Linus Torvalds

The Creator of Linux

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Life

TIME, THE UNSTOPPABLE

Born in 28 December 1969, Helsinki, Finland.

1980 - His grandfather, Leo Waldemar Tornqvist bought a computer. Linus Torvalds bored of the programs available for the computer he began creating new ones.

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1988 - Began studying in Helsinki University.

1990 - First lessons in C.

1991 - (Around April) - Bought his first computer and disappointed with MS-DOS tries to obtain a version of UNIX but can't find any for less than US$5000. So he decided to create a new operating system based on UNIX.

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1991 (August) - He decided to announce on a Minix newsgroup what he had done:

From: torvalds@klaava.Helsinki.FI (Linus Benedict Torvalds)
Newsgroups: comp.os.minix
Subject: What would you like to see most in minix?
Summary: small poll for my new operating system
Message-ID: <1991Aug25.205708.9541@klaava.Helsinki.FI>
Date: 25 Aug 91 20:57:08 GMT
Organization: University of Helsinki

Hello everybody out there using minix –

I'm doing a (free) operating system (just a hobby, won't be big and professional like gnu) for 386(486) AT clones. This has been brewing since april, and is starting to get ready. I'd like any feedback on things people like/dislike in minix, as my OS resembles it somewhat (same physical layout of the file-system (due to practical reasons) among other things).

I've currently ported bash(1.08) and gcc(1.40), and things seem to work. This implies that I'll get something practical within a few months, and I'd like to know what features most people would want. Any suggestions are welcome, but I won't promise I'll implement them 🙂

Linus (torvalds@kruuna.helsinki.fi)

PS. Yes – it's free of any minix code, and it has a multi-threaded fs. It is NOT protable (uses 386 task switching etc), and it probably never will support anything other than AT-harddisks, as that's all I have :-(.

The birth of Linux

To: comp.os.minix

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Linus Torvalds, August 25, 1991

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1991 (October) - He announced the first official version.

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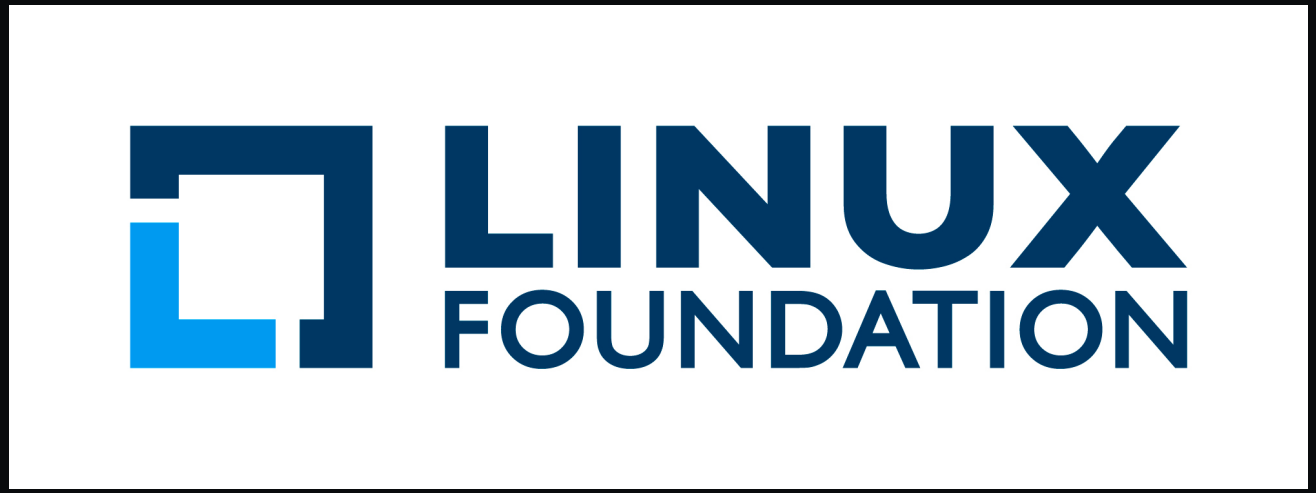
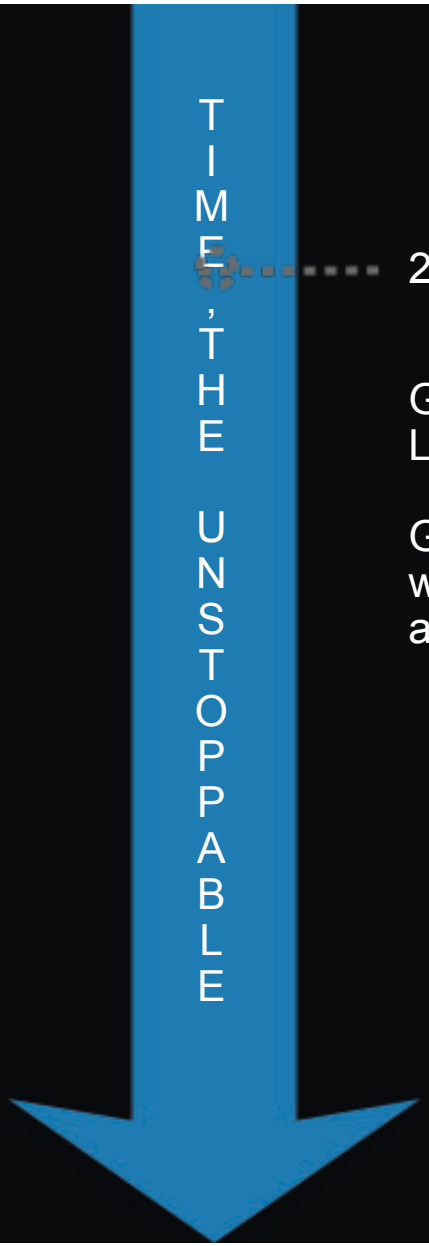
1996 - He finishes his master's degree in computer science

1998 - He received the pioneer award by the Electronic Frontier Foundation for his development of Linux.

2003 - Join the Open Source Development Labs (OSDL), which later became the Linux Foundation.



GIT



2005 - Creates GIT

Git is free and open source, and distributed under the terms of the GNU General Public License version 2.

Git is a version control system for tracking changes in computer files and coordinating work on those files among multiple people. As a distributed revision control system it is aimed at speed, data integrity, and support for distributed, non-linear workflows.

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The GIT

Git is described by Linus Torvalds as "the stupid content tracker"
and the name as (depending on your way):

- random three-letter combination that is pronounceable, and not actually used by any common UNIX command. The fact that it is a mispronunciation of "get" may or may not be relevant.

- stupid. contemptible and despicable. simple. Take your pick from the slang dictionary.

- "global information tracker": you're in a good mood, and it actually works for you. Angels sing, and a light suddenly fills the room.

- "goddamn idiotic truckload of sh*t": when it breaks

RANDOM ARROW

Linus Torvalds' office

Linus works from home wearing a bathrobe and he uses a walking desk.

GOING DEEPER

“Other” hobbies

His only hobby is scuba diving. As a fun project he created a program called Subsurface, it’s an app which can be used to plan dives and collect/share data with other users.

Best Rants

“Kay, this needs to be fixed.

Suggested fix: just use the 'seq_printf()' interfaces, which do the proper buffering, and allow any size reads of various packetized data.

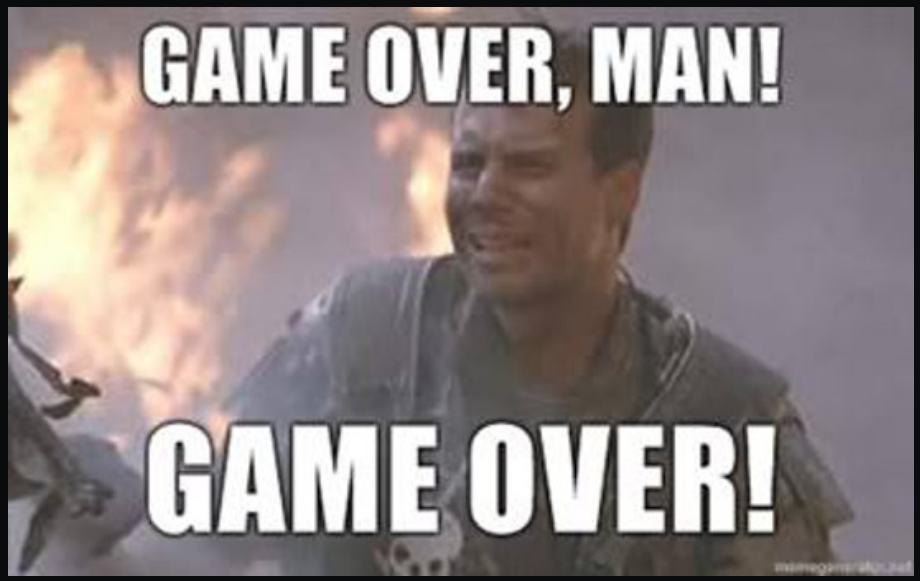
Of course, I'd also suggest that whoever was the genius who thought it was a good idea to read things ONE F*CKING BYTE AT A TIME with system calls for each byte should be retroactively aborted. Who the f*ck does idiotic things like that? How did they not die as babies, considering that they were likely too stupid to find a tit to suck on?

Linus”

QUALITY LEVEL

Best Rants

“Your whole argument is FUNDAMENTALLY garbage. It's the Disney kind of garbage. It was garbage back then, and it's garbage now.”



WE HIT THE BOTTOM

Best Rants/The Nvidia incident

Just a final quote before I leave

“I like offending People because

I think people that get offended

should be offended.”

Pedro Marques