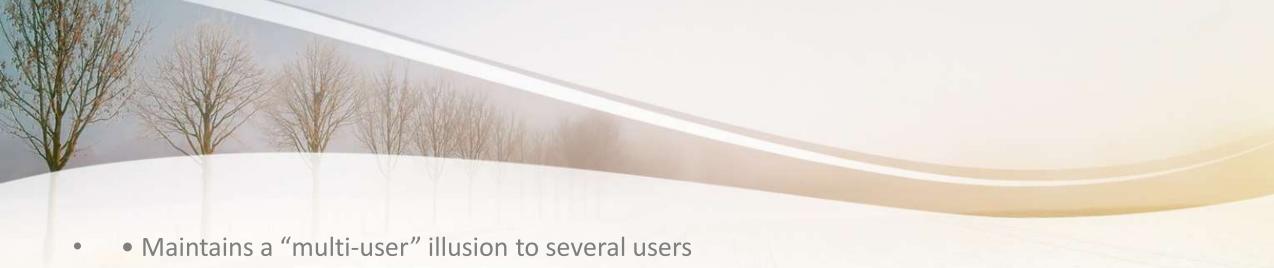




- – e.g. keyboard, mouse, printer, speakers, microphone
- Share resources among users and programmes
- fairly: each programme gets a change to run
- safely: protects against corruption
- efficiently: using the available resources to provide the best service possible
- Allocates resources to users
- Disks, memory, network interfaces, timers, terminals/displays, laser printers, etc
- How is it shared?



- most systems allow several user "programs"
- (even if you think you are only running one programme, there are several internal programmes running)
- Managing
- processors: 1, 2 or several
- memories: RAM, cache
- timers: internal, external
- disks
- network interfaces: intranet, LAN, WAN
- – laser printers: several printers, priority
- other devices.

