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What is UNIX ?

→ **UNIX** - UNiPiXed information & Computer System.

→ It was first developed in 1960s in Bell Lab aimed at creating multi user, multi tasking OS.

→ In 1969 Bell Lab withdrew the project but **Dennis Ritchie & Ken Thompson** continued development.

→ UNIX ✓ became popular around 1975, leading many companies like **IBM, Sun Systems, Apple (Mac OS), HP (HP-UX)** to create their own commercial "flavours of UNIX".

→ **Linus TORVALD** a student, started Linux from scratch in 1991 because existing UNIX version was

too expensive. (\$ 5000)

Linux History

→ **Linus Torvalds** was a student in Helsinki in 1991 wrote his own OS **kernel** which became known as the **Linux Kernel**.

→ In 1992, Linux was re-licensed using **General Public License (GPL)** by **GNU**.

→ By combining the kernel with other system components from the GNU project, other devs created complete systems called **Linux Distributions** which first appeared in mid 90s.

→ In 1998 major companies like IBM & ORACLE announced their support for Linux platform.

→ Today Linux powers the internet & majority of smartphones. Majority of public

Cloud workload & World's most powerful Super Computers.

Linux Philosophy

- It was written to be free & Open Source.
- Files are stored in hierarchical file system with the top node of the system being the **Root** or simply **"/"**.
- All components are available via files.
- Linux is fully Multi Tasking, multi user Operating System.

Linux was inspired by UNIX, but it is not UNIX.

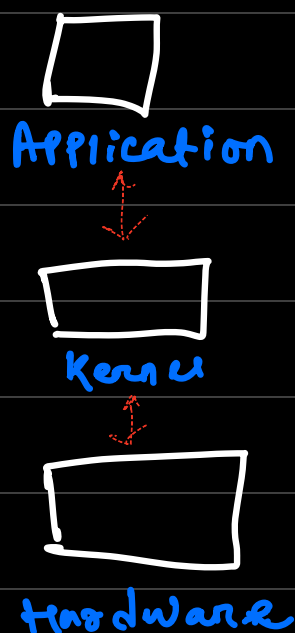
Linux Community

- There are Multiple ways to engage with Linux Community even if you are not a developer.
 - Post queries on discussion forums.
 - Subscribe to discussion Threads.
 - Join local Linux Groups in your area.

Linux Terminology

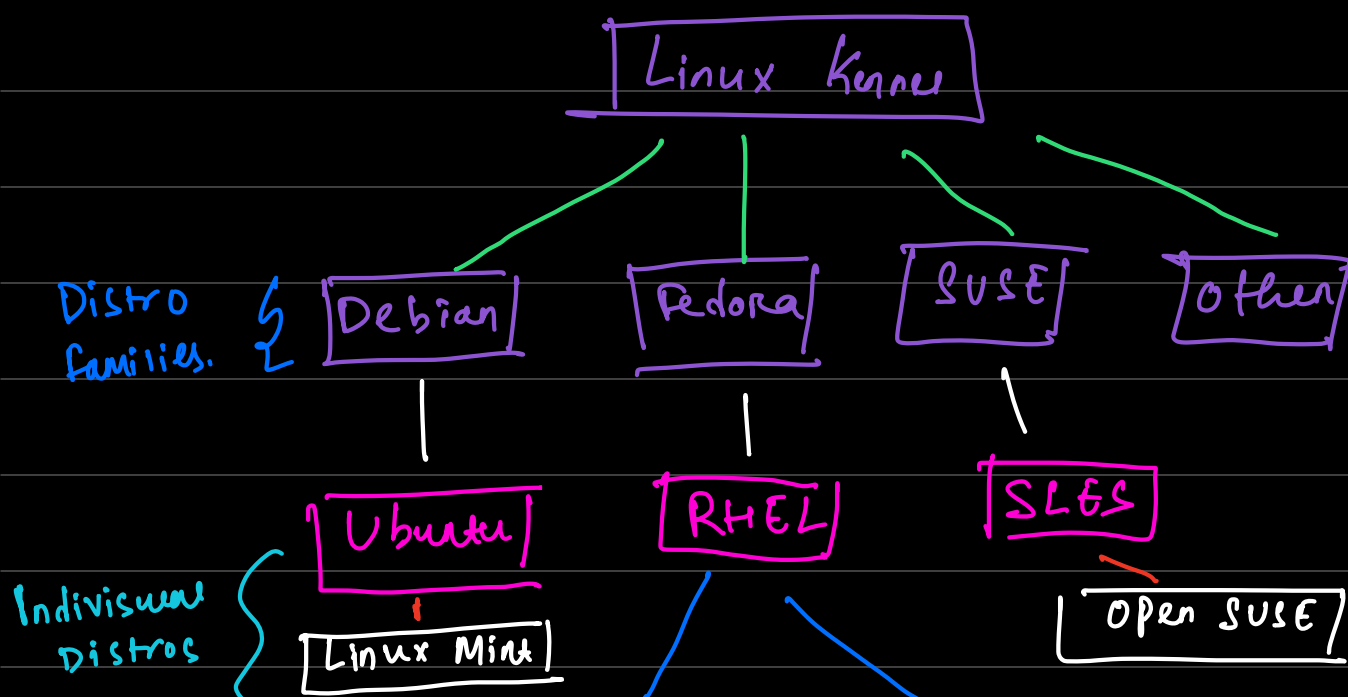
- Kernel
- Distribution
- boot loader
- Service
- File system
- X Window System
- desktop Environment
- Command Line

* Kernel : glue between Hardware & applications.



❧ Distribution :- Collection of software making up a Linux based os.

eg: RHEL, Fedora, Ubuntu & Gentoo

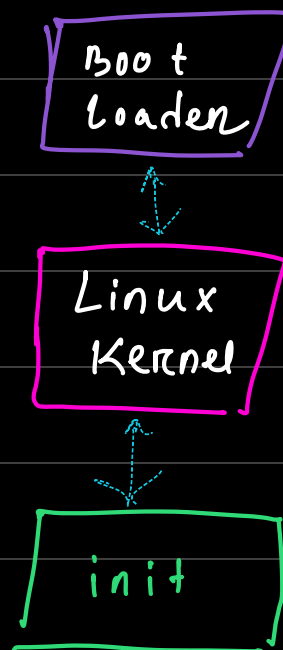


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Oracle Linux

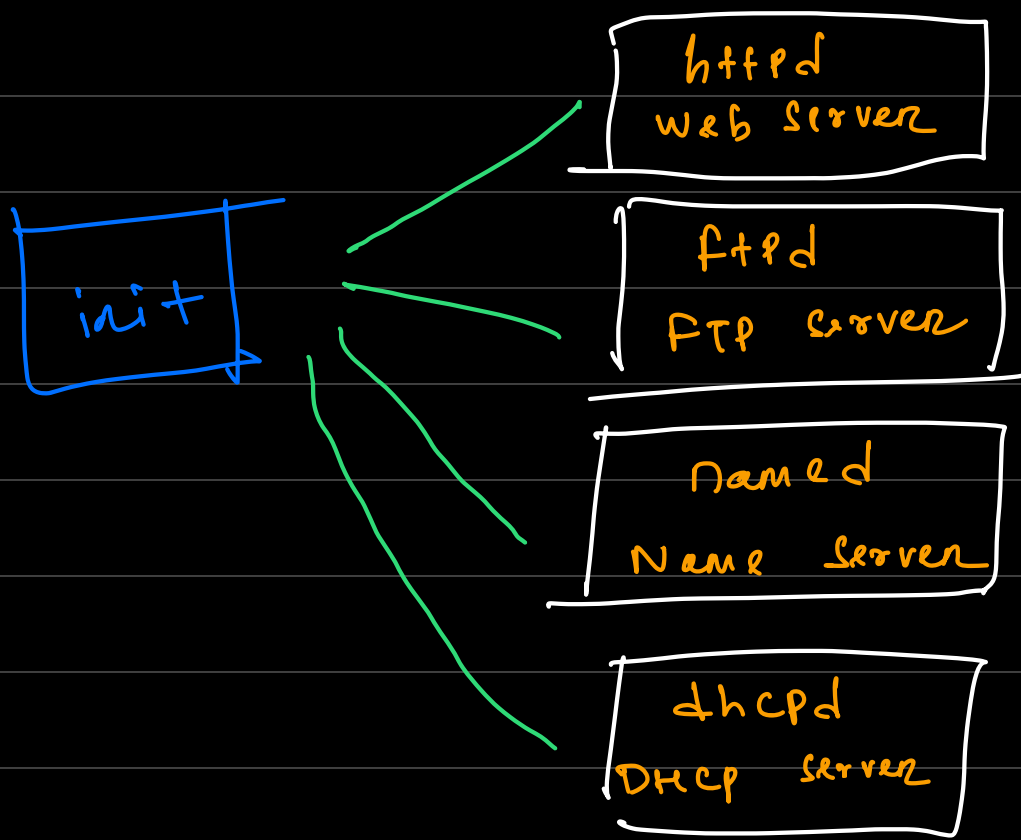
* **Boot loader**: Programme that boots the operating system.

eg: GRUB & ISOLINUX



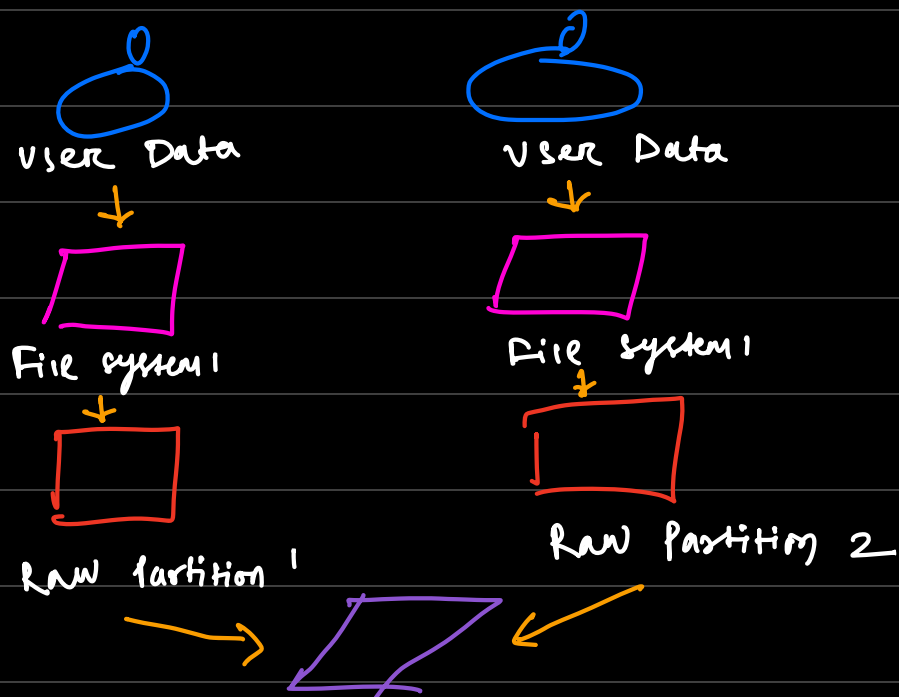
* **Service**: Program that runs as a background process.

eg: httpd, nfsd, ntpd, ftpd & named



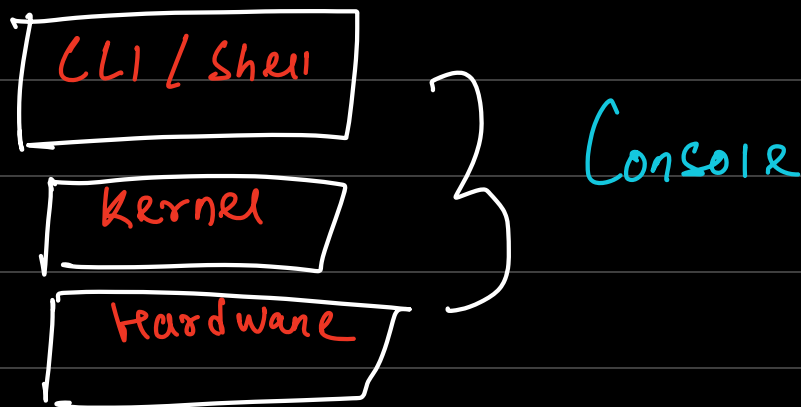
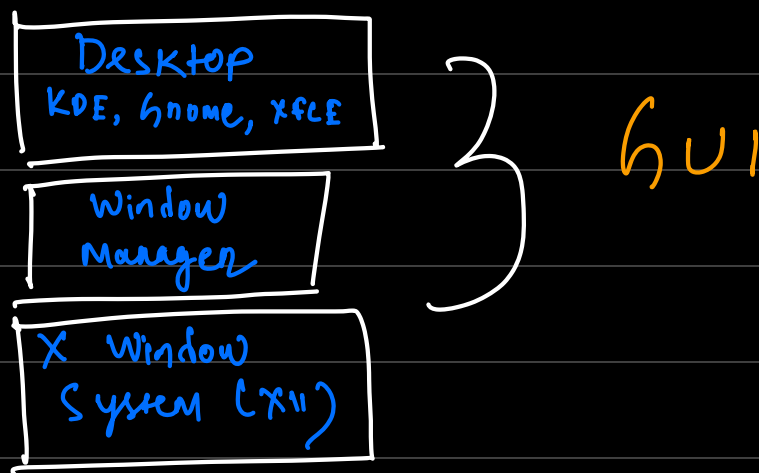
* **Filesystem** is Method for storing & organizing files.

eg:- ext3, ext4, FAT, XFS, NTFS & Btrfs



Hard Disk Drive

- * **X Window System**: Graphical Subsystem on nearly all Linux systems.



- * **Desktop Environment**: Graphical user interface on top of the operating system.

eg:- GNOME, KDE, Xfce & Fluxbox.

* **Command Line:** Interface for typing commands on top of the operating system.

* **Shell:** Command Line interpreter that interprets the Command Line input & instructs the OS to perform any necessary tasks & commands.

eg: bash, tcsh and Zsh.