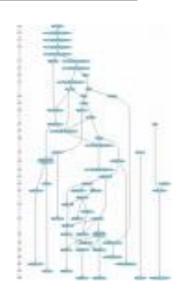
## **UNIX – Une Introduction**

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# **UNIX - A Definition (I)**

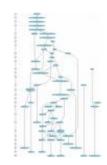
- Unix is a (family of) Operating System ... like ...
  - MS-DOS (Microsoft)
  - VMS (DEC)
  - VM/CMS, VM/SP (IBM Mainframe)
  - Windows (Workgroups, 95, 98)
  - Mac OS (..., 8, 9)
  - Windows NT, XP, 2000, Vista, Seven, Eight....
  - Mac OS X (Leopard, Snow Leopard, Tiger, Lion, Mountain Lion,...)
  - Linux (Red Hat, Suse, Mandrake, Debian, Ubuntu, ...)
  - Solaris (SUN)
  - Google (ANDROID)
  - Apple (IOS)
  - ....

## **UNIX - A Definition (II)**

- UNIX is an operating system
  - Multi user
  - Multi task
  - Multi sessions
  - Fair ressources sharing
  - Hierarchical file system
  - Simple processes communications

#### **UNIX - Multi User**

- Simultaneous access
- Authentifications mechanisms
  - Logins/Passwords
  - Secure Cards/Certificates
- Protections
  - Files/Processes belongs to one user
  - Files/Processes belongs to one or more groups
  - Enforcement of data protection by hardware
- Security Model
  - DAC (vs MAC)

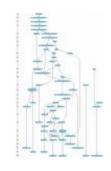


#### **UNIX - Multi Task**

- A command is the same as a user program
  - E.g: Is, who, cc, myProg, myAnalysis, ...
  - A "running" program or command is called a process
- Processes can be executed
  - Sequentially
  - Concurrently
- Batch processing
  - Locally
  - In a networked environment (e.g. GRID computing)
- Accept programs written in multiple languages
  - As long as you have a compiler ...
  - C, C++, Fortran, Pascal, Cobol, ...

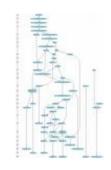
## **UNIX - Multi Session (I)**

- Access methods to a UNIX system
  - Command line oriented (CLI)
    - Through terminals, consoles (tty)
    - Terminals as windows of a GUI
    - Command language (scripts)
  - Graphical User Interfaces (GUI)
    - X Window System (X11, X MIT 1984)
      - X Terminals over a LAN
      - X Clients through the Internet
    - News (SUN Microsystems)
      - Postcript based
    - Aqua (Apple 1999)
      - Apple's Graphical User Interface



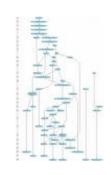
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## **UNIX - Multi Session (II)**



- Allows many users to work on the system
  - Locally
  - Through a local area network
  - Through the internet
- Sessions
  - CLI
  - GUI

## **UNIX - Multi Session (III)**



- CLI Network access to a UNIX system
  - telnet host132.bigcompany.com (tcp port 23)
    - Non-secure protocol
    - Not limited to the UNIX world (e.g. Router, printer, configuration)
  - rlogin host132.bigcompany.com (tcp port 513)
    - Non-secure protocol
    - Unix world
  - ssh host132.bigcompany.com (tcp port 22)
    - Secure protocol (based on ssl)
    - Unix world but expanding to Windows (putty, winscp...)

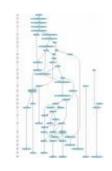
## **UNIX - Ressources Sharing (I)**

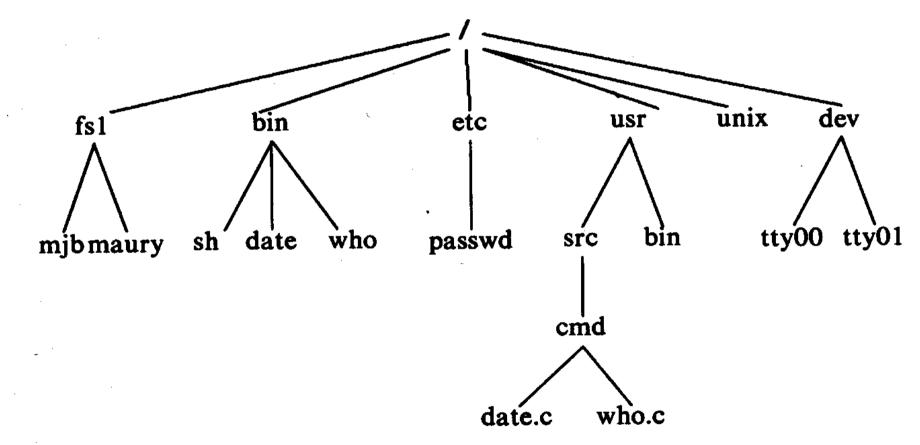
- UNIX shares
  - CPU: one second is divided in equal-sized "slices"
    - one slice is allocated to a process (user or system)
    - UNIX is a time sharing system (TS suffix)
  - RAM: memory is divided into equal-sized "pages"
    - pages are allocated to a process (user or system)
  - DISKS: space is divided into equal-sized "blocks"
    - blocks are allocated to files or directories

## **UNIX - Ressources Sharing (II)**

- UNIX shares ressources fairly
  - CPU
    - Ressource allocated on a priority base
    - User commands and programs at the same level
  - MEMORY
    - Allocated on a priority base
    - Unused pages saved back on disk
  - DISK
    - Allocated as far as disk space is available
    - Quotas can be implemented

# **UNIX - Hierarchical FS (I)**





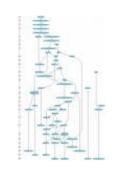


- Hierarchy seems natural
  - but VM/CMS had a flat name space (no dir !)
- Filesystem Hierarchy Standard
  - http://www.pathname.com/fhs/
  - fhs-2.3.pdf
- Implementation is vendor dependent
  - List of UNIX (and other) file systems
    - http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Comparison\_of\_file\_systems
  - local
    - ext2, ext3, ext4, ufs, hfs, advfs, reiserfs, zfs, ...
  - with or without journaling, versioning
  - case dependent, large file support (> 2GB)
  - networked
    - nfs, afs, ...

## **UNIX - Hierarchical FS (III)**

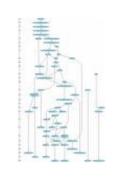
- The UNIX filesystem hierarchy holds
  - Directories
  - Files
    - Regular
      - Collection of data (bytes)
      - Data, program, executable
      - No predefined structure
      - Suffix is irrelevant (use magic characters)
    - Special
      - peripherals (/dev)
      - processes (/proc)
      - Named pipes, some sockets, ...

## **UNIX - Process Communication**



- Process communication made easy
  - Standard input and output
- Simple Data redirection
  - myProc1 > myOutput1
  - myProc2 < myOutput1 > myOutput2
- Pipes
  - myProc1 | myProc2 > myOutput2
- Advanced IPC
  - Shared memory
  - Synchronization
  - Locking
  - •

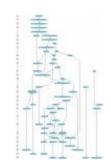
## **UNIX - A Portable OS**



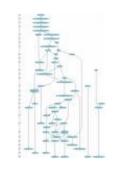
- Written in a high level language (C 1973)
  - Widely diffused
    - You "just" need a C compiler on a platform to run UNIX on it.
    - Assembly code needed just for the bootstrap process
    - Runs on PCs, μP, MACs (PPC/Intel), mainframes, ...
- Become a de facto IEEE standard
  - Portable Operating System Interface (POSIX)
  - IEEE 1003.x

## **UNIX - A philosophy**

- Simplicity
  - Small number of powerful concepts and utilities
    - pipes, redirections, consistent access to ressources
    - cat, sort, awk, uniq, grep, wc, head, tail, ...
  - Simple communication between utilities
  - Scripts combining simple utilities
- Regularity
  - very few exceptions
    - e.g. network socket not in the filesystem
- **Flexibility** 
  - easy to adapt to special needs

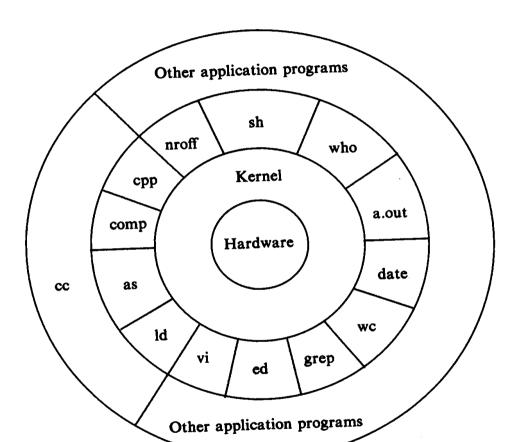


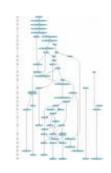
## UNIX - A spirit :-)



- Conceptors of UNIX had a sense of humour
  - Command "dd"
    - Copy and convert tapes from EBCDIC to ASCII
    - "cc" already taken as the C compiler ... -> "dd"
  - Command "biff"
    - "biff" allows you to be warned when a mail arrive
    - Biff was the name of the dog ...
  - Drawback
    - Makes the language cryptic, obscure

# **UNIX - Architecture (I)**

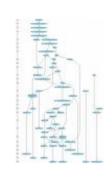




## **UNIX - Architecture (II)**

- Kernel mode (space)
  - All protected operations
  - Non preemptible
    - Standard UNIX cannot provide Hard Real-Time capabilities
- User mode (space)
  - All non-protected operations
- Systems Calls
  - Allows user level process to enter the kernel
  - System calls are +/- standardized within the UNIX family
    - read(), write(), fork(), exec(), wait(), ....



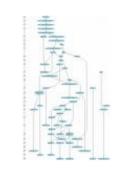


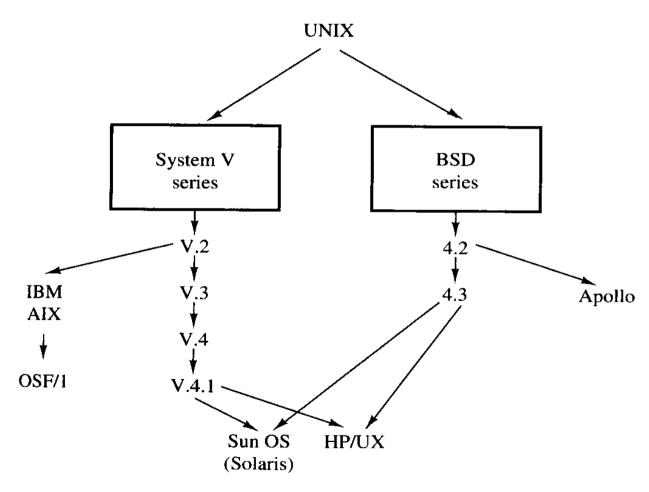
- UNIX is <u>NOT</u> Open Software
- Original source code was available since the beginning for a "small" fee
  - License, Royalties, ...
  - Source code not redistributable as is ...
- UNIX ownership
  - BELL Labs
  - AT&T
  - Novell
  - Santa Cruz Operating System (SCO)
  - ... ??? ...

## **UNIX - A Family of OS (I)**

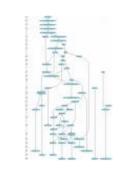
- Source Code Available
  - Computing "Aware" Communities
    - Universities, Vendors, ...
  - Many improvements
    - Berkeley: sockets, improved shell, history, background processes
    - AT&T: IPCs
  - Variety of UNIX'es
    - BSD, Ultrix, SunOS, Digital Unix, Solaris, HP-UX, AIX,
       OSF, MacOSX, Linux, Next, Darwin, iOs, Androïd, ...

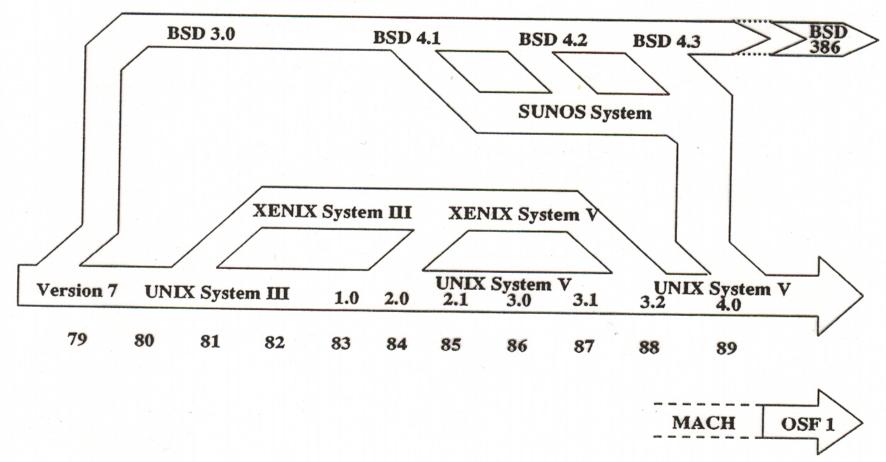
# **UNIX - History (I)**



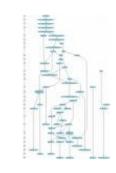


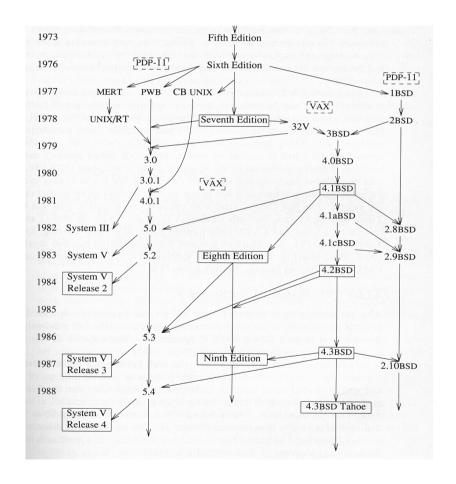
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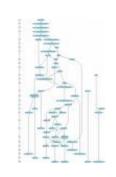


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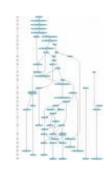


# **UNIX - annoyances**



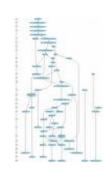
- BSD and System V flavors differs, e.g.
  - BSD: ps aux
  - Sys V: ps -eaf
- Can be solved by compatibility environments
  - e.g. Solaris has a BSD environment
    - /usr/ucb/bin
  - environment: PATH=/usr/ucb/bin:\$PATH

# **UNIX - History (IV - The Story)**



- The whole story
  - http://www.levenez.com/unix/
  - unix\_plotter.pdf
- Just to remember
  - Two main flavors of UNIX
    - System V
    - Berkeley (BSD)
  - So ... what about Linux ?

## UNIX - ... versus Linux ...

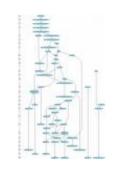


- Linux is a free, open source version of the UNIX OS.
  - Source code written from scratch (?) with the same interface as the original UNIX
- Many versions ("distro") of Linux (Red Hat, Suse, Debian, ...)
  - But "one" linux kernel
  - "Mimic" the UNIX kernel interface
    - system calls
  - Distro's differs from
    - the application/management layer
    - base GUI (KDE, GNOME, AfterStep, ...)
    - software packages (Apache, MySQL, OpenOffice, ...)
    - distribution media
    - help-desk, support, language (walloon in Red Hat :-) ) ...

## Linux - Choice of a "distro"

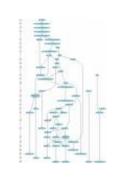
- Main usage of the system
  - Home usage
  - Server
    - Mid-range
    - High-end
  - Mission critical
- Support
- Software life cycle
- Maintenance
- Hardware compatibility/certification

## **Linux - Red Hat**



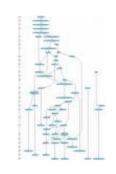
- Red Hat was a very popular distribution
- Red Hat is now focusing on the commercial market
  - Last free release is Red Hat 9
  - Project moved to the Fedora Core Project (FC)
  - New product: Red Hat Enterprise Linux (RHEL)
- FC no support life cycle 1.5 \* 6 monthes
  - Longer with the Fedora Legacy Project
- RHEL support life cycle 5 x 18 monthes

## **Linux - Red Hat**



- FC Distribution through network free
- RHEL Distribution through commercial channels (network, CDs, ...) - paid
- However Linux is open software
  - RHEL source code available on the network
  - Fell free to recompile it
  - E.g. CERN Scientific Linux Distribution
  - E.g. Centos
- Massive deployement via kickstart

# **UNIX - The Computing Market**



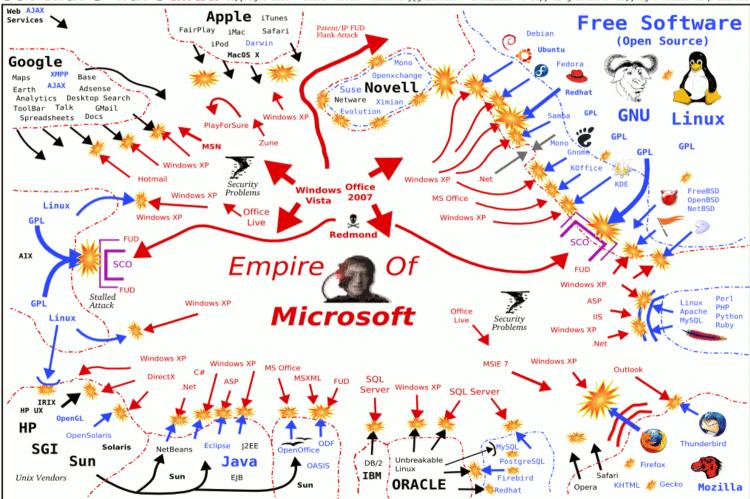
- At the beginning UNIX was used within universities, research centers, ...
- Mid 80's starts to address "mini" computer and some supercomputer (Cray)
- Linux is a major step toward home users
  - script kiddies, hackers, ....
  - a perfect computing laboratory
- Linux is becoming more and more present ...

## **UNIX - vs Windows (I)**

- Desktop
  - A long debate between Win MacOSX Linux
  - French Police Dept., City of Munich, ...
- Server
  - UNIX is taking over spec. with multi-cpus (16x)
    - US Postal, yahoo, ebay, www.windows95.com, skynet, ...
    - Apple .mac accounts managed by SUN Mail servers
- Embedded systems
  - Small and specialized distribution (knoppix, ...)
  - E.g. Lotto terminal, firewall appliance, kiosk, ...

## **UNIX - vs Windows (II)**

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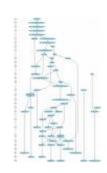




## **UNIX - Summary**

- A very powerful OS for programmers
  - Provides a consistent access to ressources
  - Provides a well-defined interface to the kernel
  - Provides high level libraries
- A very powerful OS for system admin.
  - Easy to manage
  - Clear text configuration files
  - Command line interface
  - Remote access

## **UNIX - Documentation**



• man

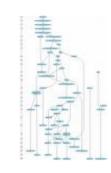
1 - user commands	5 - file formats
2 - system calls	6 - games
3 - fct libraries	7 - misc
4 - devices/network interfaces	8 - admin commands

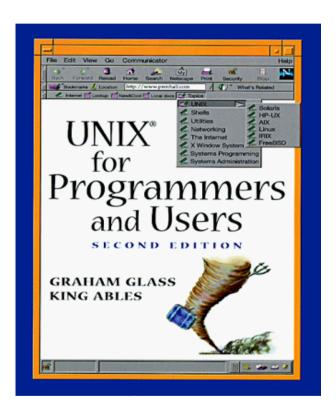
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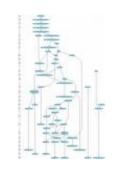
## **UNIX - A First Reference**





- "UNIX for Programmers and Users"
- Graham Glass, King Ables
- Prentice Hall ISBN 0-13681-685-1

## **UNIX - Cmd Interpreters (I)**



- The UNIX command interpreter ....
  - A Shell
  - Used for interactive use (cli) or command scripts.
- A shell is an ordinary program
  - Lies between the user and the UNIX OS (UI)
  - Executes commands on behalf of the user
  - Allows one to combine commands into powerful control structures

# **UNIX - Cmd Interpreters (II)**

- Bourne shell (/bin/sh)
- C shell (/bin/csh)
- Korn shell (/bin/ksh)
- Turbo C shell (/bin/tcsh)
- Z shell (/bin/zsh)
- Bash (/bin/bash)

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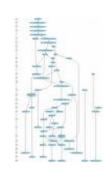


# **UNIX - Cmd Interpreters (III)**

Name	Interactive	Scripts
Bourne	BAD	OK
C Shell	OK	BAD
Korn Shell	OK	OK
Bash	OK	OK

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- 1. grep NET\_DROP kernel | \
   awk '{print \$11}' | sort -n | uniq -c
- 2. tail -100000 AppleMailServer.POP.log | \
  grep "with APOP" | awk '{print \$7}' | sort | uniq
- 3. cd /afs Is --color=none | awk -F. '{print \$NF}' | sort | uniq -c | sort -n

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