

Course overview

CSYE 6225: Network Structure & Cloud Computing
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Day 1

- Read syllabus: will go over syllabus in class.
- Github: We will use Github classrooms for several assignments. Link to join will be shared in Canvas. Please create a github account.
- Survey: Anonymous background survey link will be shared.
- Topic: Linux commands and File System

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Linux commands and File System



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Objectives:

- Understand and apply basic Linux commands,
- Navigate the Linux file system,
- Gain insights into the Linux ecosystem compared to other operating systems.

Hands-on:

- Accompanied with hands-on demos.



What is Linux?

- Linux is an open-source operating system kernel initially created by Linus Torvalds in 1991.
- It is widely used in servers, desktops, and embedded systems due to its stability, security, and flexibility.
- Richard Stallman and others wrote the GNU utilities
- Kernel + GNU -> Linux OS as we know it today.



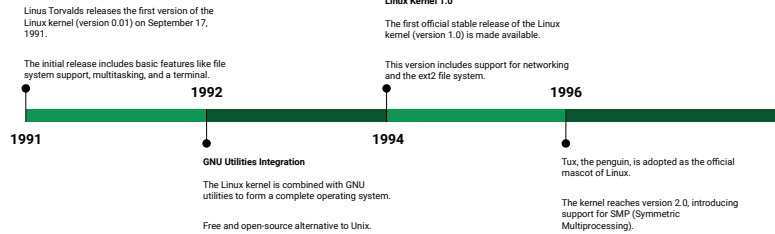
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Richard Stallman

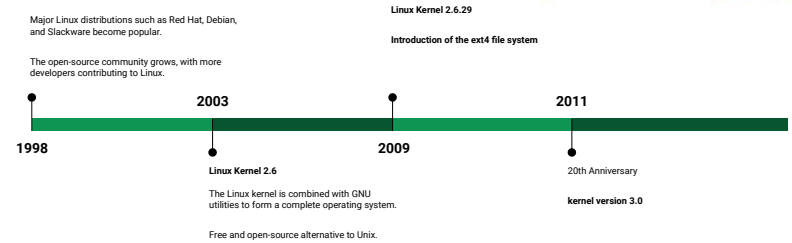
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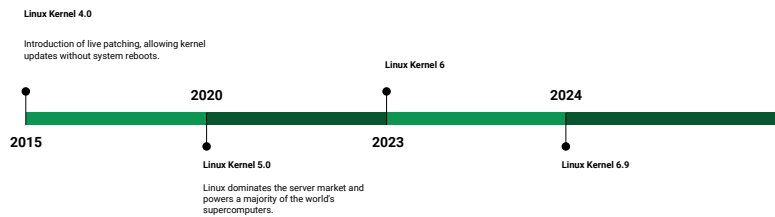
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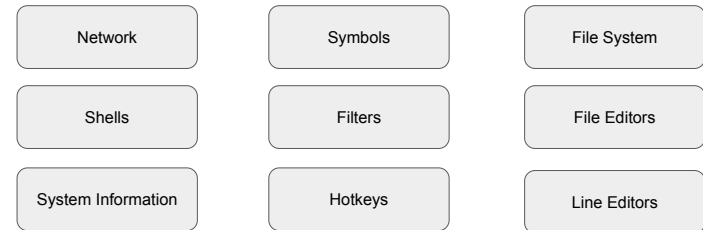
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Linux Commands: Overview



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Basic Linux Commands: Network

SSH (Secure Shell)

- Description: SSH is a protocol used to securely log into a remote computer and execute commands.
- Syntax: `ssh [user@]hostname [command]`
- Examples:
 - Connecting to a remote server: `ssh user@remote_host`
 - Running a command on a remote server: `ssh user@remote_host 'ls -l'`
- Common Use Cases:
 - Securely accessing remote servers
 - Transferring files securely (using scp)

SCP (Secure Copy)

- Description: SCP is used to securely copy files between hosts on a network.
- Syntax: `scp [options] [user@]src_host:file1 [user@]dest_host:file2`
- Examples:
 - Copying a file to a remote server: `scp file.txt user@remote_host:path/to/destination`
 - Copying a file from a remote server: `scp user@remote_host:path/to/source/file.txt /local/path`
- Common Use Cases:
 - Securely transferring files between local and remote machines
 - Automating backups

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Basic Linux Commands: Network

Ping

- Description: Ping is used to test the reachability of a host on an IP network.
- Syntax: `ping [options] destination`
- Examples:
 - Pinging a host: `ping google.com`
 - Specifying the number of packets: `ping -c 4 google.com`
- Common Use Cases:
 - Checking network connectivity
 - Diagnosing network issues

Telnet

- Description: Telnet is a protocol used to connect to remote computers over a TCP/IP network.
- Syntax: `telnet [hostname] [port]`
- Examples:
 - Connecting to a remote server: `telnet remote_host`
 - Specifying a port: `telnet remote_host 80`
- Common Use Cases:
 - Accessing remote servers (less secure than SSH)
 - Testing and troubleshooting network services

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Basic Linux Commands: Network

Nslookup

- Description: Nslookup is used to query Internet domain name servers.
- Syntax: `nslookup [options] [domain]`
- Examples:
 - Looking up an IP address: `nslookup google.com`
 - Specifying a DNS server: `nslookup google.com 8.8.8.8`
- Common Use Cases:
 - Diagnosing DNS issues
 - Gathering domain information

Wget

- Description: Wget is a command-line utility to download files from the web.
- Syntax: `wget [options] [URL]`
- Examples:
 - Downloading a file: `wget http://example.com/file.zip`
 - Downloading a file to a specific directory: `wget -P /path/to/dir http://example.com/file.zip`
- Common Use Cases:
 - Downloading files from the internet
 - Automating file downloads in scripts

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Basic Linux Commands: Shell

BASH (Bourne Again Shell)

- Description: BASH is the default shell on many Linux distributions, providing a command-line interface for interacting with the operating system.
- Features:
 - Command history
 - Command-line editing
 - Job control
- Common Commands:
 - `ls`, `cd`, `pwd`, `cp`, `mv`, `rm`
 - Scripting with loops, conditionals, and functions

Clear

- Description: Clear the terminal screen.
- Syntax: `clear`
- Examples:
 - Simply type `clear` to clear the screen
- Common Use Cases:
 - Cleaning up the terminal for better readability

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Basic Linux Commands: Shell

History

- Description: Displays the command history.
- Syntax: history [options]
- Examples:
 - Viewing history: history
 - Running a command from history: !23
- Common Use Cases:
 - Repeating previous commands
 - Searching for past commands

Echo

- Description: Display a line of text/string.
- Syntax: echo [options] [string]
- Examples:
 - Printing text: echo "Hello, World!"
 - Displaying variables: echo \$PATH
- Common Use Cases:
 - Outputting text to the terminal
 - Displaying environment variables

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Basic Linux Commands: System Information

w

- Description: Displays information about currently logged-in users and their processes.
- Syntax: w [options]
- Examples:
 - Basic usage: w
 - Display help: w --help

whoami

- Description: Prints the current user's username.
- Syntax: whoami
- Examples:
 - Basic usage: whoami

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Basic Linux Commands: System Information

man

- Description: Displays the manual pages for commands.
- Syntax: man [command]
- Examples:
 - Viewing manual for ls: man ls

info

- Description: Displays documentation in info format, usually more detailed than man.
- Syntax: info [command]
- Examples:
 - Viewing info for ls: info ls

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Basic Linux Commands: System Information

which

- Description: Locates the executable file associated with a given command.
- Syntax: which [command]
- Examples:
 - Finding path of ls: which ls

free

- Description: Displays the amount of free and used memory in the system.
- Syntax: free [options]
- Examples:
 - Basic usage: free
 - Detailed output: free -h

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Basic Linux Commands: System Information

date

- Description: Displays or sets the system date and time.
- Syntax: `date [options] [+format]`
- Examples:
 - Displaying current date and time: `date`
 - Custom format: `date "+%Y-%m-%d %H:%M:%S"`

cal

- Description: Displays a calendar.
- Syntax: `cal [options] [[month] year]`
- Examples:
 - Displaying current month: `cal`
 - Displaying a specific month and year: `cal 12 2024`

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Basic Linux Commands: System Information

df

- Description: Displays the amount of disk space available on the file system.
- Syntax: `df [options]`
- Examples:
 - Basic usage: `df`
 - Human-readable format: `df -h`

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Basic Linux Commands: Filters

grep

- Description: Searches for patterns within files or input.
- Syntax: `grep [options] pattern [file...]`
- Examples:
 - Searching for "error" in a file: `grep "error" logfile.txt`
 - Case-insensitive search: `grep -i "error" logfile.txt`
- Common Use Cases:
 - Searching logs or text files for specific patterns
 - Filtering output from other commands

egrep

- Description: Extended version of grep that supports extended regular expressions.
- Syntax: `egrep [options] pattern [file...]`
- Examples:
 - Searching with extended regex: `egrep "error|warning" logfile.txt`
- Common Use Cases:
 - Advanced pattern matching with extended regular expressions

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Basic Linux Commands: Filters

more

- Description: View file content one page at a time.
- Syntax: `more [file...]`
- Examples:
 - Viewing a file: `more logfile.txt`
- Common Use Cases:
 - Paging through long files or command outputs

less

- Description: Similar to more, but allows both forward and backward navigation.
- Syntax: `less [file...]`
- Examples:
 - Viewing a file: `less logfile.txt`
- Common Use Cases:
 - Interactive paging with advanced navigation features

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Basic Linux Commands: Filters

head

- Description: Outputs the first part of files.
- Syntax: head [options] [file...]
- Examples:
 - Displaying the first 10 lines: head logfile.txt
 - Displaying the first 20 lines: head -n 20 logfile.txt
- Common Use Cases:
 - Previewing the beginning of files

tail

- Description: Outputs the last part of files.
- Syntax: tail [options] [file...]
- Examples:
 - Displaying the last 10 lines: tail logfile.txt
 - Displaying the last 20 lines: tail -n 20 logfile.txt
 - Following a file (live updates): tail -f logfile.txt
- Common Use Cases:
 - Monitoring log files in real-time

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Basic Linux Commands: Line Editors

awk

- Description: awk is a versatile programming language for pattern scanning and processing.
- Syntax: awk 'pattern { action }' [file...]
- Examples:
 - Print the first column: awk '{print \$1}' file.txt
 - Print lines where the second column is greater than 50: awk '\$2 > 50' file.txt
 - Sum values in the third column: awk '{sum += \$3} END {print sum}' file.txt
- Common Use Cases:
 - Data extraction and reporting
 - Text manipulation and transformation

sed

- Description: sed is a stream editor used for basic text transformations on an input stream.
- Syntax: sed [options] 'command' [file...]
- Examples:
 - Replace 'foo' with 'bar': sed 's/foo/bar/' file.txt
 - Delete lines containing 'error': sed '/error/d' file.txt
 - Print lines 2 to 4: sed -n '2,4p' file.txt
- Common Use Cases:
 - In-place editing of files
 - Batch processing and text manipulation

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Basic Linux Commands: File Operations

ls - List directory contents

- ls Command
 - Usage: ls
 - Options: -l (long format), -a (all files)
- Examples
 - ls -l /home/user
 - ls -a /var/log

cp - Copy files and directories

- cp Command
 - Usage: cp source destination
 - Options: -r (recursive)
- Examples
 - cp file.txt /backup/
 - cp -r dir1/ dir2/

mv - Move or rename files and directories

- mv Command
 - Usage: mv source destination
- Examples
 - mv oldname.txt newname.txt
 - mv /home/user/docs /archive/

rm - Remove files or directories

- rm Command
 - Usage: rm file
 - Options: -r (recursive)
- Examples
 - rm temp.txt
 - rm -r /old/

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Basic Linux Commands: Directory Navigation

pwd - Print working directory

- pwd Command

cd - Change directory

- cd Command
 - Usage: cd directory
 - Special directories:
 - ~ : home directory,
 - .. : parent directory

Examples

- cd /var/log
- cd ..
- cd ~

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Basic Linux Commands: File Viewing and Editing

cat - Concatenate and display file content

- **cat** Command

more and less - View file content page by page

- **more and less** Commands

Head and tail - view beginning and ending of file contents.

emacs -nw

- Description: emacs -nw runs emacs in the terminal, without a graphical interface.
- Features:
 - Full functionality of emacs in text mode
 - Suitable for remote or low-resource environments
- Common Commands:
 - Save: C-x C-s
 - Quit: C-x C-c
 - Search: C-s
 - Replace: M-%
- Advantages:
 - Runs in terminal environments
 - Allows for extensive text editing features

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Basic Linux Commands: File Viewing and Editing

gvim

- Description: gvim is the graphical version of vim, providing a graphical user interface.
- Features:
 - All vim functionalities with a GUI
 - Menu bars and toolbars for easier access
 - Mouse support
- Common Commands:
 - Same as vim with additional GUI-based options
- Advantages:
 - Enhanced visual feedback
 - Easier access to menus and options

vim

- Description: vim (Vi IMproved) is a highly configurable text editor built to enable efficient text editing.
- Modes:
 - Normal Mode: Default mode for navigation and commands.
 - Insert Mode: For text entry.
 - Command Mode: For executing commands.
- Common Commands:
 - Enter Insert Mode: i
 - Save and Quit: :wq
 - Quit without Saving: :q!
 - Search: /pattern
 - Replace: :%s/old/new/g
- Features:
 - Syntax highlighting
 - Multi-level undo/redo
 - Customizable with plugins

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Basic Linux Commands: File Viewing and Editing

nano

- Description: nano is a simple, user-friendly text editor for the terminal.
- Features:
 - Easy to use with on-screen command shortcuts
 - Minimal learning curve compared to other editors
 - Suitable for quick edits and small scripts
- Common Commands:
 - Save: Ctrl + O (then press Enter)
 - Quit: Ctrl + X
 - Search: Ctrl + W
 - Replace: Ctrl + \
 - Cut: Ctrl + K
 - Paste: Ctrl + U
- Advantages:
 - Straightforward and intuitive interface
 - Good for users who need a simple editor without complex features

emacs

- Description: emacs is a highly extensible and customizable text editor.
- Features:
 - Rich set of editing commands
 - Built-in Lisp interpreter for customization
 - Integrated tools (e.g., file manager, debugger)
- Common Commands:
 - Save: C-x C-s
 - Quit: C-x C-c
 - Search: C-s
 - Replace: M-%
- Advantages:
 - Extensive customization options
 - Built-in support for many programming languages and tools

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Basic Linux Commands: File Permissions

chmod - Change file permissions

- **chmod** Command
- Syntax: chmod permissions file
- Examples
 - chmod 755 file.txt
 - Description: Sets read, write, and execute permissions for the owner, and read and execute permissions for others.
 - chmod +x script.sh
 - Description: Adds execute permission to script.sh.

Permission Types:

- "r - Read"
- "w - Write"
- "x - Execute"

chown - Change file owner

- **chown** Command
- Syntax: chown user:group file
- Examples
 - chown user:group file.txt
 - Description: Changes ownership of file.txt to user and group.

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Basic Linux Commands: Owner, group, and others

Symbolic notation	Numeric notation	English
-----	0000	no permissions
-rwx-----	0700	read, write, & execute only for owner
-rwxrwx----	0770	read, write, & execute for owner and group
-rwxrwxrwx	0777	read, write, & execute for owner, group and others
---x---x---	0111	execute
--w--w--w--	0222	write
--wx--wx--wx	0333	write & execute
-r---r---r---	0444	read
-r-xr-xr-x	0555	read & execute
-rw-rw-rw-	0666	read & write
-rwxr-xr-x	0740	owner can read, write, & execute; group can only read; others have no permissions

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Basic Linux Commands: Special Characters

| (Pipe)

- Description: Connects the output of one command to the input of another command.
- Syntax: command1 | command2
- Examples:
 - Count lines in a file: cat file.txt | wc -l
 - Search and count occurrences: grep "pattern" file.txt | wc -l

> (Redirect Output)

- Description: Redirects the output of a command to a file, overwriting the file if it exists.
- Syntax: command > file
- Examples:
 - Save command output to a file: ls > filelist.txt
 - Overwrite content: echo "Hello" > greetings.txt

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Basic Linux Commands: Special Characters

>> (Append Output)

- Description: Appends the output of a command to the end of a file.
- Syntax: command >> file
- Examples:
 - Append command output to a file: echo "New line" >> file.txt
 - Add data without overwriting: date >> logfile.txt

< (Redirect Input)

- Description: Redirects input from a file to a command.
- Syntax: command < file
- Examples:
 - Use file as input for a command: sort < unsorted.txt
 - Provide input from a file: mail -s "Subject" recipient@example.com < message.txt

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Basic Linux Commands: Special Characters

& (Background Execution)

- Description: Executes a command in the background, allowing the terminal to be used for other commands.
- Syntax: command &
- Examples:
 - Run a command in the background: long-running-task &
 - Start a server: python -m http.server &

>& (Redirect Output and Error)

- Description: Redirects both output and error streams to a file or another command.
- Syntax: command > file 2>&1
- Examples:
 - Redirect output and errors to the same file: command > output.log 2>&1
 - Combine error and standard output: ls non_existent_file > result.log 2>&1

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Basic Linux Commands: Special Characters

2>&1 (Redirect Error to Output)

Content:

- Description: Redirects standard error (file descriptor 2) to the same location as standard output (file descriptor 1).
- Syntax: `command > file 2>&1`
- Examples:
 - Combine output and error in a single file:
`command > output.log 2>&1`
 - Display combined output and errors:
`command 2>&1`

; (Command Separator)

- Description: Separates multiple commands to be executed sequentially.
- Syntax: `command1 ; command2`
- Examples:
 - Run commands in sequence: `echo "Start" ; ls ; echo "End"`
 - Execute multiple commands: `command1 ; command2 ; command3`

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Basic Linux Commands: Special Characters

~ (Home Directory)

- Description: Represents the current user's home directory.
- Syntax: `cd ~` or `~/file`
- Examples:
 - Change to home directory: `cd ~`
 - Access a file in home directory: `cat ~/file.txt`

. (Current Directory)

- Description: Represents the current directory.
- Syntax: `./file`
- Examples:
 - Execute a script in the current directory: `./script.sh`
 - List contents of the current directory: `ls .`

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Basic Linux Commands: Special Characters

.. (Parent Directory)

- Description: Represents the parent directory of the current directory.
- Syntax: `cd ..`
- Examples:
 - Move up one directory: `cd ..`
 - List contents of the parent directory: `ls ..`

\$(Last Background Process ID)

- Description: Returns the process ID (PID) of the most recently executed background command.
- Syntax: `$_`
- Examples:
 - Get PID of the last background job: `echo $_`
 - Use PID for monitoring: `ps -p $_`

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Basic Linux Commands: Special Characters

!:<n> (History Expansion)

Content:

- Description: Expands a command from history by its position.
- Syntax: `!:<n>`
- Examples:
 - Run the nth command from history: `!2`
 - Re-execute the second-to-last command: `!:-2`

!<n> (History Expansion by Number)

Content:

- Description: Repeats the command from the history list by its number.
- Syntax: `!<n>`
- Examples:
 - Execute command number 5 from history: `!5`
 - View the command: history then use `!<n>`

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Basic Linux Commands: Service Management

systemctl

- Description: Manages systemd services and the system state.
- Syntax: `systemctl [command] [service]`
- Common Commands:
 - Start a service: `systemctl start service-name`
 - Stop a service: `systemctl stop service-name`
 - Restart a service: `systemctl restart service-name`
 - Enable a service: `systemctl enable service-name` (starts on boot)
 - Disable a service: `systemctl disable service-name` (does not start on boot)
 - Check service status: `systemctl status service-name`
 - View all services: `systemctl list-units --type=service`
- Examples:
 - Start Apache web server: `systemctl start apache2`
 - Check status of SSH service: `systemctl status ssh`

service

- Description: Manages SysVinit services. Works on systems using SysVinit or compatible init systems.
- Syntax: `service [service] [command]`
- Common Commands:
 - Start a service: `service service-name start`
 - Stop a service: `service service-name stop`
 - Restart a service: `service service-name restart`
 - Check service status: `service service-name status`

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Basic Linux Commands: Service Management

ps

- Description: Displays information about active processes.
- Syntax: `ps [options]`
- Common Options:
 - List processes: `ps aux` (all users, detailed)
 - Current shell processes: `ps`
 - Tree view: `ps -ejH` (shows process hierarchy)
- Examples:
 - List all processes: `ps aux`
 - Show process tree: `ps -ef --forest`

top

- Description: Displays real-time information about system processes and resource usage.
- Syntax: `top`
- Common Features:
 - Sort by CPU usage: Default view
 - Interactive commands:
 - Kill process: Press `k`, then enter PID
 - Sort by memory: Press `M`
 - Change update interval: Press `d`, then enter seconds

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Basic Linux Commands: Service Management

kill

- Description: Sends signals to processes, usually to terminate them.
- Syntax: `kill [signal] PID`
- Common Signals:
 - Terminate: `kill PID` (default signal SIGTERM)
 - Forceful kill: `kill -9 PID` (signal SIGKILL)
 - List signals: `kill -l`
- Examples:
 - Terminate process by PID: `kill 1234`
 - Forcefully kill process: `kill -9 1234`

pkill

- Description: Sends signals to processes based on name or other attributes.
- Syntax: `pkill [options] name`
- Common Options:
 - Terminate by name: `pkill process-name`
 - Forceful kill: `pkill -9 process-name`
 - Search by user: `pkill -u username process-name`
- Examples:
 - Terminate all instances of firefox: `pkill firefox`
 - Forcefully kill nginx: `pkill -9 nginx`

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Basic Linux Commands: Service Management

killall

- Description: Kills all processes with a specific name.
- Syntax: `killall [options] name`
- Common Options:
 - Terminate by name: `killall process-name`
 - Forceful kill: `killall -9 process-name`
 - Kill by user: `killall -u username process-name`
- Examples:
 - Terminate all instances of apache2: `killall apache2`
 - Forcefully kill java: `killall -9 java`

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 - Sort by CPU usage: Default view
 - Interactive commands:
 - Kill process: Press `k`, then enter PID
 - Sort by memory: Press `M`
 - Change update interval: Press `d`, then enter seconds
- Examples:
 - Monitor system performance: `top`

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Basic Linux Commands: Hot Keys

<Ctrl> + <C>

- Description: Sends an interrupt signal (SIGINT) to the currently running process.
- Function: Terminates the process or command currently being executed in the terminal.
- Common Use Cases:
 - Abort a running command: ping, find, etc.
 - Stop a script or long-running process

<Ctrl> + <D>

Content:

- Description: Sends an end-of-file (EOF) signal to the terminal.
- Function: Logs out of the current shell session or indicates the end of input.
- Common Use Cases:
 - Logout of a terminal session: bash, sh, etc.
 - End input in programs: cat, more, less
- Examples:
 - Logging out of a shell: Type exit and press <Ctrl> + <D>
 - Ending input in cat: Start cat, type content, and press <Ctrl> + <D> to end input

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Linux File System Overview: File System Structure

Root Directory: /

- The top-level directory in the Linux file system hierarchy.

Key Directories:

- /home - User home directories
- /etc - Configuration files
- /var - Variable files (logs, databases)
- /usr - User binaries and libraries
- /tmp - Temporary files

Path Types:

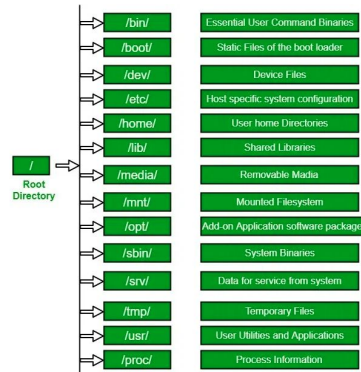
- Absolute Paths: Full path from root,
 - e.g., /home/user/documents
- Relative Paths: Path relative to current directory,
 - e.g., ../documents

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Linux File System Overview: Filesystem Hierarchy Standard (FHS)

Filesystem Hierarchy Standard (FHS):

- FHS defines the directory structure and directory contents in Unix-like operating systems.
- Key Directories:
 - /bin, /sbin, /lib, /mnt, /media



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Popular Linux Distributions

Ubuntu:

- "User-friendly, great for beginners and general use."
- Example: Desktop and server versions

Fedora:

- "Cutting-edge features, used for testing and development."
- Example: Desktop and server versions



Debian:

- "Stable and versatile, used for servers and desktops."
- Example: Stable release cycle

CentOS:

- "Enterprise-focused, based on Red Hat Enterprise Linux."
- Example: Server environment



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Package Management

Debian Package Management:

apt Commands:

- "apt-get update - Updates package lists."
- "apt-get install package - Installs a package."



Red Hat Package Management:

Yum commands

- yum and dnf Commands:
 - "yum install package - Installs a package (older systems)."
 - "dnf install package - Installs a package (newer systems)."



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Popular File Systems

- FAT: File Allocation Table
- NTFS: New Technology File System
- HFS: Hierarchical File System
- Ext: Extended File System

FAT: (FAT12, FAT16, FAT32).

NTFS

HFS

ext

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Popular File Systems

FAT: File Allocation Table

- Windows (1980).
- Uses Tables to allocate files and folders.
- Originally to handle small files systems.
- Variants: FAT12 ('80), FAT16 ('84), FAT32 ('96).



NTFS: New technology File System

- Windows NT (1993).
- No file size limit, no partition limit.
- **Journaling**: record metadata and its changes in volume or partition.
- **Transactions**: enables recreation, rename, delete of files with no impact on other files.



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Popular File Systems

HFS, HFS Plus: Hierarchical File System

APFS('17): Apple File System

- MacOS by Apple ('85).
- Hierarchy of files and folder. Replaced Macintosh FS (MFS).
- Initially for floppy, HDD,m and CD-Rom.
- APFS starting macOS Sierra and later.



EXT: Extended File System

- UNIX and Linux (1992).
- Multiple versions/variants: ext2, ext3, ext4.
- Enhancement of file sizes.
- **Journaling**: record metadata and its changes in volume or partition.
- **Transactions**: enables recreation, rename, delete of files with no impact on other files.



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UNIX vs LINUX

Unix

Origin: Developed in the 1960s at AT&T's Bell Labs.

Ownership: Proprietary, with various commercial versions (e.g., AIX, HP-UX, Solaris).

Licensing: Commercial licenses.

Usage: Primarily used in enterprise and academic environments.



Linux

Origin: Created by Linus Torvalds in 1991 as a free and open-source alternative to Unix.

Ownership: Open-source, with contributions from the global community.

Licensing: GNU General Public License (GPL).

Usage: Widely used in servers, desktops, and embedded systems.



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Recommended Certificates

CompTIA Linux+



Red Hat Certified System Administrator

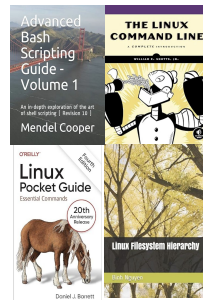
(RHCSA)



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Recommended Readings

1. "The Linux Command Line: A Complete Introduction" by William E. Shotts Jr.
2. "Linux Pocket Guide" by Daniel J. Barrett
 - A handy reference for quick look-ups and command usage.
3. "Linux Filesystem Hierarchy" (Online Resource)
 - Official documentation about the filesystem structure.
4. "Advanced Bash-Scripting Guide" by Mendel Cooper
 - For deeper exploration into scripting and automation.



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Module 1 Conclusion



- Understanding the Linux Operating System and Basic Commands.
- Hands-on Experience with Basic Linux Commands including: Network, Symbols, Filters, Shells, File System, System Information, Line Editors, File Editors, Line Editors.
- Understanding Free Software and Linux Contributions Compared to Unix.