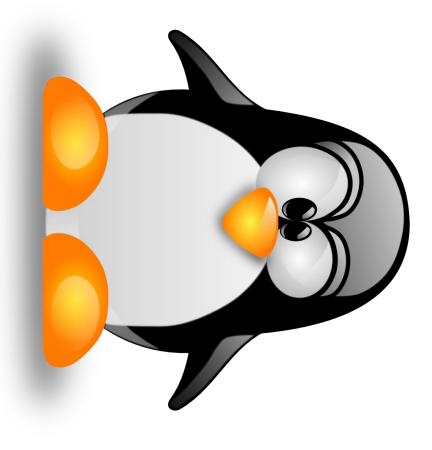
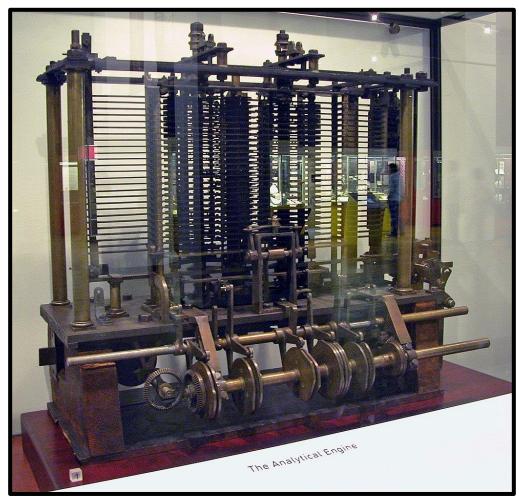


Nikolas Papanikolaou

brief history of computers







Charles Babbage's Analytical Engine & punched cards used to program the machine.

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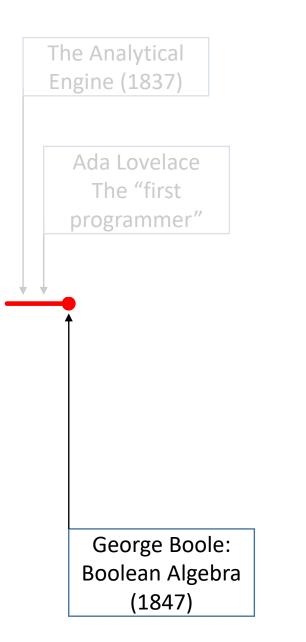
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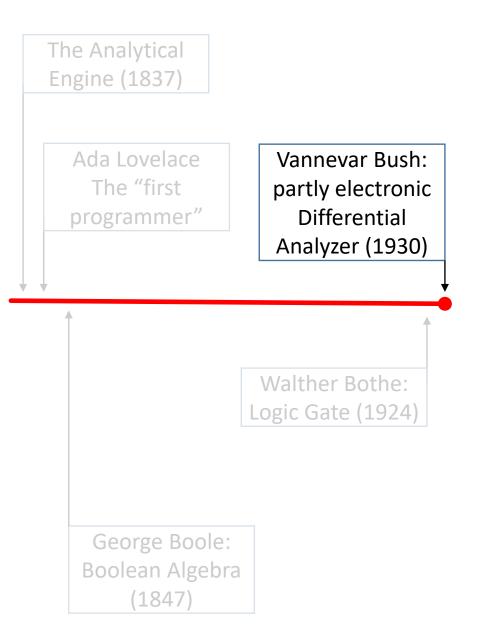
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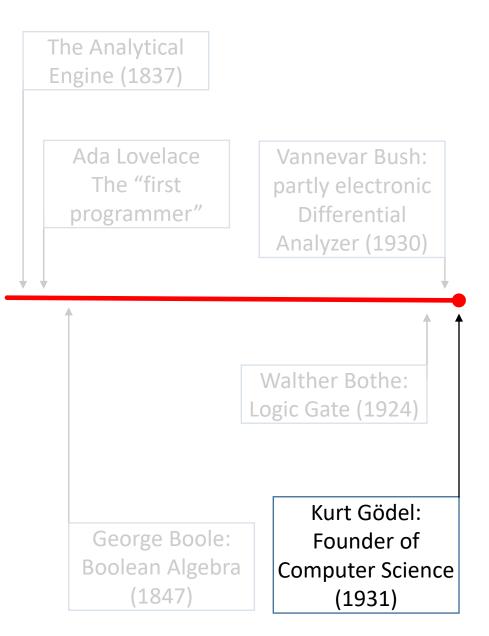
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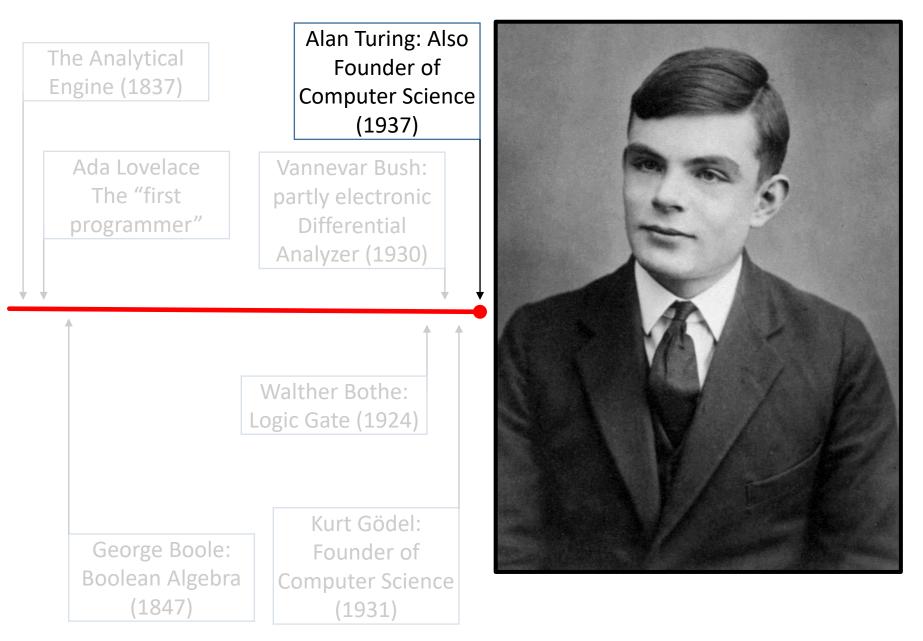


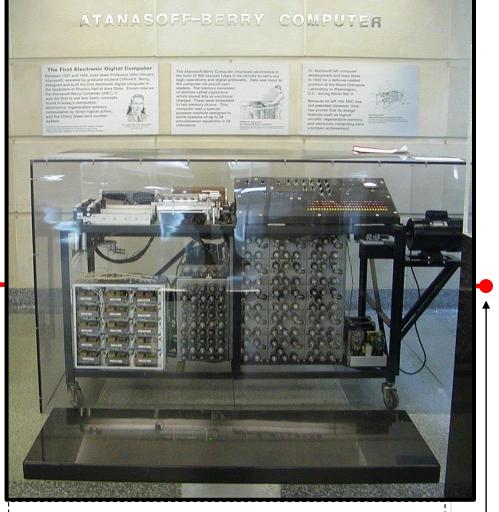


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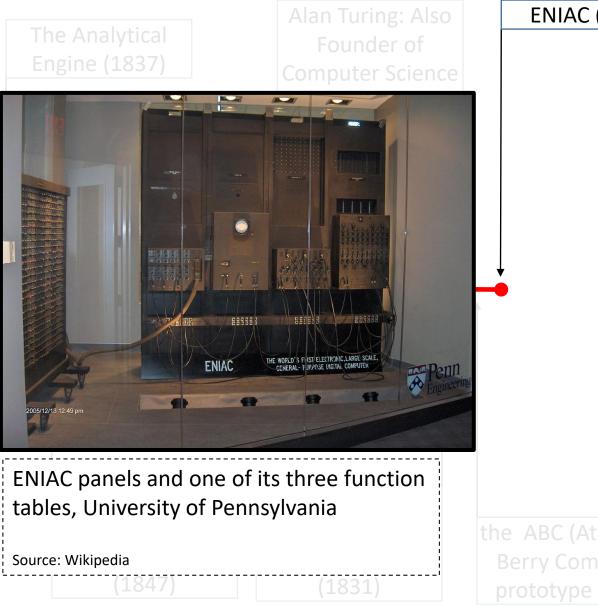




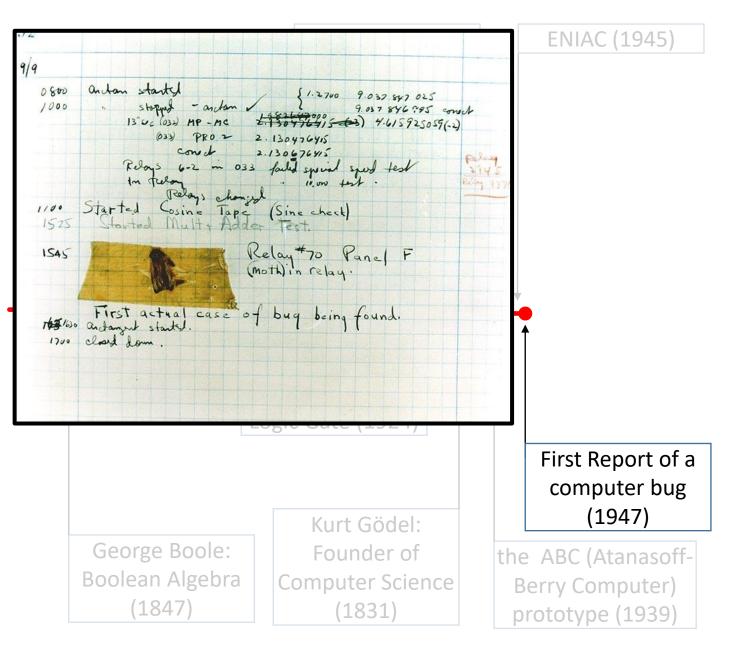
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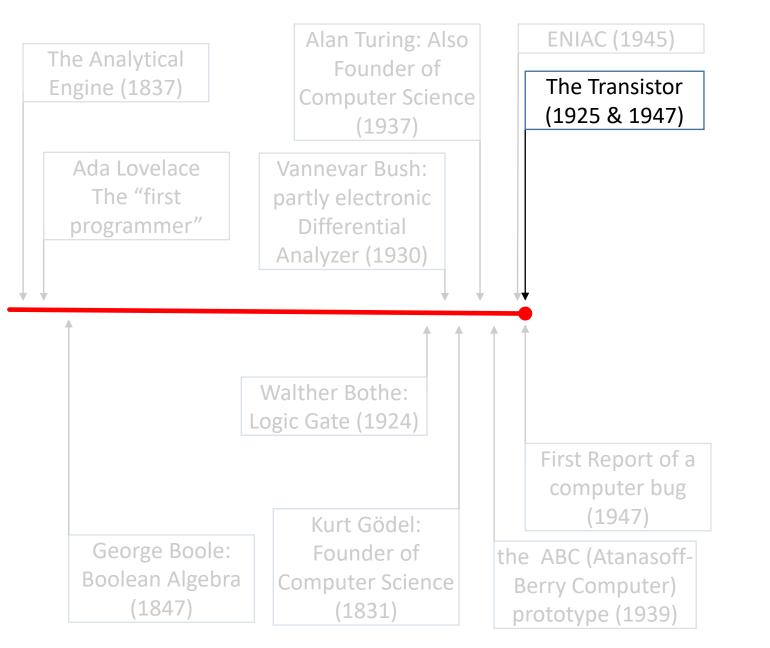
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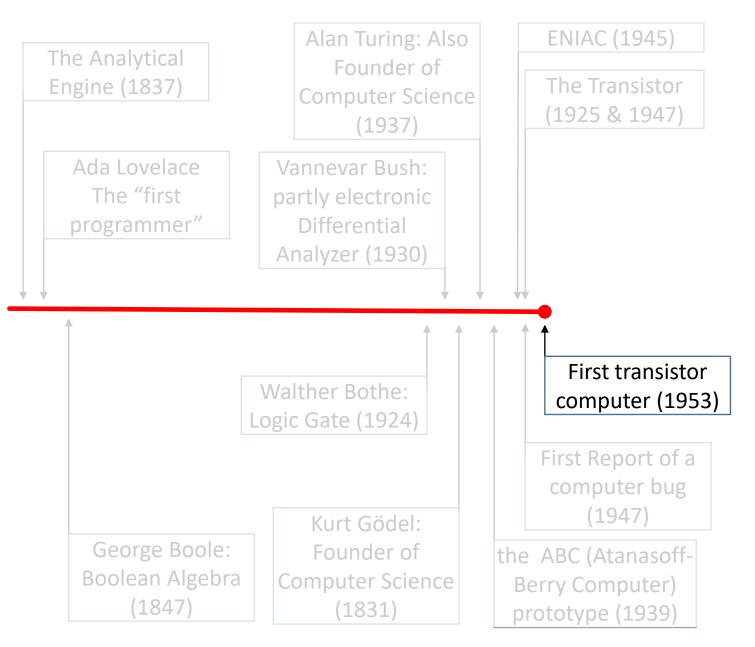
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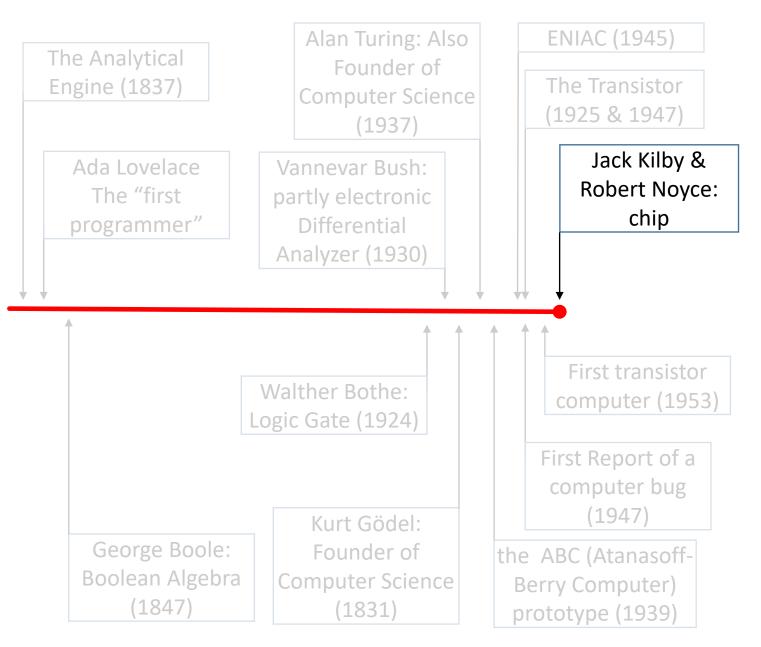


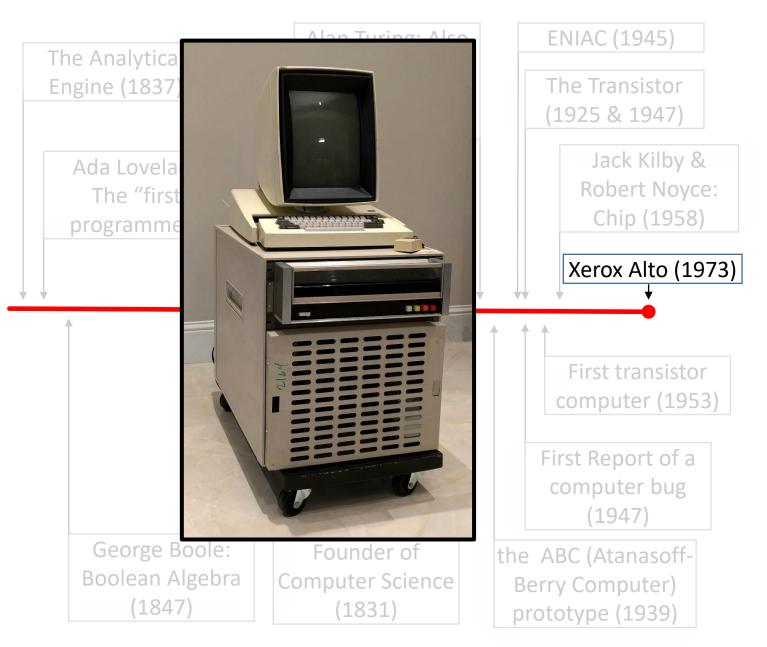
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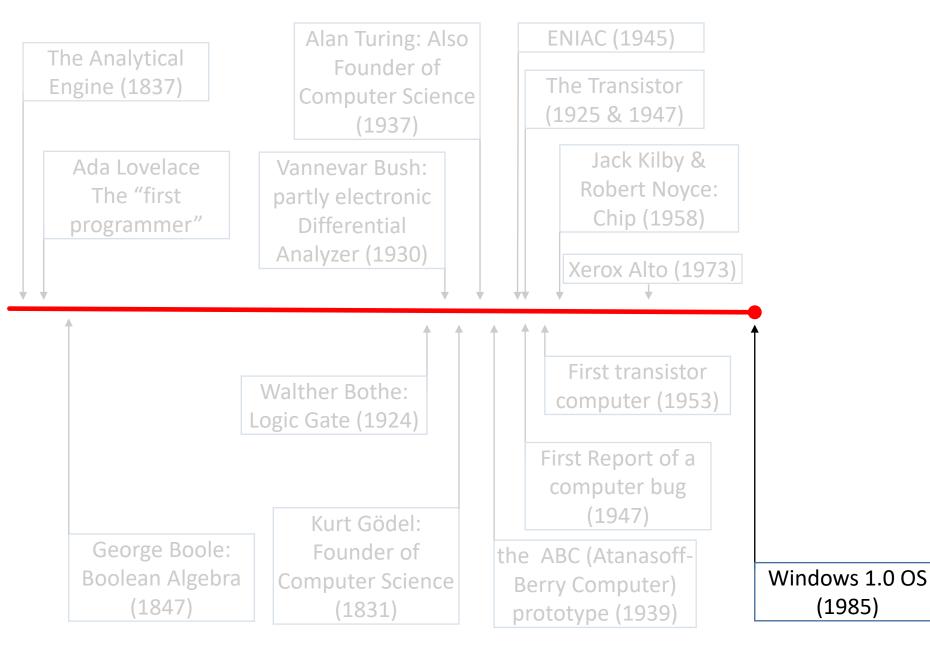


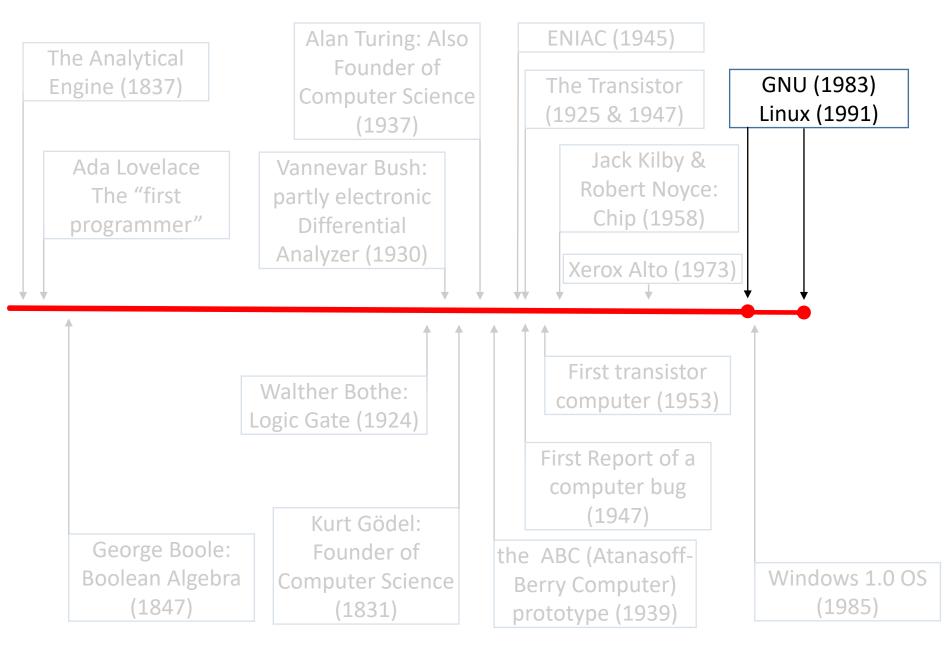




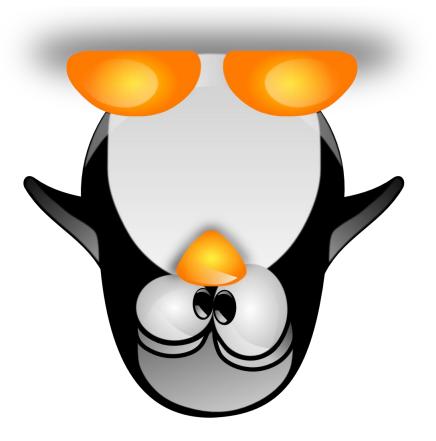






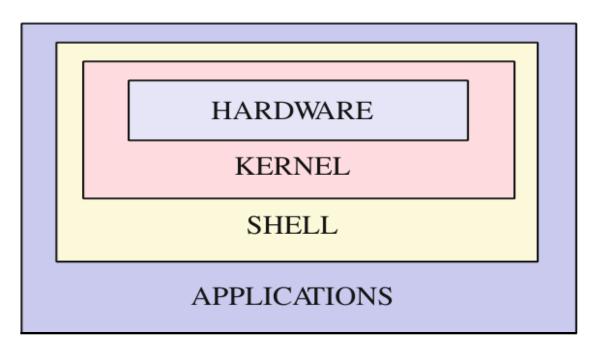


Linux, the basics



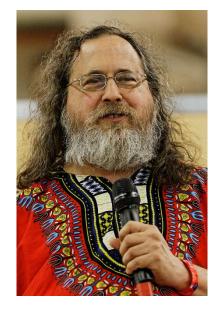
Linux OS

- What is an OS?
 - Connects various pieces of hardware comprising the computer
 - ➢Allocates resources
 - ≻Allows other programs to run on it
 - (Almost all software runs on top of the OS)



Linux or GNU/Linux?







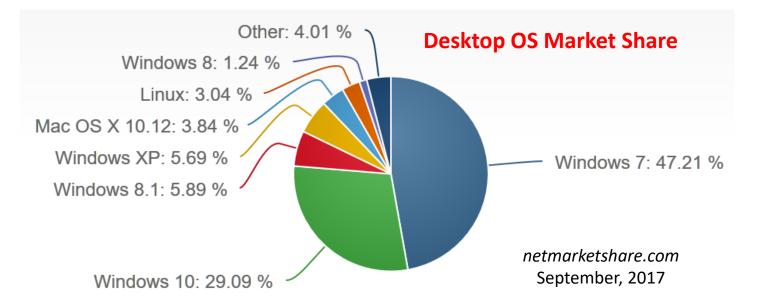
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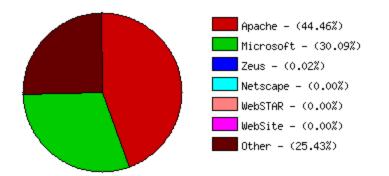
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Neal Stephenson

Linux Market Share

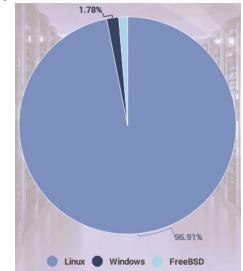


Web Server Market Share



securityspace.com, Jan 2017

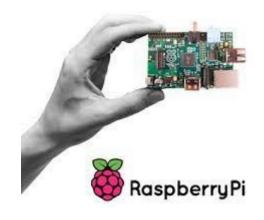
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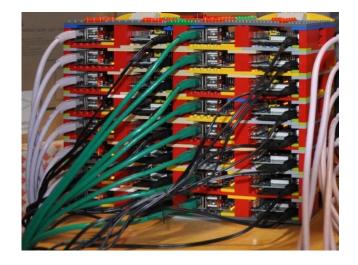


W3Cook, May 2015

Linux – compatible Hardware















Why Linux in Bioinformatics

- Free
- Large Community
- Powerful command line (shells)
- Ideal for remote connections
- Multiuser
- Modular & scalable
- Much more user friendly than before

Why Linux in Bioinformatics

Versatility

Linux Distibution Timeline, wikipedia

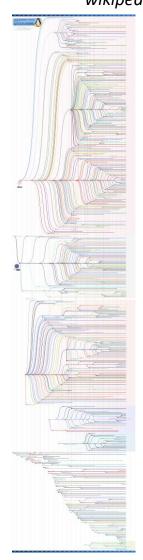
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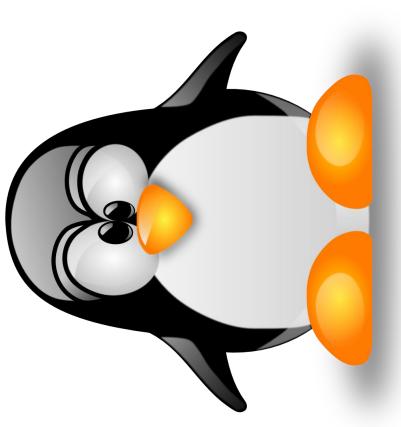
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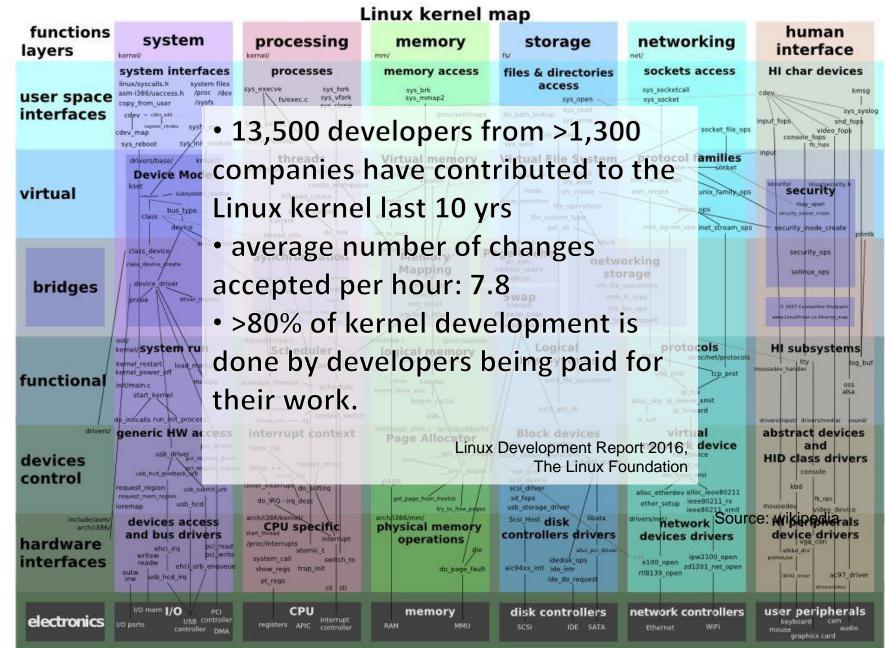
• Lots of software



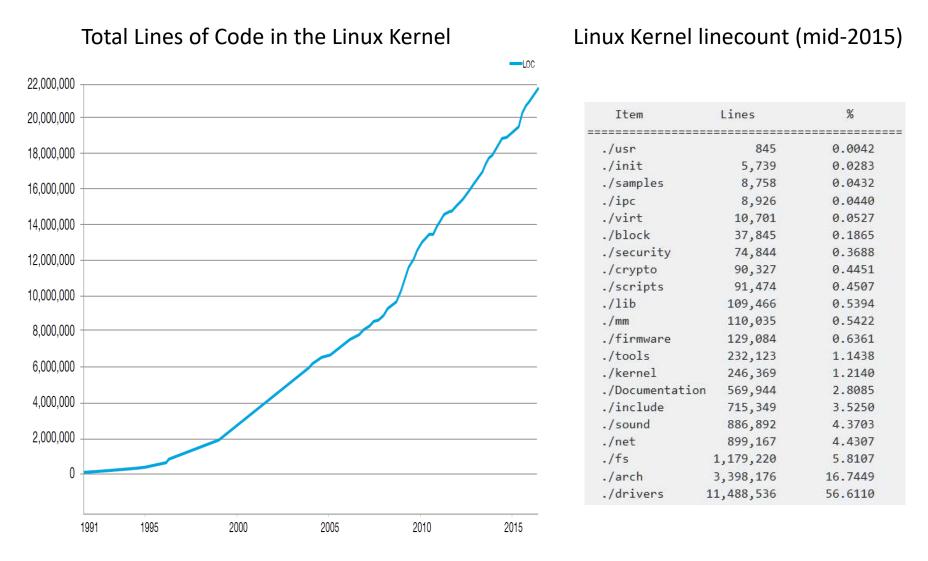
Linux, few more technical details



Linux Architecture - Kernel



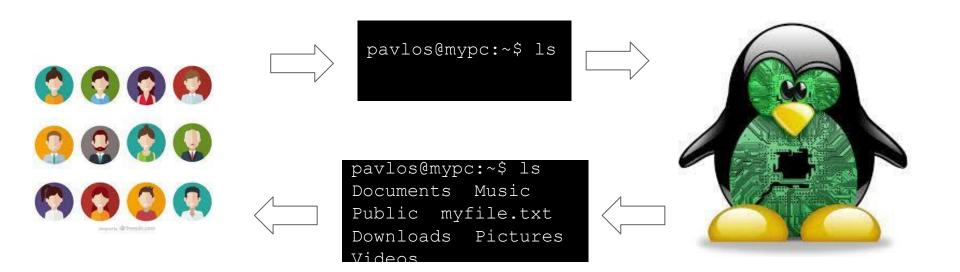
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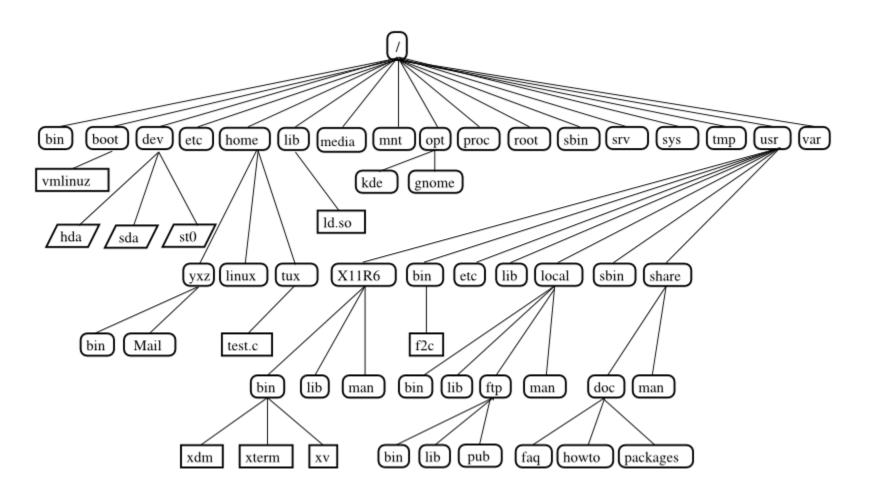


The Linux Foundation, August 2016

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Linux Architecture - Shell





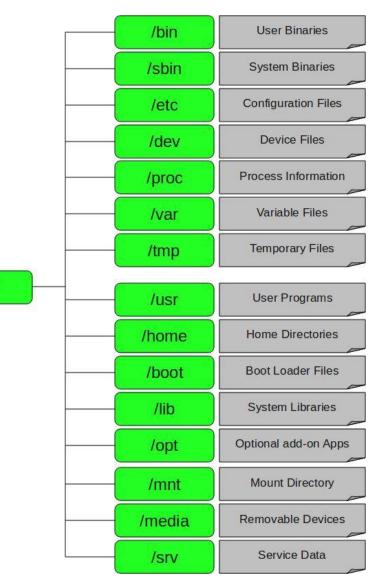
Source:

https://www.suse.com/documentation/sles10/book_sle_reference/data/sec_bash.html

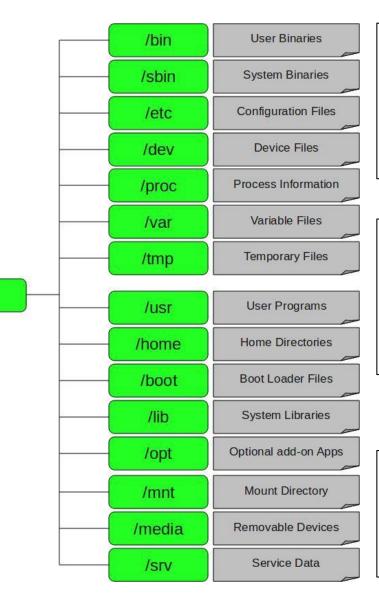
root

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- Every single file and directory starts from the root directory.
- Only root user has write privilege under this directory.
- Please note that /root is root user's home directory, which is not same as /.



Source: http://dev-random.net/linux-directory-structure-explained/



/bin User Binaries

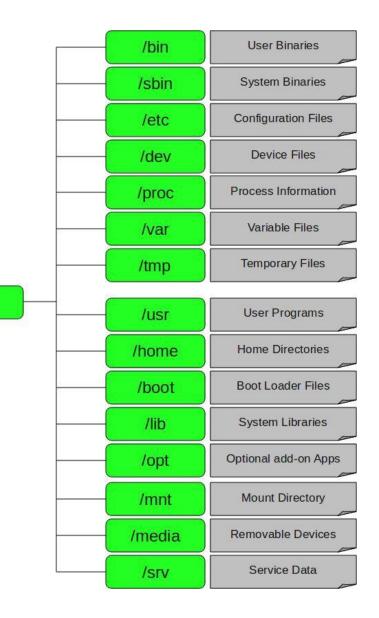
- binary executables.
- Common commands for single-user modes
- Commands used by all users of the system
- example: ps, ls, ping, grep, cp.

/sbin System Binaries

- also contains binary executables.
- commands typically used by system administrator, for system maintenance
- example: iptables, reboot, fdisk, ifconfig

/etc Configuration Files

- configuration files required by all programs.
- startup and shutdown shell scripts used to start/stop individual programs.



/dev Device Files

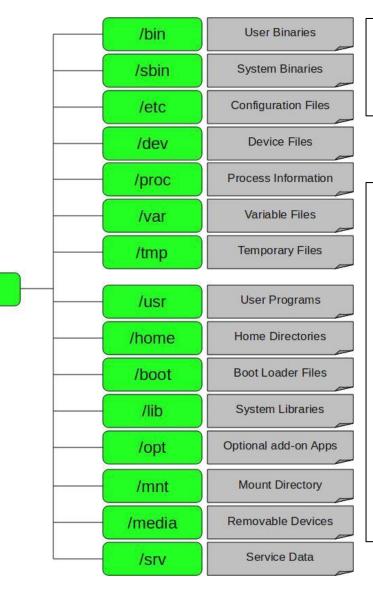
- device files.
- terminal devices, usb, or any device attached to the system.

/proc Process Information

- information about running system processes.
- pseudo filesystem.
- example: /proc/{pid} contains information about the process with that particular pid.

/var Variable Files

- variable files files that are expected to grow
- example: system log files (/var/log) packages and database files (/var/lib) emails (/var/mail) (/var/spool) temp files for reboots (/var/tmp)



/tmp Temporary Files

- temporary files created by system and users.
- files are deleted when system is rebooted.

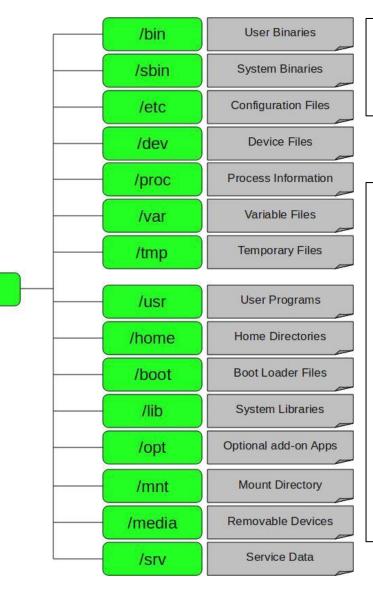
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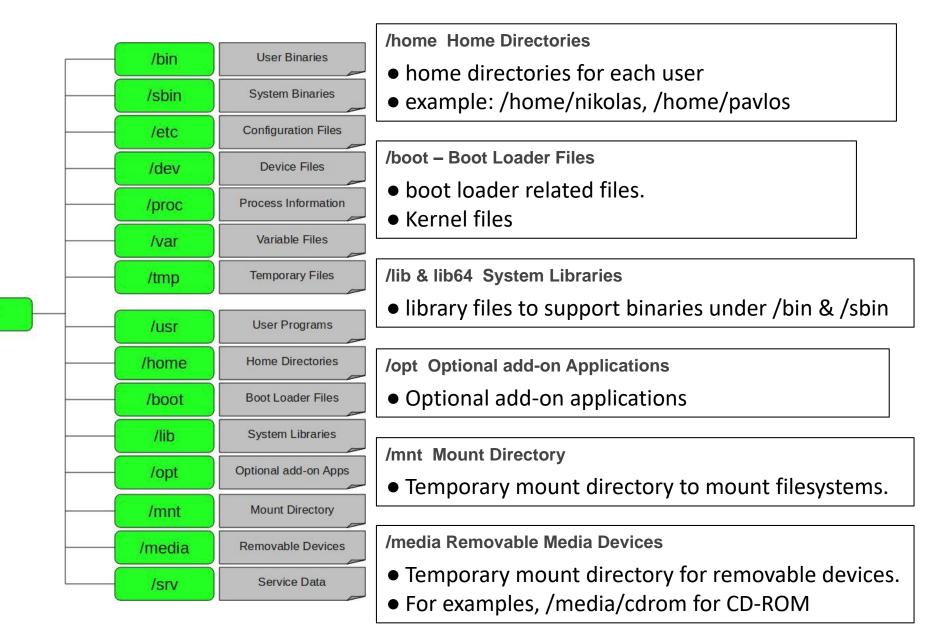
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Linux, basic commands



Basic shell commands

• Show current directory:

pwd

- List files:
 - ols
 - ols -l (list file details)
 - ols -lh (list file with human readable filesize)
 - ols -a (list all files, including those that start with .)
- Go to directory *directory_name:* cd *directory_name*
- Go one directory up: cd..
- Go to home directory: cd ~ (or just cd)

Linux man pages

man pages (e.g. manual pages) are concise documentation pages
e.g.: man ls

```
NAME
    ls - list directory
contents
SYNOPSIS
    ls [OPTION]... [FILE]...
DESCRIPTION
    List information about the FILEs (the current directory by
    Sort entries alphabeticallorefauntone of -cftuvSUX nor -- is speci-
    sort fied.
    Mandatory arguments to long options are mandatory for options
    short too.
    -a, --all
              do not ignore entries starting with .
    -A, --almost-all
              do not list implied . and ..
    --author
              with -l, print the author of each
              file
```

Create files & directories

- Create directory:
 - mkdir
- Multiple ways for files:
 >newfile
 touch newfile1 newfile2
 /dev/null > newfile

History

• history

displays a history of all commands

me@mypc:~\$ history 1300 ls -1 1301 cd /home/me/data/

typing:

!number_of_command

me@mypc:~\$!1300

repeats the command

Some shortcuts

• Ctrl + L

Clears the screen. Alternatively, one can use the clear command

me@mypc:~\$ clear

• Ctrl + R

Search for a previously typed command. As you type, the first maching command is displayed. Pressing Ctrl+R again, displays next match. Ctrl+S again, displays previous match

Copying, moving, deleting

- cp (copy)
 cp <file_to_be_copied> <target_directory>
- mv (move file also rename)
 mv <file_to_be_moved> <target_directory>
 mv <file_to_be_renamed> <new_name>
- **rm** (delete file), **rmdir** (delete directory)

Creating custom commands

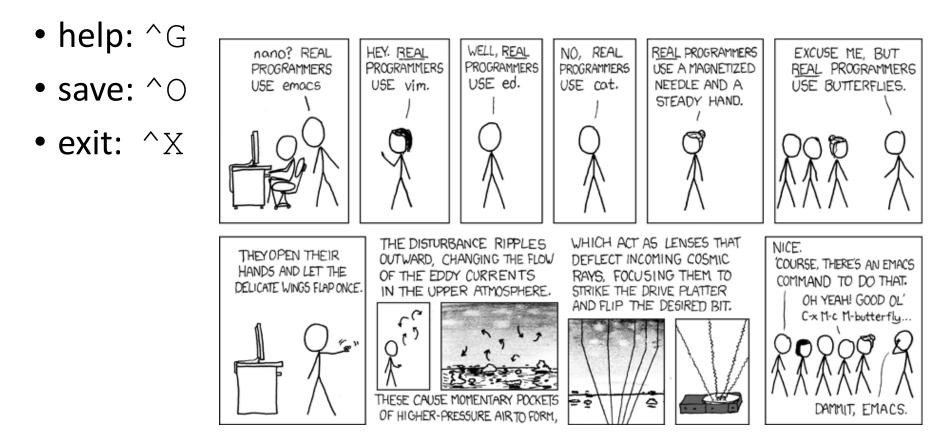
• alias <custom_name>='<command>'

eg:

alias ll='ls -l'

pico, nano, vi, vim, ed, emacs ...

• nano **or** nano <filename>



https://xkcd.com/378/

Adding commands in .bashrc

- 1. nano ~/.bashrc
- 2. At the end of file, add line:
 alias ll='ls -l'
- 3. Save and exit
- 4. Force changes to take effect now (instead of next time shell opens) source ~/.bashrc

Reading files

- more OR cat OR less (show file contents)
- head & tail: view first lines or last lines of a file

Installing stuff

• apt-get update

downloads the package lists from the repositories

apt-get install <package_name>
 downloads and installs package package_name

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e.g.:
apt-get install sl
apt-get install fortune cowsay
```

apt-get remove <package_name>
 apt-get purge <package_name>
 removes package and purges configuration files

Redirection: piping

• Connects Standard Input of one command with the Standard Output of another command command1 | command2 | command3



Redirection: piping

- •ls -l | more
- fortune | cowsay

Redirection: piping

• Show directory contents omitting the first line (i.e. starting from the second line)

ls -1 | tail -n +2

• Show 2 lines from directory contents after omitting the first line (i.e. show lines 2 & 3)

ls -1 | tail -n +2 | head -n 2

Redirection: >

- echo hall > myfile.txt
- cat > myfile.txt
 line1
 - line2
 - line3
 - CTRL+D
- ls -l | tail -n +2 | head -n 2 > myfile.txt
- Appending (adding at the end of file instead of replacing):
 use >> instead of >

tail –f

- tail –f in action
 - 1. ping www.google.com > mytestfile.txt &
 - 2.tail -f mytestfile.txt
 - 3. CTRL+C to stop tail
- How do we stop (kill) the running command?
 - 1.ps aux | grep ping or ps -u <username>
 - 2. Note the PID of the command
 - 3. kill -9 <PID>