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History

The BackTrack distribution originated from the merger of two formerly competing distributions which focused on penetration testing:

WHAX: a Slax-based Linux distribution developed by Mati Aharoni,
a security consultant. Earlier versions of WHAX were called Whoppix and were based on Knoppix.
Auditor Security Collection: a Live CD based on Knoppix developed by Max Moser which included over
300 tools organized in a user-friendly hierarchy.

The overlap with Auditor and WHAX in purpose and in their collection of tools partly led to the merger.

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