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Configuration & Customizations of Linux

Linux configuration files enable the Kernel to know about users, and their login state and manage file permissions and user groups. Most of the configuration files in Linux are usually under the /etc folder.

The configuration files are static and cannot be executable. They are used to control the operation of various Linux programs.

Broadly speaking, Linux configuration files can be of the following types.

Access files

Access files tell the network domain how to look up host names. Access files include:

- */etc/hosts.config*
- */etc/hosts*
- */etc/hosts.allow*
- */etc/hosts.deny*

Booting and login/logout

These files contain configuration information for booting up the system.

- */etc/issue & /etc/issue.net*
- */etc/rc.d/rc*

- */etc/rc.d/rc.sysinit*
- */etc/rc.d/rc/rc X.d*

File system

Linux provides **/proc**, a virtual file system that can be used to display various system data structures and parameters.

Many programs access this file system to gain statistical information about the system, such as the devices mounted on the system, the memory usage, etc.

- */etc/mtab*
- */etc/fstab*
- */etc/mtools.conf*

System administration

This group of files contains information about the users and user groups, as well as the file permissions and credentials of all users. These files include the following configuration files:

- */etc/group*
- */etc/nologin*
- *etc/passwd*
- */etc/rpmrc*
- */etc/securetty*
- */etc/usertty*
- */etc/shadow*

System commands

System commands are meant to be used exclusively by the system. Programs like login or bash are all system commands. These are important files containing information about the system commands and include the following files.

- */etc/lilo.conf*
- */etc/logrotate.conf*
- */etc/identd.conf*
- */etc/ld.so.conf*
- */etc/inittab*
- */etc/termcap*

Daemons

Daemons are programs that run in the background without user interference. These are often related to networking stacks, where they wait for connections to arrive so that they can provide services through them.

- */etc/syslogd.conf*
- */etc/httpd.conf**
- */etc/conf.modules**

Customization of the Linux Operating System

The kernel is the most important part of any operating system. It does things like allowing the hardware and software to talk to each other. Windows, Apple's OS X, Linux, etc. are all popular

operating systems. Linux is an operating system that is free to use. The way a Linux operating system works is the same as the way a Unix operating system works. When Linus Torvalds was a student in computer science, he came up with the idea for the Linux operating system. He thought that the Unix operating system needed improvements while he was working on it, but the people who made Unix didn't agree. This led to the creation of the Linux operating system, which lets users make changes and modifications.

Why you need to learn Linux

There are three main reasons to learn about Linux:

- Linux is an open-source operating system, which means that anyone who knows how to program can change it.
- The Linux operating system gives away millions of programs and apps for free.
- •Linux is a very safe system, so you don't need to use antivirus software if you have it installed. A group of people who work on global development is looking into it to improve security over time. With each update, the operating system gets stronger and safer.
- Linux is the operating system of choice for server environments because it is stable and reliable. Linux-based servers can run for years without being turned off and on again. Linux is used for servers at places like Google, Facebook, Amazon, etc.

Linux has many uses

Linux can be used for:

- Linux is an operating system that is free to use. Linux's source code is easy for anyone to get their hands on.
- Linux gives you safety.
- Linux can be used to bring back to life older computer systems.
- Linux can be used to update software.
- Linux can be used to make changes.
- Linux can be used to make different kinds of distributions.
- Using Linux is free.
- Linux doesn't cost much.
- Linux has large community support.

Linux is very flexible and has a modular design that lets users make their own versions that fit their needs. Linux can be made better for different tasks depending on the application.

Performance in networking, computation, deployment on specific hardware platforms, and deployment on systems with limited memory, storage, or computing resources are some of the things that can be improved. Users can choose different Linux distributions for different applications, or they can change a particular distribution to add their own kernel configurations.

Options for setting up. Some specialized Linux distributions use kernels that were built with configuration options set to include only device or file system drivers. For example, you could build a kernel for a wireless device without any wired network device drivers.

The only thing that all systems that run Linux have in common is the Linux kernel. How does Linux work?

How to load and start a Linux kernel.

Once the system is up and running, the kernel handles all input and output. The system has been set up, and processes can now begin.

As system processes are started, the system can be used for things like network server functions, commands entered interactively via the command line, desktop applications, or any other application or program.

Even though the kernel may be almost the same, the user experience can be very different depending on how the Linux system is being used. This is because configuration and compilation can cause differences. For example, here are some ways Linux can be used that give users very different experiences:

Desktop productivity systems are used by professionals like software developers and others. Workstations for making software can be optimized for speed, while desktops for people who work in administration can be optimized for using productivity tools. There may not even be a terminal for direct

access on some network servers. The network terminals or Windows sessions used to manage these headless servers are used to control them from afar. Servers can be used by many people, but only authorized system administrators should be able to get to them directly.