

Advanced Programming in the UNIX Environment

Week 01, Segment 2: UNIX History

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<https://www.bell-labs.com/usr/dmr/www/chist.html>

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http://www.unix.org/what_is_unix/history_timeline.html

- Originally developed in 1969 at Bell Labs by Ken Thompson and Dennis Ritchie.
- 1973, Rewritten in C. This made it portable and changed the history of OS
- 1975: Thompson, Joy, Haley and students at Berkeley develop the **Berkeley Software Distribution (BSD)** of UNIX
- two main directions emerge: BSD and what was to become “System V”

Notable dates in UNIX history

- 1984 4.2BSD released (TCP/IP)
- 1986 4.3BSD released (NFS)
- 1991 Linus Torvalds starts working on the Linux kernel
- 1993 Settlement of USL vs. BSDi; NetBSD, then FreeBSD are created
- 1994 Single UNIX Specification introduced
- 1995 4.4BSD-Lite Release 2 (last CSRG release); OpenBSD forked off NetBSD
- 2000 Darwin created (derived from NeXT, FreeBSD, NetBSD)
- 2003 Xen; SELinux
- 2005 Hadoop; DTrace; ZFS; Solaris Containers
- 2006 AWS ("Cloud Computing" comes full circle)
- 2007 iOS; KVM appears in Linux
- 2008 Android; Solaris open sourced as OpenSolaris

Some UNIX versions

More UNIX (some generic, some trademark, some just unix-like):

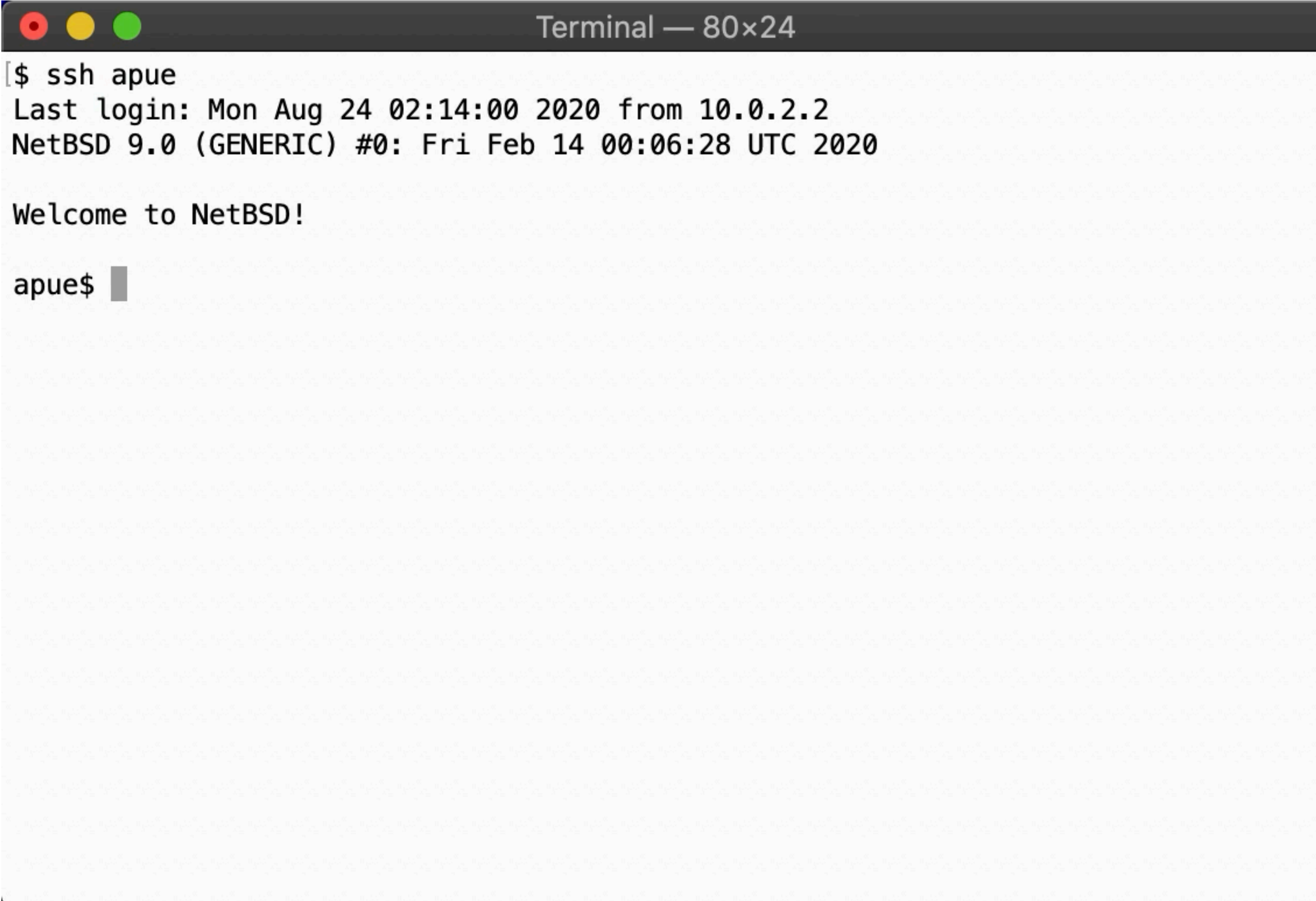
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AMiX	AOS Lite	AOS Reno	BSD Net/1	BSD Net/2
Atari Unix	BOS	BRL Unix	Chorus	Chorus/MiX
BSD/386	BSD/OS	Darwin	Debian GNU/Hurd	DEC OSF/1
Digital Unix	DragonFly BSD	Dynix	Dynix/ptx	HP-UX
FreeBSD	GNU	IBM IX/370	HPBSD	Mac OS X
HP-UX BLS	IBM AOS	Lites	MicroBSD	Mini
IRIX	Linux	MERT	MirBSD	Linux
Mac OS X	Mach	MIPS OS	Open UNIX	NetBSD
Minix	OPENSTEP	mt Xinu	OS/390 Unix	OpenBSD
NeXTSTEP	Plan 9	Open Desktop	ReliantUnix	OSF/1
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RISC iX	Security-Enhanced Linux	SCO UNIX	Trusted IRIX/B	SCO Xenix
SCO Xenix System V/386 SPIX	SunOS	Sinix	UNIX System III	Solaris
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Ultrix 32M		UnixWare	UNSW	UNIX System IV
UNIX System V		Xenix OS	Xinu	xMach

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A perhaps shorter list of Unix variants you are likely to encounter:

Linux	BSD	Other
RedHat Fedora CentOS Ubuntu Gentoo OpenSUSE Arch Slackware and about five thousand other distributions	FreeBSD OpenBSD NetBSD DragonFlyBSD	macOS Android ChromeOS Illumos Minix Oracle Solaris HP-UX AIX

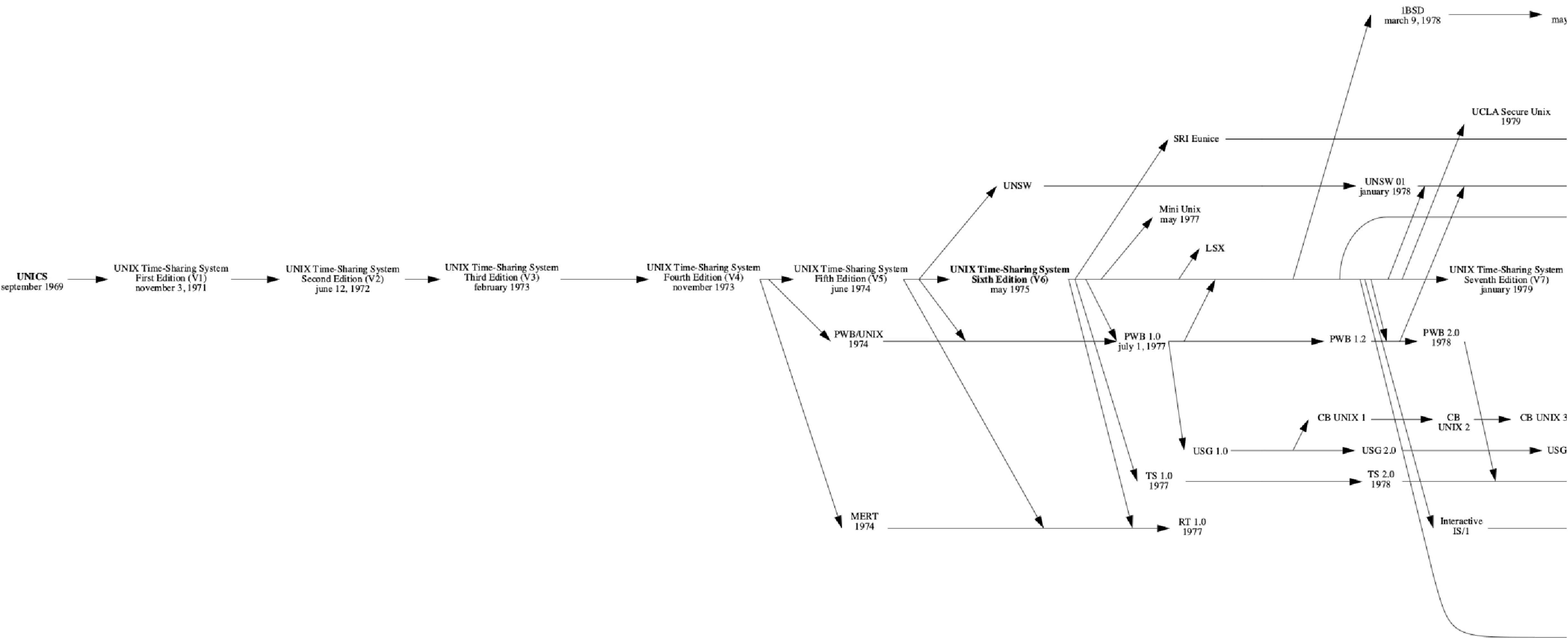
Notable dates in BSD history

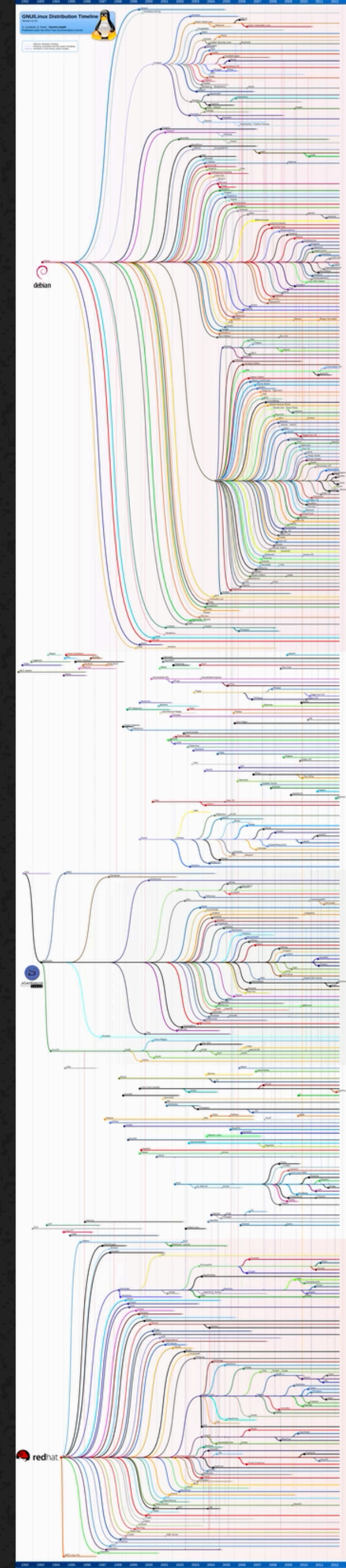


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Terminal — 80x24
[$ ssh apue
Last login: Mon Aug 24 02:14:00 2020 from 10.0.2.2
NetBSD 9.0 (GENERIC) #0: Fri Feb 14 00:06:28 UTC 2020

Welcome to NetBSD!

apue$
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UNIX Everywhere

Today, your desktop, server, cloud, TV, phone, watch, stereo, car navigation system, thermostat, door lock, etc. all run a Unix-like OS...

...with all the risks that entails.

In our next segment...

- UNIX basics inherent in the system's design
- Standard features of the C programming language
- Unix program design and philosophy

We'll write trivial versions of the `ls(1)`, `sh(1)`, and `cat(1)` programs
- and even curse a bit at buggy code.