

Unix-like Operating Systems

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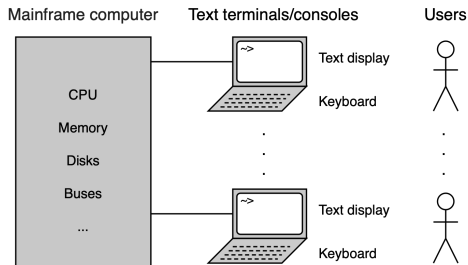
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1969

- First implementation.
- AT&T's Bell Labs (Kenneth Thompson and Dennis Ritchie).



- "Simple hardware"

- Central processing unit (CPU) can only process one instruction stream at a time.
- Only command line interface (CLI).
- No network interface, no remote devices (flash disks,...), ...

Unix – history

1972

- New programming language C.
- AT&T's Bell Labs (Dennis Ritchie).

1973

- Unix was rewritten in C \Rightarrow [portability](#).
- Unix was licensed to educational institutions.

1977

- Berkeley Software Distribution (BSD) \Rightarrow new features were added.

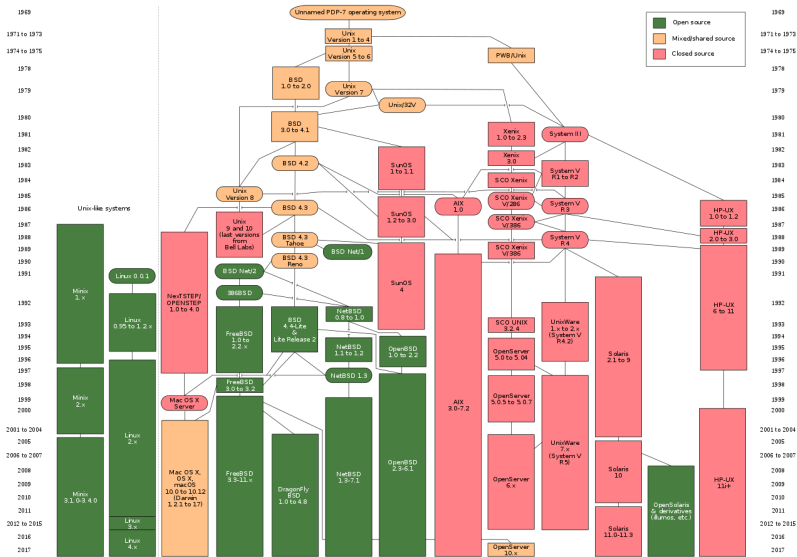
1983

- System V Release 4 was commercially the most successful version.
- [GNU project](#)
 - Free UNIX-like operating system (not finished),
 - GNU tools.

1991

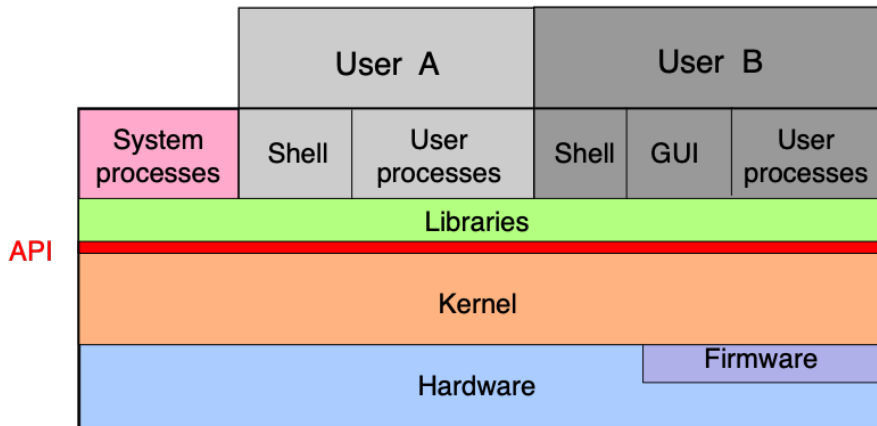
- Linux (Linus Torvalds).

Unix – history



● Source: Wikipedia

Unix – architecture



- **Hardware (HW)**

- Physical resources: CPU, RAM, bus, disk, network card, ...
- Firmware (software for hardware testing, kernel loading,...): BIOS, ...

- **Operating system (OS)**

- Kernel and drivers (basic part of OS)
 - Logical resources: users, processes, files, permissions, ...
 - Resource management
 - Application program interface

- **Processes**

- Abstraction of the running program/application
- OS processes
 - Graphical user interface (GUI): GNOME, KDE,...
 - Command-line interface (CLI): shell
 - Command line tools (commands) and other applications
- Other suppliers' processes: web browser, graphic editor, design tools, ...

- **Users/user account**

- Abstraction of physical user for which some attributes are defined
 - User name + password
 - User ID, member of some groups, home directory, login shell, ...

Unix-like operating systems

- **GNU/Linux**

- Linux kernel
- GNU tools and other tools
- Distributions: [OpenSUSE](#), [Red Hat](#), [Debian](#), ...

```
$> ps -ef
UID          PID    PPID  C STIME TTY          TIME CMD
gdm           2308     2307  0 17:43 ?           00:00:00 (sd-pam)
honza         7239     6782  0 17:56 pts/0       00:00:00 ps -ef
```

- **Oracle Solaris**

- SunOS kernel + tools (UNIX System V Release 4 + BSD)
- GNU tools can be added (gfind, gsed, gawk, ...)

```
$> ps -ef
      UID      PID  PPID   C    STIME TTY          TIME CMD
      root         0      0    0   Sep 05 ?           0:17  sched
trdlicka 10887   9934    0 17:45:10 pts/27    0:00  ps -ef
```

- **macOS**

- macOS kernel + tools (BSD)
- GNU tools can be added by [Homebrew](#)

```
$> ps -ef
  UID    PID  PPID  C STIME  TTY          TIME CMD
    0      1     0   0  9:37AM  ??           1:09.65 /sbin/launchd
  501    784   783   0 10:07AM  ttys001      0:00.30 -bash
```


Unix – features

- **Multiuser OS**

- Multiple users can use Unix at the same time.

- **Processes**

- All non-kernel software is organised into separate, kernel-managed processes.

- **Multitasking OS (time-sharing)**

- Multiple processes can run at the same time.

- **Filesystem**

- Files are stored on disk in a hierarchical file system, with a single top location throughout the system (root, or `/`).

- **Command line interface (CLI)**

- Text-based user interface (UI) used to view and manage computer files.
- CLI is implemented by `shell`.

- **Input/output redirection**

- Output from a file or command can be sent (redirected) as input to another file or command.

- **Special files as abstractions of devices and other objects**

- Files in the directory `/dev` represent logical/physical devices.

- **Built-in documentation**

- Manual pages available through command `man`.
- Info about shell builtin commands available through command `help`.
- `TextInfo` (the GNU Documentation System) available through command `info`.

- **Portability**

- 90% of kernel is written in C.

- **Built-in networking**

- TCP/IP, Network filesystem (NFS), Remote Procedure Call (RPC),...

- **Graphic user interface (GUI)**

- GUI is separated from the Unix kernel and consists of two parts
 - `X Window System`: interface between kernel and graphic application.
 - `Window managers`: define the "look and feel" of an X-based GUI (window frames, buttons, ...).

- **Multithreading**

- Multiple threads (instruction streams) can be executed concurrently.

- **Features**

- Interface between user and kernel.
- Command interpreter.

- **Shell implementations** (according to control language syntax)

- **Bourne shell**

- Pascal-like syntax,
- Bourne shell (sh), Korn shell (ksh), Bourne again shell (bash), ...

- **C shell**

- C-like syntax
- C shell (csh), Toronto C shell (tcsh), ...

- **In this course, we will focus on the group of Bourne shells.**

● Environment settings

- We can define variables that control system and application behavior.
- The variables are local \Rightarrow each user has its own environment.
- Can be saved in a configuration file (local to each user)
 \Rightarrow environment is remembered.

● Example

- The system time is absolute (GMT).
- User can define the value of TZ (TimeZone) variable, eg. CET (Central European Time) and all displayed time data will be recalculated.
- When working on a remote server, the user can see the time data (system time, file times, ...) in their local time depending on how the TZ variable is set.

Example

Central European Time Zone

```
$> export TZ=CET                                # we define timezone
                                              # (see /usr/share/zoneinfo)

$> date                                          # command date
Tue Sep 24 13:43:58 CEST 2019

$> ls -l /etc/passwd                          # command ls
-rw-r--r-- 1 root root 2058 Sep 23 22:31 /etc/passwd
```

Japan Time Zone

```
$> export TZ=Japan

$> date
Tue Sep 24 20:43:58 JST 2019

honza@suse100:~> ls -l /etc/passwd
-rw-r--r-- 1 root root 2058 Sep 24 05:31 /etc/passwd
```

- **Interactive mode**

- ❶ The command is defined from the keyboard (default standard input).
- ❷ Command line analysis (find command, meta-character substitution, . . .).
- ❸ Execution of a command (binary program or script).

- **Batch mode**

- Shell reads commands from a file, called a script.
- It gradually executes (interprets) these commands.
- Script = Unixu commands + control structures (eg. conditional statements, loops, . . .).

- From the shell point of view, there is no difference between interactive and batch mode.

Shell – command line syntax

Variables

- `<prompt>` `<variable_name>=<value>`
- `<prompt>`
 - Prompt is printed by shell.
 - Value of prompt is defined by the shell variable PS1.
- `<variable_name>`
 - Variable name is identifier.
 - No spaces around symbol `=`.
 - Shell assigns the value to the variable.
- `<value>`
 - By default it is string.
 - If it contains spaces, it must be enclosed in quotation marks.

Example

```
$> A="abc    123 "  
$> echo "$A "  
abc    123
```

Shell – command line syntax

Simple commands

- `<prompt> <command_name> <options> <arguments>`
- `<command_name>`
 - It defines which program will be executed (which).
 - It can be only name or path to the file (relative/absolute).
- `<options>`
 - They can modify the behaviour of command (how).
- `<arguments>`
 - They specify the data to be processed (what).
- **Command name, options and arguments are available**
 - in script by variables `$#, $0, $1, $2, ...`
 - in C program by variables `argc, argv[0], argv[1], ...`

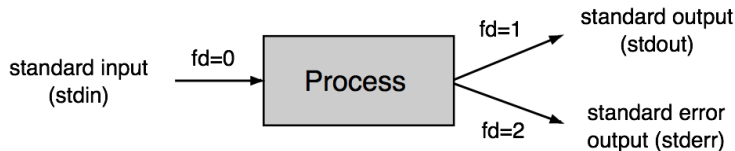
Example

```
$> ls
Desktop  Documents  Downloads  Music  Pictures

$> ls -l /etc/passwd
-rw-r--r-- 1 root root 2058 Sep 23 22:31 /etc/passwd
```


Filters

- Most of the commands are filters, so that they communicate with the environment through input and output streams.
- Streams are numbered using file descriptors (fd).
- Processes access files using file descriptors.
- Each process has the following descriptors open by default
 - 0 – standard input (keyboard by default)
 - 1 – standard output (terminal by default)
 - 2 – standard error output (terminal by default)



- The default assignment can be redirected.
- The commands can be use in [pipes](#), where the output of one command is redirected like input of next one.

Command execution

- The commands are executed by the shell.
- The command can be a binary program or a script.
- Command can be executed in several different ways
 - **Foreground execution:** the command is executed and the shell awaits its completion.

```
$> cmd
```

- **Background execution:** the shell does not wait for the command completion and communicates immediately with the user.

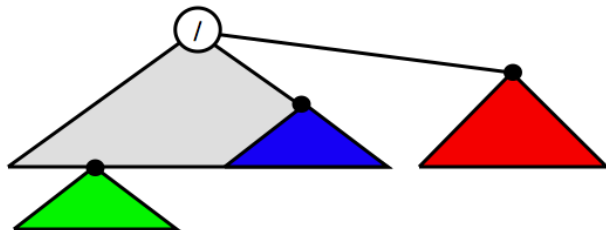
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$> cmd &
```

- **Sequential execution of multiple commands:** the shell executes the first command, the next one after its termination, etc.

```
$> cmd1 ; cmd2 ; cmd3
```

- **Pipe of multiple commands:** the commands are executed in parallel, stdout of the first command is redirected to stdin of the second command etc.

```
$> cmd1 | cmd2 | cmd3
```



- Data (files) are organised as a **directory tree**.
- Directories can contain files or subdirectories (in Unix, directory is represented as "special" file).
- **Root directory** is represented by symbol **/**.
- Parts of the tree can be mapped to different devices (**disk**, **DVD**, **remote FS**, ...).
- The mapping is transparent to the user.

- It creates a **tree structure** that allows **hierarchical storage of information**.
- **Absolute (complete) path**
 - It always starts in the root directory `/`.
 - Contains a sequence of all directories (separated by `/`) between `/` and the destination file

`/home/stud/smith`

- **Working (current) directory**
 - Can be displayed by command `pwd`.
 - Its value is stored in the shell variable `PWD`.
 - It changes with the command `cd new_working_directory`.
 - It is represented by the absolute path.

• Relative path

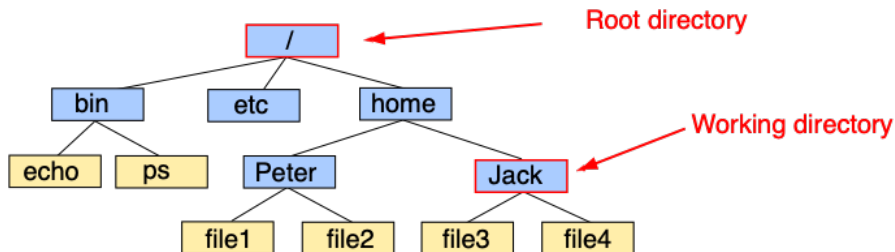
- It always starts in the working (current) \$PWD directory.
- Contains a sequence of subdirectories between \$PWD and the target file.

```
PWD=/home/stud/smith  
../../../../etc
```

• Home directory

- Defined for each user.
- After login, the working directory is set to home directory.
- Its value is stored in the shell variable `HOME`.
- The user is usually the owner and has the right to write.

Directories – example



`/home/Peter/file1`

absolute path to the file file1

`../../Peter/file1`

relative path to the file file1

`../Peter/file1`

relative path to the file file1

`/home/Jack/file4`

absolute path to the file file4

`./file4`

relative path to the file file4

`file4`

relative path to the file file4

- **Redirection of input/output**

```
$> date > d.txt           # output of command date  
                          # is redirected to file d.txt
```

```
$> getent passwd | grep "Peter" > p.txt  
                          # info about users with name Peter  
                          # will be save in the file p.txt
```

- **Everything is clear? Is it too simple?**

- Little bit more complicated example?

```
$> echo PID FD EXEC FILENAME; PID=$(pgrep ''); pfiles $PID | awk
'BEGIN{fd=-1;}/^[0-9]/{if(fd>=0){print pid,fd,exec;
fd=-1;};pid=substr($1,0,length($1)-1);exec=$2;}/^[0-9]*:
/{if(fd>=0){print pid,fd,exec;fd=-1;};if
($2=="S_IFREG"){fd=substr($1,0,length($1)-1);}}/^*\//
{fd=-1;}' | while read pid fd exec; do echo $pid $fd $exec
$(echo 0t$pid ::pid2proc \|| ::fd $fd \|| ::print file_t f_vnode
\|| ::vnode2path | mdb -k 2>/dev/null); done
```