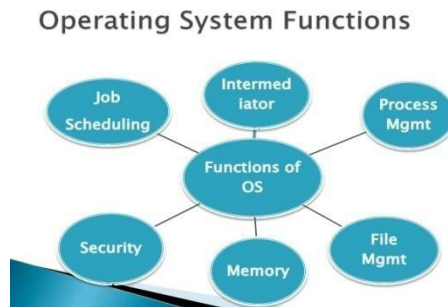
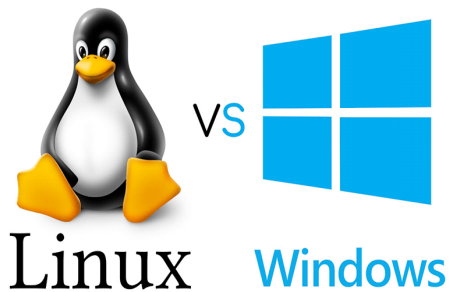


Week2Day1 : Unix/Linux Operating Systems, Linux Architecture, Linux Basic Components, kernel, boot loaders, GRUB, LiLO, network, init, daemons, shells, utilities, the X Window



OBSOLETE TYPES OF OPERATING SYSTEMS

- **Single-user, single-process operating systems:**
 - allow only one user at a time on the computer system
 - user can execute/run only one process at a time

Examples: DOS, Windows 3.1

- **Single-user, multi-process operating systems:**
 - allow a single user to use the computer system
 - user can run multiple processes at the same time

Example: OS/2

- **Multi-user, multi-process operating systems:**

- allow multiple users to use the computer system simultaneously
- Each user can run multiple processes at the same time

Examples: UNIX, Linux, Windows Server (2016/2019, Windows 7/10)

- In 80's, Microsoft's DOS was the dominated OS for PC
 - single-user, single-process system
- Apple MAC is better, but expensive
- UNIX is much better, but much much expensive. Only for minicomputer for commercial applications
- UNIX is a multi-user, multi-process operating system
- UNIX was designed to facilitate programming, text processing and communication

- People was looking for a UNIX based system, which is cheaper and can run on PC
- Both DOS, MAC and UNIX are **proprietary**, i.e., the source code of **their kernel is protected**
 - No modification is possible without paying high license fees

- The UNIX operating system was born in the late 1960s. It originally began as a one man project led by Ken Thompson of Bell Labs, and has since grown to become the most widely used operating system.
- In the time since UNIX was first developed, it has gone through many different generations and even mutations.
 - Some differ substantially from the original version, like Berkeley Software Distribution (BSD) or Linux.
 - Others, still contain major portions that are based on the original source code.
- An interesting and rather up-to-date timeline of these variations of UNIX can be found at

<http://www.levenez.com/unix/history.html>

History of UNIX

- **First version written in assembly language**
 - single user system, no network capability
- **Thompson, Dennis Ritchie, Brian Kernighan**
 - rewrote Unix in C: processor/architecture independent
- **Unix evolution:**
 - Bell Labs, USL, Novell, SCO
 - BSD, FreeBSD, Mach, OS X
 - AIX (IBM), Ultrix, Irix, Solaris (Sun), ...
 - Linux: Linus Torvalds

- **UNIX: 1969 Thompson & Ritchie AT&T Bell Labs.**
- **BSD: 1978 Berkeley Software Distribution.**
- **Commercial Vendors: Sun, HP, IBM, SGI, DEC.**
- **GNU: 1984 Richard Stallman, FSF.**
- **POSIX: 1986 IEEE Portable Operating System unix.**
- **Minix: 1987 Andy Tannenbaum.**
- **SVR4: 1989 AT&T and Sun.**
- **Linux: 1991 Linus Torvalds Intel 386 (i386).**
- **Open Source: GPL.**

What is Unix?

- **A portable, multi-tasking and multi-user operating system**
- Portable: runs on many different hardware architectures (Intel x86 and IA-64, Alpha, MIPS, HP PA-RISC, PowerPC, IBM S/390, SPARC, Motorola 680x0, etc.).
- Preemptive multi-tasking: several programs can run at the same time (time slices, interrupts, and task switching).
- Multi-user: many users can share the computer system at the same time.

What is Unix?

- Uses a simple, uniform file model which includes devices and access to other services in a flexible, hierarchical file system.
- Written in a high-level language (“C”) making it easy to read, understand, change and port.
- The command prompt is a simple user process, the Unix shell, which is also a convenient job programming language.
- Includes support for regular expressions which are convenient for complex searching.

- Established in 1984 by **Richard Stallman**, who believes that software should be free from restrictions against copying or modification in order to make better and efficient computer programs
- **GNU** is a recursive acronym for “**G**NU's **N**ot **U**nix”
- Aim at developing a complete Unix-like operating system which is free for copying and modification

Beginning of Linux

- In Sept 1991, Linus Torvalds, a second year student of Computer Science at the University of Helsinki, developed the preliminary kernel of Linux, known as Linux version 0.0.1
- It was put to the Internet and received enormous response from worldwide software developers
- By December came version 0.10. Still Linux was little more than in skeletal form.

- **Version 0.01 (May 1991)** had no networking, ran only on 80386- compatible Intel processors and on PC hardware, had extremely limited device-driver support, and supported only the Minix file system
 - Linux 1.0 (March 1994) included these new features:
 - Support for UNIX's standard TCP/IP networking protocols
 - BSD-compatible socket interface for networking programming
 - Device-driver support for running IP over an Ethernet
 - Enhanced file system
 - Support for a range of SCSI controllers for high-performance disk access
 - Extra hardware support
- **Version 1.2 (March 1995)** was the final PC-only Linux kernel
 - Kernels with odd version numbers are development kernels, those with even numbers are production kernels

- Released in June 1996, 2.0 added two major new capabilities:
 - Support for multiple architectures, including a fully 64-bit native Alpha port
 - Support for multiprocessor architectures
- Other new features included:
 - Improved memory-management code
 - Improved TCP/IP performance
 - Support for internal kernel threads, for handling dependencies between loadable modules, and for automatic loading of modules on demand
 - Standardized configuration interface
- Available for Motorola 68000-series processors, Sun Sparc systems, and for PC and PowerMac systems
- 2.4 and 2.6 increased SMP support, added journaling file system, preemptive kernel, 64-bit memory support
- 3.0 released in 2011, 20th anniversary of Linux, improved virtualization support, new page write-back facility, improved memory management, new Completely Fair Scheduler

Linux System

- **Linux uses many tools developed as part of Berkeley's BSD operating system, MIT's X Window System, and the Free Software Foundation's GNU project**
- **The main system libraries were started by the GNU project, with improvements provided by the Linux community**
- **Linux networking-administration tools were derived from 4.3BSD code; recent BSD derivatives such as Free BSD have borrowed code from Linux in return**
- **The Linux system is maintained by a loose network of developers collaborating over the Internet, with a small number of public ftp sites acting as de facto standard repositories**
- **File System Hierarchy Standard document maintained by the Linux community to ensure compatibility across the various system components**
 - **Specifies overall layout of a standard Linux file system, determines under which directory names configuration files, libraries, system binaries, and run-time data files should be stored**

Design Goals

- **Linux is a multi-user, multitasking system with a full set of UNIX-compatible tools..**
- **Its file system adheres to traditional UNIX semantics, and it fully implements the standard UNIX networking model.**
- **Three goals**
 - **Modularity**
 - **Simplicity**
 - **Portability**
- **Numerous standard utilities**
 - **Eliminate need to write special code**
 - **Used in combination for specific tasks**
- **Numerous functions**
- **IEEE POSIX (Portable Operating System Interface) specifications conformity**
 - **Programs' portability**

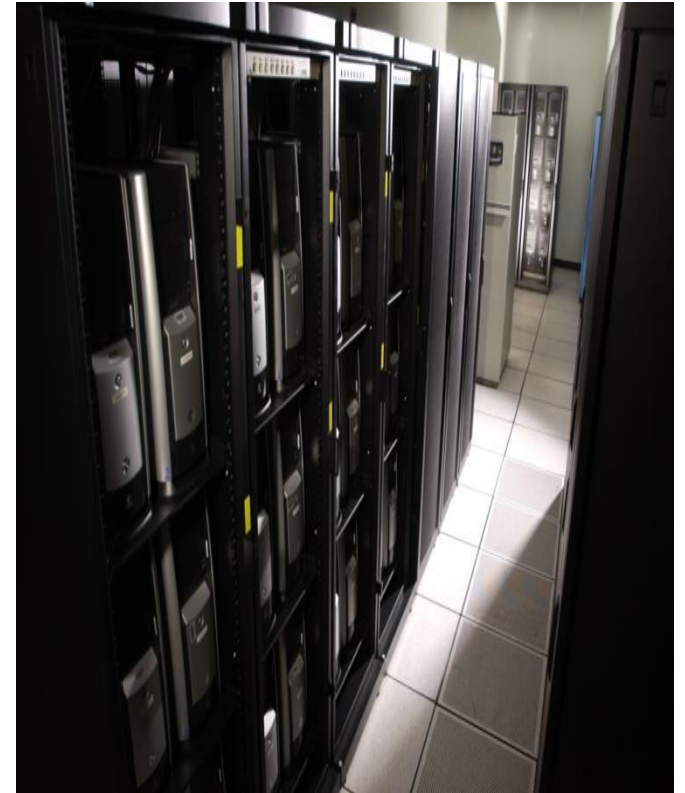
- Advantages over Windows
 - It's almost free to relatively inexpensive
 - Source code is included
 - Bugs are fixed quickly and help is readily available through the vast support in Internet
 - Linux is more stable than Windows
 - Linux is truly multi-user and multi-tasking
 - multiuser: OS that can simultaneously serve a number of users
 - multitasking: OS that can simultaneously execute a number of programs

Linux Pros and Cons (Cont)

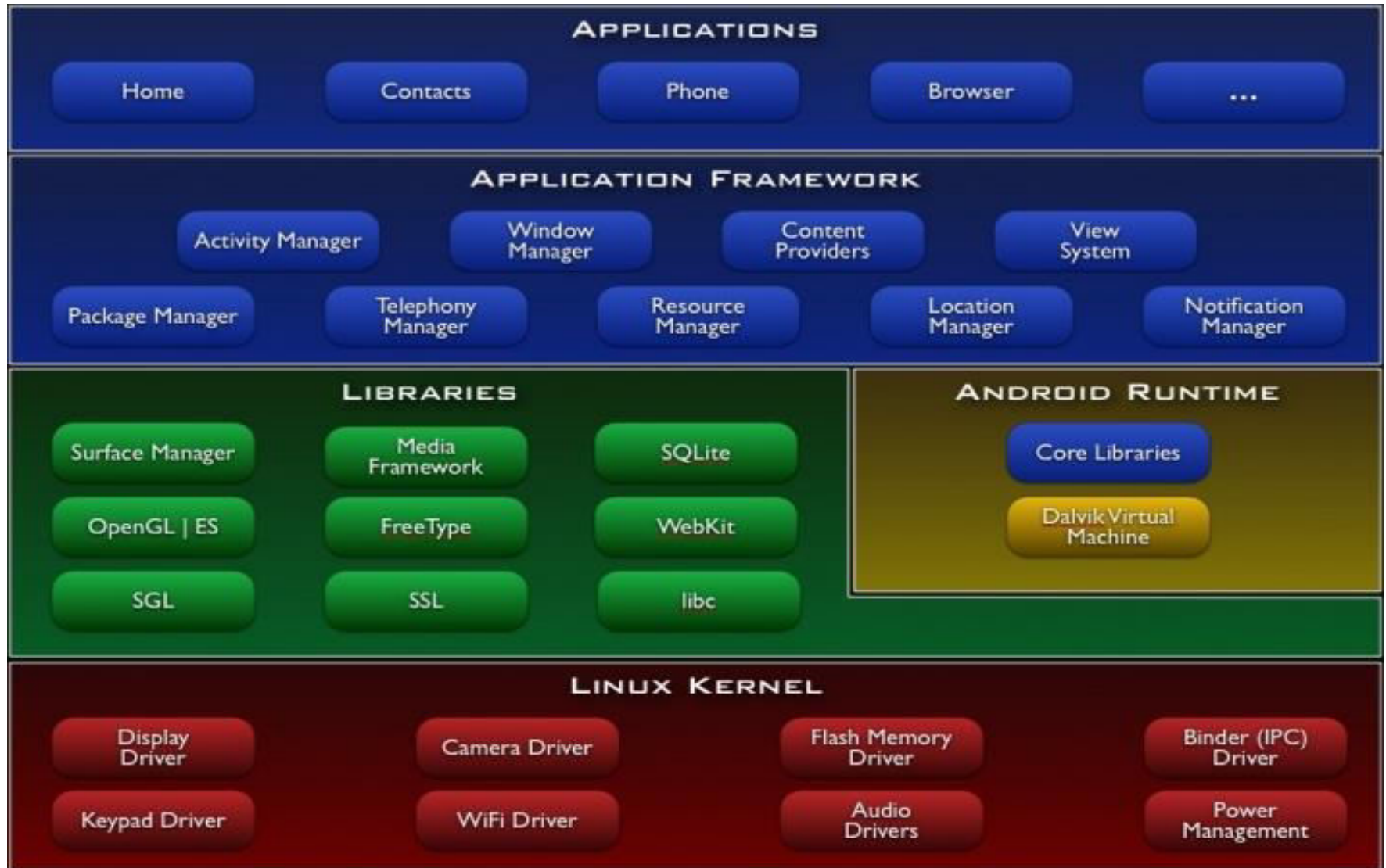
- Disadvantages compared with Windows
 - No one commercial company is responsible for Linux
 - Linux is relatively hard to install, learn and use
- Hence currently, Linux is mainly used in commercial applications, server implementation
- More than 75% current network servers are developed based on Linux or Unix systems
 - Due to the relatively high reliability

Distributions of Linux

- Red Hat Enterprise Linux
- Fedora
- SUSE Linux Enterprise
- openSUSE
- Debian GNU/Linux
- Ubuntu
- Mandriva Linux
- Slackware Linux
- Gentoo



Android Operating System



What is Kali Linux?

- Kali Linux is an advanced Penetration Testing and Security Auditing Linux distribution (distro).
- It was designed to replace the BackTrack Linux distro.
- A Linux distro is a operating system based off the Linux kernel.
- Linux is itself based off the UNIX kernel.
- UNIX > Linux > BackTrack > Kali.



Why use Kali Linux?

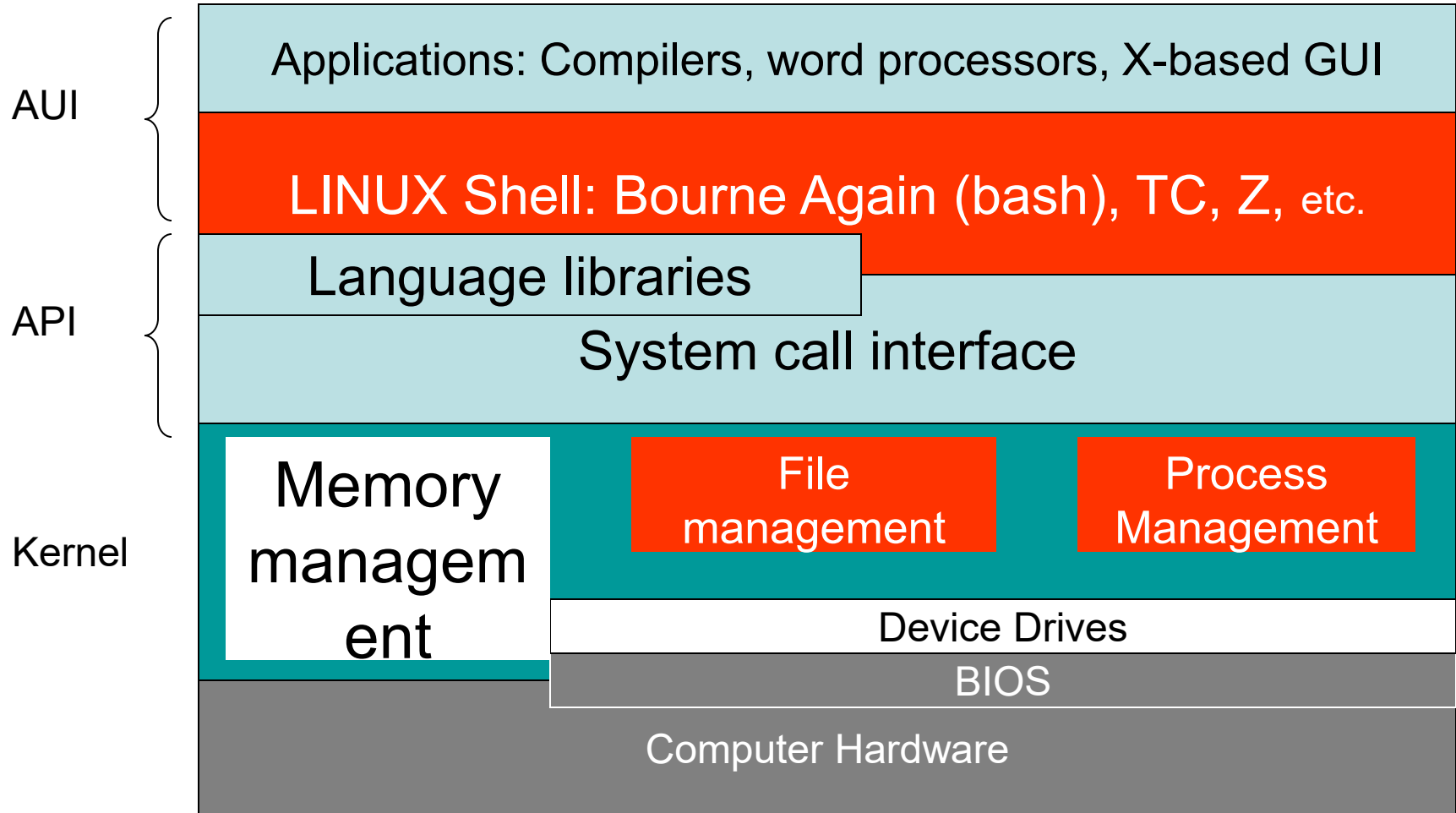
- It is **FREE!!!!**
- **300+ applications**, from password crackers to digital forensics software.
- **Vast wireless device support (ARM processors).**
- **Completely Customizable.**
- **Multilingual Support.**
- **Secure Development Environment.**
- **Open source Git tree.**
- **Filesystem Hierarchy Standard (FHS) Compliant.**
- **Gnu Privacy Guard (GPG) secure signed packages and repos.**



• Basic Components

- At least six categories of modules are associated with Linux:
 - kernel,
 - network,
 - init
 - daemons,
 - shells and utilities,
 - and the X Window.

Linux Operating System

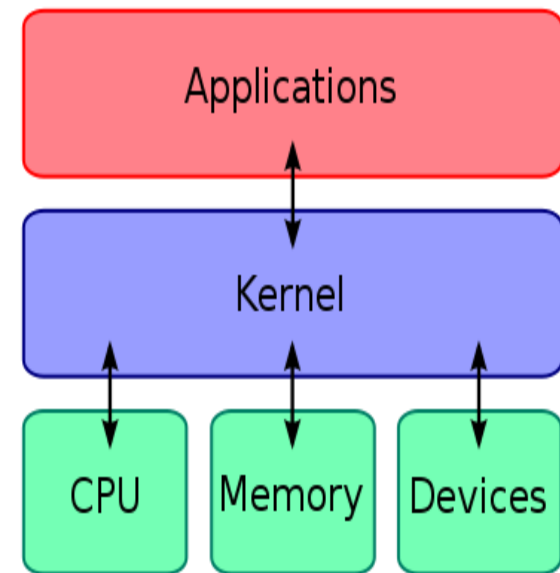


What's a Kernel?

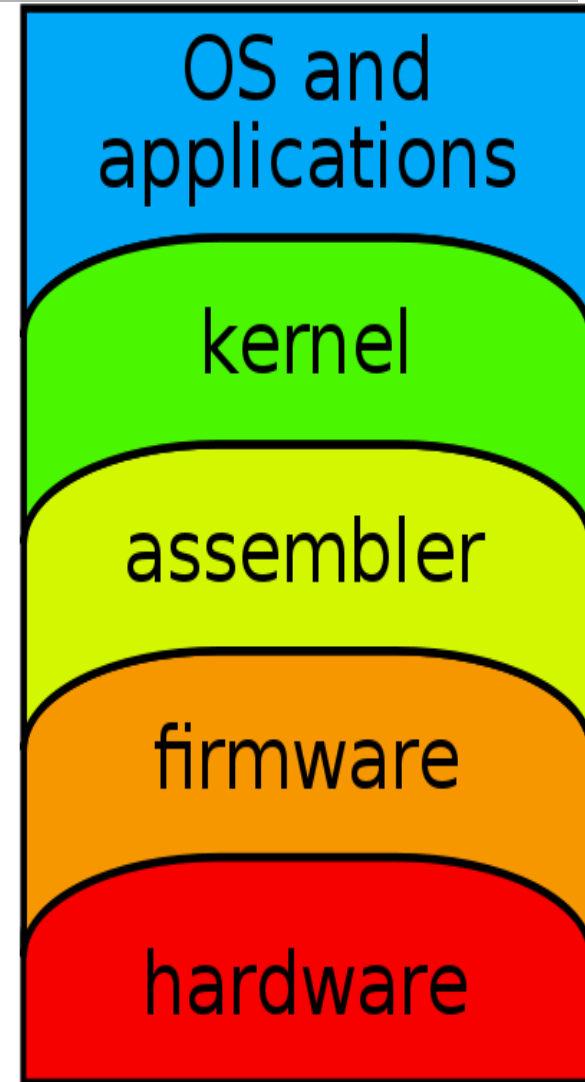
- AKA: executive, system monitor.
- Controls and mediates access to hardware.
- Implements and supports fundamental abstractions:
 - Processes, files, devices etc.
- Schedules / allocates system resources:
 - Memory, CPU, disk, descriptors, etc.
- Enforces security and protection.
- Responds to user requests for service (system calls).
- Etc...etc...

Linux Kernel

- The kernel is the central component of most computer operating systems
 - it is a bridge between applications and the actual data processing done at the hardware level.
 - It allows Linux and any software that you install to communicate with computer hardware.
 - The kernel communicates with your hardware through dedicated device drivers.



- Manage the computer's resources
- Allow other programs to run and use these resources
- The resources consist of
 - The Central Processing Unit
 - The computer's memory
 - Any Input/Output (I/O) devices
- Kernels also usually provide methods for synchronization and communication between processes



Kernel Design Goals

- **Performance: efficiency, speed.**
 - Utilize resources to capacity with low overhead.
- **Stability: robustness, resilience.**
 - Uptime, graceful degradation.
- **Capability: features, flexibility, compatibility.**
- **Security, protection.**
 - Protect users from each other & system from bad users.
- **Portability.**
- **Extensibility.**

- **Three basic approaches**

1. **Monolithic kernels**

- All functionality is compiled together
- All code runs in privileged kernel-space

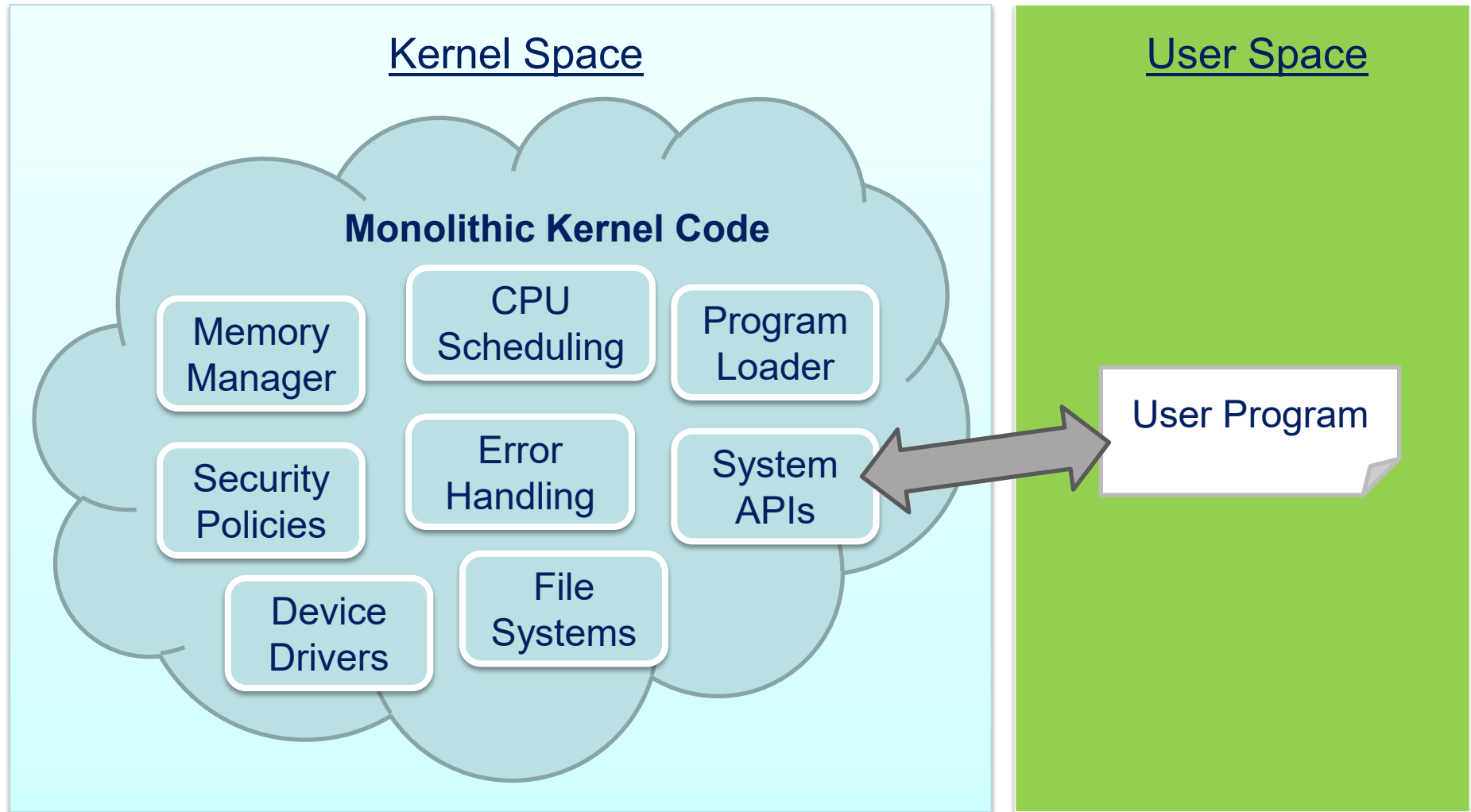
2. **Microkernels**

- Only **essential** functionality is compiled into the kernel
- All other functionality runs in unprivileged user space

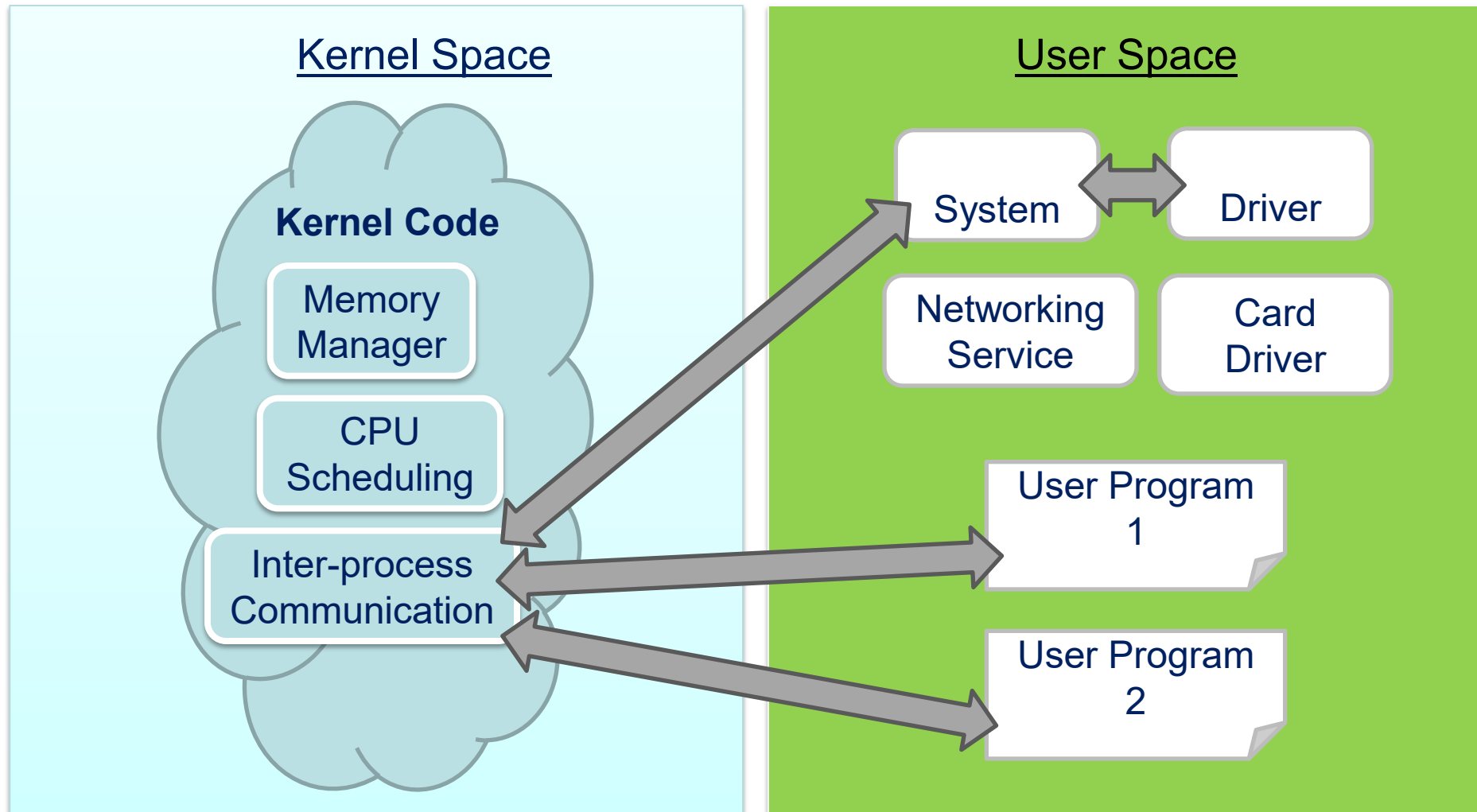
3. **Hybrid kernels**

- Most functionality is compiled into the kernel
- Some functions are loaded dynamically
- Typically, all functionality runs in kernel-space

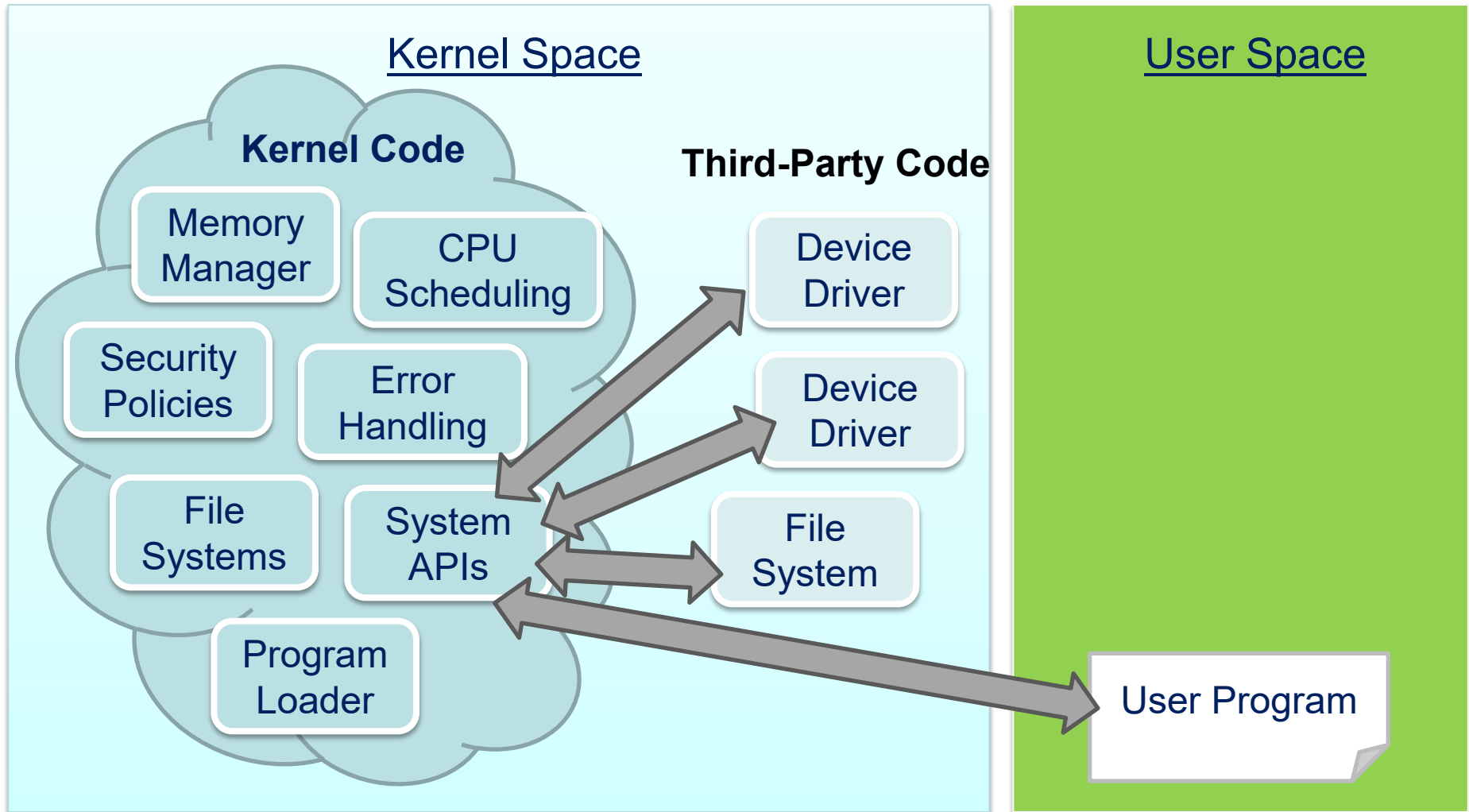
Monolithic Kernel



Microkernel



Hybrid Kernel



- **Advantages**

- Single code base eases kernel development
- Robust APIs for application developers
- No need to find separate device drivers
- Fast performance due to tight coupling

- **Disadvantages**

- Large code base, hard to check for correctness
- Bugs crash the entire kernel (and thus, the machine)

- **Advantages**
 - **Small code base, easy to check for correctness**
 - Excellent for high-security systems
 - **Extremely modular and configurable**
 - Choose only the pieces you need for embedded systems
 - Easy to add new functionality (e.g. a new file system)
 - **Services may crash, but the system will remain stable**
- **Disadvantages**
 - **Performance is slower: many context switches**
 - **No stable APIs, more difficult to write applications**

•Network

- Linux computers are most commonly organized in a client/server network.
- Some computers act as workstations, or clients, for users;
- others are servers which control resources shared by multiple users on different workstations.
- In this type of network, clients ask servers for items they need, like files or applications.

•Socket

- A socket is just a logical endpoint for communication. They exist on the transport layer.
- You can send and receive things on a socket, you can bind and listen to a socket.
- A socket is specific to a protocol, machine, and port, and is addressed as such in the header of a packet.

•Socket

- A **network socket** is a software structure within a network node of a computer network that serves as an endpoint for sending and receiving data across the network.
- The structure and properties of a socket are defined by an application programming interface (API) for the networking architecture.
- Sockets are created only during the lifetime of a process of an application running in the node.
- Socket is externally identified to other hosts by its **socket address**, which is the triad of transport protocol, IP address, and port number.
- The term *socket* is also used for the software endpoint of node-internal inter-process communication (IPC), which often uses the same API as a network socket.

•init

- Init is started by the kernel during the booting process
- init (short for initialization) is the program on Unix and Unix-like (Linux) systems that spawns (function that loads and executes a new child process) all other processes.
- It runs as a daemon and typically has PID 1
- When you boot Linux on your computer, the kernel loads and starts init.
- The init program then mounts your drives, and starts your terminal programs.
- When you log in, the terminal program starts your command-line interface shell.
- The role of init is to create processes from script stored in the file /etc/inittab which is a configuration file which is to be used by initialization system.

• Init vs Systemd

- **Init and Systemd are both init daemons but it is better to use the latter since it is commonly used in recent Linux Distros.**
- **Init uses service whereas Systemd uses systemctl to manage Linux services**
- **Systemd is the new init framework**, beginning with Fedora and presently embraced in numerous circulations like RedHat, Suse, and Centos.
- Systemd is a system and service manager for Linux operating systems.
- **When run as first process on boot (as PID 1), it acts as init system** that brings up and maintains userspace services.
- The systemctl command **manages both system and service configurations, enabling administrators to manage the OS and control the status of services**. Further, systemctl is useful for troubleshooting and basic performance tuning.

•Runlevels

- Red Hat Linux/Fedora runlevels
- 0 Halt
- 1 Single-User mode
- 2 Multi-user mode console logins only (without networking)
- 3 Multi-User mode, console logins only
- 4 Not used/User-definable
- 5 Multi-User mode, with display manager as well as console logins (X11)
- 6 Reboot

•Daemons

- Daemon is a computer program that runs in the background, rather than under the direct control of a user;
- They are usually initiated as background processes.
- Typically daemons have names that end with the letter "d": for example, syslogd, the daemon that handles the system log, or sshd, which handles incoming SSH connections.
- In Linux, several dozen daemons can run simultaneously, standing at the ready to start your network, serve web pages, print your files, or connect you to other Linux or Windows computers.

•Daemons

- In a Unix or linux environment, the parent process of a daemon is often (but not always) the init process (PID=1).
- Processes usually become daemons by forking (***when a process forks, it creates a copy of itself***) a child process and then having their parent process immediately exit, thus causing init to adopt the child process.

•Daemons

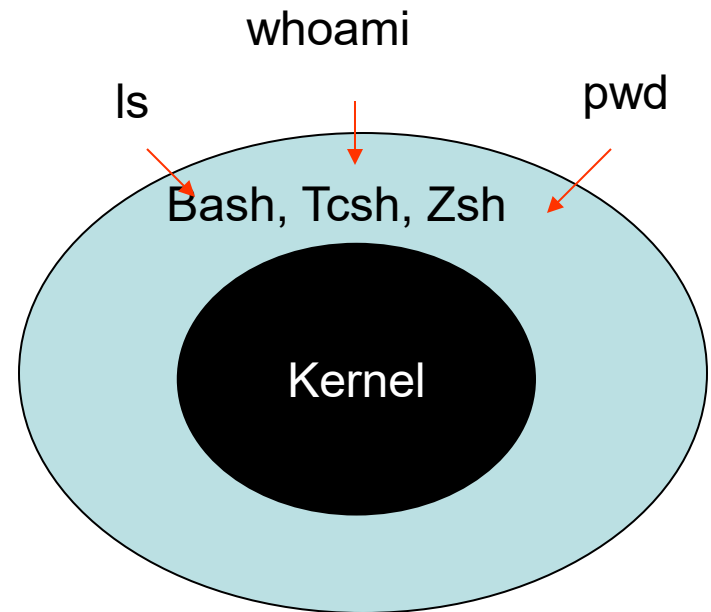
- Typical daemons include:
 - Apache, the most popular web server on the Internet, also known as httpd.
 - Samba (also known as smbd), the network service that allows Linux to talk to Microsoft Windows computers.
 - A printer daemon that manages communication with your printers. The CUPS daemon is cupsd

• Shells and Utilities

- Any Linux program or utility that talks to the kernel is a user-mode program, which consists of shells and utilities.
- User-mode programs don't communicate directly with your hardware (that's a job for the kernel).
- *Login* programs associate a user ID with a user's shell and other personalized settings, such as with the X Window and web browsers.
- *Shell* programs act as Linux command interpreters. The most common Linux shell is known as bash, short for the Bourne Again Shell.
- *Utilities* are small-scale commands used inside a shell.

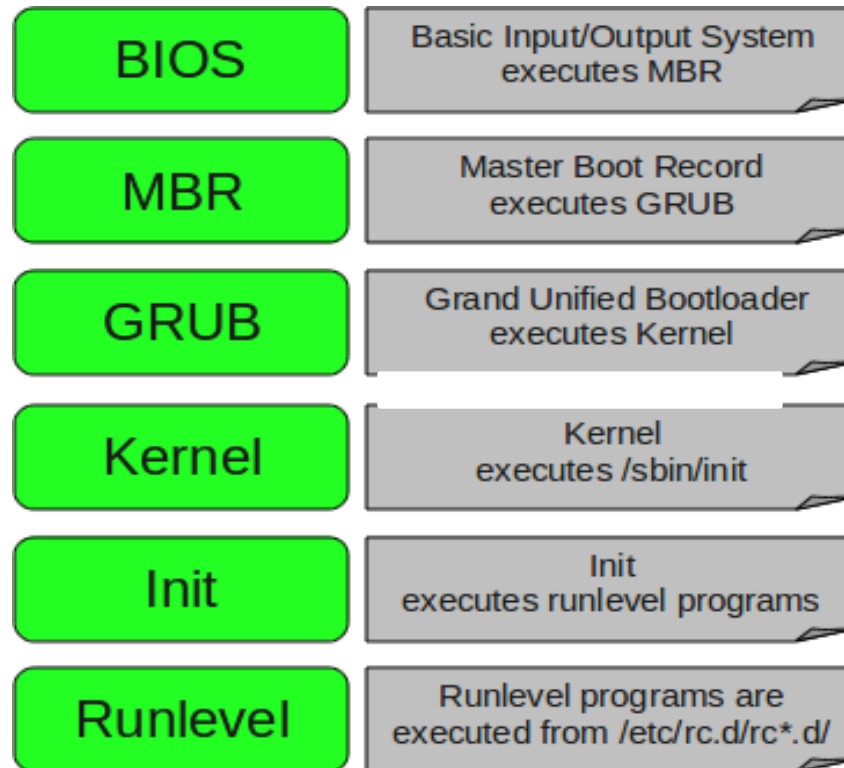
Linux Shell

- Shell interprets the command and request service from kernel
- Similar to DOS but DOS has only one set of interface while Linux can select different shell
 - Bourne Again shell (Bash), TC shell (Tcsh), Z shell (Zsh)
- Different shell has similar but different functionality
- Bash is the default for Linux
- Graphical user interface of Linux is in fact an application program work on the shell



Linux Boot Process

- Explain the Booting process in Linux



Linux (Boot Process)

- **1.BIOS (UEFI) (Basic Input/Output System)**
- **2.MBR(Master Boot Record)**
- **3.LILO or GRUB**
 - LILO:-Linux LOader
 - GRUB:-GRand Unified Bootloader
- **4.Kernel**
- **5.init**
- **6.Run Levels**

- **A typical boot process consists of six phases**
 - » **Loading and Initialization of kernel**
 - » **Device detection and configuration**
 - » **Creation of spontaneous system processes**
 - » **Operator intervention**
 - » **Execution of system startup scripts**
 - » **Multiuser operation**

Linux Boot Process

- The system BIOS checks the system and launches the first stage boot loader on the MBR of the Primary hard disk
- The first-stage boot loader loads itself into memory and launches the second-stage boot loader from the / boot partition.
- The kernel is loaded into memory, which in turn loads any necessary modules and mounts the root partition read-only.
- The kernel hands control of the boot process to the init program
- The /sbin/init program loads all services and user-space tools and mounts all partitions listed in /etc/fstab
- The user is presented with login prompt for the freshly booted linux system.

Linux boot loader broken into two stages

- First stage boot loader is small machine code binary on MBR

(It's job is to locate the second stage boot loader and load the first part into memory)

- Second stage boot loader is GRUB and LILO

• Boot loaders—

- GRUB stands for Grand Unified Bootloader
- LILO stands for Linux Loader

- **GRUB is the default boot loader**
- **LILO is available for those who require it for their hardware set up**
- **When the second-stage boot loader is in memory it presents the user with the Fedora Linux initial graphical screen showing different operating systems of kernel it has been configured to boot**

•GRUB

- Installed by default, is a very powerful boot loader.
- GRUB MBR consists of 446 bytes of primary bootloader code and 64 bytes of the partition table.
- GRUB locates all the operating systems installed and gives a GUI to select the operating system need to be loaded.
- Once user selects the operating system GRUB will pass control to the kernel of that operating system.
- GRUB can load a variety of free operating systems, as well as proprietary operating systems with chain-loading (the mechanism for loading unsupported operating systems, such as DOS or Windows, by loading another boot loader).

Boot Loader Configuration

• LILO

- LILO (Linux LOader) is a versatile boot loader for Linux.
- LILO is a Linux boot loader which is too big to fit into single sector of 512-bytes.
- It is divided into two parts :an installer and a runtime module.
- The installer module places the runtime module on MBR. The runtime module has the info about all operating systems installed.
- When the runtime module is executed it selects the operating system to load and transfers the control to kernel.
- LILO does not understand filesystems and boot images to be loaded and treats them as raw disk offsets.
- It does not depend on a specific file system, can boot Linux kernel images from hard disks, and can even boot other operating systems

- i. The kernel, once it is loaded, finds init in/sbin(/sbin/init) and executes it.**
- ii. Hence the first process which is started in linux is init process.**
- iii. This init process reads /etc/inittab file and sets the path, starts swapping, checks the file systems, and so on.**
- iv. It runs all the boot scripts(/etc/rc.d/*,/etc/rc.boot/*)**
- v. starts the system on specified run level in the file /etc/inittab**

Programming Tools and Utilities Available under Linux

- **Text Editors**

- Xemacs
- Emacs
- Pico
- vi

- **Compilers**

- C compiler - gcc
- C++ compiler - g++
- Java compiler & Java Virtual Machine - javac & java

- **Debuggers**

- C / C++ debugger - gdb

- **Interpreters**

- Perl - perl
- Tcl/Tk - tcl & wish

- **Miscellaneous**

- Web Browsers - Mozilla, Netscape, Firefox, and Lynx (lynx is text based)
- Instant Messengers - Gaim
- Email - Pine

- **Graphical display**
 - Optional
 - Most users choose to use GUI
- **X window system**
 - Foundation of graphical display
 - The X Window System (commonly X or X11) is a computer software system and network protocol that provides a graphical user interface (GUI) for networked computers

Understanding the X Window System

- **Project Athena**
 - Graphical environment for UNIX
 - Make UNIX easier to use
 - Eventually called X Window System
 - Released as public domain software in 1985
- **The XFree86 project**
 - Dedicated to creating version of X for Intel-based versions of UNIX

- Desktop environments such as
- Open Windows,
 - A desktop environment for Sun Microsystems workstations which handled X Window System protocols
 - Solaris uses CDE and GNOME 2.0.
- CDE
 - The Common Desktop Environment (CDE) is a desktop environment for Unix,
 - HP's OpenVMS uses CDE as its standard desktop environment

- **GNOME,**

- GNOME is part of the GNU Project and can be used with various Unix-like operating systems,
- Built on top of the Linux kernel
- and as part of Java Desktop System in Solaris.

- **KDE,**

- This allows KDE software based on Qt 4 to also be distributed to Microsoft Windows and Mac OS X.

- **Xfce**

- is a free software desktop environment for Unix and other Unix-like platforms, such as Linux, Solaris and BSD. It aims to be fast and lightweight, while still being visually appealing and easy to use.

- **X provides the basic framework, or primitives, for building such GUI environments:**
 - drawing and moving windows on the screen and interacting with a mouse and/or keyboard.
- **X does not mandate the user interface**
 - individual client programs handle this.
 - visual styling of X-based environments varies greatly;
 - different programs may present radically different interfaces.
 - X is built as an additional application layer on top of the operating system kernel.

- X-Windows specifically designed to be used over network connections rather than on an integral or attached display device.
- X-Windows features network transparency: the machine where an application program (the *client* application) runs can differ from the user's local machine (the *display server*).
- X-Windows originated at MIT in 1984. The current protocol version, X11, appeared in September 1987.
- The X.Org Foundation leads the X project, with the current reference implementation, X.Org Server, available as free and open source software under the MIT License

- **X uses a client-server model: an *X server* communicates with various *client* programs.**
- **The server accepts requests for graphical output (windows) and sends back user input (from keyboard, mouse, or touchscreen).**
- **The server may function as:**
 - **an application displaying to a window of another display system**
 - **a system program controlling the video output of a PC**
 - **a dedicated piece of hardware.**

Components of the X Window System

- **X server**
- **X client**
- **Window manager**
- **Graphical libraries**
- **Graphical application**
 - **Provides a comprehensive user interface**

Components of the X Window System (continued)

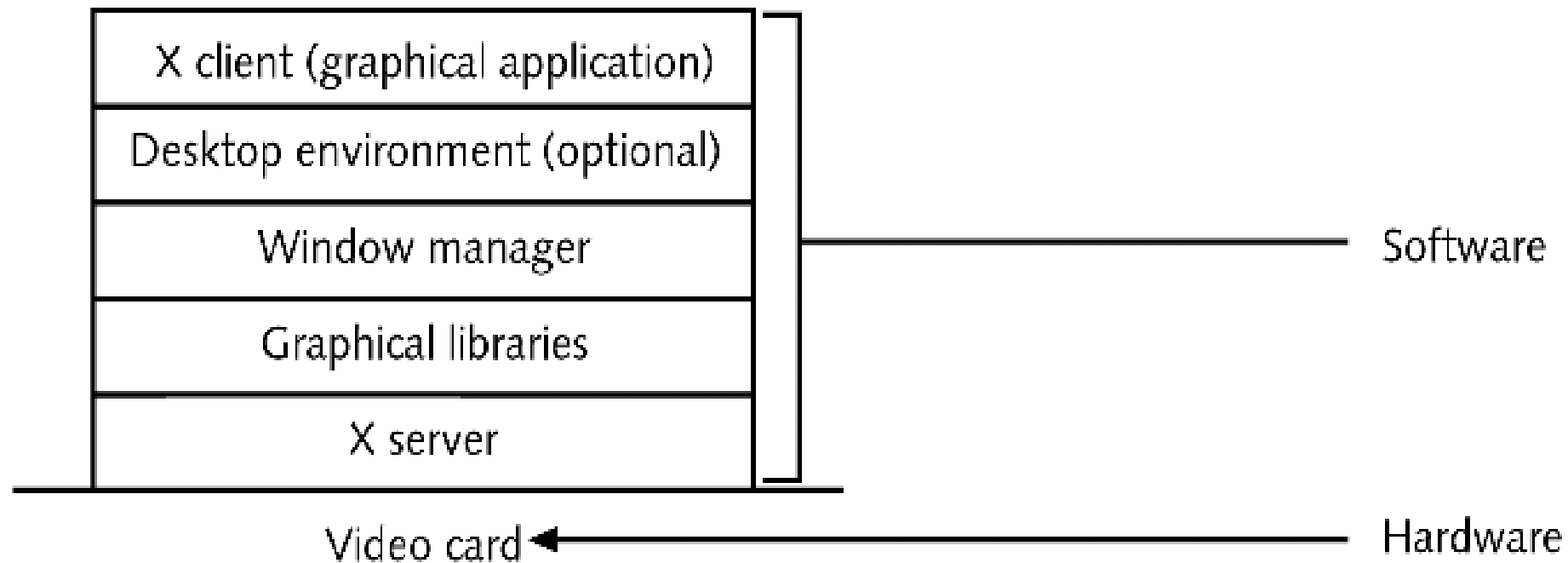
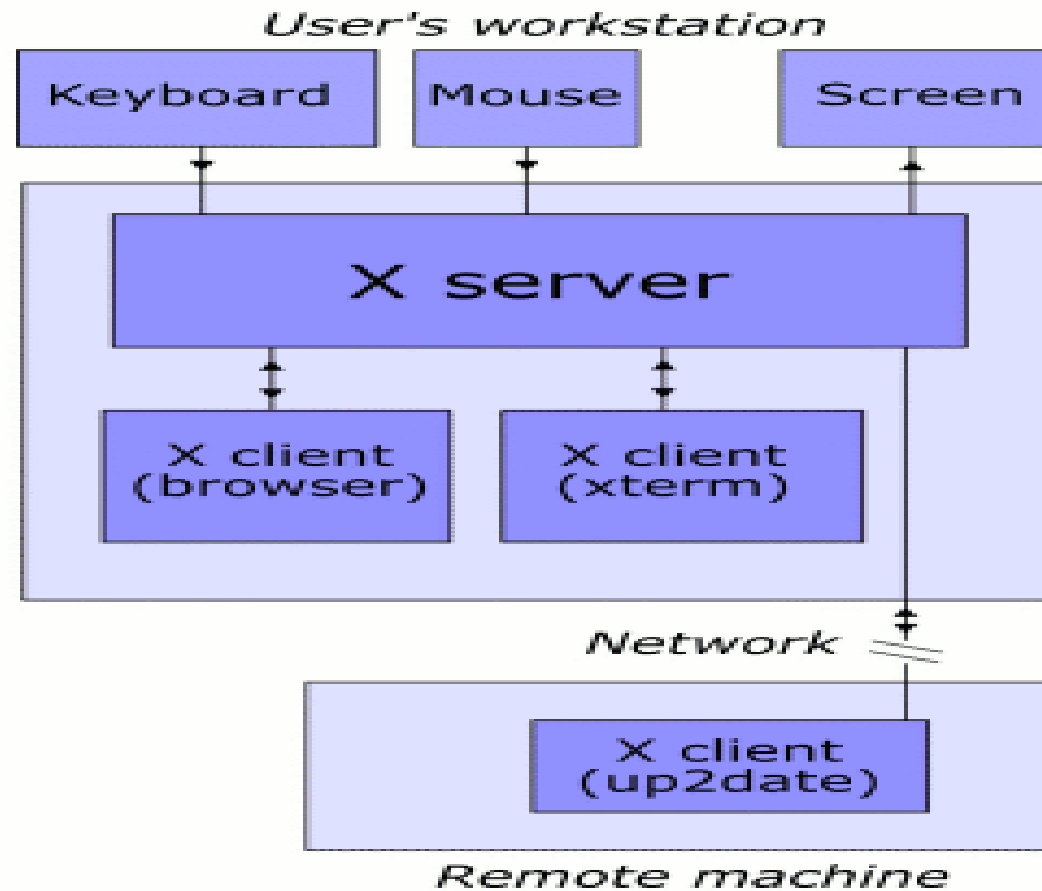


Figure 2-1 Components of the X Window System

X-Windows



- **The communication protocol between server and client operates network-transparently:**
 - the client and server may run on the same machine or on different ones, possibly with different architectures and operating systems.
 - A client and server can even communicate securely over the Internet by tunneling the connection over an encrypted network session.
- **An X client itself may emulate an X server by providing display services to other clients.**

- The remote X client will then make a connection to the user's local X server, providing display and input to the user.
- Alternatively, the local machine may run a small program that connects to the remote machine and starts the client application.
- Practical examples of remote clients include:
 - administering a remote machine graphically
 - running a computationally intensive simulation on a remote Unix machine and displaying the results on a local Windows desktop machine
 - running graphical software on several machines at once, controlled by a single display, keyboard and mouse.

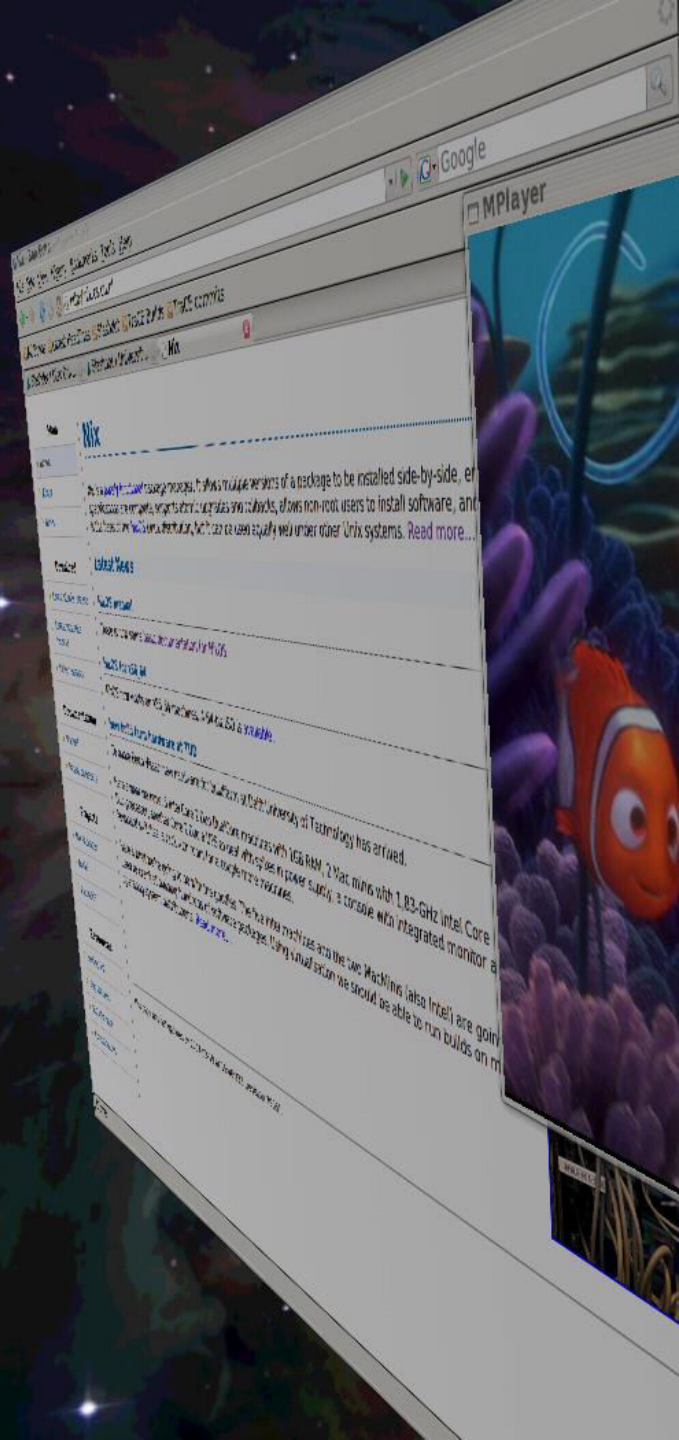
- **Window managers available for Linux**

- **Metacity**

- is a compositing window manager used by default in the GNOME desktop environment Window Maker and Afterstep

- **Compiz**

- is one of the first compositing window managers for the X Window System that uses 3D graphics hardware to create fast compositing desktop effects for window management.
- The effects, such as a minimization effect and a cube workspace are implemented as loadable plugins.
- Compiz can substitute for the default Metacity in GNOME or KWin in KDE.



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Tasks: 124 total, 3 running, 121 sleeping, 0 stopped, 0 zombie
Cpu(s): 7.3%us, 1.3%sy, 0.0%ni, 90.7%id, 0.0%wa, 0.7%hi, 0.0%si, 0.0%st
Mem: 507428k total, 489308k used, 18120k free, 128256k cached
Swap: 1020088k total, 41244k used, 978844k free, 0k buffers

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27101 eelco 15 0 80536 7740 3104 R 1.3 1.5 0:01.22 compiz
26739 eelco 15 0 30932 16m 8784 S 0.7 3.4 0:09.05 gnome-terminal
1 root 16 0 1604 652 552 S 0.0 0.1 0:03.53 init
2 root RT 0 0 0 0 S 0.0 0.0 0:00.00 migration/0
3 root 16 0 0 0 0 S 0.0 0.0 0:00.00 ksoftirqd/0
4 root 16 0 0 0 0 S 0.0 0.0 0:00.42 ksoftirqd/0
5 root 16 0 0 0 0 S 0.0 0.0 0:00.00 watchdog/0
6 root 16 0 0 0 0 S 0.0 0.0 0:00.00 events/0
7 root 16 0 0 0 0 S 0.0 0.0 0:00.72 kthreadd
35 root 16 0 0 0 0 S 0.0 0.0 0:00.01 kthreadd
36 root 16 0 0 0 0 S 0.0 0.0 0:00.00 kthreadd
158 root 16 0 0 0 0 S 0.0 0.0 0:00.00 kthreadd
179 root 16 0 0 0 0 S 0.0 0.0 0:00.00 kthreadd
```

Components of the X Window System (continued)

- **KWin**

- is a window manager for the X Window System.
- It is an integral part of the K Desktop Environment (KDE), although it can be used on its own or with other desktop environments.



- **Graphical library**

- Installed on Linux system like any other application
- Provides tools for other applications
- KDE
 - Qt
- GNOME
 - Gtk+
 - Default desktop in Red Hat Linux

- **GNOME,**

- **GNOME is part of the GNU Project and can be used with various Unix-like operating systems,**
- **Built on top of the Linux kernel**
- **and as part of Java Desktop System in Solaris.**

- **KDE,**
 - **KDE** is a powerful Open Source graphical desktop environment for Unix workstations. It combines ease of use, contemporary functionality, and outstanding graphical design with the technological superiority of the Unix operating system.
 - This allows KDE software based on Qt 4 to also be distributed to Microsoft Windows and Mac OS X.
- **Xfce**
 - is a free software desktop environment for Unix and other Unix-like platforms, such as Linux, Solaris and BSD. It aims to be fast and lightweight, while still being visually appealing and easy to use.

emacs

vi

nano

- Dozens (hundreds) of others are available.
- [Nedit](#)
- [Bluefish](#) – an HTML editor

LiveCDs: Easiest Path to Linux

- Live Linux CD are a specific group of distributions that distinguish themselves by being complete and able to run from a CD or similar media.
 - CD
 - USB
 - DVD

Typically, can also be installed on a HD Or can be run under a virtual machine on Windows

LiveCD Advantages

- Lab set up is passing out the Live CDs.
Our first effort, it took seven minutes from CD distribution to having everyone booted up...
- CDs contain many applications.
 - Open Office
 - Graphics including screen capture
 - Many, many, networking and system tools.
 - No license tracking.
- Students can reproduce and distribute the O/S.
- Trouble shooting is “turn the computer off, turn the computer on”.

Immune from virus, worm, and spyware infection.

Disk Partitioning Setup

- **Swap**
 - is used as the virtual memory space for an operating system and is automatically set at two times the amount of RAM on your computer.
- **/boot**
 - will eventually contain the file and commands required for Linux to boot on your computer.
- **/**
 - will be the top-level root directory for your filesystem.

- You can easily create these files yourself using your favorite text editor.
- They are:
 - *.bash_profile* : read and the commands in it executed by Bash every time you log in to the system
 - *.bashrc* : read and executed by Bash every time you start a subshell
 - *.bash_logout* : read and executed by Bash every time a login shell exits

- Provides a way to make sure that all new users on your system begin with the same system settings.
- The /etc/skel directory is used by the /usr/sbin/useradd program.
- It copies all the files, including the hidden files into the new user's home directory.
- When the home directory of a new user is created, it is initialized with files from this folder. Files like, .bash_logout, .bash_profile, .bashrc, .profile are placed in here.