

# LINUX ESSENTIALS COURSE

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# What is Linux?

- Linux is a free and open source operating system.
- ☐ At it's core, the linux operating system is derived from the Unix OS.
- Unix was created in the 1960s by Dennis Ritchie and Ken Thompson, both of them also invented the C Programming Language.
- ☐ Linux was initially named GNU and was developed by Richard Stallman
- Linux was the name of the kernel created in 1991 by Linus Torvalds, a student at the University of Helsinki
- Linus Torvalds had wanted to call his invention "Freax" i.e., Free, Freak + x as an allusion to Unix. In this project his partner Mr. A.L. Torvalds did not think it's a good name, So they finally decided named their project name as "Linux".







The father of GNU: Richard Stallman



### **Linux Distribution**

- ☐ Linux OS has multiple distributions (called distros) that are derived from it's initial development.
- ☐ Most of the are FREE and offer full functionality:
  - Debian
  - Ubuntu
  - ☐ RedHat
  - ☐ Rocky Linux (Released April 30, 2021)
  - ☐ CentOS
  - OpenSUSE



For more info about various types of Linux:

https://distrowatch.com/



### Architecture of Linux

#### Kernel:

- Linux is not a operating system, Linux is kernel.
- The kernel is the heart of the operating system.
- It interacts with hardware and most of the tasks like memory management, task scheduling and the file management

#### Shell:

- The shell is the utility that processes your requests
- When you type in a command at your terminal, the shell interprets the command and calls the program that you want.
- The shell uses standard syntax for all commands.
- C Shell (csh), Bourne Again Shell(Bash) are most famous shells which available with most of the Unix variants.
- Bash is the default for Linux



# Advantages and Disadvantages of Linux

### Advantages

- It's free and open source
- Linux is portable hardware platform
- Requires minimal hardware configuration
- Linux continue work well even when the hard disk is almost full

### Disadvantages

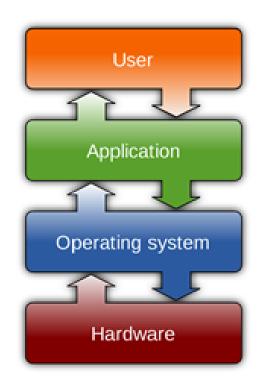
- Text Interface is not as user-friendly as windows
- Less Commercial software available
- More difficult to setup
- There are far too many distro



# What is Operating System?

An **Operating System** is a system software that manage computer hardware and software resources and provides common services for computer programs.

- Manage **processor** resources to handle input, output and processing tasks.
- Manage **memory** by allocating space for all the programs and data that are in use during a computing session
- Keep track of storage resources so that files and programs can be found and manipulated.
- Ensure that **input and output** proceed in an orderly manner by communicating with peripheral devices.
- Establish basic elements of the **user interfaces** such as the appearance of the desktop, menus, and toolbars.





## Rocky Linux Installation

Prerequisites

HDD minimum: 20GB

RAM minimum: 2GB (Recommended 4GB)

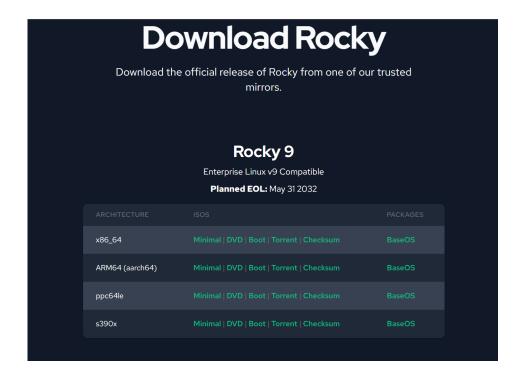
System Type: 64-bit x86 System

Installation kit: Bootable DVD/USB/.iso

### **Download Rocky Linux**

Rocky Linux's official site provides a direct download link for the iso file.

https://rockylinux.org/download/





# Partition File System

#### Certified and [maximum] individual file size

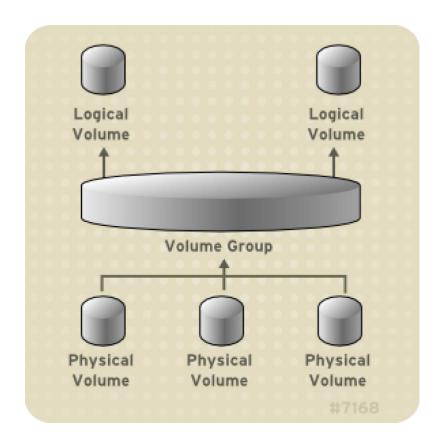
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Ext2/3	1TiB (3.0) 2TiB (3.5+)	2TiB	2TiB	2TiB	2TiB	2TiB
Ext4	n/a	n/a	16TiB (5.6+) <sup>2</sup>	16TiB	16TiB	16TiB
GFS1	2TiB	16TiB [8EiB]	16TiB [8EiB]	n/a	n/a	n/a
GFS2 <sup>1</sup>	n/a	n/a	100TiB (5.3+) [8EiB]	100TiB [8EiB]	100TiB [8EiB]	100TiB [8EiB]
XFS <sup>3</sup>	n/a	n/a	100TiB [8EiB]	100TiB [8EiB]	500TiB [8EiB]	8EiB

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Ext4	n/a	n/a	16TiB [1EiB] (5.6+) <sup>2</sup>	16TiB [1EiB]	50TiB [1EiB]	50TiB [1EiB]
GFS	2TiB	16TiB [8EiB]	16TiB [8EiB]	n/a	n/a	n/a
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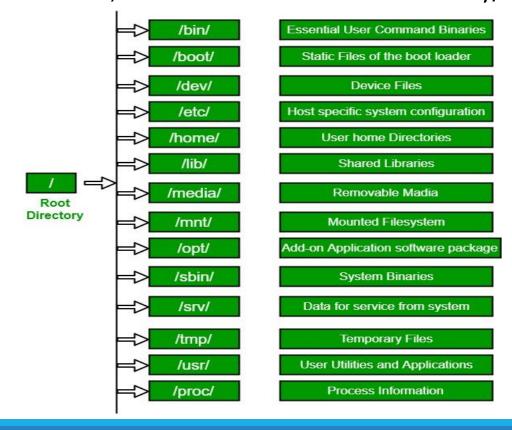


# Logical Volume Manager (LVM)





In Windows we call them folders, in Linux the term used is directory/directories.





- The equivalent of the "C:\" partition in Windows is referred in Linux as "/" also called "root" directory, or "slash".
- The Linux file system has the root directory at the top of the directory tree.
- The Following list of directories are subdirectories of the root directory. This directory is denoted by the / (pronounced "slash") symbol.

#### /bin

Contain executable program such as Is ("dir" in Windows) and cp ("copy" in Windows). These programs are designed to make the system usable.

#### /etc

Contains system configuration files which are local to the machine. Programs store configuration files in the directory and these files are referenced when programs are run.

#### /home

Contains user account directories. Each user created by the system administrator will have a subdirectory under /home with the name of the accounts. This is default behaviour of Linux System. E.g. User account for **Carter** is created, her home directory will be located in **/home/carter**.



#### /mnt

Used for mounting temporary filesystems. When mounting a CD-ROM for instance, the standard mount point location is /mnt/cdrom.

#### /opt

Used for storing random data that has no other logical destination.

#### /proc

Provides information about running process and the kernel. A directory is provided for each running process. Useful system information such as the amount of Random Access Memory (RAM) available on the system as well as Central Processing Unit(CPU) speed in Megahertz (MHz) can be found within the **/proc** directory.

#### /root

This is home directory for the super user (root). This directory is not viewable from user accounts. The /root directory usually contains system administration files.

#### /sbin

Similar to /bin, this directory contains executable programs needed to boot the system, however the programs within /sbin are executed by the root user.



#### /tmp

This directory is used for temporary storages spaces. Files within this directory are often cleaned out either at boot time or by a regular process

#### /usr

Used to store applications. When installing an application on a Debian GNU/Linux machine, the typical path to install would be /usr/local. You will notice the directory structure within /usr appears similar to the root directory structure.

#### /var

This directory contains files of variable file storage. File in /var are dynamic and are constantly being written to or changed. This the directory where websites are usually stored in.

#### /boot

The files necessary for the system to boot.

#### /dev

All device drivers are the files that your there's a file in the /dev directory for your particular make and model of monitor, and all of your Linux computer's communication with the monitor go through that file.

#### /lib

System libraries. Libraries are just bunches of programming code that the programs on your system use to get things done.



# File System

- Windows uses letters of the alphabet to represent different devices and different hard disk partitions. Under Windows, you need to know what volume (C:, D:, ...) a file resides on to select it, the file's physical location is part of it's name.
- In Linux all directories are attached to the root directory, which is identified by a forward-slash, "/". root.
- For example, below are some second-level directories:

```
# - shell command.
# fdisk -l /*list partitions*/
#/dev/sda1
    /dev device
    /sda1 or /hda1
        sd - SATA /*SATA - tech to read/write data*/
        hd - IDE
        a
```



## File System

- Sd ..a/b/c/d...1/2/3...
  - a primary master
  - b primary slave
  - c secondary master
  - d secondary slave
  - 1/2/3 ... first/second/third partition
  - # fdisk /dev/sda /\* 'm' for help\*/
  - (if type "l" it will list all available file sys with their Id e.g. Windows 7and Linux 83)
  - /dev/sda1 sys reserve
  - /dev/sda2 is C:\
  - (Windows makes 2 partition: 100MB (From 100GB) for sys reserve and remaining C:\(100GB))



# Linux Help (Man)

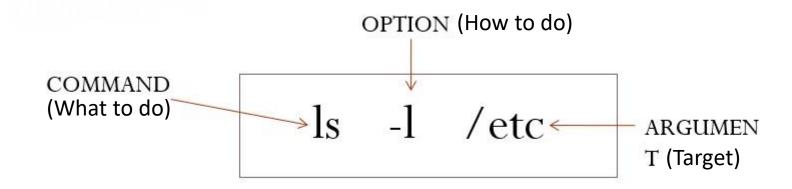
- You can keyword search for commands
- For instance, what commands show a calendar?
- \$ man -k calendar
   cal (1) displays a calendar
   cal (1p) print a calendar
   Difftime (3p) compute the difference

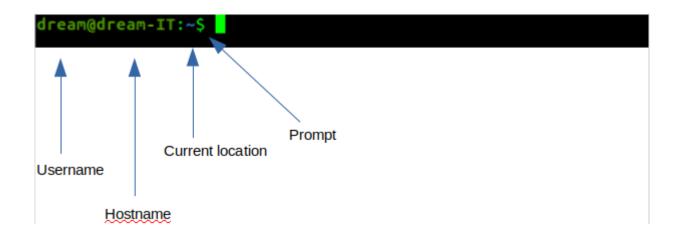
# Linux Help (Info)

- A program for reading documentation, sometimes a replacement for manual pages
- Example : info ls



### **Terminal Overview**







### Linux File Paths

■ Two type of file paths — Absolute file path and Relative file path.

### Absolute file path

- An absolute path is defined as the specifying the location of a file or directory from the root directory( / ).
- Start at the root directory ( / ) and work down.
- Write a slash ( / ) after every directory name (last one is optional)

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Eg. cat /etc/passwd
    vim /etc/sysconfig/network-scripts/ifcfg-eth0
    Is /home/carter/Desktop/
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### Linux File Paths

### Relative file path

Relative path is defined as the path related to the present working directly(pwd). It start at your current directory and never starts with a / .

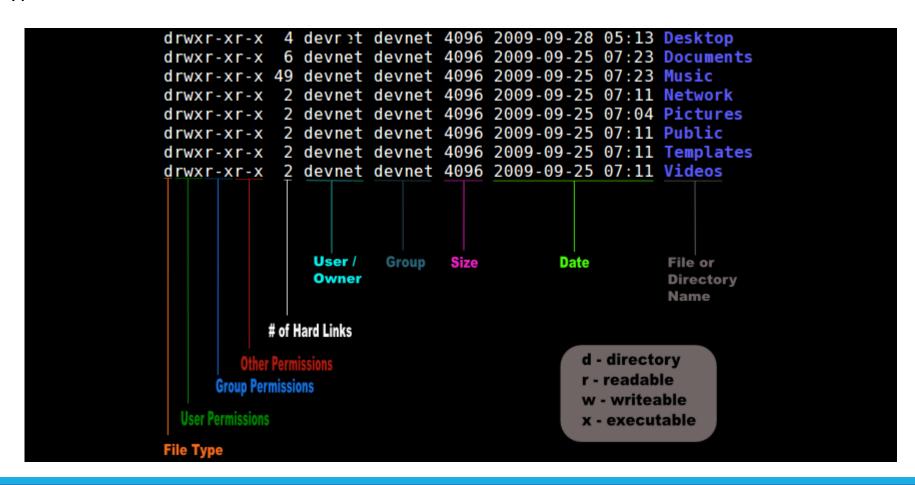
A shortcut in the relative pathname – that uses either the current or parent directory as reference and specifies the path relative to it. A relative path-name uses one of these cryptic symbols:

- . (a single dot) this represents the current directory.
- .. (two dots) this represents the parent directory.



## Linux File/Directory Properties

• Type **Is -I** in Terminal





### **Linux Basic Command Part-1**

- cd (change the shell working directory
- Is (list of file/directories)
- pwd (Print Working Directory)
- mkdir
- touch
- date (date and time)
- cal (calendar)
- cp
- mv
- echo
- head (first 10 lines of each file)
- tail (last 10 lines of each file)
- cat (rad standard input)
- more (scroll up and down)
- less (up and down)
- uname
- df (Hard Disk Information)



### **Linux Basic Command Part-2**

- rmdir(delete an empty directory), rm(delete a file or directory)
- top
- ps
- kill -9 process id
- Ifconfig, ping, traceroute, dig (like nslookup)
- whatis, whereis
- free
- Isblk
- du –h
- su
- which (like locate)
- uptime (check uptime of machine)
- lastlog (check the last logging user and time)
- history (display last commands in history)
- nano, vi



# Text Editor (VI)

Editors are used for adding, modifying and / or deleting text.

The different editors used

- Windows (Notepad)
- Linux
  - 1.CLI Based (vi, nano)
  - 2.GUI Based (gedit)
- Vi editors is a screen oriented text editors written by Bill Joy in 1976.
- This is the most commonly used editor for editing files in linux.

#### Vi Editor Modes

- Command mode
- Insert Mode
- Ex Mode



### Insert mode

- > i Inserts the text at the current cursor position.
- ► I Inserts the text in beginning of line.
- ➤ a Adds the text after the current cursor position.
- A Adds the text at the end of the line.
- o Insert the text one line below current cursor point.
- O Insert the text one line above current cursor point.



### Command mode

- > dd Delete a line.
- > 3dd Delete '3' lines.
- yy Copies a lines.
- > 3yy Copies "3" lines.
- Put (Paste the deleted or copied text.)
- ➤ u Undo (you can undo 1000 times)



### Ex mode

- > :q Quit without saving.
- > :w Write (save).
- > :wq Save and quit.
- > :se nu Set line numbers.
- > :se nonu remove line numbers.
- > :88 This cursor goes to line 84.

### Tar Command

- The Linux 'tar' stands for tape archive, is used to create archive and extract the archive files. Tar command in Linux is one of the important command which provides archiving functionality in Linux. We can use Linux tar command to create compressed or uncompressed archives files and also maintain and modify them.
- ☐ # tar <option> <archive name> <source file or dir>

#### **Options**

- -c = create an archive
- -t = display or lists files in archived file
- -x = extract an archive
- -f = creates archive with given filename
- -v = display Verbose Information
- -z = zip, tells tar command that creates tar file using gzip
- -r = update or add file or directory in already existed .tar file
- -j = filter archive tar file using tbzip



# Local User and Group Management



### **User Accounts**

- ☐ A user account is a systematic approach to track and monitor the usage of system resources. Each user account contains two unique identifiers; username and UID.
- When a user account is created, its username is mapped to a unique UID.



## Types of user accounts

- ☐ There are three types of user in linux
  - ☐ Super User (root)
  - Normal User
  - System User (service user account)

#### Super User (UID 0)

Super User is the main user account in Linux System. It is automatically created during the installation. It has the highest privilege in system. It can do any administrative work and can access any service.

### Normal User (1001 – 60000)

Normal User is the one of the user account is created automatically. After the installation, we can create as many normal user accounts as we need. This account has moderate privilege.

### System User (1 - 999)

System User are created by installation packages when they are installed. These accounts are used by services to run processes and execute functions.



### User and Group Management Command

#id

The id command is used to show information about current logged-in user.

#id <username>
 Basic information about another user can also be requested by passing in the username of that user as the first argument to the id command.

- #useradd <username>
- #userdel -r <username>The "r" option is important for user delete
- #usermod <option> <username>
   Usermod command is used to for user modify. You can check option with this command "usermod --help"

## User and Group Management Command

- #passwdCurrent user password change
- #passwd <username>
   Other user password change but root user only can change other user password.
- #groupadd <group name>
- #groupdel <group name>
- #usermod –aG <group> <username>User Account add in group.
- #gpasswd -d <username> <group> User Account remove from group



# User and Group Management Command

- #getent <group> <groupname>Check Group UID
- #cat /etc/passwdUser Information and config file
- #cat /etc/groupGroup Information and config file
- #cat /etc/shadow
   User Password Information and config file



### File Permission in Linux



### File Permissions

- There are three defined categories of users.
- The categories are:
  - Owner the owner of the file or application.
  - Others All users with access to the system.
  - Group The group that own the file or application.

- There are three permissions for any file, directory or application program.
  - read indicate that a given category of user can read a file.
  - write indicates that a given category of user can write to a file.
  - execute indicates that a given category of user can execute the file.