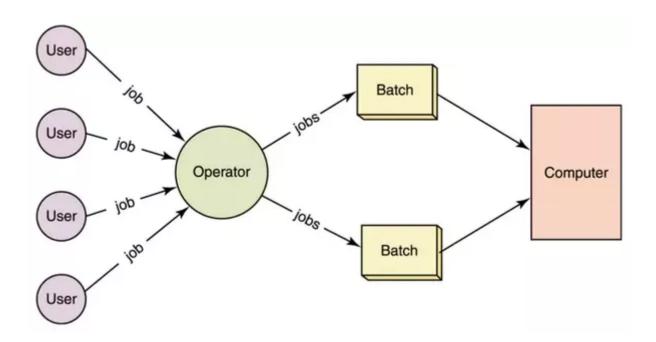


## **BATCH OPERATING SYSTEMS**

"The operating system is termed as "batch operating" because the input data (job) are collected into batches or sets of records with similar needs and each batch is processed as a unit(group). The output is another batch that can be reused for computation."

- In this, jobs which are of similar type are grouped together and treated as a **batch**.
- Now, they are stored on the Punch card (a stiff paper in which digital data is stored and represented using some specific sequence of holes) which will be submitted to the system for processing.
- The system will then perform all the required operations in a sequence. So, we consider this as a type of Serial processing.
  Eg: Bank Statements



## **Advantages:**

- 1. Suppose a job takes a very long time(1 day or so). Then, such processes can be performed even in the **absence** of humans.
- 2. They doesn't require any **special** hardware and system support to input data.

## Disadvantages:

- 1. It is very difficult to **debug** batch systems.
- 2. Lack of **interaction** between user and operating system.
- 3. Suppose an error occurs in one of the jobs of a batch. Then, all the **remaining** jobs get affected i.e; they have to wait until the error is resolved.



