

Linux

Linux is based on the **UNIX** operating system. **UNIX** is a powerful, multi-user, multitasking operating system originally developed in the **1970s at AT&T Bell Labs**. It laid the foundation for many modern operating systems, including Linux.

- Linux is free and open-source, accessible to everyone.
- Its source code can be inspected and modified by anyone.
- This promotes global collaboration and innovation.
- Linux offers efficient performance and strong security.
- It works well across many devices and industries.

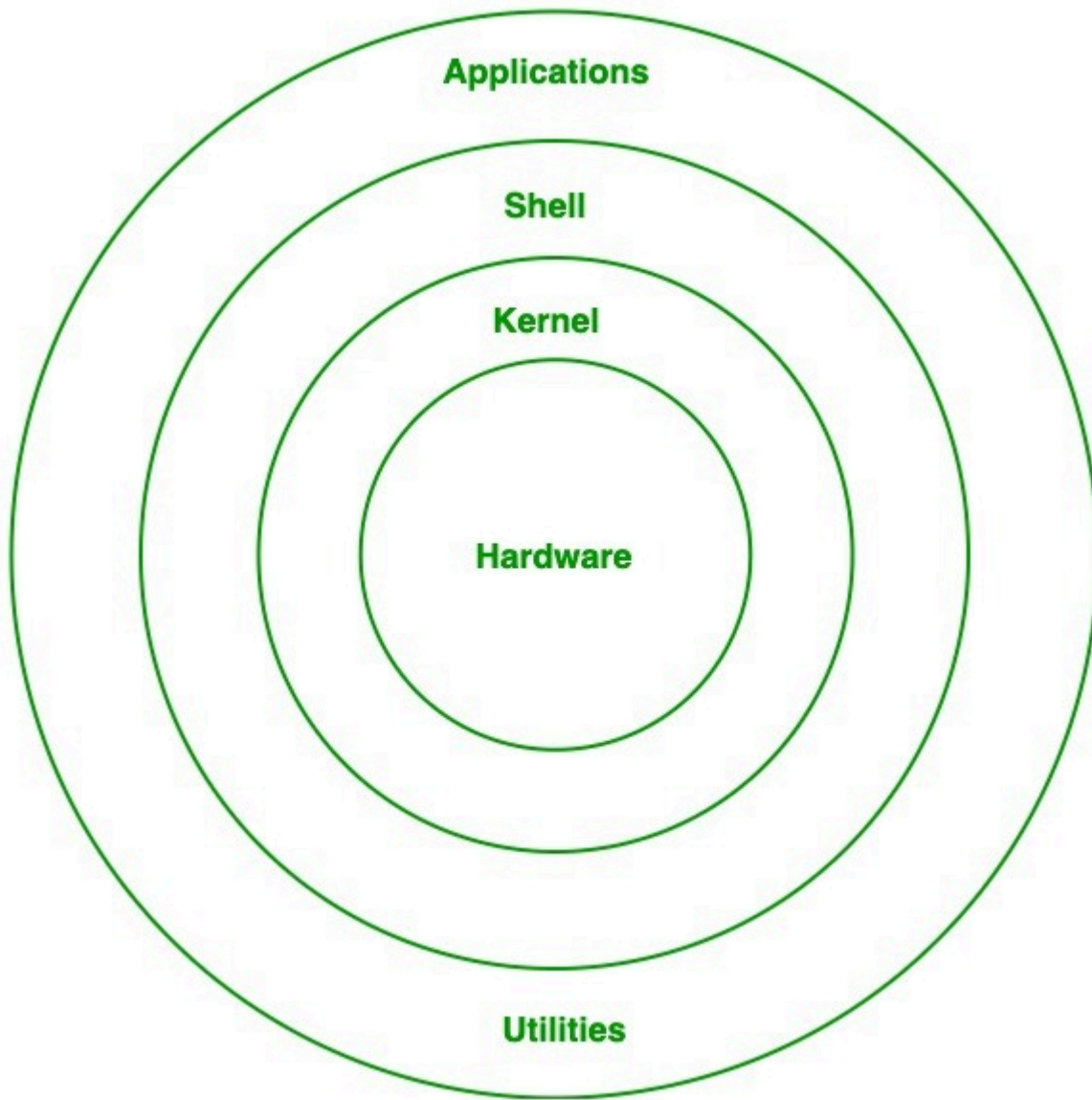
What is a “distribution?”

[Linux distribution](#) is an operating system that is made up of a collection of software based on Linux kernel or you can say distribution contains the Linux kernel and supporting libraries and software. And you can get Linux-based operating system by downloading one of the Linux distributions and these distributions are available for different types of devices like embedded devices, personal computers, etc.

Ex: Ubuntu, Fedora, Red Hat etc.

Architecture of Linux

[Linux architecture](#) has the following components:



****Kernel:**** [Kernel](#) is the core of the Linux based operating system. It virtualizes the common hardware resources of the computer to provide each process with its virtual resources. This makes the process seem as if it is the sole process running on the machine.

****Shell:**** The shell is the user interface of the Linux Operating System. It allows users to interact with the system by entering commands, which the shell interprets and executes. The shell serves as a bridge between the user and the kernel, forwarding the user's requests to the kernel for processing.

****System Utility:**** System utilities are essential tools and programs provided by the Linux Operating System to manage and configure various aspects of the system.

File System in Linux

In Linux, everything is represented as a file, including a hardware program. The files are stored in a directory, and every directory contains a file with a tree structure. That is called the **[file system hierarchy](#)**. Linux uses a single-rooted, inverted tree-like structure. The root directory is represented with / (forward slash). It is a top-level directory in Linux.

Command	**Description**	**Options**	**Example**
<u>ls</u>	List files and directories.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - **-l**: Long format listing. - **-a**: Include hidden files hidden ones - **-h**: Human-readable file sizes. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - **ls -l** displays directories detailed in - **ls -a** shows a and directo including - **ls -lh** displays in a human readable f
<u>cd</u>	Change directory.		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - **cd /path/to/d changes current dir the specifi
<u>pwd</u>	Print current working directory.		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - **pwd** displays current wo directory.
<u>mkdir</u>	Create a new directory.		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - **mkdir my_direct creates directory n "my_direct
<u>rm</u>	Remove files and directories.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - **-r**: Remove directories recursively. - **-f**: Force removal without confirmation. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - **rm file. deletes named "file - **rm -r my_direct deletes directory "my_direct its content - **rm -f fi forcefull the file "file without co
<u>cp</u>	Copy files and directories.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - **-r**: Copy directories recursively. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - **cp -r di destinatio copies t directory " and its cor

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			the specific destination - **cp file. destination** copies the file "file.txt" to the specified destination
<u>**mv**</u>	Move/rename files and directories.		- **mv file new_name** renames "file.txt" to "new_name" - **mv file directory* ** moves the file "file.txt" to the specified directory
<u>touch</u>	Create an empty file or update file timestamps.		- **touch file** creates a new file named "file.txt"
<u>cat</u>	View the contents of a file.		- **cat file** displays the contents of "file.txt".
<u>head</u>	Display the first few lines of a file.	- **-n** : Specify the number of lines to display.	- **head file** shows the first 10 lines of the file "file.txt". - **head -n 5 file.txt** displays the first 5 lines of the file "file.txt".
<u>tail</u>	Display the last few lines of a file.	- **-n** : Specify the number of lines to display.	- **tail file** shows the last 10 lines of the file "file.txt". - **tail -n 5 file.txt** displays the last 5 lines of the file "file.txt".
<u>ln</u>	Create links between files.	- **-s** : Create symbolic (soft) links.	- **ln -s source_file target_file**

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			link_name creates symbolic li named "lin pointing to "source_fil
find	Search for files and directories.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - **name**: Search by filename. - **type**: Search by file type. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - *find /path/to/s name ".tx searche files with th extension the specifi directory.
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chmod	Change file permissions.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - **u**: User/owner permissions. - **g**: Group permissions. - **o**: Other permissions. - **+**: Add permissions. - **-**: Remove permissions. - **=**: Set permissions explicitly. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - **chmod file.txt** grants r write, and permission owner of th
chown	Change file ownership.		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - **chown file.txt** changes owner of "f the specifi
chgrp	Change group ownership.		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - **chgrp (file.txt** changes group own "file.txt" to specified g
umask	Set default file permissions.		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - **umask sets the file permis read and v the owner, only for gr others.
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tar	Create or extract archive files.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - **c**: Create a new archive. - **x**: Extract files from an archive. - **f**: Specify the archive file name. - **v**: Verbose mode. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - **tar -czv archive.ta files/** creates compress

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - **-z**: Compress the archive with gzip. - **-j**: Compress the archive with bzip2. 	archive na "archive.ta containing in the "files directory.
gzip	Compress files.	- **-d** : Decompress files.	- **gzip fil compre: file "file.txt renames it "file.txt.gz"
zip	Create compressed zip archives.	- **-r** : Recursively include directories.	- **zip arc file1.txt fil creates archive na "archive.zi containing and "file2.1
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ps	Display running processes.	- **-aux** : Show all processes.	- **ps aux shows a processes detailed in
top	Monitor system processes in real-time.		- **top** displays dynamic v system pr and their r usage.
kill	Terminate a process.	- **-9** : Forcefully kill a process.	- **kill PID terminat process w specified p ID.
pkill	Terminate processes based on their name.		- **pkill process_1 terminat processes specified r
pgrep	List processes based on their name.		- **pgrep process_1 lists all p with the sp name.
grep	used to search for specific	- **-i** : Ignore case distinctions while searching.	- **grep -i file.txt**

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	patterns or regular expressions in text files or streams and display matching lines.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - **-v**: Invert the match, displaying non-matching lines. - **-r or -R**: Recursively search directories for matching patterns. - **-l**: Print only the names of files containing matches. - **-n**: Display line numbers alongside matching lines. - **-w**: Match whole words only, rather than partial matches. - **-c**: Count the number of matching lines instead of displaying them. - **-e**: Specify multiple patterns to search for. - **-A**: Display lines after the matching line. - **-B**: Display lines before the matching line. - **-C**: Display lines both before and after the matching line. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - **grep -v file.txt** - **grep -r "pattern" directory/ - **grep -l "keyword" - **grep -r "pattern" <p>In these examples extracting desired filename</p>
Command	**Description**	**Examples**	
ifconfig	Display network interface information.	- **ifconfig** shows the details of all network interfaces.	
ping	Send ICMP echo requests to a host.	- **ping google.com** sends ICMP echo requests to "google.com" to check connectivity.	
netstat	Display network connections and statistics.	- **netstat -tuln** shows all listening TCP and UDP connections.	
ss	Display network socket information.	- **ss -tuln** shows all listening TCP and UDP connections.	
ssh	Securely connect to a remote server.	- **ssh user@hostname** initiates an SSH connection to the specified hostname.	
scp	Securely copy files between hosts.	- **scp file.txt user@hostname:/path/to/destination** securely copies "file.txt" to the specified remote host.	
wget	Download files from the web.	- **wget http://example.com//file.txt** downloads "file.txt" from the specified	

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		URL.	
curl	Transfer data to or from a server.	- **curl http://example.com/** retrieves the content of a webpage from the specified URL.	