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The iOS kernel is the XNU¹⁾ kernel of Darwin²⁾. The original iPhone OS (1.0) up to iPhone OS 3.1.3 used Darwin 9.0.0d1. iOS 4 was based on Darwin 10. iOS 5 was based on Darwin 11. iOS 6 was based on Darwin 13. iOS 7 and iOS 8 are based on Darwin 14. iOS 9 is based on Darwin 15. iOS 10 is based on Darwin 16. iOS 11 is based on Darwin 17. iOS 12 is based on Darwin 18.[170]

1)

The OS X kernel. The acronym stands for X is Not Unix. XNU combines the functionality of Mach and BSD with the I/O Kit, the driver model for OS X [Apple Developer Glossary: XNU](#)

2)

Another name for the core of the OS X operating system. The Darwin kernel is equivalent to the OS X kernel plus the BSD libraries and commands essential to the BSD command-line environment. Darwin is open source technology. [Apple Developer Glossary: Darwin](#)

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