

#### **Linux Administration 1**

Freedom is a choice

#### **Course Objectives**



Gain sufficient skills to perform Linux system administration tasks.

#### **Course Prerequisites**



- You don't need any experience with Linux to take this course
- You should have some familiarity with computers

### **Agenda**



- Open Source philosophy
- History
- Why Linux?
- Getting Started
- How to fish?
- Files and Directories



# **Open Source Philosophy**

### **Open Source Philosophy**



- Open Source Software (OSS) provides many freedoms, including the ability to:
  - View the source code used to compile programs
  - Make modifications
  - Distribute these modifications
- Where is the benefit?
  - Customers are usually willing to pay for training, support and consultation









- 1991: The Linux kernel is publicly announced on 25 August by Linus Torvalds.
- 1992: The Linux kernel is re-licensed under the GNU GPL.
- 1993: Over 100 developers work on the Linux kernel.
- 1998: Many major companies such as IBM, Compaq and Oracle announce their support for Linux.
- 2015: Version 4.0 of the Linux kernel is released.





#### **Linux Distribution**

http://distrowatch.com

• 2018: Google's Linux-based Android claims 75% of the smart phone market share.



# Why Linux?

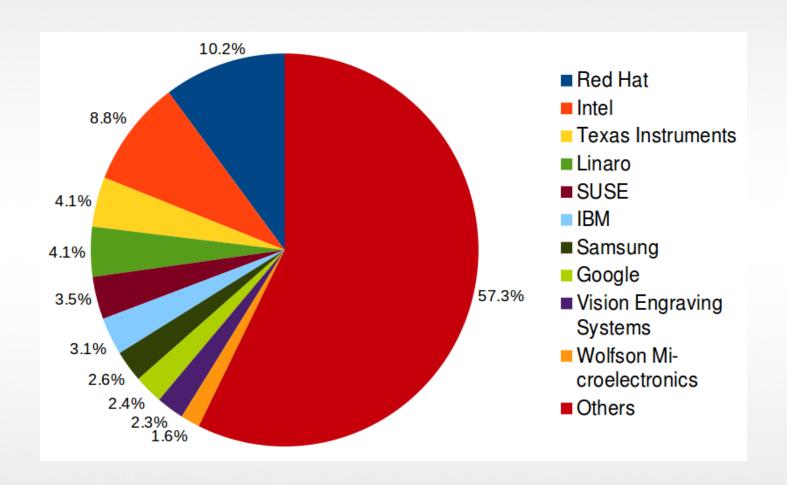
### Why Linux?



- Why Linux?
  - It is Open source :)
  - Linux is everywhere: smart phones, tablets, T.Vs, Cars, space stations
  - Linux is present in highly critical applications such as Japan's bullet trains, traffic control, Stock Exchange, many air traffic control systems or control of nuclear reactors.

### Why Linux?





the top-10 corporate sponsors of Linux kernel development, in terms of total commit counts from their employees

http://xmodulo.com/interesting-facts-linux.html



#### Installation



- Desktop Edition
  - 700 MHz processor
  - 512 MiB RAM
  - 5 GB of hard-drive space
  - VGA capable of 1024x768 screen resolution

#### Installation



- Server (CLI) Installation
  - 300 MHz x86 processor
  - 192 MiB of RAM
  - 1 GB of disk space
  - Graphics card and monitor capable of 640x480

# **Types of Installation**

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- Graphical Installation
- Text Based Installation
- Kickstart Mode
  - Permits automated installation



#### **Gnome**







If you truly wish to master a skill, nothing beats hands-on experience

SOOOO:) Let's Start!



#### The Launcher

- Area in the Desktop where you have access to certain actions
- One of the launcher's main functions is its search bar that you can find in the main menu and in the Applications and Files & Folders sections.

#### Applet

A small interactive application that resides within the panel for example the volume control.

#### Workspace

A discrete area in the Unity Desktop in which you can work.



- Unity contains many new features, including tricks and advanced functionality.
- Application Switcher
  - Use Alt+Tab to switch between applications.
  - You can use the mouse to click on the application or window that you want.
  - You can also navigate the Application Switcher using the arrow keys.

#### **Screenshots**

• The PrintScn key will take a screenshot, and will automatically save the image in your Pictures folder.



- Nautilus is the file manager that comes with the GNOME desktop.
- Using Nautilus you can:
  - Explore the file-system
  - Create folders
  - View file properties
  - And manipulate files (copy, delete, move, cut, paste, etc...)





- Icon view is the default in Nautilus, select the List Icon to change the display to List .

  Select Arrange Items menu item. To list files by name, size, time, date, ..etc.
- Files names beginning with '.' are hidden files. To show hidden files select:
  - Press <Ctrl>+H
  - From view options > Show Hidden Files.





- The command line is provides by a program called shell.
- Using the command line: Commands are entered in a terminal at the shell prompt.
  - The default prompt is the login name of the current user, the hostname, the current directory between square brackets, followed by \$

[msabagh@localhost Desktop]\$

- "\$" is replaced by "#" in case of root



Commands have the following syntax:

#### command [options] [arguments]

- Each item is separated by a space.
- Options modify the command's behaviour.
- Arguments are files name or other information needed by the command.



- Useful Bash Features:
  - Tab completion allow you to quickly complete commands and file names:

[msabagh@localhost ~]\$ pas<Tab>

passwd paste pasuspender

- [msabagh@localhost ~]\$ passwd
- Separate commands with semicolon (;)
- "--help" option print a description about the command

# **Examples**



uname

Linux

uname -n

host1

uname -a

Linux host1 .....

# **Examples**



cal

September 2010

S M Tu W Th F S

1234567

8 9 10 11 12 13 14

15 16 17 18 19 20 21

22 23 24 25 26 27 28

29 30 31

# **Examples**



Cal 5 2004

May 2004

S M Tu W Th F S

1234567

8 9 10 11 12 13 14

15 16 17 18 19 20 21

22 23 24 25 26 27 28

cal;uname

Cal 5 2002; date; uname

# How To Fish



#### How to fish?



#### **Local documentation:**

- Unity Help (a collection of graphical hypertext books). To access Unity Help Browser:
  - $\rightarrow$  Press 'F1' or select Applications  $\rightarrow$  Documentation  $\rightarrow$  Help
- Additional documents are stored in the /usr/share/doc directory
- Built-in Linux System Manual (man pages for commands, configuration files and programming calls) using command line type man





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#### How to fish?



#### Manual page consists of:

- Name
  - The name of the command and a one-line description
- Synopsis
  - The syntax of the command
- Description
  - Explanation how the command works and what it does
- Files
  - The file used by the command

### How to fish?



- Bugs
  - Known bugs and errors
- See also
  - Other commands related to this one

#### **Manual Sections**



- 1.User commands
- 2.System calls
- 3.C Library Functions
- 4.Devices
- 5. File formats and protocols
- 6.Games
- 7.Miscellanea
- 8. System Administration tools and Deamons

#### How to fish?



#### man -k keyword

Shows the commands that have manual pages that contains any of the given keywords.

#### whatis command

Shows the commands one line description

#### -help Option

Another way to get help about a command.



# Thank You

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