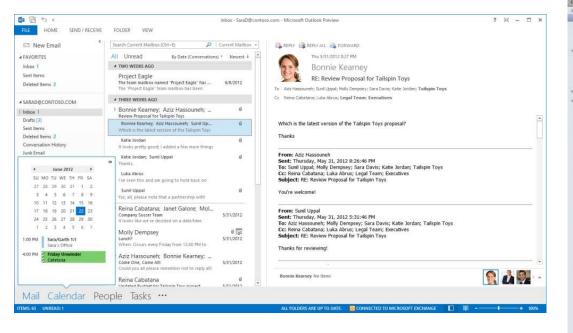
# **Application software**

- Two kinds of software: system and application
- Very wide range of application software

## Web browsers

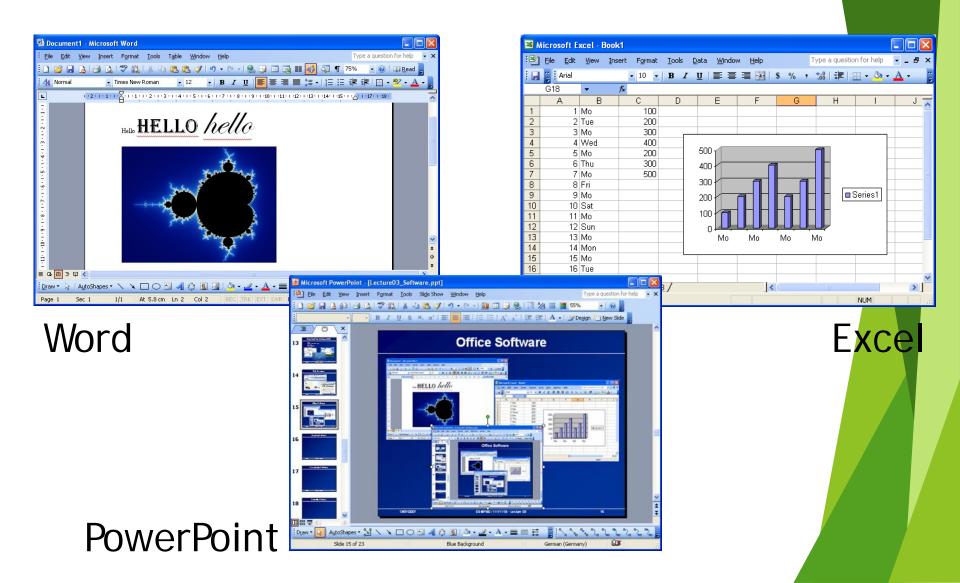


### **Email clients**



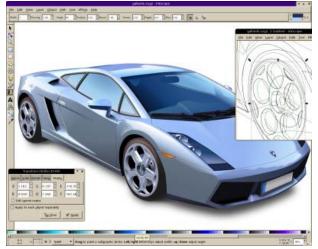


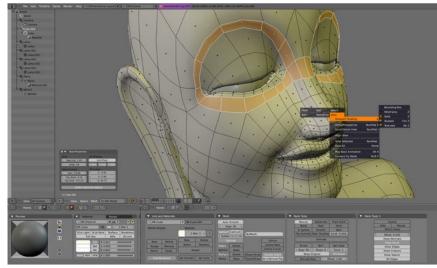
## Office software

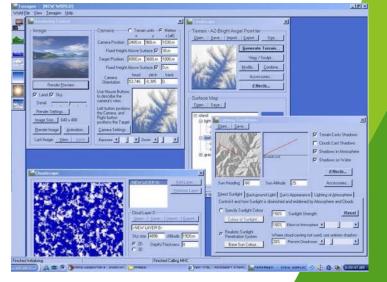


#### **Graphics software**



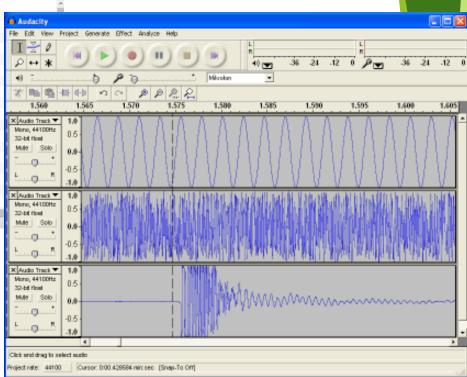




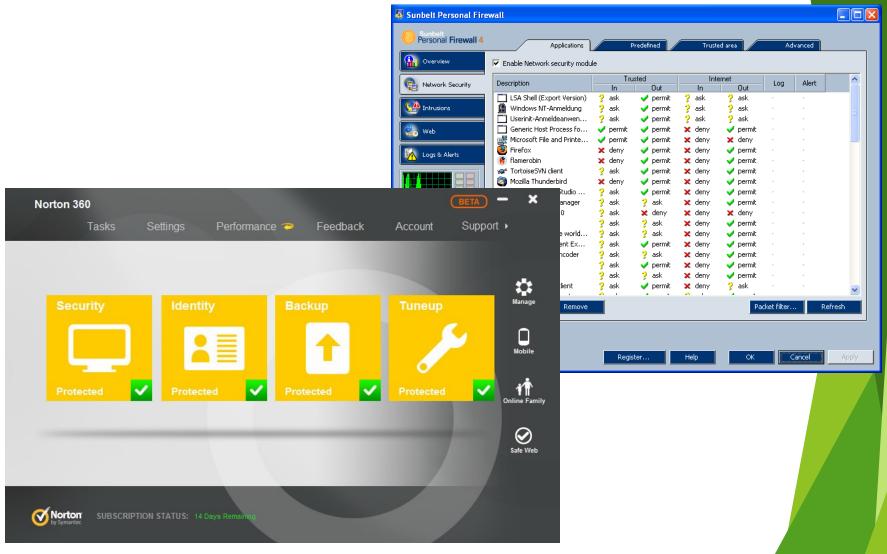


### Music software

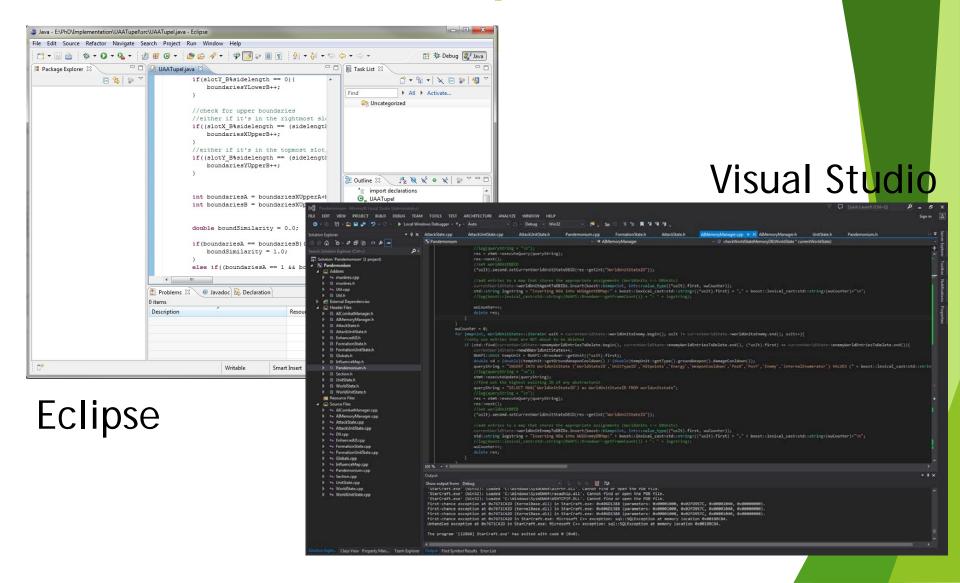
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# Security software



### Software development tools



#### Questions

- What kind of licence is best for software you want to give away for free?
- What is one advantage of the CLI and one disadvantage of the GUI?

#### Answers

- What kind of licence is best for software you want to give away for free?
  - Freeware (no access top source code)
  - Open source software (access to source code)
- What is one advantage of the CLI and one disadvantage of the GUI?
  - CLI: faster for experienced users
  - GUI: can be cumbersome for experienced users

## Summary

- Software allows users to perform tasks with their computer
- Software is protected by copyright. Users receive a licence to use software
- Proprietary software vs open source software
- CLI vs GUI
- Different kinds of software can be used to perform different tasks