CHAPTER - 1

LINUX (LIH-NUCKS)

Official OS Free OS (Red Hat Enterprises Linux) (Red Hat 9, Fedora)

INTRODUCTION TO LINUX

- Linux is quite possibly the most important free software achievement.
- It has been developed into an operating system for business, education and personal productivity.
- Linux (pronounced with a short I, as in LIH-nucks) is a UNIX operating system clone.

History of Linux

- UNIX is one of the most popular operating systems worldwide because of its large support base and distribution.
- It was originally developed at AT&T as a multitasking operating system for minicomputers and mainframes in the 1970's, but has since grown to become one of the most widely used operating systems.
- Linux is a free version of UNIX developed by LINUS TORVALDS at the university of Helsinki in Finland.

About Linux

- Linus Torvalds originally developed Linux as a hobby project.
- Minix, a small UNIX system developed by Andy Tanenbaum, inspired it
- The Linux kernel uses no code from AT&T or any other proprietary source.
- On October 5, 1991, Linus announced the first "official" version of Linux ,which was version 0.02.

Famous Linux Distributions

- Red Hat Linux
- SuSe Linux
- Caldera Linux
- Mandrake Linux
- Open Linux
- Aryabhat Linux

Why Linux?

- Linux is a UNIX like operating systems
- Multi-user, Multi-tasking and Multi Processor Support
- There are no royalty or license fees
 " A Linux Distribution has thousands of dollars worth of software for no cost or a couple of dollars if purchased on CD/DVD "

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- Software Development Supports
- Linux runs on nearly any CPU
- Linux works very well as a personal computer UNIX for the desktop
- Linux works well for server operations
- X-Window system (An excellent window system called X)

The Structure of Linux system



<u>Fig - I</u>



• Hardware Devices :

The lower most layer is the hardware components (i.e. physical components like your motherboard, hard disk drive, floppy drive, memory, etc...)

• Kernel :

When your system is booted, the Linux kernel will be loaded into the memory of your system and after that the kernel will control the entire operating system.

• Shell :

kernel.

Shell is an interpreter through which a user can interact with

Shell is program or command.

Linux Commands

 Is -l for listing the files as well as directories those are kept in the particular working directory

syntax

[root@nettech root]#ls -l

 ls -la same as 'ls -l'but by this command we can also see the hidden files.

syntax

[root@nettech root]#ls -la

Cont

• **Is -li** same as 'ls -la' but it will also shows us the inode number of each and every file

syntax

[root@nettech root]#ls -li

• **Is** by this command we can see only file name nothing else

syntax

[root@nettech root]#ls

Cont..

- clear : it will clear the screen(short cut ctl+l)
 syntax
- [root@nettech root]#clear
- exit : to end a current session as well current terminal logging

syntax

[root@nettech root]exit

• touch : to create a new empty file

syntax

[root@nettech root]#touch

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• Cd: to change the working/present directory syntax

[root@nettech root]#cd /home/mango
where '/home/mango' is the desired directory to be
change from'/root'

• Rm: to remove a empty file

syntax

[root@nettech root]#rm filename

• Cat: to view the contents of a file and it is also used for creating a new file with some contents

syntax

[root@nettech root]#cat <file name> to view file

contents

[root@nettech root]#cat > newfilename enter,then you
 can write something in

the file and then to save the file contents press clt+d then enter

 Mkdir: to make a new directory syntax
 [root@nettech root]#mkdir newdirname
 you can also create a directory at your desired path without changing your present working directory
 syntax

[root@nettech root]#mkdir /home/mango/newdirname

• Rmdir: to remove a empty directory

syntax

[root@nettech root]#rmdir directoryname

• rm [-i/-r/-f] to remove a directory with its subdirectories as well as its files that is to remove a directory which already contains some files in it

syntax

[root@nettech root]#rm -i directory/filename

- -i stands for interactively
- -r stands for recursively
- -f stands for forcefully

- cp : to copy something in a destination file or directory
- Mv: to move one file or directory from one place to another place, it is also used for renaming a directory or file
- Man: to view the manual page of commands for syntax syntax
- [root@nettech root]#man commandname
- info to view the information about any command
- syntax
- [root@nettech root]#mkdir info

• Help: to view the help documents of a command syntax

[root@nettech root]#commandname -help

• Dir: to view the subdirectories and files under the directory

syntax

[root@nettech root]#dir

• su - to become a super user

syntax

[mango@nettech mango]\$su

• Who: by this command you can see the user name and their ip addresses who have logged in on your server

syntax

[root@nettech root]#who

• Whoami: this command shows your current logged in terminal user name

syntax

[root@nettech root]#whoami

• who am i: this command shows you the logged in terminal number and user name and more detailed information

chmod

Chmod (change mode) is used to change the permissions on a file.

(owner) (group) (others) chmod [number][number][number] file1

Example: Chmod 754 file1

<u>for owner</u>: *read*, *write* and *execute* permissions (4+2+1)<u>for group</u>: *read* and *execute* permissions (4+0+1)<u>for others</u>: only *read* permission (4+0+0)