# Linux OS

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## 1 Introductie

#### 1.1 Verschil Server & Workstation

#### 1.1.1 Server

- Deliver services to (multiple) users
- · Focussed: only this and nothing else
- · Secure
- · No GUI, everything happens through the commandline
- ullet  $\Rightarrow$  as small a footprint as possible

#### 1.1.2 Workstation

- · Use services
- · Create documents
- · Look for information
- · Consume multimedia
- GUI
- $\Rightarrow$  Large footprint

#### 1.2 Extra information/resources

- The Linux Documentation Project: http://tldp.org
- Pluralsight LPIC-1: Linux Professional Institute Certification: https://www.pluralsight.com/paths/lpic-1
- The Arch Linux Wiki is one of the most extensive sources of info about Linux: https://wiki.archlinux.org
  - In this module we will use Debian, not Arch, but many things are very similar
- Google

### 1.3 What is Linux?

### 1.3.1 What is an operating system (OS)?

**Definitie 1.1 (Operating System)** An operating system, or OS, is software that communicates with the hardware and alows other programs to run.

It is comprised of system software = the fundamental files your computer needs to function.

Linux is NOT an operating system: Linux = the kernel

#### 1.3.2 What is a Kernel?

**Definitie 1.2 (Kernel)** The kernel is software that is the core of a computer's operating system, with complete control over the system.

It is the first program loaded on start-up.

It handles...:

- ... the rest of the startup
- ... input/output requests from software, translating them into instructions for the CPU
- ... memory
- · ... peripherals

## 1.4 GNU Operating System

**Definitie 1.3 (GNU)** *GNU = GNU's Not Unix (recursive algorithm)* 

Founded by Richard Stallman (ex-MIT, founder of the Free Software Foundation), 1984 Goal: completely free Operating System

## 1.5 Linux, the kernel

By Linus Torvalds (Finland), 1991

- · Own personal development, not initially intended to distribute
- · Interest from other developers, mainly to use with GNU OS
- Meanwhile contributions of over 12000+ developers
- 492 of top-500 supercomputers in the world run Linux
- · Basis for Android, Chrome OS

Linux = the kernel

GNU = OS-tools around the kernel

 $\Rightarrow$  GNU/Linux

#### 1.5.1 Distributions

**Definitie 1.4 (Distribution)** A Linux distribution (or distro for short) is GNU/Linux + extra tools and applications to create a full-fledged OS.

That distribution can be easily copied and installed to other computers.

- RedHat (CentOS)
- Debian (Ubuntu)
- · Arch Linux
- Void Linux
- Gentoo
- · Pop! OS

## Red Hat family tree

## **Debian family tree**



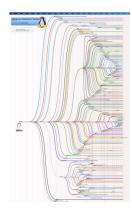


Figure 1: https://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/1/1b/Linux\_Distribution\_ Timeline.svg

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List\_of\_Linux\_distributions

## 1.6 Open Source

**Definitie 1.5 (Open Source)** Open source software is software of which the code is licensed to be open to everyone.

Anyone can use, change, distribute the software. This allows code to be developed in a public manner.

#### **OPEN SOURCE DOES NOT MEAN FREE**

#### 1.6.1 Commercial distributions

- = Open source, non-free distributions
  - SUSE Linux Enterprise Server (SLES)
  - SUSE Linux Enterprise Desktop (SLED)
  - Red Hat Enterprise Linux (RHEL)
  - Oracle Enterprise Linux

Commercial distributions have official support channels.

⇒ You're not paying for the operating system, you're paying for the support.

#### 1.6.2 In this course: Debian

- Current version: 10.7
- · Forms the basis of many others: Ubuntu, Raspbian, Knoppix, Linux Mint
- Available on many platforms: Intel x86, AMD64, Intel64, ARM, MIPS, Power Systems, ...

## 2 Debian Installation

#### See Labs for detailed Installation tutorial

## 2.1 Networking in Linux (with VMWare)

- · VMWare presents ethernet adapter
- · During creation of virtual machine: MAC-address is created
- · During installation: network configuration through DHCP
  - IPv4-address
  - Default gateway
  - DNS-server
  - Optional: proxy-server

#### 2.2 Users in Linux

- · Linux is multi-user from the ground up
  - Multiple users can be active at the same time
- · 'Administrator'-user is called root
- Each user has a user-ID (uid)
  - root has uid=0
  - uid=0 has all rights
- · Each user has a home-directory

## 2.3 Disks, partition, filesystems

- Our VM has 1 disk
  - Presented on the SCSI-bus
  - First disk on SCSI-bus: sda
  - Then sdb, sdc, ...
- Disk = concatenation of blocks
- Divide blocks in collections (=partitions)
  - 1st partition: sda1
  - 2nd partition: sda2
  - ...
- · 2 types of partitions
  - Primary
  - Extended

#### 2.3.1 Partitions

### Primary partition

- · A filesystem can be created inside this
- · Up to 4 primary partitions

## **Extended Partition**

· 'Logical' partitions can be created inside this

## Our setup:

- sda1: primary partition
- sda2: extended partition
- sda5: 'logical' partition inside extended partition sda2



Figure 2: Our setup

## 2.4 MBR <> GPT

#### 2.4.1 MBR

We use the MBR Partitioning scheme

**Definitie 2.1 (MBR)** MBR, or Master Boot Record, is a special type of boot sector at the start of a disk.

#### It contains:

- · a set of instructions necessary to boot operating systems.
- · info about how partitions are placed on disk

#### Limitations:

- · Maximum disks of 2TB
- · 32-bit for number of logical sectors
- · Common sector size: 512 bytes
- $2^{32} \cdot 512$  bytes =  $4294967296 \cdot 512$  bytes  $\approx 2$ TB
- Maximum amount of primary partitions = 4

BIOS can boot from a disk with MBR partitioning

#### 2.4.2 GPT

**Definitie 2.2 (GPT)** GPT, or GUID Partition Table, is a standard for the layout of partition tables on a disk. It's an alternative to MBR.

It uses unique identifiers (GUIDs)

- BIOS cannot boot from a disk with GPT-partitioning: UEFI required when using GPT
- · GPT allows disks larger than 2TB

**Definitie 2.3 (UEFI)** UEFI, or Unified Extensible Firmware Interface, is a newer firmware interface by Intel (90's) that replaces the BIOS interface by IBM (70's).

#### How does it work?

- Disk = collection of blocks
- Group of blocks together = sector
- · Common sector size: 512 bytes
- Sectors indicated with Logical Block Addresses (LBA)
- MBR in LBA 0
- GPT headers in LBA 1
- · Partition tabel right after that

#### 2.4.3 Bootstrap procedure

- 1. Motherboard gets electricity
- 2. Mini-loader hardcoded in memory
  - BIOS gets loaded
- 3. Boot media are consulted
- 4. First boot medium, first sectors are being read ⇒
- 5. MBR contains a bit-more-advanced loader: GRUB
  - GRand Unified Bootloader
- 6. This loader loads a more advanced loader (GRUB second stage bootloader)
- 7. The OS is loaded

## 2.4.4 Linux boot process

### 6 high level steps

- BIOS (Basic Input/Output System) loads MBR
- MBR (Master Boot Record) loads GRUB
- GRUB (Grand Unified Bootloader) loads kernel
- Kernel executes /sbin/init
- · Init executes runlevel programs
- Runlevel programs from /etc/rc.d/rcXX.d are started

#### 2.4.5 BIOS <> UEFI

- · Recent systems use UEFI, not BIOS
- · UEFI is required to boot from GPT-disk
- · Linux has no trouble working with UEFI

## So why will we use MBR?

- · Virtualisation is the norm
- · Virtual machines typically have small disks
- · Small disks are MBR partitioned

## 2.5 Filesystems

#### 2.5.1 Windows

- FAT (1977)
- FAT32 (1996)
- NTFS (1993)
- ReFS (2012)

### 2.5.2 Linux

- Ext (1992)
- Ext2 (1993)
- Ext3 (2001)
- Ext4 (2008)
- ZFS (2005)
- BtrFS (2007)

## 2.5.3 Swap

- = Paging
  - Free up physical memory (RAM) by moving pages to slower storage (storage disks instead of RAM)
  - Page out = memory page moves to swap
  - "Swapiness"
    - = parameter between 0 and 100
    - = how quickly linux will swap
      - \* 0 = very conservative
      - \* 100 = very agressive
  - Windows uses a swap file (pagefile.sys)
  - · Linux uses a swap partition

## 2.6 File structure

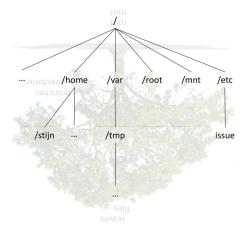


Figure 3: Linux uses a tree structure

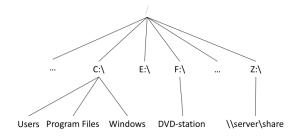


Figure 4: Windows uses a similar structure, but every volume uses a letter.

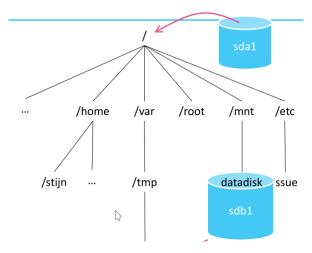


Figure 5: With linux, volumes are 'mounted' to folders somewhere under root /

## 2.7 Configuration

### 2.7.1 Packages

- · Tools and applications are build up by files
- · All files belonging to 1 application are bundled in a package
- · Packages in debian have the .deb extension

## Repositories

- Packages are collected in repositories
- · Are made available through the internet
- Packages have dependencies

## 2.7.2 Package management

Debian: dpkg & apt (Advanced Package Tool)

- · dpkg: Install, remove, give info about .deb packages
  - dpkg -l = lists packages
- apt: Get packages from a repository and install, remove, give info, ...
  - apt update
    - \* Contact the repositories
    - \* Get most recent list of packages and versions
  - apt upgrade
    - \* Of the packages which are more recent in the repositories compared to what is installed: install newest version
  - apt install <xyz>
    - \* Download package <xyz> from the repository

- \* Check the dependencies and download depending packages
- \* Install package <xyz> and all corresponding dependencies

Which repositories? See /etc/apt/sources.list for the list of repositories. You can add/remove/change repositories in this file.

#### 2.7.3 Useful packages

- · open-vm-tools
- vim
- sudo
- tcpdump

Install multiple pacakges in one command: apt install vim sudo topdump ntp

## 2.8 Shutdown of VM

- Power button (=ACPI shutdown)
- · Shut down operating system only
  - = halt
- · Shut down operating system and VM, multiple ways:
  - shutdown -P now
  - init 0
  - poweroff
- Reboot
  - reboot
  - init 6
  - shutdown -r now

#### 2.9 Basic network

- No GUI ⇒
- Layer 1: Physical (VMWare virtual network)
- Layer 2: Datalink (Ethernet & MAC address)
- Layer 3: Network (IPv4)
- Layer 4: Transport (Transport Control Protocol (TCP), User Datagram Protocol (UDP))
- Layer 5: Application (SSH, HTTP, ...)

#### 2.9.1 Basic networking commands

- arp
- ping
- · route
- bmon

#### 2.10 Services

- · Processes that 'listen' on the network
  - TCP or UDP port
- · Overview of currently running / listening services: ss command
  - ss -tulpn
  - t: show TCP
  - u: show UDP
  - I: show listening
  - p: show process ID
  - n: no name-resolving

## 2.11 Woodlap Questions

- · Why do we talk about GNU/Linux?
- · What is a kernel?
- · What is the difference between Open Source and free?
- · How is the Administrator user called? What is its uid?
- · What is MBR?
- What are the limitations of MBR? (Solution?)
- · What is swap? What is swappiness?
- What is a package?
- · What is a repository?
- · What is a dependency?
- · What is a package manager?
- · What is the difference between 'apt update' and 'apt upgrade'
- · Which protocol makes the link between MAC address & IP address?
- · Which command gives you the current ARP-table?
- What are the 5 layers of the TCP/IP network model?
- · How do you find the MAC-address of a network interface?
- Put Linux boot process in correct order (6 levels)

· What is a linux distribution?

## 3 File structure

- · Tree structure
  - Leaves = files
  - Branches = directories
  - The tree is inverted, root = /
- Everything is a file (even devices, random numbers, and RAM) under 1 root
- This is in contrast to Windows, where every volume is a root.

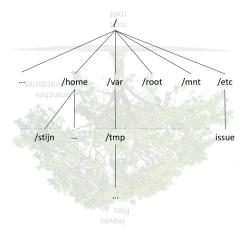


Figure 6

## 3.1 Intermezzo: single user mode

- · Linux (the kernel) is built up as a multi-user system from the beginning
- Standard behaviour = multi-user
- · But: also possible to boot in single-user mode
  - No daemons, no multiple logins
  - Sometimes called Maintenance mode
- · Examples of usage
  - Filesystem repairs
  - Upgrade of distribution
  - Password recovery
  - Adjustments to the root filesystem
  - Forensics after security incident

#### 3.1.1 Runlevels

- = predefined operating system status
  - · Is presented with a number
  - · Linux has 7 runlevels:
    - 0 = system halt (= VM shutdown)
    - 1 = single user
    - 2 = multi-user, no NFS (no network services, not often used)
    - 3 = multi-user, CLI (Command Line Interface)
    - 4 = self-definable
    - 5 = multi-user, GUI (Graphical User Interface, if installed)
    - -6 = reboot

## 3.2 Intermezzo: Add disk

## Add a new disk without shutting down the system

- 1. Adjust VM: add disk
- 2. Detect added disk
- 3. Partition disk
  - fdisk (for MBR)
  - parted (for GPT)
- 4. Create filesystem
  - Partition = collection of blocks (sectors)
  - Not usable for the OS ⇒ create filesystem
  - mkfs.ext4 /dev/sdb1

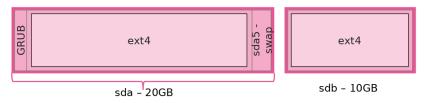


Figure 7

- 5. Mount filesystem
  - mkdir /mnt/datadisk
  - mount /dev/sdb1 /mnt/datadisk
  - · see if it worked: df -h

## For detailed steps: see labs!

#### 3.2.1 What after a reboot?

Use /etc/fstab = a file that contains what needs to be mounted at boot

- Device (/dev/sdXY or UUID)
- Mountpoint (/mnt/folder)
- Type of filesystem (ext4, ntfs, ...)
- Options

## 3.3 Navigate through the tree

- pwd
  - Print working directory
  - Shows where in the tree you are
- Is
- Show a list of files in the working directory
- Is -la: 10 characters at the beginning of each line. The d == directory (see later)
- · When you login, you are in your home directory
- / (= the filesystem root) is not the same as /root (the home directory of the root user)
- . = current directory
- .. = the directory one higher

#### 3.3.1 Relative vs absolute path

### Relative paths:

- cd .. = go to the directory above the current directory
- cat ../etc/issue = go to the etc directory, one directory above the current directory. Open the issue file

#### Absolute paths:

- cd / = go to the root directory
- cat /etc/issue = go to the etc/ directory under / (root)

## 3.4 Filesystem Hierarchy Standard (FHS)

- Describes how the filesystem in Linux is build up
- · Maintained by the Linux Foundation
- Most recent version: v3.0 (2015)

#### 3.4.1 Rules in the standard

- · / is the root of the tree structure
- /bin
  - essential binaries (executable files), required for single user mode
- /boot
  - the place on the filesystem where the boot files reside
  - configuration files for GRUB
  - kernels
  - initrd
    - \* initial RamDisk
    - \* During boot a temporary root-filesystem is being created in RAM
    - \* This is used so the kernel can load important modules, so it can then switch to the real root filesystem
    - \* part of step 3 of the linux boot process (BIOS MBR GRUB kernel init runlevel)
- /dev
  - Devices get a place in the filesystem
    - \* sda
    - \* rtc
    - \* random
    - \* cpu
    - \* urandom
    - \* null
  - Is -lah /dev/
- /etc
  - Host-specific sytem-wide configuration files
  - Configuration for this host, readable for the whole system
- /home
  - Each (non-system) user has a home directory
  - except for root  $\Rightarrow$  /root
- /mnt
  - (temporarily) 'mounted' filesystems
    - \* Network shares
    - \* USB-disk
    - \* DVD-ROM
    - \* Extra disks

#### - Some distributions use /media for this

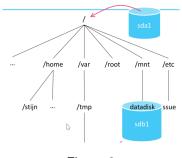


Figure 8

- /opt
  - Optional application software packages
  - Our installation ⇒ no applications installed yet = empty (for now)
- /proc
  - Virtual filesystem
  - Provides information about processes and the linux kernel
  - cat /proc/cpuinfo
  - cat /proc/sys/net/ipv4/ip\_forward
  - cat /proc/partitions
- /sbin
  - Essential system binaries
  - Only executable by root user
  - fsck, init, route
- /tmp
  - Directory for temporary files
  - Emptied at reboot (with most distributions)
- /usr
  - Read-only user data
  - Constains most user (non-root) utilities and applications
- /var
  - Variable files
  - Files that are expected to change continuously during normal system use
  - Logs, spool files, temporary e-mail files, ...

## 3.5 Some useful tips

### 3.5.1 History

```
"# history

this tory

this tory

# shows a list of former commands executed by this user
# spans log-in sessions

# in reality, it shows the contents of the "/.bash_history file
# if you use another shell like zsh, it's the "/.zsh_history file
```

#### CTRL + r:

- · Search the command history
- · Show commands that match what you're typing
- · repeatedly press ctrl+r to scroll through results

#### 3.5.2 Bind mount

#### Situation

- /mnt/storage is the normal mountpoint for other filesystems (e.g. SAN)
- · Filesystem could not be mounted, but a process already started writing data
- ⇒ this data arrives on the / filesystem under the directory /mnt/storage
- Problem fixed and filesystem can be mounted again ⇒ mounted under /mnt/storage
- ⇒ the already written data is now hidden

#### The solution

- · Create /mnt/storage and put some data in it
- Create a 1GB disk, ext4 formatted, mount under /mnt/storage ⇒ data is now hidden
- · Use mount -o bind to get data back without unmounting

#### 3.5.3 dd

= Command to read or write bytes

```
# Example: overwrite first 2048 bytes of a disk with zeros

"# dd if=/dev/zero of=/dev/sdb count=4 bs=512

# Example: overwrite disk with random data when taking out of service

"# dd if=/dev/random of=/dev/sdb bs=1M
```

## 3.6 Woodlap Questions

- · How do you ask the shell in which folder you are currently in?
- · What is meant with the term 'runlevel' in Linux
- Describe single user mode with 1 word when you think of its primary use
- What is / are the most common runlevel(s) under linux? (So not all of them!)

- · Where can you find the devices under Linux?
- · What is the home directory of the root user?
- What command do we use to create a filesystem in a partition?
- What file do you need to edit to have a mounted filesystem available even after reboot?
- · Where can you put temporary files in a linux system?
- · How can you quickly search through your previously used commands?
- · How do you quickly search through previously typed commands?
- · What is swap?
- · What are the limitations of MBR?
- · What can you use a bind mount for?

## 4 Filesystems

### 4.1 Introduction

#### Books:

- A group of letters together = a word
- A group of words together = a sentence
- A group of sentences together = a book
- · A collection of books together = a library
- · Books are ordered/sorted according to a certain system
  - Best known: Dewey Decimal System

#### Computers:

- · Work with 0's and 1's
- 1 character in ASCII or ISO-8859-1 = 8bits (1 byte)
- 1 Unicode character in UTF-8: between 8 and 32 bits (4 bytes)
- · Gets stored on block devices
  - Hard devices, SSDs, RAMdisk, USB-stick
  - The opposite of block devices = character devices
- · System needs to organize this

#### 4.2 Blocks

- Disk = blocks
- Collection of blocks = sector (mostly 512 bytes)
- Collection of sectors = partition
- Partition not usable for an OS ⇒ filesystem needed

**Definitie 4.1 (Filesystem)** A filesystem is the methods and data structures that an operating system uses to keep track of files on a disk or partition; that is, the way the files are organized on the disk.

Several choices:

- Ext2/3/4
- BrtFS
- ZFS
- ...

#### 4.3 ext2/3/4

Ext3 and Ext4 have journaling:

#### 4.3.1 Journaling

- Keeping track of changes that have not been committed to disk in a sort of 'diary'
- · A kind of logbook of previous actions
- Why?
  - Bring filesystem online faster after system crash or power failure

#### **4.4 RAID**

**Definitie 4.2 (RAID)** Redundant Array of Independant Disks (RAID) is a data storage virtualisation technology that combines multiple physical disk drive into one ore more logical units.

Many purposes:

- · Data redundancy
- · Performance Improvement
- Both

#### 4.4.1 RAID Controller

- · Disks are connected to the controller
- · The RAID controller displays the disks as 1 disk to the OS
- Nowadays, we call the RAID Controller the Host Bus Adapter (HBA)

#### 4.4.2 RAID 0

RAID level 0 uses striping:

**Definitie 4.3 (Striping)** Data striping is the technique of segmenting logically sequential data (files) so that segments are stored on different physical storage devices

Purpose:

· Increasing data throughput

• Balancing I/O load accross an array of disks



Figure 9: Example: files A and B (4 blocks each) are spread over disks D1-D3

#### 4.4.3 RAID 1

RAID level 1 uses mirroring:

**Definitie 4.4 (Mirroring)** Disk mirroring is the replication of logical disk volumes onto seperate physical disks.

#### Purpose:

- · Continuous availability: in case of hardware failure, you always have a backup of your data
- · Increasing read speeds



Figure 10: RAID 1

#### 4.4.4 RAID 4

- · If we have at least 3 disks
- · For every block of data:
  - Divide the block in 2 halves: A and B
  - Write A to disk 1
  - Write B to disk 2
  - Write A+B to disk 3
- ⇒ RAID 4 is striping (disk 1 & 2) with parity (disk 3)
- · Capacity x2
- Read speed x2
- Write speed is limited, because of the need to write all parity data to a single disk

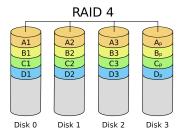


Figure 11: A RAID-4 setup with 4 disks. Disk 3 is the parity disk

#### 4.4.5 RAID 5

RAID level 5 like RAID 4, but the parity is distributed.

- This evens out the stress of a dedicated parity disk (RAID 4)
- · Write performance is increased

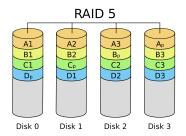


Figure 12: RAID-5: distributed parity with 4 disks

#### 4.4.6 RAID 6

RAID level 6 like RAID 5, but with a second parity block.

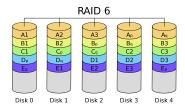


Figure 13

## 4.4.7 Disk failure

For every RAID level, a certain amount of disks can fail without it becoming a problem:

- RAID 0: no disks can fail: if any disk fails, you lose data
- RAID 1: Every disk except for one can fail
- RAID 5: 1 disk can fail
- RAID 6: 2 disks can fail

#### 4.4.8 Compound RAID levels

Combining RAID levels is possible:

- RAID 10 = RAID 1 + RAID 0
- RAID 01 = RAID 0 + RAID 1
- RAID 50 = RAID 5 + RAID 0

## 4.5 OpenZFS

#### 4.5.1 ZFS

- · Zettabyte File System
- Developed by Sun (2011) ⇒ Open source
- Now Oracle (2010) ⇒ Not free and closed source

#### 4.5.2 Open ZFS

- · Fork van ZFS
- 2013
- · Option in Ubuntu-installer

#### Features:

- · Long term storage
- · Checksum of all data and metadata
- Native RAID levels (0, 1, 5, 6, ...)
- · All data gets written through Copy-On-Write:
  - COW = when a write request is made, the data is copied into a new storage area, and then
    the original data is modified.
  - Redirect-on-write or ROW: the original storage is never modified. When a write request is made, it is redirected away from the original data into a new storage area.
- Snapshots (read-only and mountable)
- Transparent compression
- · Huge storage possibilities: up to 256 quadrillion zettabytes
- · 128 bits system

#### 4.6 Intermezzo: Kernel modules

- Linux = kernel
- Kernel = modular
- /boot/config-4.9.0-13-amd64: config for this kernel
  - Describes what is inside this kernel
- · Not all modules are loaded all the time

#### 4.6.1 Commands

```
# Request current list of modules:
    "# lsmod

# Load module:
    "# modprobe brtfs

# Remove module ("unload"):
    "# rmmode brtfs
```

## 4.7 Intermezzo: Snapshots

- · Literally: a photograph of your filesystem
- · Captures a the state of the filesystem at a certain point in time
- "The possibility to return in time"

#### 4.7.1 Do we still need backups if we have snapshots?

YES!

- · RAID 1 (mirroring) only protects against disk failure, nothing else
- If someone deletes all data from one disk, the RAID controller will delete all data from the other disk.
- · Snapshots can get lost: what if your server fails?
- ⇒ backups can be stored safely, on other disks

## 5 File manipulation

### 5.1 Basics

```
# create an empty file called 'test'
    ~$ touch test
2
    # edit a file
4
    ~$ vim test
5
    # remove file
    ~$ rm rabbot
    # move the file to /tmp
10
    ~$ mv test /tmp/
11
12
    # rename the file
13
    ~$ mv test rabbit
14
15
   # Linux doesn't really look at file extensions
   # check the file extension:
```

```
18 | ~$ file <filename>
19 | ~$ file /boot/inird.img-4.9.0-13-amdb64
20 | ~$ file /etc/init.d/networking
```

### 5.2 Bundle files

- · Tape ARchiver: TAR
  - Created originally to bundle files/directories for storage on tapes
- · You can combine tar with gzip: .tar.gz
  - tar cfv bundle.tar \*.txt ⇒ not compressed
  - tar czfv bundle.tar.gz ⇒ compressed

```
~$ mkdir bundle
1
    ~$ cd bundle
2
    ~$ touch 1.txt 2.txt 3.txt
    ~$ tar cfv bundle.tar *.txt
    # c = create a new archive
    \# f = specify \ a \ filename \ (bundle.tar)
    # v = verbose: show what happens
    ~$ tar --list -f bundle.tar
    ~$ file bundle.tar
10
    # extracting
11
    ~$ tar zxvf bundle.tar.gz
12
    \# z = zipped (compressed)
13
    \# x = eXtract
14
    # v = verbose
15
    # f = the argument (a file)
```

### 5.3 Links and inodes

- Modern filesytems support links
- This is different from shortcuts in Windows:
- · Windows shortcuts are text files that refer to other files

#### 5.3.1 Inodes

**Definitie 5.1 (Inode)** An inode is a data structure on a filesystem on Unix-like operating systems that stores all the information about a file except its name and its actual data

Metadata: data about the file

- · Creation date
- · Creation author
- · Access rights

• . . .

### 5.3.2 Symbolic links

**Definitie 5.2** A symbolic link (also symlink or soft link) is a term for any file that contains a reference to another file or directory in the form of an absolute or relative path

Also called 'softlinks'

```
"$ ln -s <target> <link-name>
"$ ln -s /etc/issue test-link

# try out the following commands after creating a link:

"$ cat test-link
"$ file test-link
"$ cat /etc/issue
```

#### 5.3.3 Hardlinks

- · Same file, different name
- · A hardlink refers to an inode, while a softlink refers to a file (which refers to an inode)

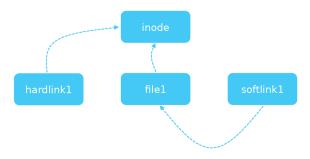


Figure 14: Symlink vs Hardlink

## 5.4 File permissions

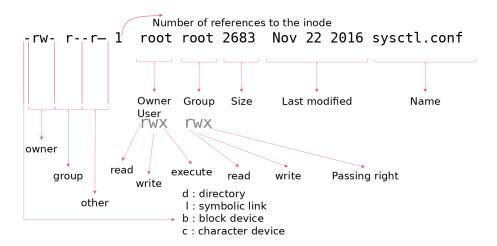


Figure 15: The output of 'ls -l' creates this type of output

1. first character: type of file (directory, symbolic link, block device, character device)

- 2. next 9 characters: owner rights, group rights, other rights
- 3. next number: number of references to the inode
- 4. owner user
- 5. owner group
- 6. size of file
- 7. last modified
- 8. name of file

```
# change the owner and group of a file or directory
chown <user>:<group> <file>
chown root:staff file.txt

# change the rights for a file
change the change mode
```

```
0 --- indicates no permissions
1 --x indicates execute permissions
2 -w- indicates write permissions
3 -wx indicates write and execute permissions
4 r-- indicates read permissions
5 r-x indicates read and execute permissions
6 rw- indicates read and write permissions
7 rwx indicates read, write, and execute permissions
```

Figure 16: Octal notation

#### 5.5 Overview of basic commands

Usage and details for these commands: see labs

- · cat: print contents of file to terminal
- cut: cut (structured) input on a specific place: show a certain column, etc...
- grep: display lines for which the pattern matches
- egrep: extended grep, better handling of regular expressions
- · find: search for files in a hierarchy of files and directories
- · head: show first lines of file
- · tail: show last lines of file
- · less: show the contents of a text file, interactively
- · man: show manual page for specific command
- · wc: word count (but also character count, byte counts, newline counts, ...) for a file
- · date: show or configure system date and time
- · cal: show a textual calendar
- · sort: sort a file
- unig: in a sorted output: count double lines or only show unique lines

## 5.6 Woodlap

- · What is meant by the term journaling for filesystems?
- Why is journaling used with filesystems?
- · Give 2 examples of filesystems under linux that use journaling.
- · How can you find out which kernel modules are currently loaded?
- · Which command can you use to load a kernel module?
- · And which to 'unload' a kernel module?
- How many disks do you need at least to build a RAID10 system? Why?
- What is meant by a 'Copy On Write' filesystem?
- What are the advantages of a CoW filesystem?
- · What are snapshots (in the context of storage systems)?
- · What are the disadvantages of a CoW filesystem?
- · Why do you still need backup when you have RAID1 and have snapshots?
- How can you find out which 'type' is a file? There are no extensions.
- · What is an inode?
- What is the difference between a softlink and a hard link?
- At the output of the command Is -la: Which values can the first character of the line have and what do they mean?
- At the output of the command Is -la: Which possible values can the 3 groups of 3 characters have to describe the rights?
- With what command can you 'change' the 'owner' of a file or directory?
- With which command can you 'change' the rights of a file or directory?
- What does number 5 mean when you use it to determine file system permissions?
- What does number 7 mean when you use that to determine file system rights? Explain why.
- · Which command do you use to cut structured input at a specific location?
- Which command do you use to display the first 16 lines of a text file?
- · Which command can you use to find out all the modified files from the last 24 hours?
- · Which command do you use to display the last 12 lines of a text file?
- · How can you find out how long it has been since a linux system was rebooted?
- Which command can you use to get an overview of all daemons that are currently active in your system?

## 6 Text editors, Piping, Redirection & Jobs

#### 6.1 Text editors

Emacs (productivity, extensibility)

- Nano (simplicity)
- Vi / Vim (=VI iMproved) (productivity)
- Ne

Our choice: Vim

## 6.1.1 vi vs vi-improved

- Navigating in vi: HJKL (left, down, up, right)
- · Navigating in vim: HJKL or arrow keys

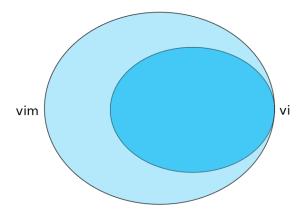


Figure 17: Everything you can do in vi, you can do in vim, and more!

#### 6.1.2 First steps in vim

- bottom left of window: the current mode
- INSERT = the mode that lets you enter text
- Enter INSERT mode: i
- · Leave INSERT mode and go to normal mode: ESC
- Once in normal mode, you can enter commands using ':'
- ESC : q  $\Rightarrow$  quit
- ESC :  $w \Rightarrow quit$
- ESC : wq ⇒ write and quit

```
# copy a line of text
ESC
# put cursor on the line you want to copy
yy # yank yank: copy a line of text
```

```
p # put: paste the copied line

transfer to put: paste the copied line

transfer to put: paste the copied lines

see the copied lines

see the copied lines see times

see the copied lines see times
```

### 6.1.3 Search and replace

You can easily search and replace in a text file, even with regex:

```
# search and replace the next instance:
    :s/old/new
2
    # all instances: TODO: difference between :s and :%s
    :s/old/new/g
6
    # all instances between line x and y:
    :x,ys/old/new/g
    # all instances in a complete file:
10
    :%s/old/new/g
11
12
    # all instances in whole file, with confirmation:
13
    :%s/old/new/gc
14
15
    #undo:
16
    (ESC) u
17
```

#### 6.1.4 Basic editing tricks

```
# starting from line 4, indent the next 7 lines:
2
    # remove indentation on line 10
    (ESC) 10gg
5
    <<
    # delete line 3
    (ESC) 3gg
9
    dd
10
11
    # delete the next 4 lines
    (ESC) 4dd
13
14
    # enable and disable syntax highlighting in vim
15
    (ESC) : syntax on
16
    (ESC) : syntax off
17
```

For more tricks: see labs

## 6.2 Piping

= Use the output from one command as input for the next command

```
# sort the music file alphabetically and count the number of occurences of each unique line
1
    sort music.txt | uniq -c
2
    # count the number of unique lines in music.txt
    sort music.txt | uniq | wc -l
5
    # count the number of lines in /etc/locale.gen where nl or NL occurs
    grep -i nl /etc/locale.gen | wc -l
    # count the number of lines in /var/log/syslog where kernel occurs
    cat /var/log/syslog | grep kernel | wc -l
11
12
    # count the number of lines in /var/log/syslog where kernel does NOT occur
13
    cat /var/log/syslog | grep -v kernel | wc -l
14
15
    # Show of what days there are logs in /var/log/syslog
16
    # the sixth field is the day field:
17
    cat /var/log/syslog | cut -c 6 | uniq
18
    # show the different sources of log entries in /var/log/syslog
20
    # kernel, client, systemd, ...
21
   cat /var/log/syslog | cut -d' ' -f5 | cut -d'[' -f1 | sort | uniq -c
22
```

#### 6.3 Redirection

Do not send the output of a command to stdout, but to another location, like a textfile

```
# to overwrite a file (or create if it doesn't exist)
ls -la > listing.txt

# to append to a file (or create if it doesn't exist)
ls -la >> listing.txt

# these two commands have the same result
cat > textfile.txt
touch textfile.txt

# redirect the output of 'ls -la' to a file with a custom name:
# example: output_2021-03-03
ls -la > output_$(date +"%F")
```

#### 6.3.1 stdout and stderr

- = 2 important output streams
  - · Normal situation: stdout and stderr appear on the terminal
  - · Redirection: stdout to a file

- · stderr still prints to the terminal
- Redirect stderr: 2> errorfile.txt



Figure 18

```
# redirect the output of a command to out.txt
# and redirect the error of the command to error.txt:

ls -la > out.txt 2> error.txt

# redirect stderr to stdout (%1), and then redirect stdout to a file out.txt:

ls -la > out.txt 2>&1

# redirect both to a file:

ls -la &> out
```

#### 6.3.2 stdin

```
# this command prints the amount of lines in a file
wc -l music.txt

# this command does the same
wc -l < music.txt

# this command does the same, but prints the output of wc to out.txt
wc -l < music.txt > out.txt
```

## 6.4 Jobs and process Management

When you execute a command: a process is started

- Every process gets a process ID (PID)
- The init process has PID 0. It starts other processes.
- · Every process has a parent
  - ⇒ tree structure of processes
  - Get insights into this structure with 'pstree' (part of the 'psmisc' package)
  - Process stops: exit code is passed to the parent

```
# report a snapshot of current processes
ps
3
```

```
# display a tree of processes
pstree -p
```

#### 6.4.1 Exit codes

```
# when a process stops:
# if bash was parent => exit code is passed to bash
# exit code is available in the $? variable:
# read contents of a variable with echo:
echo $?

# 0 = ended successfully without errors
# 1 = not ended successfully, there were errors

# test = verify if you have rights on a file (with -r = read rights)
```

#### 6.4.2 Combining commands

= not the same as piping!

```
# note the difference between one and two ampersands:
    # \mathcal{G} = execute command 1, then execute command 2
    # && = execute command 1, and only execute command 2
    # if command 1 was successful (exit code = 0)
    # one ampersand
    test -r test.txt & echo "MCT rocks"
    # two ampersands
    ~# test -r test.txt && echo "MCT rocks"
10
11
    "# test -r doesnotexist & echo "MCT rocks"
12
13
    # the first command will exit with code 1
14
    # so the second command will not execute
15
    ~# test -r doesnotexist && echo "MCT rocks"
```

#### 6.4.3 Jobs

A job is a new process originating from the same parent

```
# start a command as job
tail -f /var/log/syslog &
# output appears on stdout, but process runs as a job in the background

# bring a job to the foreground
fg <index>

# stop the job, but do not terminate:
CTRL-Z
```

### 6.4.4 Inter-process Communication

A signal is an asynchronous notification sent to a process or thread within that process to notify that there has been an event

Signal sent to process  $\Rightarrow$  OS interrupts normal execution of that process to deliver the signal

Sending a signal to a process: with the 'kill' command:

```
# not only to kill a process, also to send other signals
kill -s <signal>
```

#### **Signals**

- SIGHUP 1 terminate (hang up)
- SIGINT 2 terminal interrupt signal
- SIGKILL 9 kill (cannot be caught or ignored)
- SIGTERM 15 termination signal

```
# send signal 15 to a process with the entered PID
kill -s 15 <pid>
# send signal 15 to the PID of the tail process
kill -s 15 'pidof tail'

# send signal 9 to a process with the entered PID
kill -s 9 <pid>
# kill the process with name 'tail'
pkill tail
```

## 6.5 Intermezzo: System Load

- = a number which represents the load on a computer system
  - Completely idle system: system load 0
  - Each process which uses a resource or is waiting for a resource: system load + 1

- · Gives an indication of how heavy a computer system is loaded
- · System load is a snapshot, doesn't say anything
  - System load of 17: is that a problem? No.
  - More interesting: the evolution of the systemload over time

```
# show the system load of the last minute, last 5 minutes and last 15 minutes:

uptime

# show who is logged on and what they are doing

W

# display linux processes

top

# or better:

htop
```

## 6.6 Some useful tips

### 6.6.1 With which unique IP-addresses are there open sockets and how many?

```
netstat -anpt | awk '{print $5}' | sort | uniq -c
```

#### 6.6.2 TTY

= Tele TYpewriter = a terminal which is connected with stdin

```
# print the filename of the terminal currently connected to standard input:

2 ** tty
```

## 6.7 Answer these questions to test your knowledge

- 1. What does piping mean?
- 2. What is the prerequisite for using the command 'uniq'
- 3. What is the difference between > and >>
- 4. Which are the 2 output streams in linux, and what do they contain?
- 5. What is 'exit code'
- 6. Why is the exit code useful
- 7. What different values can the exit code be?
- 8. What is the exit code for success?
- 9. How do you request the exit code?
- 10. How do you turn a command into a job?
- 11. How do you pause a job
- 12. What command shows the list of all running or paused jobs?

- 13. How do you re-activate a paused job?
- 14. What does the command screen do?
- 15. What is meant by the term 'signal'?
- 16. How do you send a signal to a process
- 17. How do you specify which process?
- 18. Give 2 examples of signals
- 19. Is a systemload of 23 problematic
- 20. What process has PID 1?
- 21. Where do you know this process from?

## 7 Regex, users & firewall

## 7.1 Regex

- Make the webscaper assignment
- Use www.regexr.com to test regex

## 7.2 User management

#### 7.2.1 Add a user

- · Root privilege required!
- There are two common commands to add users:

```
adduser testuser1

# enter password

# name, other details

# /home/testures1

# contents of this directory follows /etc/skel

# group: testuser1

# default shell = /bin/bash

# user add testuser2

# user is created , no password, no shell
```

### 7.2.2 Delete a user

Again with root privileges, and 2 possible commands:

```
deluser testuser1

# user and corresponding group get deleted

# home directory not deleted

userdel testuser2

# user and corresponding group get deleted

# home directory also deleted
```

#### 7.2.3 Change password of user

```
# change your own password

passwd

# enter current password

# enter new password x2

# change password of other account (root privilege required)

passwd <username>

# current password not needed, only new password x2
```

## 7.2.4 Create a new group

Root privilege required!

```
addgroup testgroup1
# GID = group ID

groupadd testgroup2
```

#### 7.2.5 Assign a user to a group

```
usermod -aG testgroup1 testuser1

# add to group, groupname, username

# overview of groups and group members

cat /etc/group

# of which groups is the current user a member?

# groups

# su - testuser1

* groups
```

#### 7.2.6 Overview of users

/etc/passwd

- Username
- User ID
- · Home directory
- · Default shell
- · Full name
- ...

#### 7.2.7 Overview of groups

/etc/group

• Groupname

- · Group ID
- · Group members

#### 7.2.8 /etc/shadow

- System-wide host-specific configuration file (because it's in /etc/)
- · Contains information about password length, expiration, password hash
  - Mostly: sha512-hash
- · Assignment:
  - write a one-liner
  - Get all usernames from /etc/shadow and save them in /tmp/usernames
  - Extract from /etc/shadow all usernames and hashes of passwords for the usernames where a hash of the password is known

### 7.2.9 /etc/gshadow

- Contains an encrypted password for each group, as well as group membership and administrator information
- · Group name: the name of the group
- Hashed password:
  - If the value of this field is !, no user is allowed to access the group using the newgrp command.
  - If the value of this field is !! : same things as !, but it also indicates that a password has never been set before
  - If the value is null, only group members can log into the group
- Group administrators: users who can add or remove group members using the gpasswd command
- · Group members

#### 7.2.10 sudo

- Root privilege = superuser
- sudo = superuser do
- \$ sudo useradd jeff == # useradd jeff

```
# decide who gets sudo rights:

# install the sudo package

apt install sudo

# change the rights

visudo

# view the changes

cat /etc/sudoers
```

There is a sudo group:

- · Called sudo, sudoers or sometimes 'real'
- · Members of sudo group have sudo rights
- Add user: # usermod -aG sudo <username>

### 7.2.11 Temporarily become another user

```
sudo su - <username>
# this switches the user to <username> and use the environment of that user
# eg. the $PATH

become root:

sudo su - 
# without username => root
```

## 7.3 SSH

Secure SHell

- In the past: telnet (23/TCP)
  - Plain text
  - Not feature-rich
- Better: ssh (22/TCP)
  - Encrypted with public-private key cryptography
  - Feature-rich
  - Connect through the network, login as a user and get access to the shell on the remote system as that user
  - You're sitting at the console of that system, but with 'a very long cable'

### 7.3.1 SSH features

- Log in and get remote shell. Which shell? See /etc/passwd
- Invoke a command on the remote system
- Create a secured, encrypted tunnel
- Transfer files: with scp (secure copy)

#### 7.3.2 SCP - Secure Copy

- Transfer files over an encrypted connection (22/TCP)
- · scp <what to copy> <where to copy to>
- Also specify the username, the remote system and the location on that system

#### 7.3.3 SSH tunnels

Tunnel a port to let traffic through a certain port

```
ssh -L <local-IP>:<local-port>:<remote-ip>:<remote-port> username@ssh-server

# SOCKS-proxy functionality:
ssh -D <local-port> username@ssh_server
```

## 7.4 Full-fledged environment

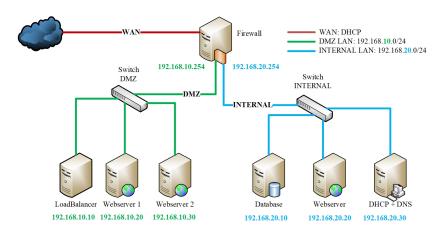


Figure 19: We will create this setup

- 7 VMs
- Two networks: internal and DMZ network for public services
- · A firewall
- NAT-ing

## 7.5 Basic networking

To create the setup in the previous section, we need to recap some basic networking:

#### 7.5.1 TCP/IP network model

5 - Application
4 - Transport
3 - Network
2 - Datalink
1 - Physical

Figure 20: The 5 layers of the TCP/IP model

- 1. Physical layer: our VMware virtual network
- 2. Datalink layer: ethernet & MAC-address
- 3. Network layer: IPv4, IP-address
- 4. Transport layer:
  - Transport Control Protocol (TCP)
  - User Datagram Protocol (UDP)
- 5. Application layer: SSH, HTTP, ...

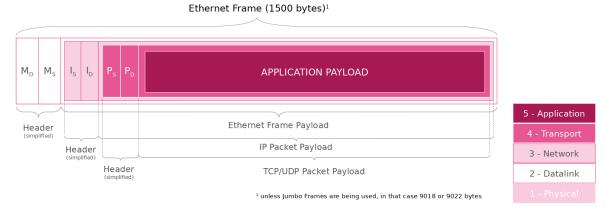


Figure 21: An ethernet frame

#### 7.5.2 3 types of firewalls

- 1. Application Layer Gateway
  - · Can see layer 7
  - · Can see the application payload
- 2. Stateful Packet Inspection Firewall

- Stateful = it can keep status, it has memory
- Can't see the application payload
- 3. Packet Filtering Firewall
  - Simplest type of firewall
  - Can only see information up to Layer 4 (Transport layer)
    - Source & Destination MAC-address
    - Source & Destination IP-address
    - Source & Destination Port number
    - The interface where the packet travels through
  - · Can't see the application payload