

LINUX

Linux ([/'li:nʊks/](#) ([listen](#)) *LEE-nuuks* or */ 'lɪnʊks/ LIN-uuks*)[11] is an open-source Unix-like operating system based on the Linux kernel,[12] an operating system kernel first released on September 17, 1991, by Linus Torvalds.[13][14][15] Linux is typically packaged as a Linux distribution.

Distributions include the Linux kernel and supporting system software and libraries, many of which are provided by the GNU Project. Many Linux distributions use the word "Linux" in their name, but the Free Software Foundation uses the name "**GNU/Linux**" to emphasize the importance of GNU software, causing some controversy.[16][17]

