Unix to Linux

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Outline

A Brief History of Unix, C, Linux and the people involved.



UNIX

Unix definitions

 1) Operating systems that have been certified by "The Open Group"
 2) Systems that look and behave like classical UNIX

Single UNIX Specification (SUS)

The collective name of a family of standards that allow systems to use the name UNIX.



Product \$	Vendor 🗢	Architecture +	UNIX V7 *	UNIX 03 +	UNIX 98 ¢	UNIX 95 \$	UNIX 93 ¢
AIX	IBM Corporation	PowerPC	No	Yes	Yes	No	No
FTX	Cemprus LLC	PA-RISC	No	No	No	No	Yes
EulerOS	Huawei	x86-64	No	Yes	No	No	No
HP-UX	Hewlett Packard Enterprise	IA-64, PA-RISC	No	Yes	No	Yes	No
IRIX	Silicon Graphics, Inc.	MIPS	No	No	No	Yes	No
K-UX	Inspur	x86-64	No	Yes	No	No	No
macOS (formerly OS X)	Apple	x86-64	No	Yes	No	No	No
OpenServer	Xinuos	IA-32	No	No	No	No	Yes
Solaris	Oracle Corporation	IA-32, x86-64, SPARC	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No
Tru64 UNIX	Digital Equipment Corporation	Alpha	No	No	Yes	No	No
UnixWare	Xinuos	IA-32	No	No	No	Yes	No
z/OS USS	IBM Corporation	z/Architecture	No	No	No	Yes	No

UNICS UNIX

1969 | First implemented (The year Linus Torvalds was born)



- | The name UNIX was a pun on MULTICS
- | \leftarrow UNIX implemented by Ken Thompson

1973 | Dennis Ritchie (Bell Labs) rewrote UNIX in C

ar, cat, chmod, chown, cp, dc, ed, find, ln, ls, mail, mkdir, mv, rm, sh, su, who

| MIT was already using MULTICS on campus

- 1974 | UNIX install on more than 50 systems
- 1975 | First edition used out side of AT&T





- Inventions: Radio Astronomy, the transistor, the laser, charged-coupled device, Information Theory, C, C++, Unix
- Eight Nobel prize winners

1974 | AT&T was a government sanctioned monopoly. They couldn't sell UNIX so they licensed it away.
1977 | Unix running at 500 cites including 125 universities. Profs taught for OS and graduates adopted it.





Vi / Vim

1985 | Because Joy began with ed, people outside of AT&T could not
| use (copyright issues) so they looked for other editors (enter EMACS).
1991 | Vim Improved vi.

Command Mode	Insert Mode	Last line Mode
Copy, Insert, append, move, and delete text. Enter with ESC key.	Edit in normal WYSIWYG style.	Enter with colon ':' Save, exit, search, replace etc.
Yy, p, gg, G		:wq :make :!ls

SUS specifies vi so all UNIX systems must have it.



Emacs and Richard Stallman (rms)

1974 | Visited the Stanford AI lab while at the MIT AI Lab.
| He saw the *E* editor and liked it because it was WYSIWYG.
1975 | He combined it with TECO with a *macro* feature.
| Many people added their own macros.

There were so many macros, RMS asked everybody to send him their updates and changes so he could make the whole system better.

1984 | Started working on GNU Emacs

- The government broke up AT&T in 1982
 - No monopoly on telephone, they can now market UNIX
- AT&T's UNIX Support Group (USG) developed an implementation
 - System III (1981) Included named pipes, and a mix of AT&T Unixes.
 - System V (1983) SVR4, most successful, competed with BSD in usage and technology (sockets vs streams). Still infused with features from BSD
- UNIX was implemented over several different hardware types.
 - Hardware purchasers were no longer locked in

GNU

1984 | Richard Stallman starting creating a free¹ UNIX
Started GNU (GNU is not UNIX)
1985 | founded FSF
GPL license
Bash shell, glibc
GCC (gnu c compiler → gnu compiler collection)

General Public License (GPL) \rightarrow Software licensed must be freely redistributable under GPL. Modifications to and distributions of GPL software must also abide by the license.



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BSD + Linux

1990 | Bill and Lynne Jolitz ported the mature BSD (386/BSD)
1993 | NetBSD and FreeBSD development groups
1996 | OpenBSD (performance emphasis)





- 1991 | Linus Torvalds sent a msg inviting people to build an OS Started with MINIX (by Tanenbaum); still a popular instructional version
- 1994 | Linux and a team of people developed 1.0 Now on 4.19 (https://www.kernel.org/)



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GNU/Linux

Linux

- "Linux" refers to the kernel developed by Linux Torvalds
- Stallman prefers GNU/Linux
- The market opened up to companies who can package Linux. (distributions)
 - Slackware is the oldest then Debian then SUSE and Red Hat.
 - 2004 | Ubuntu, based on Debian
 - Close binary compatibility with Debian
 - | Most popular cloud OS
 - "I am what I am because of who we all are"





Developer & code sharing, project merging



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C programming

Ken Thompson worked on the B language (inspired by BCPL). Dennis Ritchie (also at BellLabs) wrote C.

All Unix implementations made a standard for C necessary.

- 1978 | K & R is a defacto standard
- 1985 | C++ highlighted improvements

1989 | American National Standards Institute (ANSI) C C89 -> C99 -> C11



POSIX — Portable Operating System Interface (X for UNIX)

- Group of standards developed to promote source code portability
- Describes the interface that will support different files system activities

Single UNIX Specification

The book will specify what under what SUS functions were standardized. Some are non standard and some are legacy.

SUSv1 | 1988 SUSv2 | 1997 SUSv3 | 2001 SUSv4 | 2008



Figure 1-1: Relationships between various UNIX and C standards

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Family trees of redhat, Slackware, Debian

Even Linus Torvalds doesn't completely understand the Linux kernel

In a wide-ranging interview at Open Source Summit, Torvalds talked about programmers, Linux, and open-source development.



By Steven J. Vaughan-Nichols for Linux and Open Source | September 4, 2018 -- 18:46 GMT (11:46 PDT) | Topic: Enterprise Software

https://www.zdnet.com/article/even-linus-torvalds-doesnt-completely-understand-the-linux-kernel/

More information

A timeline of operating systems <u>https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Timeline_of_operating_systems</u>