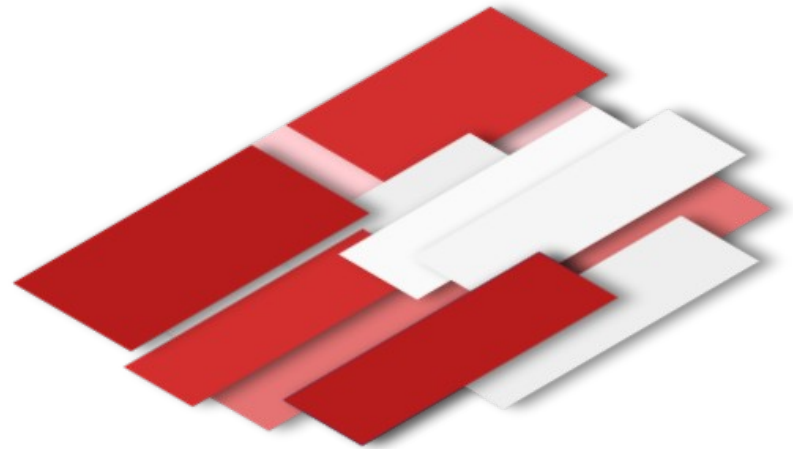


Linux Diversity

Dive into Linux Subsystem
for Personal Educational Purpose.

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About Epsi



Yet, another underachiever.
But hey, I have my own blog.

About This Material

After watching this, you will understand:

- 1) A more systematic steps to learn GNU/linux.
- 2) How to make your own learning plan (syllabus).

This material is not really comprehensive.

I still have so much to learn.

After first linux install?

You might desire to

- Join linux community.
- Read documentation (statistically rare person).
- Update system.
- Install a bunch of application.
- Get busy with command line terminal.
- Surfing wiki and search engine.

And then what?

Where to go from here?

- Should I try other distro?
- What other distro should I try?
- So many distro, so little differences!
- Should I use VM or multiboot?

**Learn part of system!
Instead just switching distro.**

How Modular is Linux?





How Modular is **Linux**?



Package Manager

APT, ALPM, DNF, XBPS,
Zypper, Portage



Init

SysV, systemd, openRC,
runit, S6.



File System

ext4, XFS, Reiserfs,
BTRFS, ZFS.



Standard C Library

glibc or musl



Desktop Environment

GTK+ based, QT based,
enlightenment.



Window Manager

Stacking, Tiling,
Dynamic, Compositor.

Modular Linux



You still need to Switch distro,
by considering these three diversity



Package Manager

You can learn using docker.



File System

Require long time examination



Init

You can learn using docker.

When do I need a physical OS?

- You can learn Package Manager using Docker.
- You can also learn Init using Docker.
- But you cannot learn Filesystem using Docker.

File system experience require long time examination.

Thus you have to live with baremetal (physical) OS.

Desktop Environment/ Window Manager

Most beginner start from switching DE/WM

[Desktop Customization]

Yet Another Presentation.

Common Subsystem?

A few **must have** knowledge



Wireless

[Wireless Command Line]



Audio

[Audio Command Line]



Boot Process: Grub2

[What to Do]

When the System Stuck, on Boot



Dbus (for WM user only)

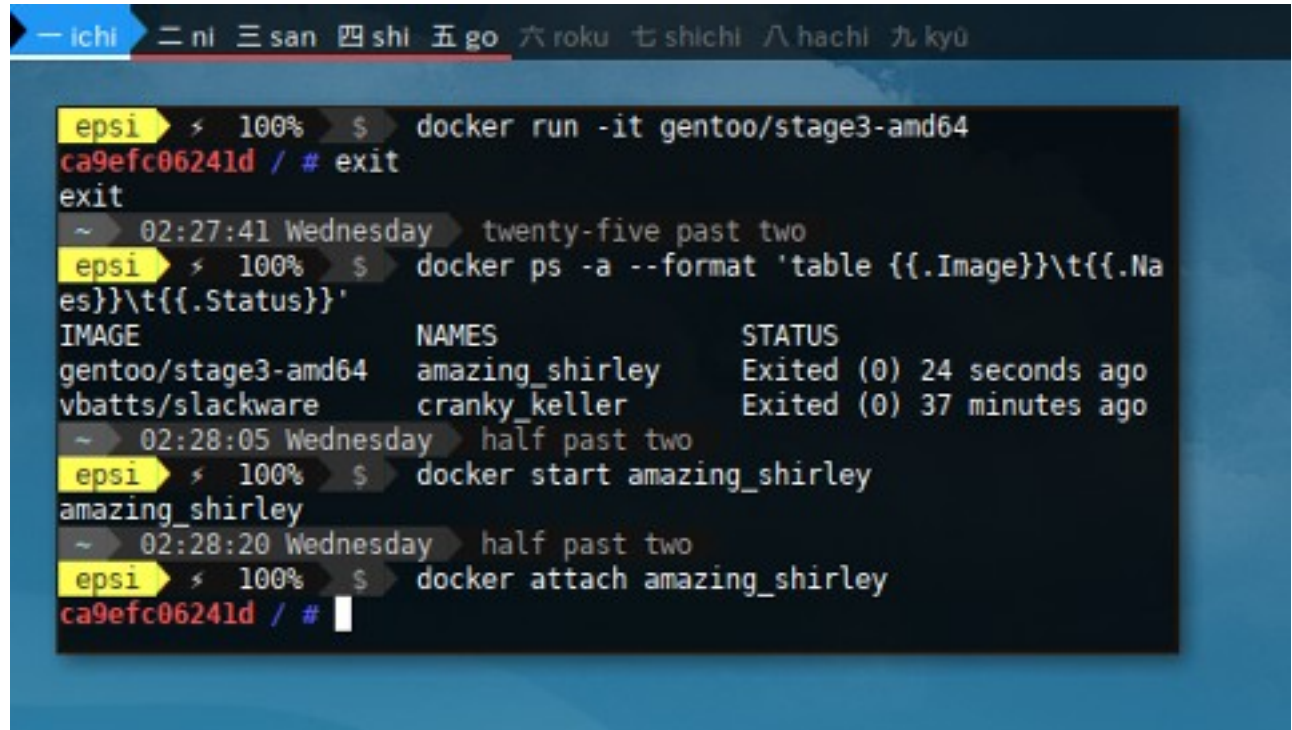
[dbus in Window Manager]

Package Manager

Docker Test Bed

Package Manager with Docker

- APT
- ALPM
- DNF
- XBPS
- Zypper
- Portage



A terminal window with a blue background and a top bar showing Japanese characters. The terminal shows a user named 'epsi' running Docker commands. The first command is 'docker run -it gentoo/stage3-amd64', which starts a container named 'ca9efc06241d'. The user then enters 'exit' to leave the container. The second command is 'docker ps -a --format 'table {{.Image}}\t{{.Names}}\t{{.Status}}'', which displays a table of Docker containers. The table shows two containers: 'gentoo/stage3-amd64' named 'amazing_shirley' which has 'Exited (0) 24 seconds ago', and 'vbatts/slackware' named 'cranky_keller' which has 'Exited (0) 37 minutes ago'. The user then runs 'docker start amazing_shirley' to restart the 'amazing_shirley' container. Finally, the user runs 'docker attach amazing_shirley' to enter the container, and the prompt changes to 'ca9efc06241d / #'.

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epsi > 100% $ docker run -it gentoo/stage3-amd64
ca9efc06241d / # exit
exit
~ 02:27:41 Wednesday twenty-five past two
epsi > 100% $ docker ps -a --format 'table {{.Image}}\t{{.Names}}\t{{.Status}}'
IMAGE                                NAMES                STATUS
gentoo/stage3-amd64                 amazing_shirley       Exited (0) 24 seconds ago
vbatts/slackware                    cranky_keller         Exited (0) 37 minutes ago
~ 02:28:05 Wednesday half past two
epsi > 100% $ docker start amazing_shirley
amazing_shirley
~ 02:28:20 Wednesday half past two
epsi > 100% $ docker attach amazing_shirley
ca9efc06241d / #
```

Docker is suitable for old notebook with low resources.

More Articles about Docker Test Bed

- [[Debian - APT](#)]
- [[openSUSE - Zypper](#)]
- [[Fedora - DNF](#)]
- [[Void - XBPS](#)]
- [[Slackware - Package](#)]
- [[Gentoo - Portage](#)]

Package Manager Feature?

Deep knowledge require long time experience.
Most of issues comes months after install.

Be Aware of Package Manager Advantage/Issue

- [[APT Pinning](#)]
- [[Selective Emerge](#)]
- [[Unbundling AUR in ALPM](#)]
- [[Upgrading Fedora](#)]
- [[GhostBSD Ports](#)]

Init?

Who Use What!

OpenRC

Gentoo, Artix,
Devuan, GhostBSD.

SysV

Slackware,
Devuan.

runit

Void,
Artix.

s6

Obarun,
Artix.

systemd

Most major distro.

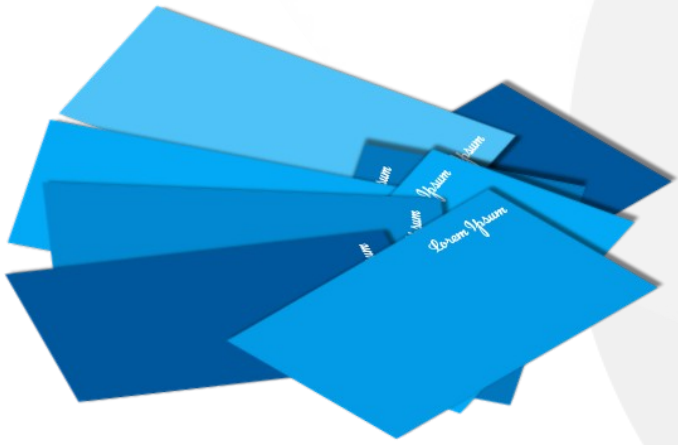
Civil War

[The systemd Controversy]

Still debating in 2020 between:
systemd+gnome versus **linux+diversity**.

Example Usage

[Setup LAMP stack with Manjaro OpenRC]



File System?

ext4, XFS, Reiserfs, BTRFS, ZFS.

Deep knowledge require long time experience.

Most of issues comes months after install.

You cannot just install, and just understand file system instantly.

File System

and how to find them



ext4

Most common in GNU/Linux.



ZFS

Common in BSD.



UFS

Common in BSD



BTRFS

Default in openSUSE /



XFS

Used to be Default in
openSUSE /home

Example Issue and Workaround:

- BTRFS snapshots:
 - [[File System - Trapped in Snapper Rollback](#)]
- BTRFS with GRUB:
 - [[File System - GRUB2 support for BTRFS](#)]
- UFS along with linux Multiboot:
 - [[GhostBSD - Multiboot](#)]
- NixOS in Multiboot:
 - Use chainloader in GRUB

Standard C library in OS?

glibc or musl.

I must admit,
I do not have any experience with musl.

Linux Diversity

Switching Distro?

While you are young and still have time.
Get yourself quarterly (three months) curriculum/plan.

Just get pass through it.
No need to go deep with coding.
Be an ordinary user.

After this one year,
you are already mature enough with
broader view
to choose whatever linux you want.

If you want to get more wisdom.
Learn BSD land in the second year.

Example Syllabus (learning plan)

Make a target of first year with linux.

Ubuntu/
Manjaro/ Mint

openSUSE

Arch

Gentoo

Quarter I

Quarter II

Quarter III

Quarter IV

- learn the DE universe: gnome-shell, plasma, xfce4
- learn basic command line.

- learn filesystem: btrfs, xfs
- also learn yast2

- know your system,
- dive into the world of cli/terminal shell

- learn init other than systemd
- learn patience

Example Q1:

Ubuntu/ Mint/ Manjaro

Basic Terminal Command

- ls, cat, grep, ps, top, man, info, su, sudo
- always use \$ man for documentation before google.

Also learn about basic linux briefly

- Examine Filesystem Hierarchy Standard (FHS)
- Examine boot process.
- Solving audio or wireless issue.

Read The Fine Manual

- [[ubuntu-manual](#)] (GUI)
- [[debian-handbook](#)] (hertzog)

More Terminal Command

- nmcli, ncdu, ntop, cfdisk
- lspci, lsusb, lsmod, dmesg, ip ,iw

Example Q3:

Arch: Leverage yourself to Arch

- Install with command line only
 - add driver manually, add username manually, add DE manually, use pacman
- Read the holy arch wiki
 - there is a lot of good material here
- Use packer, cower, or other AUR Helper
 - automatic compilation, try any unofficial application from AUR
- Dare to use minimalis WM, rather than eyecandy DE
 - openbox, awesome, i3, bspwm
- Penetration Testing Application
 - add and install repo: BlackArch or maybe ArchStrike

Philosophy: Knowing Your System

Install Log/ Post Install Log

- [[Fedora](#)]
- [[openSUSE](#)]
- [[Debian wheezy](#)] (old)
- [[GhostBSD](#)]
- [[Mageia](#)]
- [[Slackware](#)]



Multiboot?

For linux enthusiast.

Multiboot

[Partition Schema]

ATA ST500DM002-1BD14 - 465,76 GiB (/dev/sda)

Partition	Type	Mount Point	Label	Size	Used
/dev/sda1	ntfs	/media/Syst...	System	131,85 GiB	---
unallocated	unknown			2,03 MiB	---
/dev/sda2	extended			333,91 GiB	333,90 GiB
/dev/sda5	ext4	/medi...	Works	57,64 GiB	39,39 GiB
/dev/sda6	ntfs	/medi...	Docs	66,41 GiB	52,93 GiB
unallocated	unknown			3,38 MiB	---
/dev/sda7	ext4	/media/Boot	boot	999,00 MiB	---
/dev/sda8	xfs	/media/Fun	Fun	9,85 GiB	---
/dev/sda9	btrfs	/media/ope...		49,12 GiB	---
/dev/sda10	xfs	/	KaOSx	49,12 GiB	14,03 GiB
/dev/sda11	ext4	/media/Fed...	Fedora	49,12 GiB	---
/dev/sda12	ext4	/media/Deb...	Debian	49,12 GiB	---
/dev/sda13	linuxswap	swap		2,53 GiB	0 B

0 pending operations

Partition Schema

Old Example Using MBR



Primary: Windows

Usually with UEFI Partition.



Extended: Linux

- Swap
- Shared Partition
- First Distro
- Second Distro
- Third Distro



Extended: BSD

Not discussed here.

fstab

- Learn to make shared partition.
- BTRFS subvolume is interesting.

[[Multiboot - /etc/fstab](#)]

chroot

- Some OS is comfortably installed using chroot:
 - such as: Gentoo, LFS.
- Other OS can be updated using chroot:
 - beware of small issues.

[[Multiboot - chroot](#)]

Tips

Keep your samba's network share persistence along multiboot.

[[Multiboot - Samba](#)]

Tips

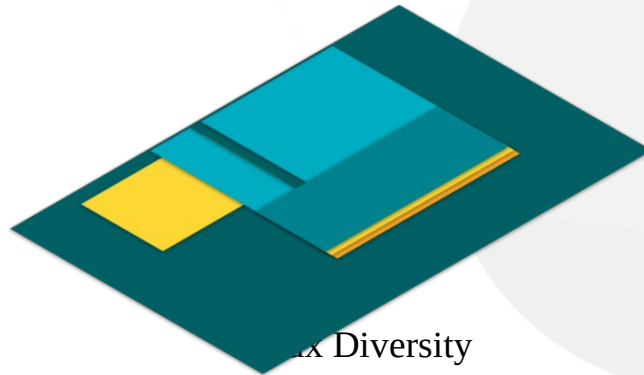
Linux Multiboot with BSD,
can be done using UFS, instead of ZFS.

[[GhostBSD: Multiboot](#)]

Kernel?

make menuconfig

Interesting Diversity?



Interesting Diversity?



Project Trident

Runit + ZOL + XBPS + MUSL.



LFS

No comment.



Alpine Linux

Busybox (no GNU tools).



NixOS

Exotic Package Manager.



And many more

You name it!

What is Next?

More Wisdom!
Learn BSD land!

Questions?

Don't be shy!



The End

Thank You for Your Time.