

Running program

- process

linux packages Characteristics

- 1 each package is a single file
- 2 package rely on other programs to do the work of installing the software
- 3 packages contain dependency information
- 4 packages contain version information
- 5 packages contain architecture information
- 6 binary packages are built from source packages

Software installation task

- 1 cmd is issued to install a program
- 2 software locates dependencies of the specified program
- 3 user issues final approval for software installation
- 4 software downloads all of the necessary package
- 5 software installs all the packages

yum, dnf - rpm

apt - deb

sudo - Super user do

/sbin/init

- Starting up all other basic programs that linux needs to run

children

- program launched by init

parent

- process that launched a program

PID

- process ID, starts with 1

PPID

- parent process ID

Identify Processes

- ps - provides information at only a single moment in time
- top - interactive version of ps

kill or Stop processes using PID

program with a memory leak consumes increasing amounts of memory

mem

- reveals total RAM statistics

buffer/cache - total RAM being used actively

swap

- reveals how much swap space linux is using
(disk space set aside as an adjunct to memory)

log files

- usually stored in /var/log
- frequently rotated
- plain text
- syslog / syslogd

klog / klogd

- handles logging message from the kernel separately from ordinary programs

System messaging

- technique wherein a log daemon accepts messages from other processes

kernel ring buffer

- dmesg
- invaluable in diagnosing hardware and driver problems

htop shows which processes is using the most memory