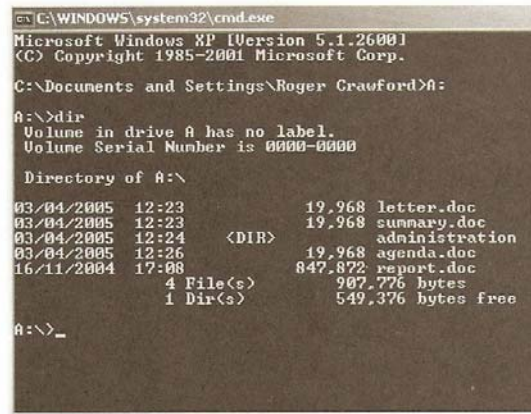


- **Allowing users to give commands to the computer.** The OS enables you to give commands to the computer. You could give the computer commands in different ways:
 - Typing commands in command line. The following example is for Microsoft DOS (disk operating system).



```
C:\WINDOWS\system32\cmd.exe
Microsoft Windows XP [Version 5.1.2600]
(C) Copyright 1985-2001 Microsoft Corp.

C:\Documents and Settings\Roger Crawford>A:

A:\>dir
Volume in drive A has no label.
Volume Serial Number is 0000-0000

Directory of A:\

03/04/2005  12:23                19,968  letter.doc
03/04/2005  12:23                19,968  summary.doc
03/04/2005  12:24                <DIR>   administration
03/04/2005  12:26                19,968  agenda.doc
16/11/2004  17:08            847,872  report.doc
             4 File(s)              907,776 bytes
             1 Dir(s)              549,376 bytes free

A:\>_
```

Figure : A command line user interface

- Use a Graphical User Interface (GUI), and navigate and select using a mouse. A GUI will have windows, icons, menus and a pointer controlled by a device such as a mouse. Menu options and icons are selected by pointing and clicking the left-hand mouse button.
- Menu-driven user interface.

The OS interprets these commands however they are given to it and controls the computer so that it carries out the task you have commanded.