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# Theory

# What is Linux?

Linux is a community of open-source Unix like operating systems that are based on the Linux Kernel. It was initially released by Linus Torvalds on September 17, 1991. It is a free and open-source operating system and the source code can be modified and distributed to anyone commercially or non-commercial under the GNU General Public License. The biggest success of Linux is Android(operating system) it is based on the Linux kernel that is running on smartphones and tablets. Linux is generally packaged in a Linux distribution.

### **Linux Distribution**

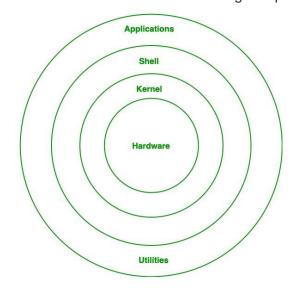
Linux distribution is an operating system that is made up of a collection of software based on Linux kern

some of the popular Linux distributions are:

- MX Linux
- Manjaro
- Linux Mint
- elementary
- Ubuntu
- Debian
- Solus
- Fedora
- openSUSE
- Deepin

# **Architecture of Linux**

Linux architecture has the following components:



- Kernel: Kernel is the core of the Linux based operating system. It virtualizes the
  common hardware resources of the computer to provide each process with its virtual
  resources. This makes the process seem as if it is the sole process running on the
  machine. The kernel is also responsible for preventing and mitigating conflicts between
  different processes. Different types of the kernel are:
  - Monolithic Kernel
  - Hybrid kernels
  - Exo kernels
  - Micro kernels
- 2. **System Library: Is**the special types of functions that are used to implement the functionality of the operating system.
- 3. **Shell:** It is an interface to the kernel which hides the complexity of the kernel's functions from the users. It takes commands from the user and executes the kernel's functions.
- 4. Hardware Layer: This layer consists all peripheral devices like RAM/ HDD/ CPU etc.
- 5. **System Utility:** It provides the functionalities of an operating system to the user.

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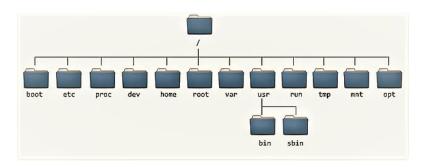
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## **Linux Directory Structure and File system**

In the Linux file structure files are grouped according to purpose. Ex: commands, data files, documentation. All directories are grouped under the root entry "/".



# **/root** - The home directory for the root user

## /bin - Binaries

The '/bin' directly contains the executable files of many basic shell commands like ls, <u>cp</u>, <u>cd</u> etc. This directory contains user applications and a variety of other things for them, like their source codes, and pictures, docs, or config files

### /dev - Device files

This directory only contains special files, including those relating to the devices. These are virtual files, not physically on the disk.

# /etc - Configuration files

The /etc directory contains the core configuration files of the system, use primarily by the administrator and services, such as the password file and networking files.

### /usr – User binaries and program data

in '/usr' go all the executable files, libraries, source of most of the system programs. For this reason, most of the files contained therein is readonly (for the normal user)

- '/usr/bin' contains basic user commands
- '/usr/sbin' contains additional commands for the administrator
- '/usr/lib' contains the system libraries
- '/usr/share' contains documentation or common to all libraries, for example '/usr/share/man' contains the text of the manpage

# /home – User personal data

Home directory contains personal directories for the users. The home directory contains the user data and user-specific configuration files.

## /lib - Shared libraries

Libraries are basically codes that can be used by the executable binaries. The /lib directory holds the libraries needed by the binaries in /bin and /sbin directories.Libraries needed by the binaries in the /usr/bin and /usr/sbin are located in the directory /usr/lib.

### /sbin - System binaries

This is similar to the /bin directory. The only difference is that is contains the binaries that can only be run by root or a sudo user

# /tmp - Temporary files

As the name suggests, this directory holds temporary files. Many applications use this directory to store temporary files. Even you can use directory to store temporary files.

### /var - Variable data files

Var, short for variable, is where programs store runtime information like system logging, user tracking, caches, and other files that system programs create and manage.

### /boot - Boot files

The '/boot' directory contains the files of the kernel and boot image.

### /proc – Process and kernel files

The '/proc' directory contains the information about currently running processes and kernel parameters. The content of the proc directory is used by a number of tools to get runtime system information.

## /opt - Optional software

Traditionally, the /opt directory is used for installing/storing the files of third-party applications that are not available from the distribution's repository.

# /media - Mount point for removable media

When you connect a removable media such as USB disk, SD card or DVD, a directory is automatically created under the /media directory for them. You can access the content of the removable media from this directory.

## /mnt – Mount directory

This is similar to the /media directory but instead of automatically mounting the removable media, mnt is used by system administrators to manually mount a filesystem.

# /srv - Service data

The /srv directory contains data for services provided by the system! think this much informa

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