Linux Fundamentals



This 5-day course focuses on the fundamental tools and concepts of Linux and UNIX. Students gain proficiency using the command line. Beginners develop a solid foundation in UNIX, while advanced users discover patterns and fill in gaps in their knowledge. The course material is designed to provide extensive hands-on experience. Topics include: basic file manipulation; basic and advanced file system features; I/O redirection and pipes; text manipulation and regular expressions; managing jobs and processes; vi, the standard UNIX editor; automating tasks with shell scripts; managing software; secure remote administration; and more.

Course Objectives:

- Identify multi-user concepts
- Perform archiving and compression
- Create shell scripts
- Identify the Linux File System
- Perform text processing
- Identify command shells

Audience: Students should be comfortable with computers.

Prerequisites: No familiarity with Linux or other UNIX operating systems is required.

Number of Days: 5 days

1 What is Linux?

UNIX Origins and Design Principles

UNIX Timeline FSF and GNU

GPL - General Public License

The Linux Kernel and Versioning

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Slackware

SUSE Linux Products

Debian Ubuntu

Red Hat Linux Products

Oracle Linux Mandriva

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Alternate Search Method

Producing File Statistics

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Communication Channels

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File Globbing and Wildcard Patterns

Brace Expansion

Shell and Environment Variables

Key Environment Variables

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Archives with cpio

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The bzip2 Compression Utility

The XZ Compression Utility

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The Streaming Editor

Text Processing with awk

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interactive

Command Line Internet - Interactive

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The X Window System

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X Access Control

Remote X Access (historical/insecure

approach)

Remote X Access (modern/secure

approach)

XDMCP



Remote Graphical Access With VNC and RDP Specialized X Servers

Appendix B - EMACS

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Basic Emacs
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