Course : Free Software (Open Source)

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Version Control

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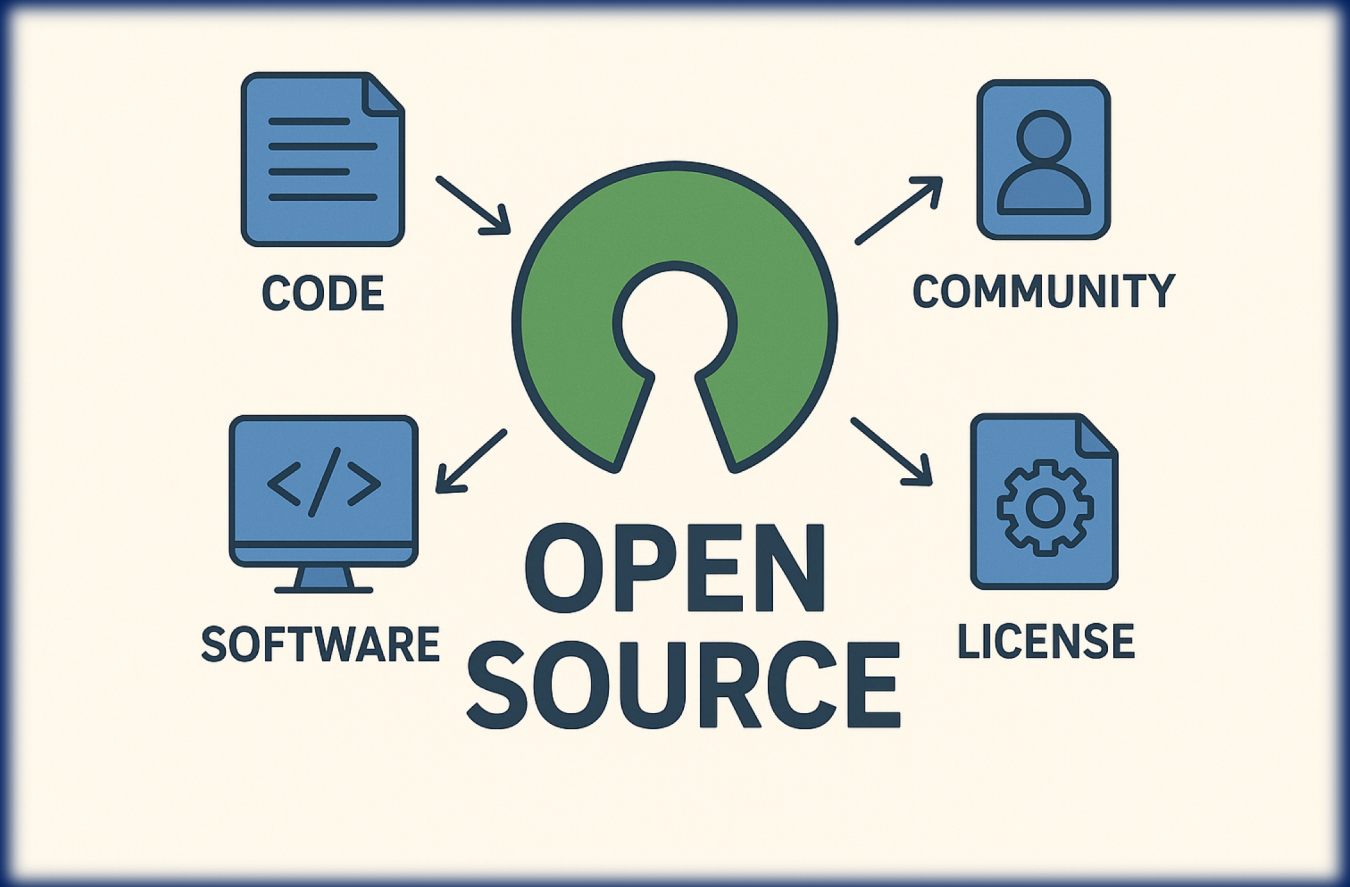
Chapter 2: Open Source Tools

1. Introduction (history, advantages/disadvantages, and licenses).
2. Development environment (Introduction to Linux, Introduction to code editors).
3. Office software (LibreOffice suite).
4. Collaboration (storage and sharing).
5. Contributing to an open source project.

Introduction to Open Source

- History
- Advantages & Disadvantages
- Licenses



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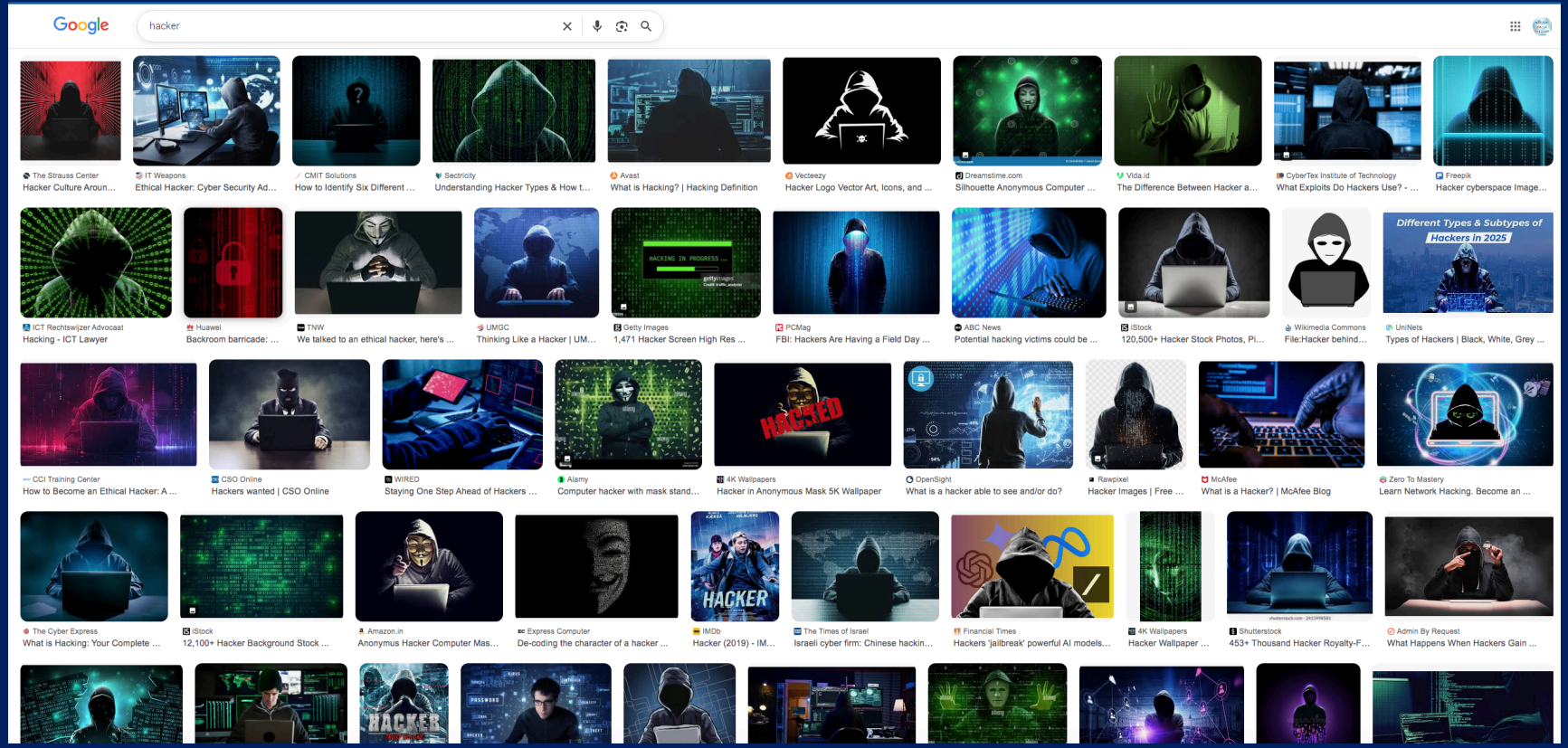

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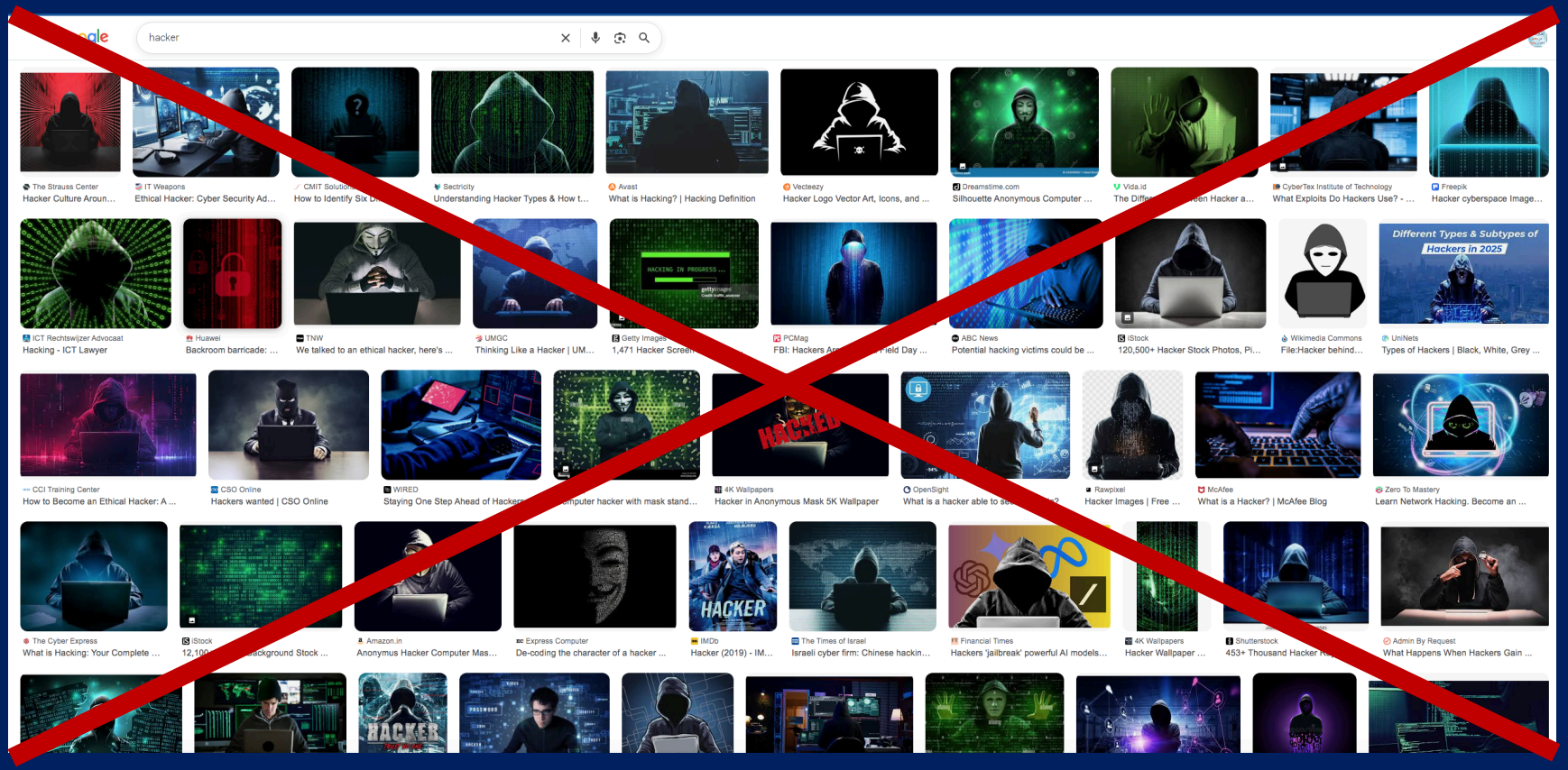
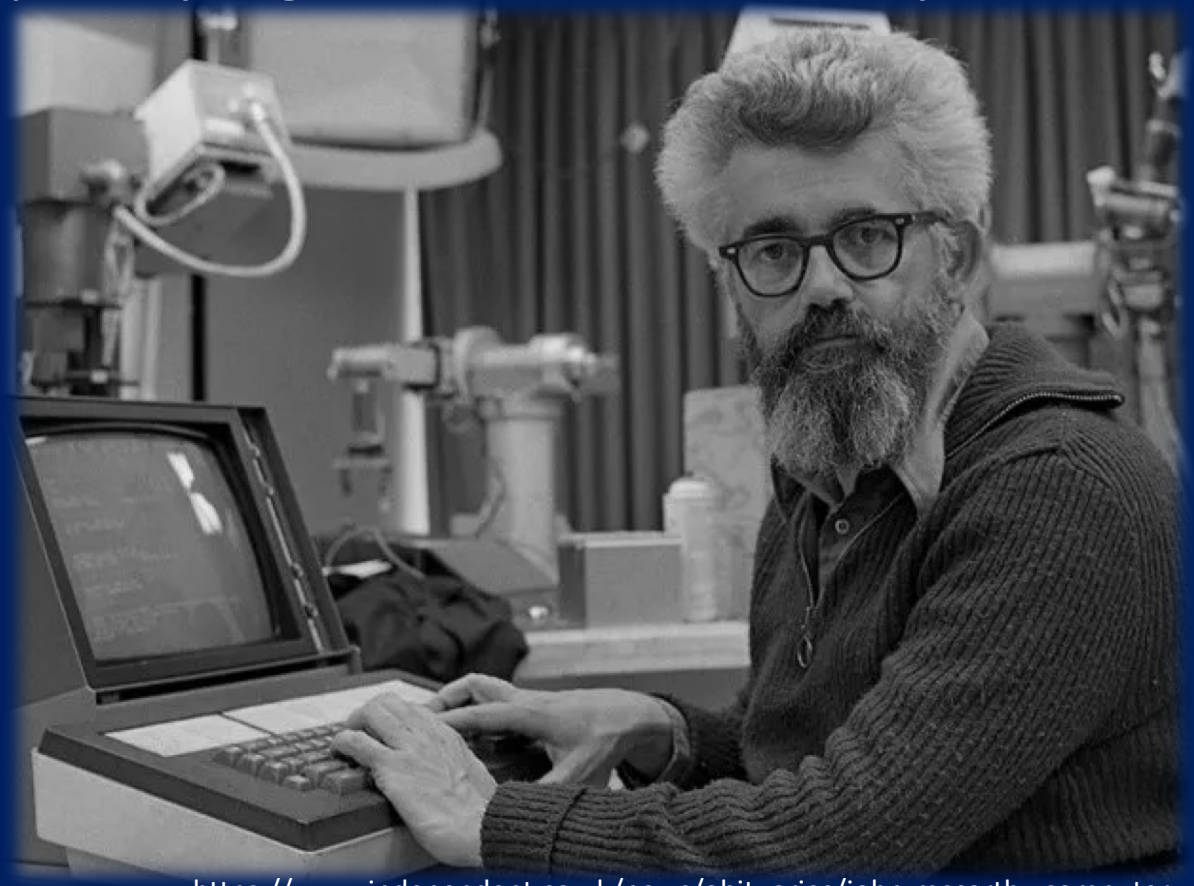


Some famous hackers John McCarthy

Artificial Intelligence (1956)

“The science and engineering of making intelligent machines, especially intelligent computer programs”. -John McCarthy-



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Some famous hackers : Dennis Ritchie & Ken Thompson

- Dennis Ritchie and Ken Thompson are computer scientists who co-created the UNIX operating system and the C programming language at Bell Labs in the late 1960s and early 1970s.

- Forming the basis for many systems used today, from smartphones to supercomputers.

- Ritchie developed the C programming language, which was used to rewrite UNIX, making it a more portable operating system that could run on different hardware.

Some famous hackers : steve jobs and steve wozniak 1976

Steve jobs and steve wozniak, founding Apple in Garage

2005
Deep Learning

Geoffrey Hinton (born December 6, 1947) is a Canadian researcher specializing in artificial intelligence, and more specifically in artificial neural networks. He is part of the Google Brain team and a professor in the Department of Computer Science at the University of Toronto. He was one of the first to apply the backpropagation algorithm for training multi-layer neural networks. He is considered one of the leading figures in the deep learning community.

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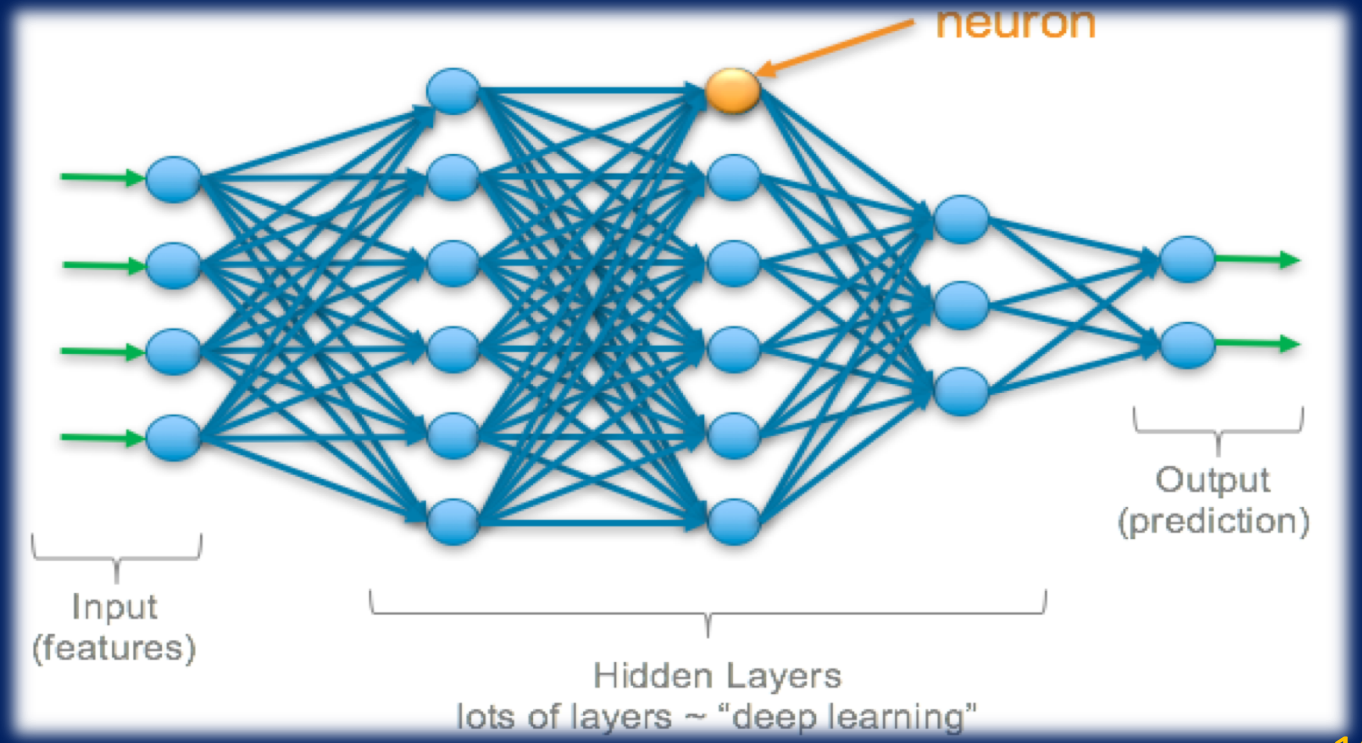

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Hacker definition

- Hacker: definitions

A person who takes pleasure in deeply understanding the internal workings of a system, particularly computers and computer networks. – (definition from RFC 1983)

The hacker culture

Hackers = creative programmers who solve problems in clever ways

Laboratoire d'Intelligence Artificielle du MIT, 1970

The values of hacker culture:

- Sharing
- Freedom
- Curiosity
- Motivation
- Sense of challenge
- Sociability
- Mutual assistance, solidarity
- Knowledge and skill
- Respect

Hacker Skills

- Learn to program:
  - Algorithms (reasoning)
  - Programming languages:
    - Python
    - C
    - Java, etc.
- Master operating systems:
  - The Unix family
  - Install/use a GNU/Linux distribution (Ubuntu, Fedora, Redhat, Kali, …)
  - Work with the command line (terminal)
- Networks, Internet, Web, HTML…
- English: understand and write (messages, identifiers, and even comments)

The UNIX System

- Initially developed by Ken Thompson and Dennis Ritchie and the Bell Labs team in 1969 on minicomputers.
- A multitasking, multi-user operating system.
- Modular: composed of several small programs (each with a simple function → the Unix philosophy).
- Became portable once rewritten in C (1973) → Collaborative development: universities, research centers…
- Birth of several variants: the Unix family (BSD, AIX, SunOS, …).

From UNIX to the Free Software Movement

In 1985: Richard Stallman founded the Free Software Foundation

- Goals:
  - Protect user freedom
  - Support development of free software
  - Promote free licensing (GPL)
- FSF launched the GNU (GNU's Not UNIX) project → free UNIX-compatible OS
- Basis for Linux + modern open-source ecosystems
- founded the Free Software Foundation

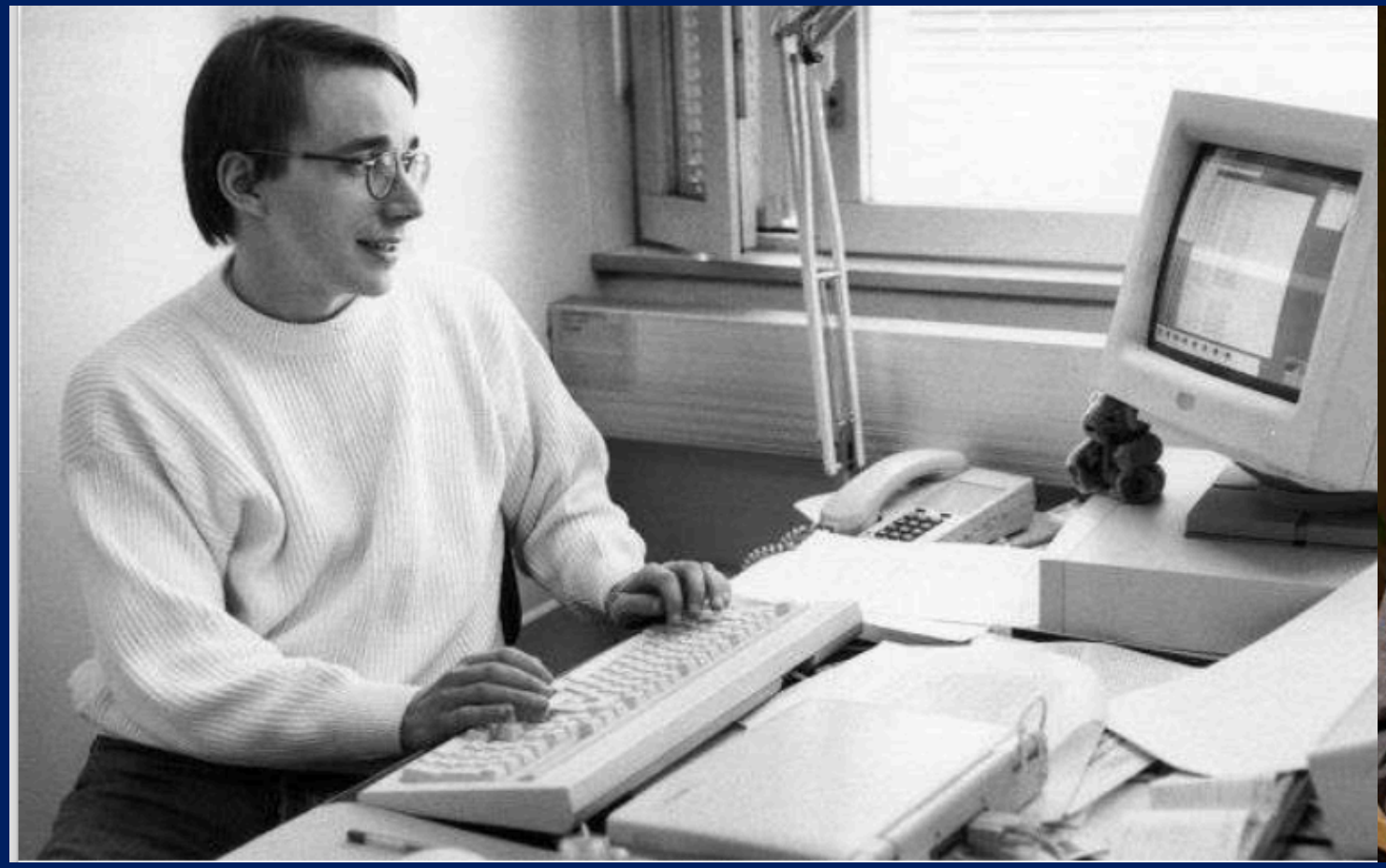
The GNU Operating System

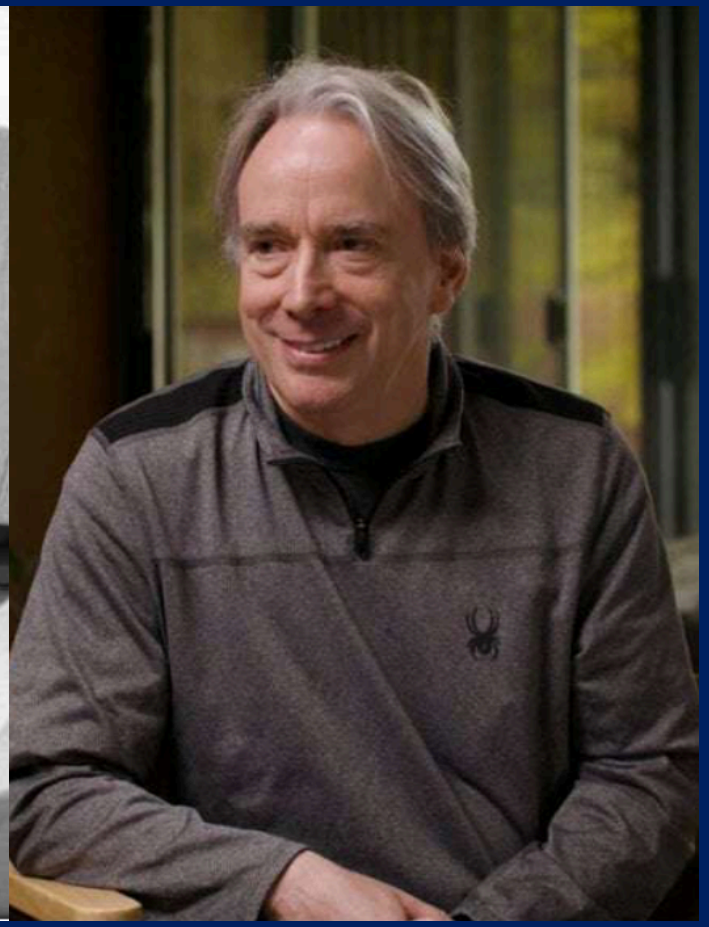
- A clone of UNIX :
  - **First program:** GNU Emacs (text editor)
    - Sold for $150: Free = Libre ≠ Free of charge
  - **GCC** (GNU C Compiler → GNU Compiler Collection)
  - **glibc** (standard C library)
  - **GDB** (GNU debugger)
  - **Bash** (command interpreter: shell)
  - **Integration of existing free software:**
  - Document composition: TeX
  - Graphical windowing: X-Window system…
  - Gnome (desktop environment), etc.
- A Free license: GNU GPL (General Public License)

The Linux Kernel

- GNU kernel (“The Hurd”): delayed (not yet completed)
- **1991 – Linus Torvalds**, Finnish student (21 years old) completes GNU Linux → Linux
- Linux is only a kernel
  - **Roles:** manages hardware (processor, memory, peripherals), processes (programs), communication…
  - Does not work alone
- RMS reminds us: the operating system is **GNU + Linux (or GNU/Linux), not Linux!**
- Forgetting GNU risks forgetting its purpose → (moral, ethical)

Linus Torvalds





Other Free Operating Systems

- **UNIX-like (Unix type OS):**
- **BSD family (Berkeley Software Distribution):**
  - FreeBSD;
  - OpenBSD;
  - NetBSD;
  - DragonFly BSD;
  - Darwin (base of Apple's macOS and iOS)
- **illumos**
- **Android** (kernel = Linux)
- **GNU/Hurd** (unstable)
- **Redox**
- **FreeDOS** (MSDOS clone)

Introduction to Open Source

- Understanding the Open Source Philosophy and Tools

What Is Software?

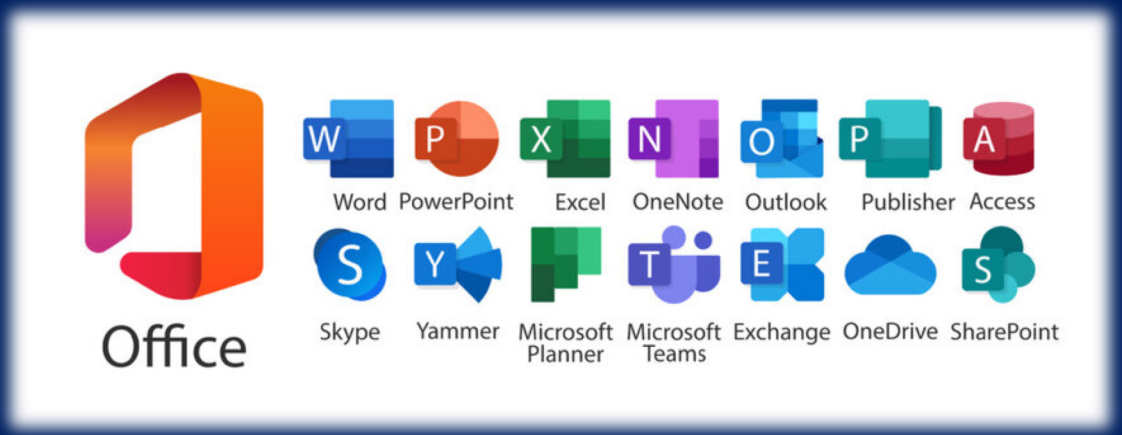
Software refers to a set of programs that allow computers to perform tasks.

Two main types:

1. Proprietary Software (Closed Source)
2. Open Source Software

1. Proprietary (Closed Source) Software

- Source code hidden
- Distributed as executable only
- Cannot modify or share
- Controlled by companies
- Examples: Windows, Microsoft Office, Adobe Photoshop



2. Understanding Open Source

What Is Open Source?

- Source code is public and accessible
- Freedom to use
- Freedom to study
- Freedom to modify
- Freedom to redistribute
- Built collaboratively

Key Characteristics of Open Source

- Transparency
- Freedom to customize
- Community-driven
- Fast innovation
- Security through peer review
- Free or low cost

Open Source Examples

- Operating System: Linux
- Mobile OS: Android
- Browser: Firefox
- Media player: VLC
- Web servers: Apache / Nginx
- Programming language: Python
- Databases: PostgreSQL, MySQL

Why Companies Use Open Source

- Cost savings
- High security
- Reliable and stable
- No vendor lock-in
- Customizable
- Community support
- Encourages innovation

Open Source Licenses (Simple Explanation)

- Licenses tell you what you can do with the code:
- GPL License → You must keep your modifications open
- MIT License → Very permissive; allows reuse
- Apache License → Allows commercial use

From Philosophy to Tools

- **Real Examples of Open Source Tools**

Some examples of open source tools, are categorized to:

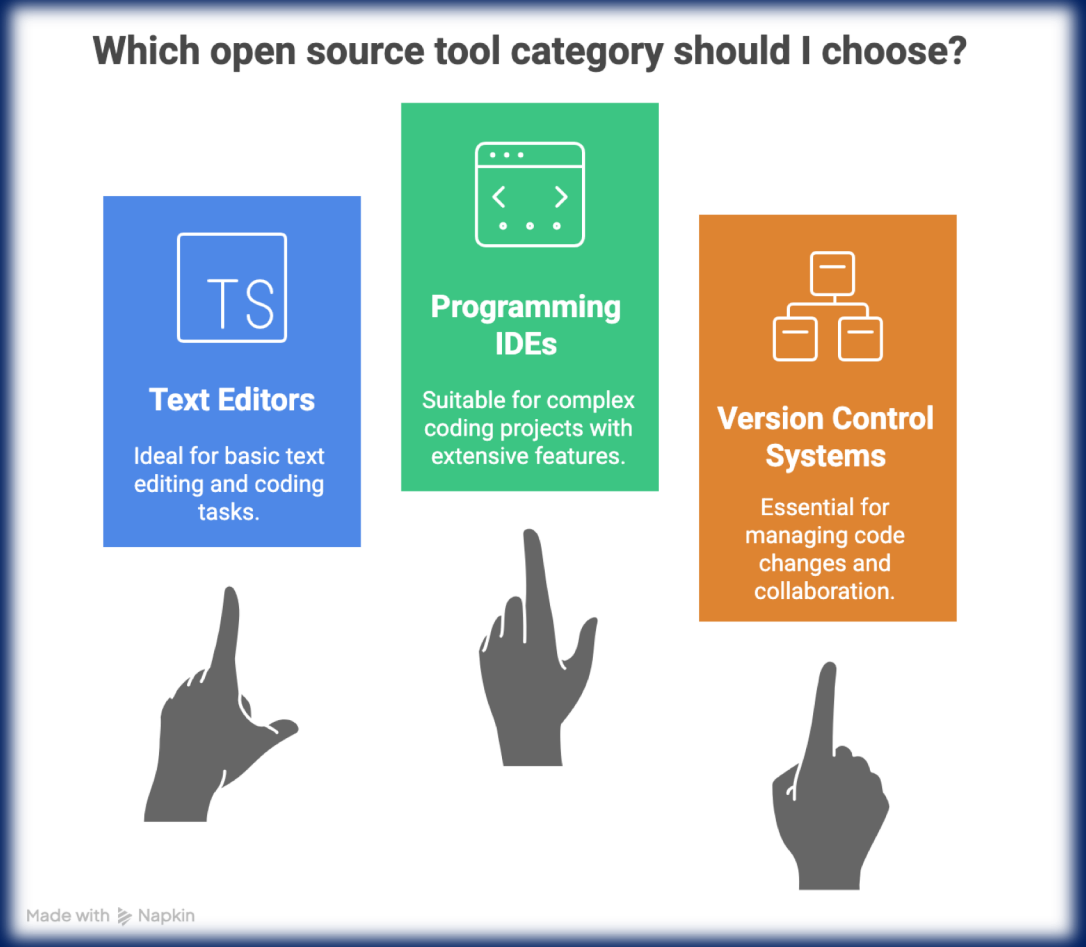
- Operating Systems: Linux, FreeBSD
- Development: Git, VS Code, GCC
- Databases: MySQL, PostgreSQL, MongoDB
- Applications: LibreOffice, GIMP, Blender
- Web servers: Apache, Nginx

What Are Open Source Tools?

- Software released under an open-source license
- Source code is accessible, modifiable, and redistributable
- Developed collaboratively by communities
- Used for coding, editing, data processing, server administration, and more

Categories of Open Source Tools

1. **Text Editors** (Vim, Nano, Notepad++, VS Code OSS)
2. **Programming IDEs** (Eclipse, NetBeans, PyCharm Community, IntelliJ Community)
3. **Version Control Systems** (Git, GitHub, GitLab, SVN)



1. Introduction to Text Editors

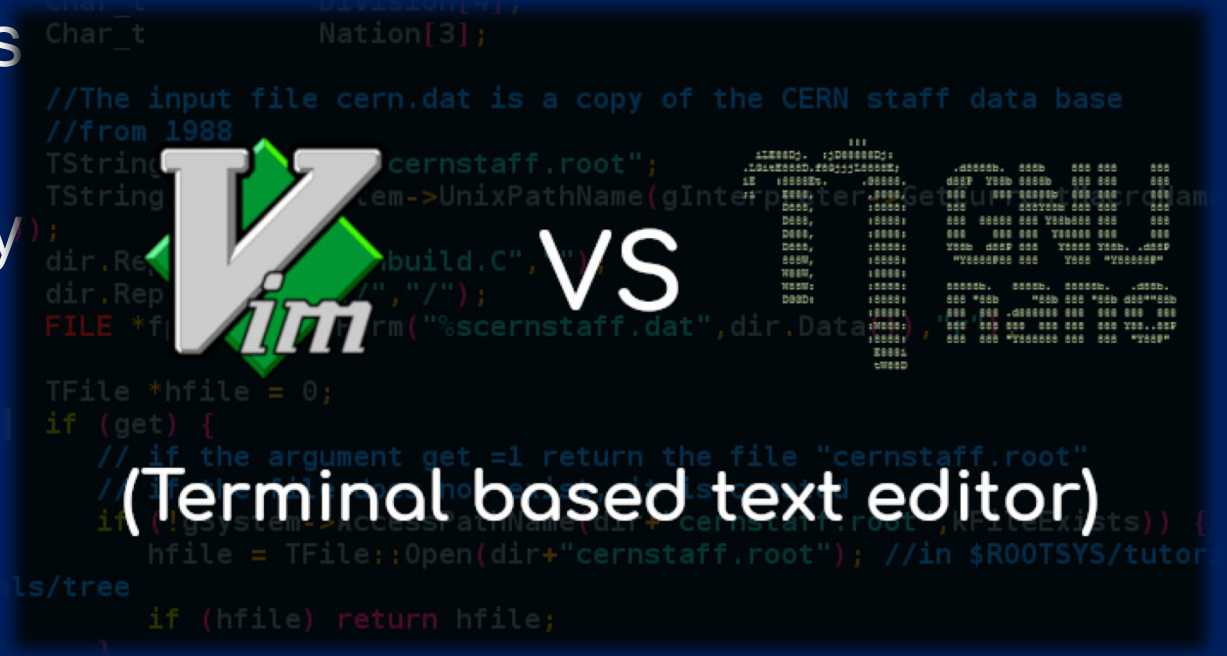
Text editors are:

- Lightweight programs for editing plain text and source code
- Essential for programming and configuration files
- Examples: **Vim**, **Nano**, **VS Code**, **Notepad++**

Vim & Nano (Terminal Editors)

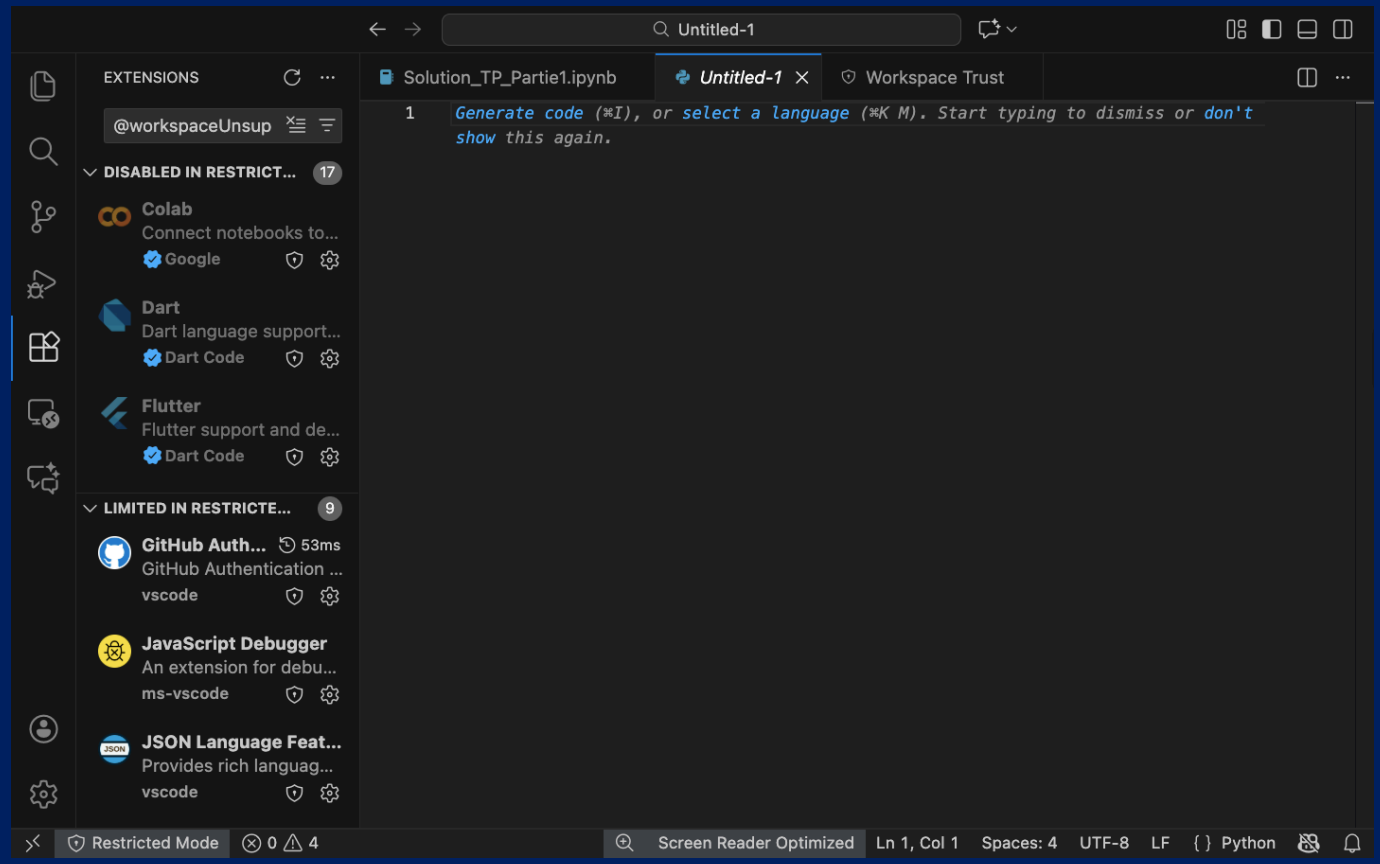
- **Vim:** Vi IMproved, a programmer's text editor,
- powerful, modal, used by professionals

- **Nano:** simple, beginner-friendly
- Run on Linux, macOS, WSL
- Ideal for server administration



Modern GUI Editors

- VS Code (OSS version)
- Notepad++
- Syntax highlighting
- Extensions & plugins
- Debugging support



2. Introduction to Programming IDEs
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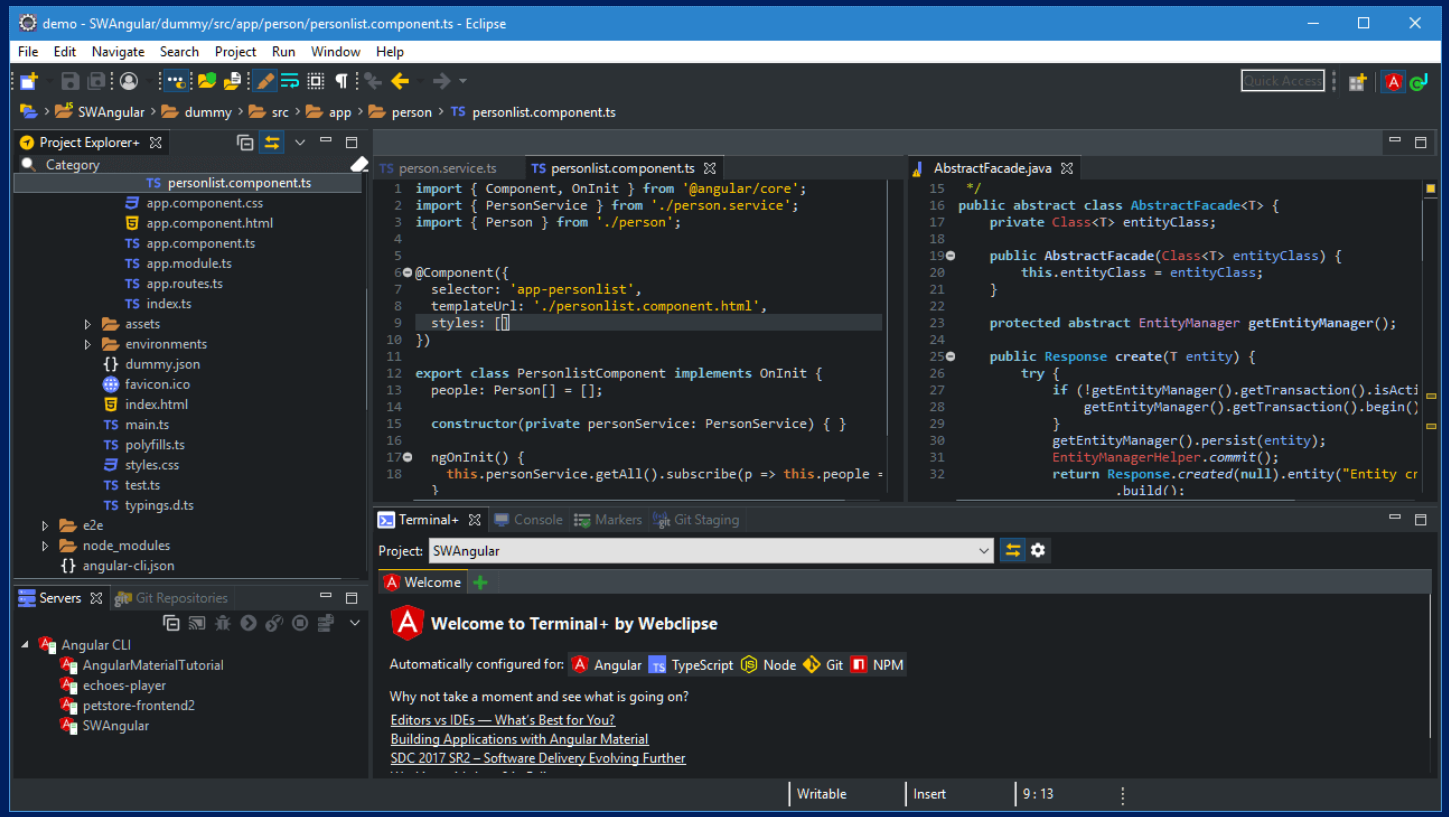
IDE = Integrated Development Environments include :

- Code editor
- Debugger
- Compiler/interpreter
- Project management tools

- Examples:
  - Eclipse (Java, C++)
  - NetBeans
  - IntelliJ Community
  - PyCharm Community

Eclipse IDE

- Free & open source
- Supports Java, C/C++, Python
- Plugin ecosystem
- Used widely in universities & industry



JetBrains Community IDEs

- IntelliJ Community → Java/Kotlin
- PyCharm Community → Python
- Clean UI, powerful refactoring tools
- Free under an open-source license

Version Control Systems

- Used to:
  - Track changes in code
  - Collaborate between developers
  - Revert versions
  - Manage branches and releases
  - Examples:
    - Git
    - GitHub / GitLab
    - SVN

Linux Open Source OS

GNU / LINUX

free as in freedom

Introduction

Principals functions

- Linux is a free and modern operating system built on UNIX principles.
- Linus Torvalds developed a small, self-contained kernel in 1991 with the
- Primary design objective of being compatible with UNIX.
- It was then made available as open source.
- Many users from all the world have collaborated together via the Internet to
- improve Linux.

Principals functions

Linux is :

- Multi-tasking
- Multi-user
- Used for 32- and 64-bit processors,
- Open to networks and other operating systems.
- Known for its security
- More frequently updated (compared to Windows).
- Free software (source code available)

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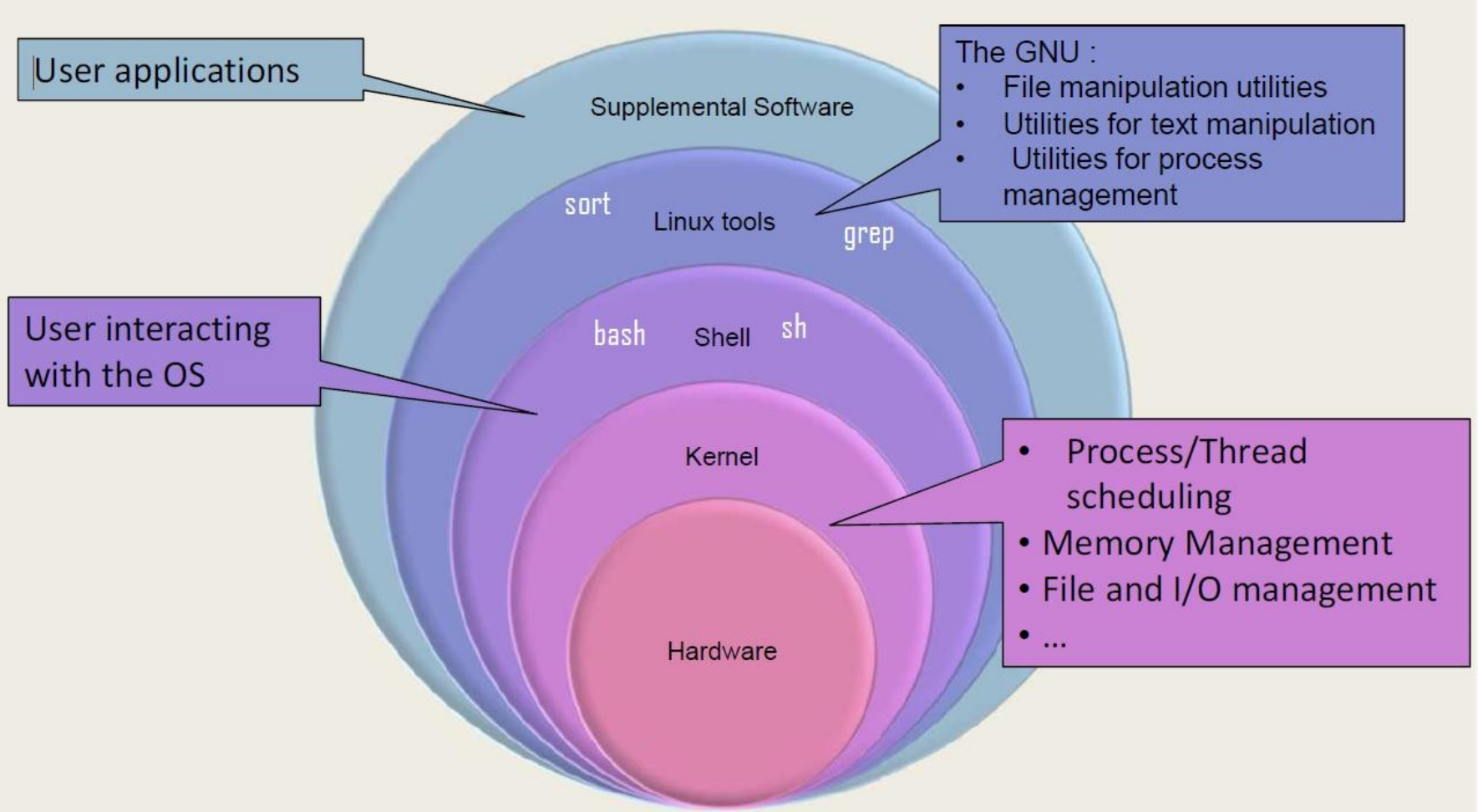

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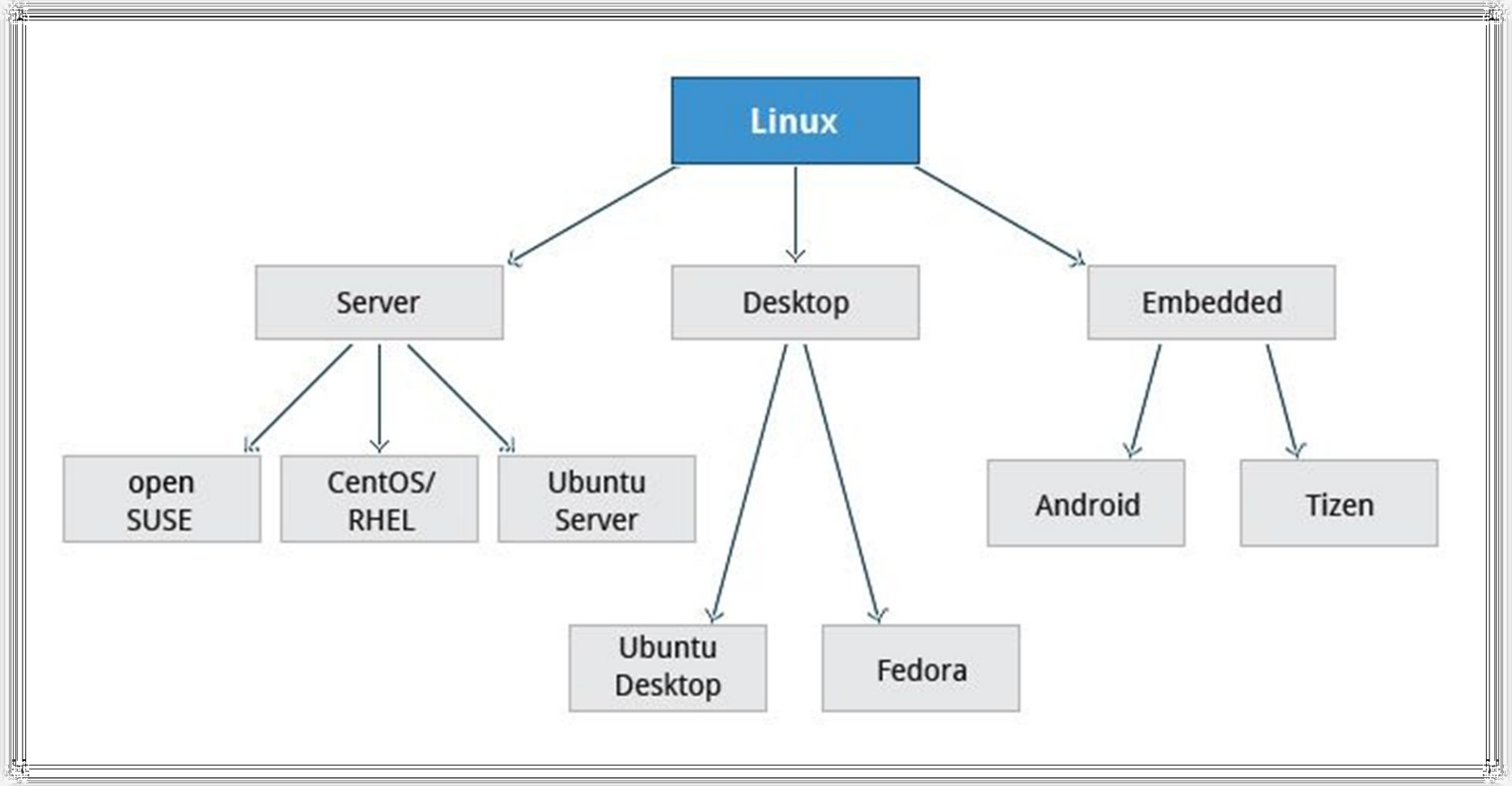

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5. Install Ubuntu
6. Run Ubuntu

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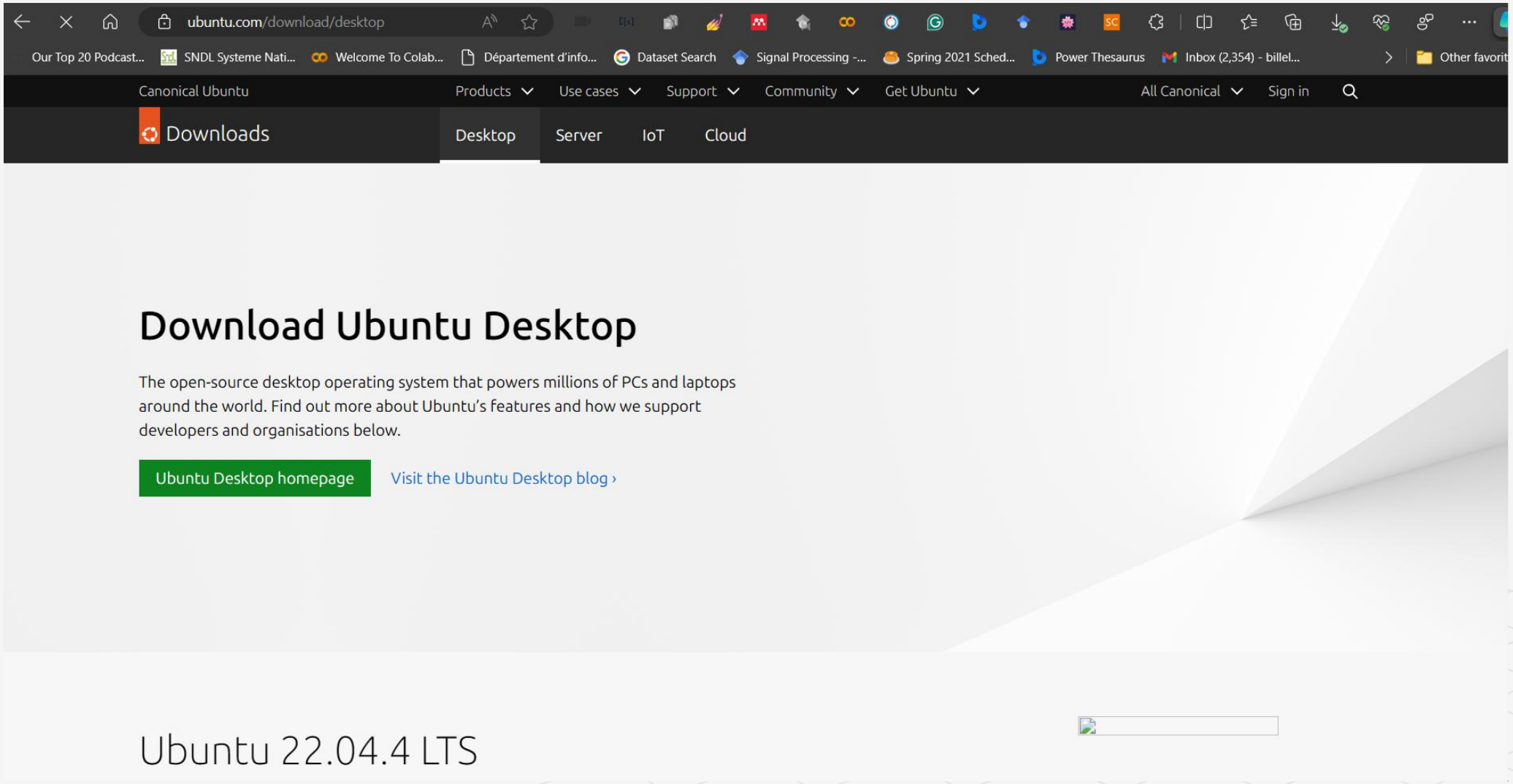

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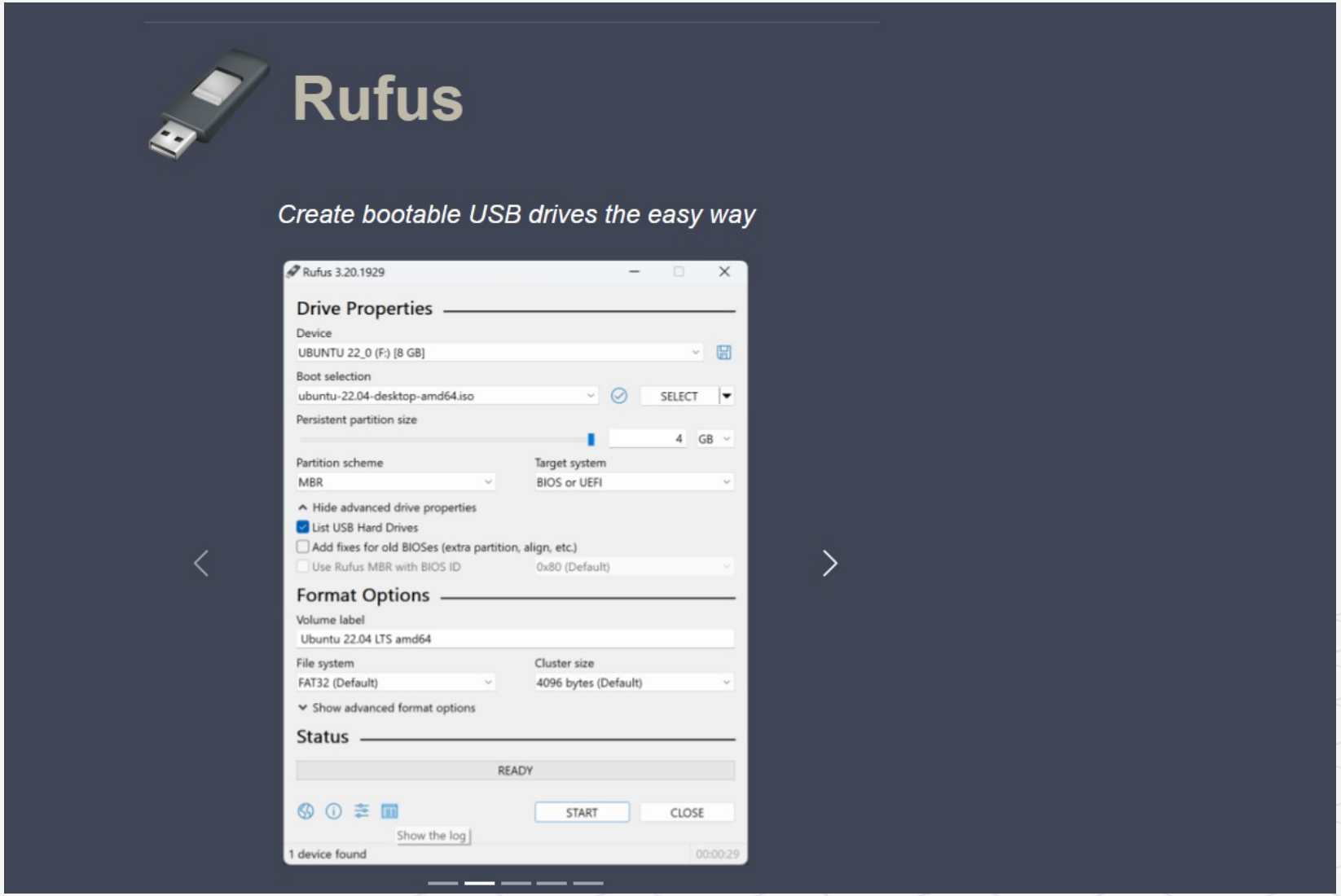

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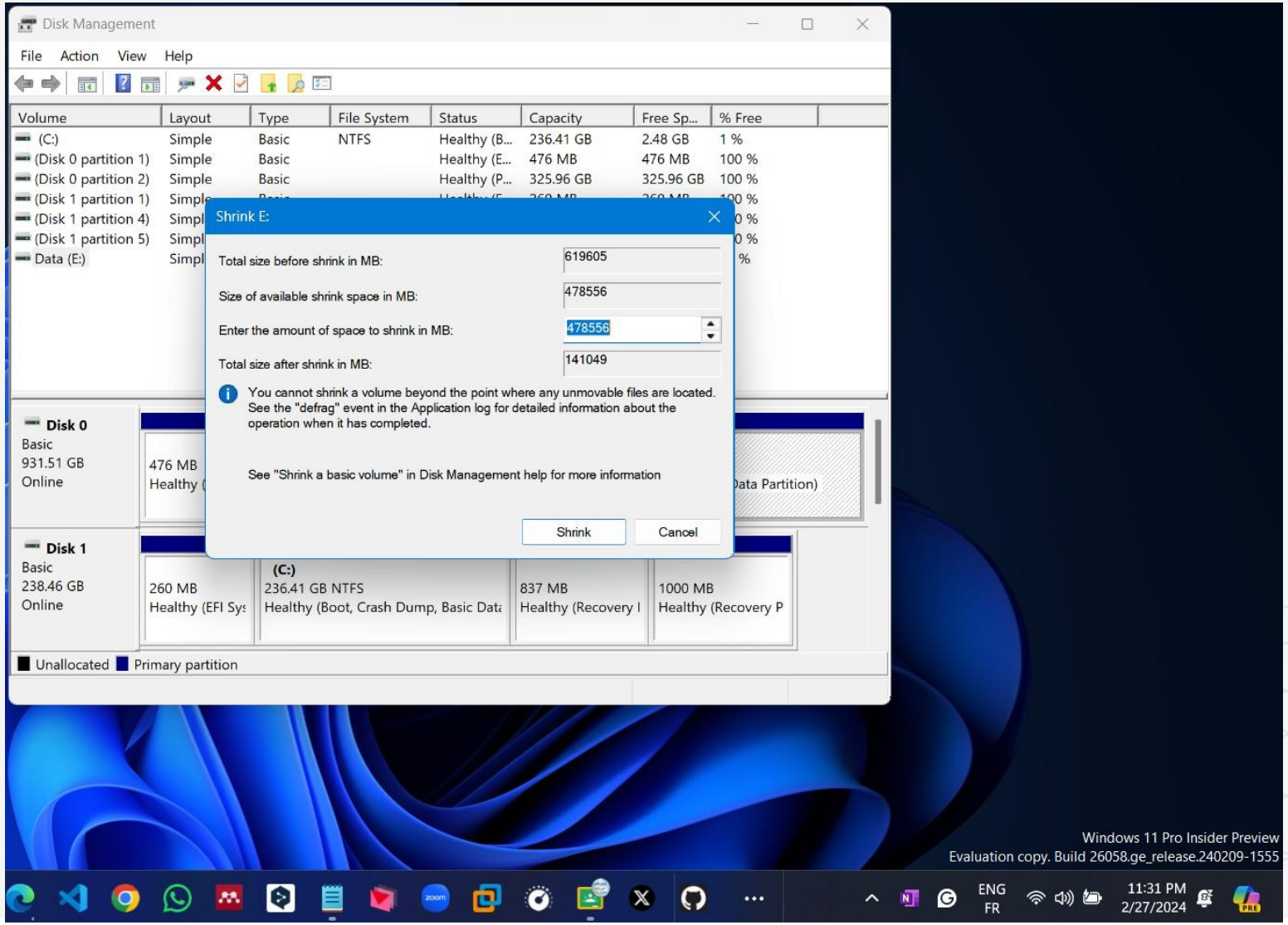
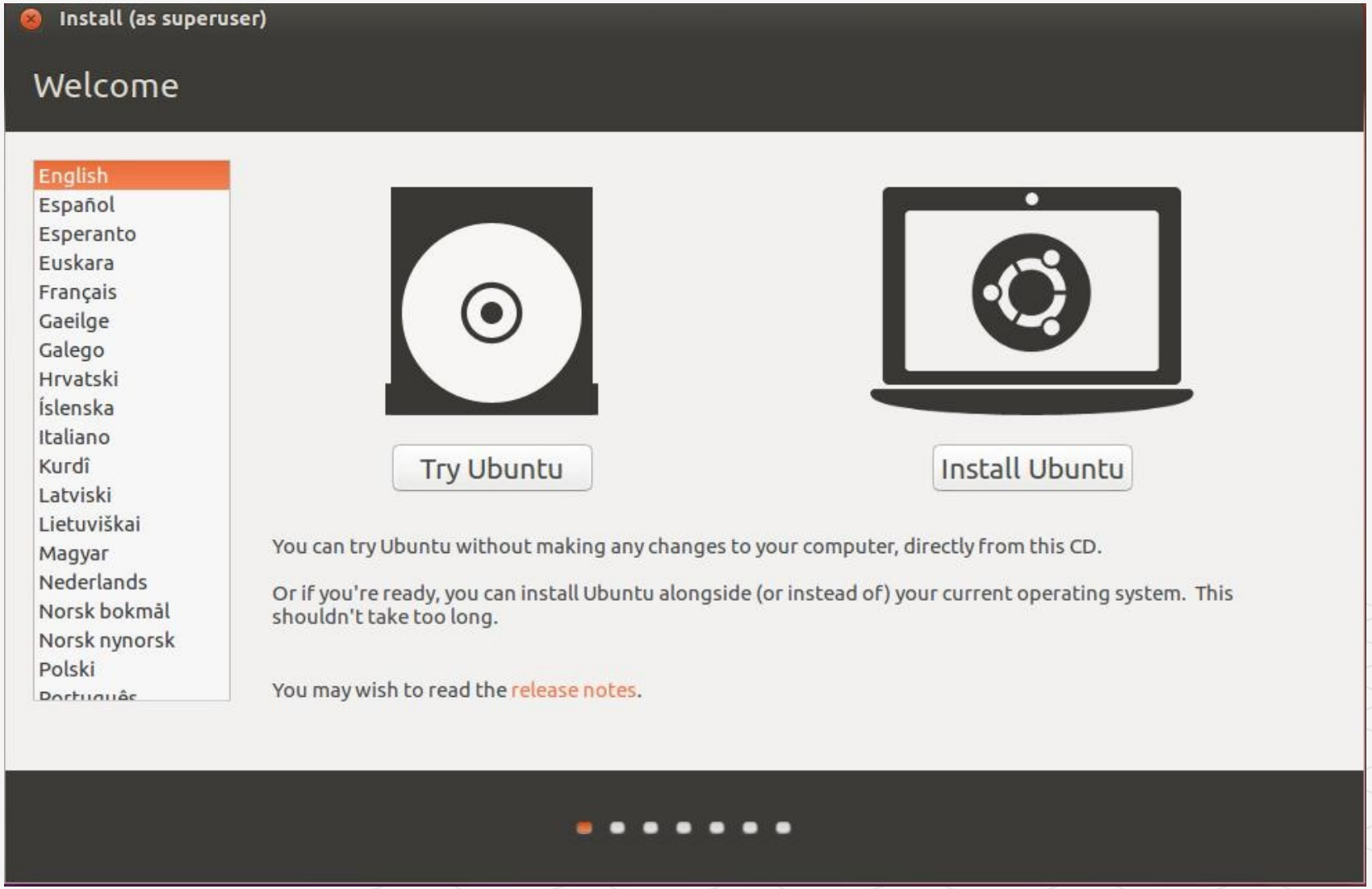
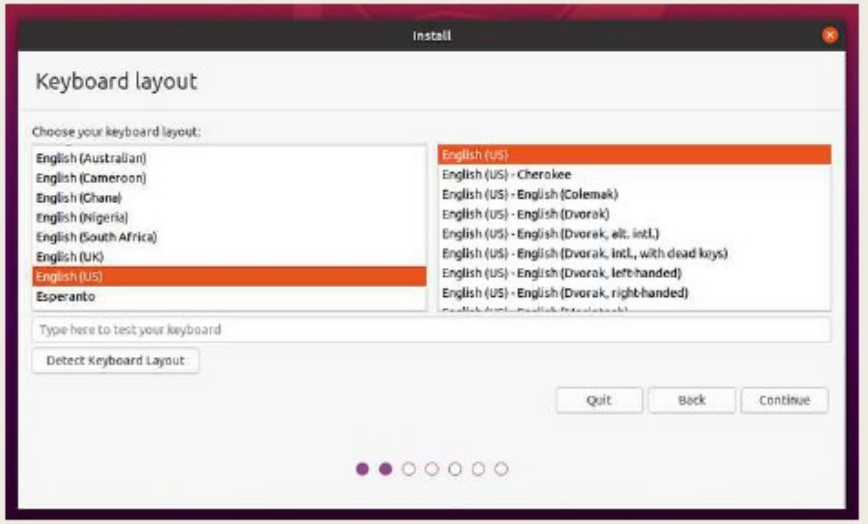


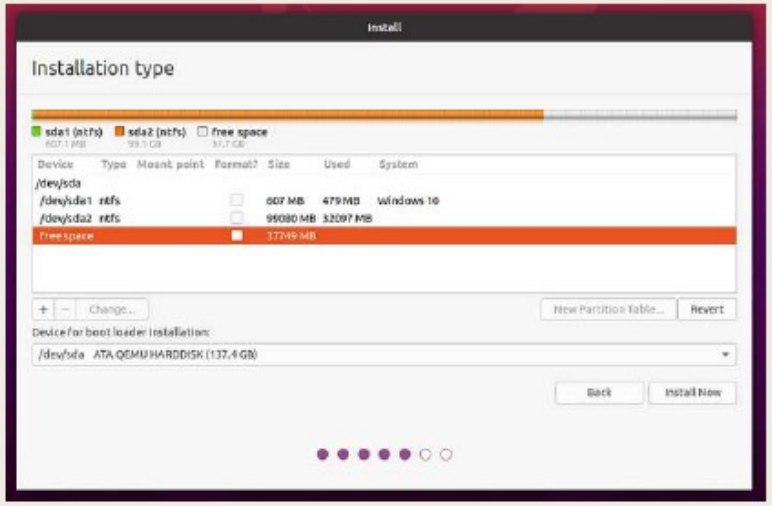
4. Boot up Ubuntu from USB



5. Install Ubuntu

1. choose Keyboard Layout. Choose Starting Applications.

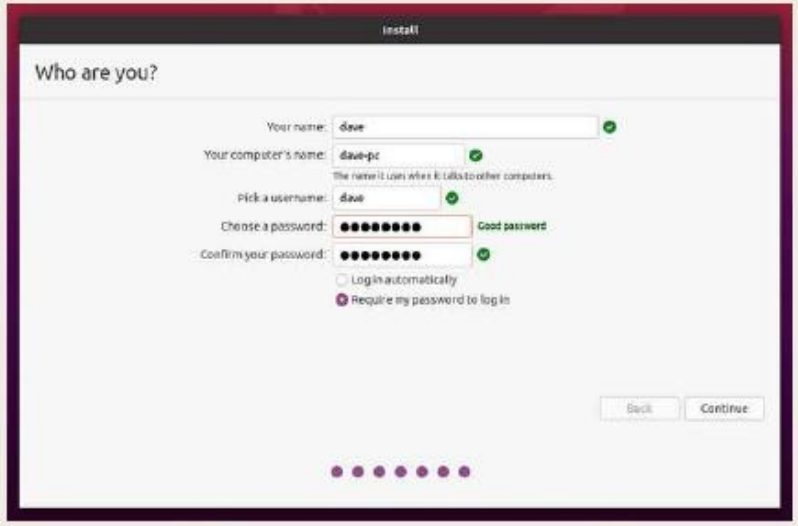




2. set up the partitions for the Ubuntu installation.

5. Install Ubuntu

3.select the country where you are.



4. create your user account on the system.

6. Run Ubuntu

1. remove the USB stick.
2. restart the computer
3. choose Ubuntu in the GRUB boot screen.

For installing Linux consult the following URLs

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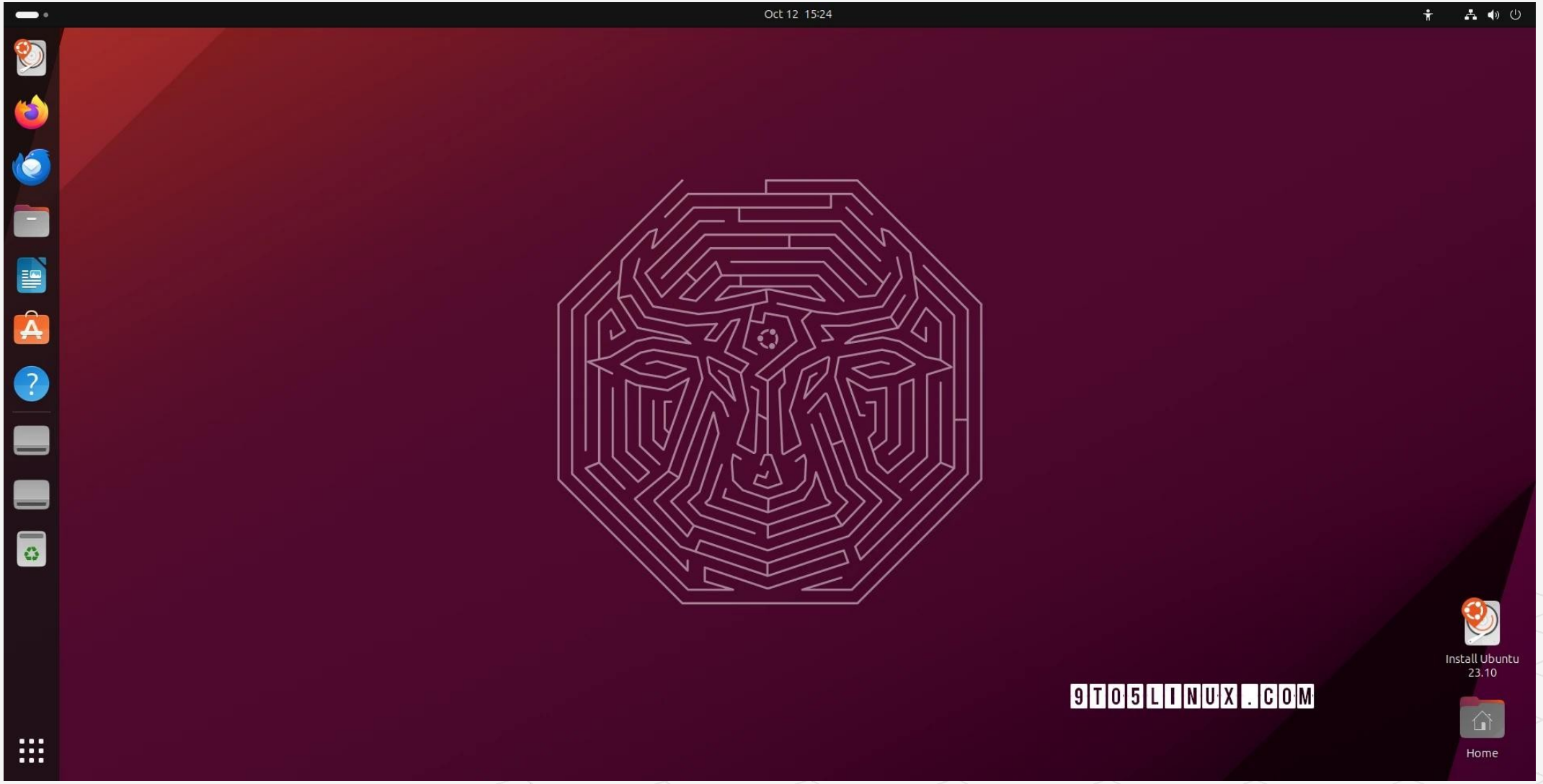
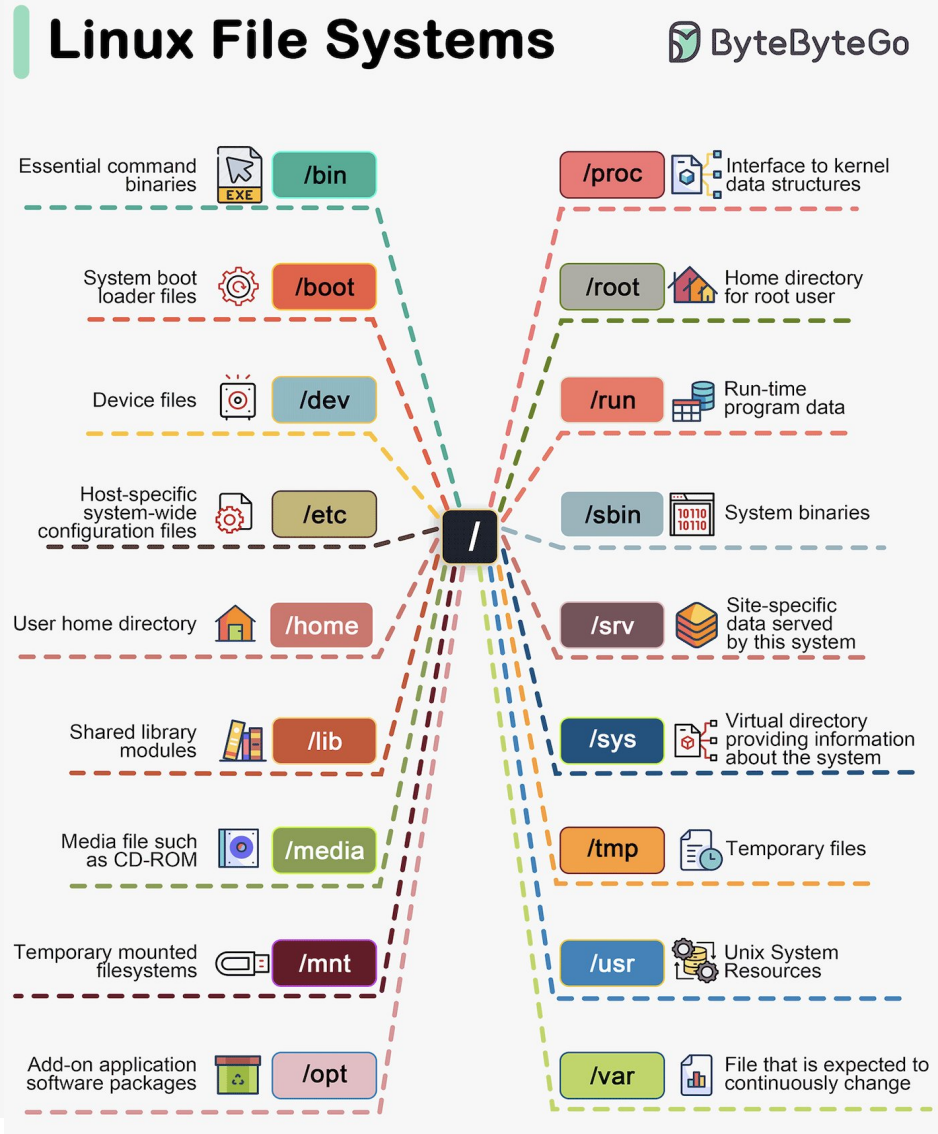


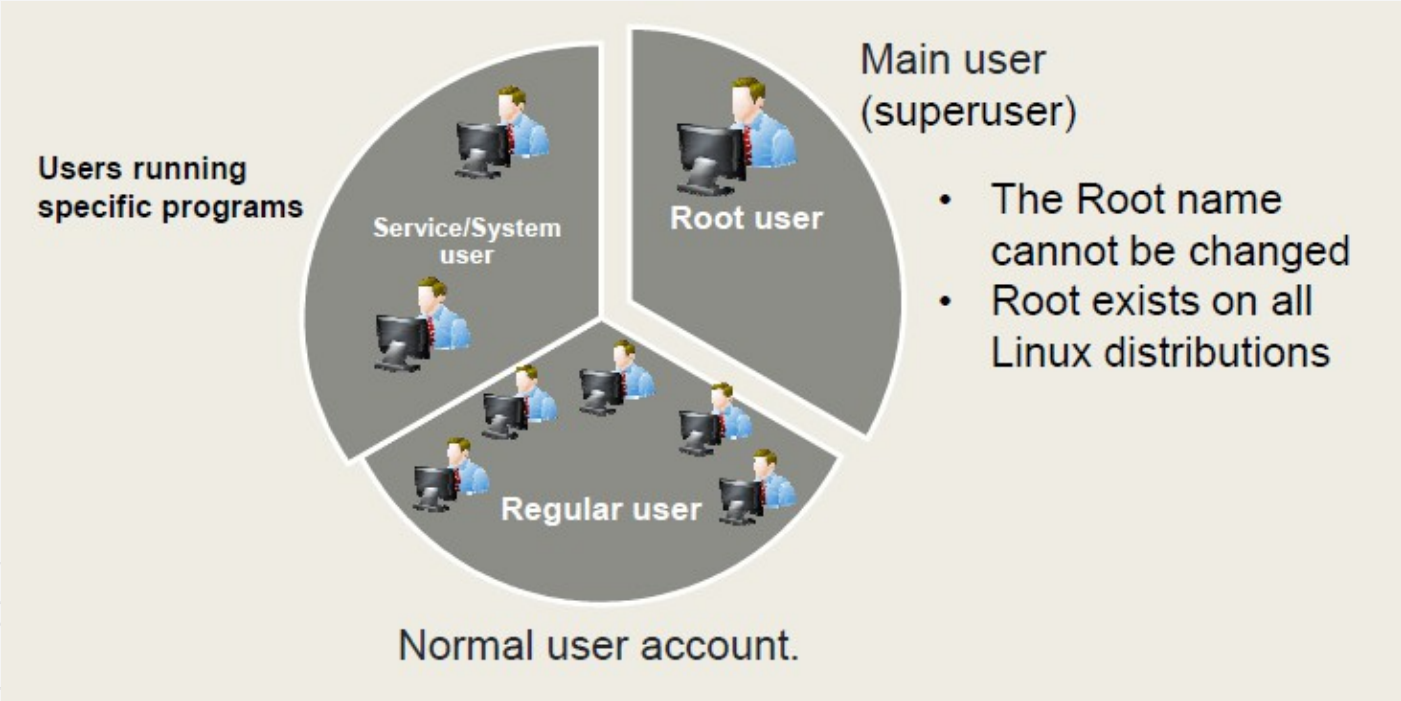
How to interact with Linux OS ?

Linux File System



How to interact with Linux OS

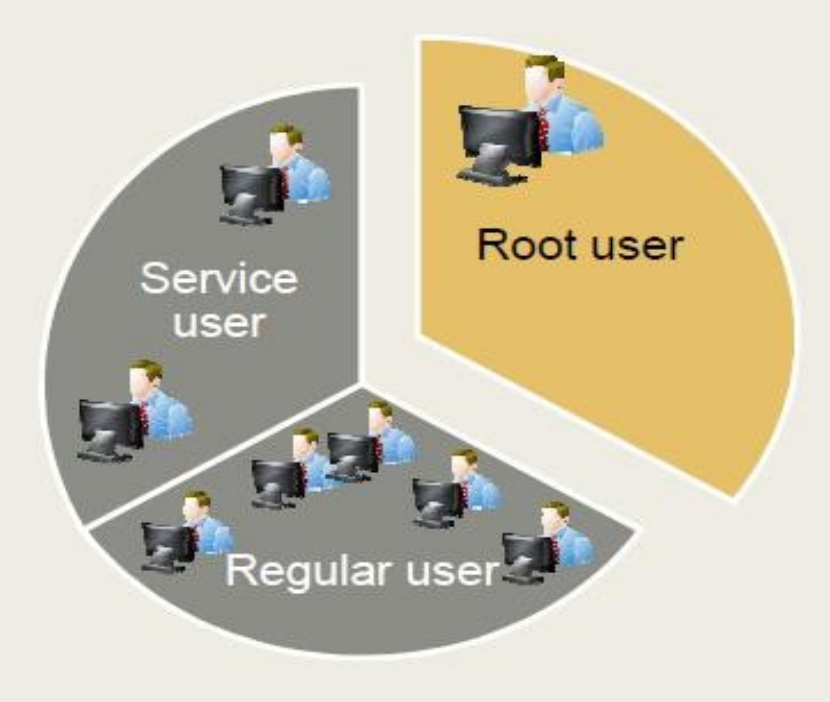
- Any body that needs to interact with the Linux system is identified as a user
- Every Linux system has:
  - At least one administrative user account (the root user) and,
  - One or more regular user accounts.



The root account : Administrator user

- The root account is an administrative user. It's also known as the superuser account, although

  the actual username is "root".



Administrative Commands

Administrative Commands

- Only the root user is intended to use many administrative commands.

  When you log in as root (or use su - from the shell to become root).

(base) [bilaldendani@fedora ~]$

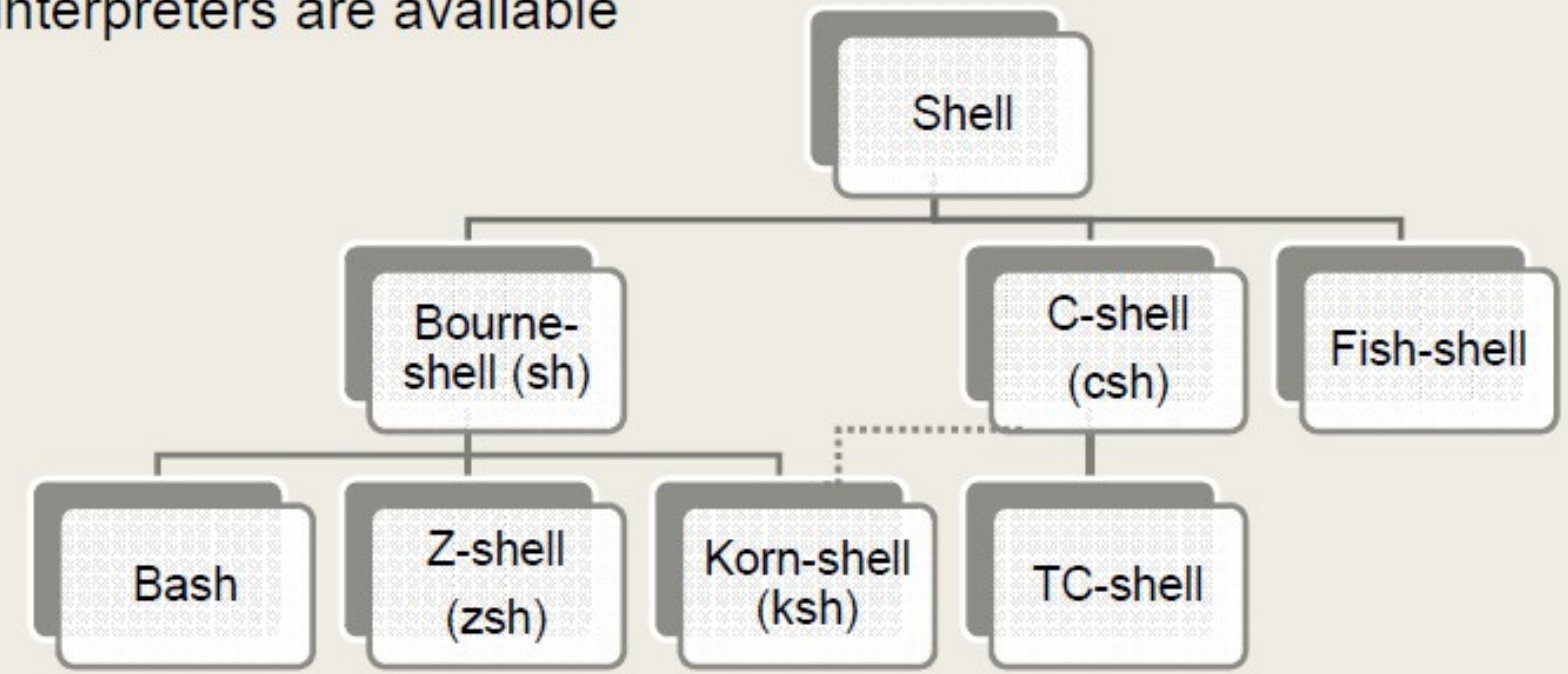
[reg_user @ Machinename ~]$ su - → [root @ Machinename ~]#

Write the root password

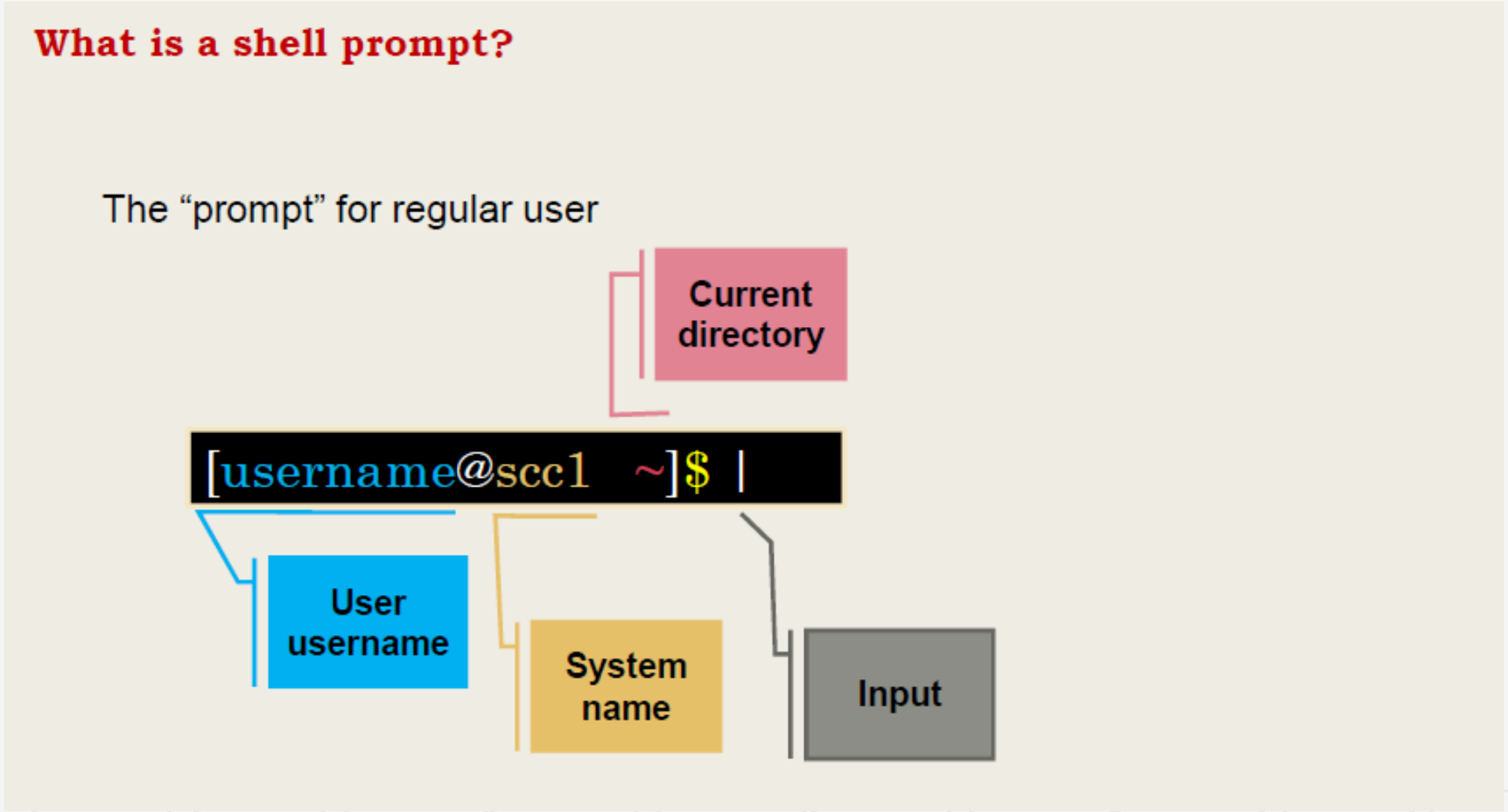
What is a shell ?

What is the shell?

Several interpreters are available



What is a shell prompt?



Syntax of a command!!!

```
[username@scc1   ~]$ command --option argument
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To enter commands in the shell, you need :

- a valid command, possibly followed by one or more options noted
  - a dash, "-" in abbreviated notation
  - or a double dash, "--" in extended notation,
- arguments,
- and a carriage return that accepts the line entered.

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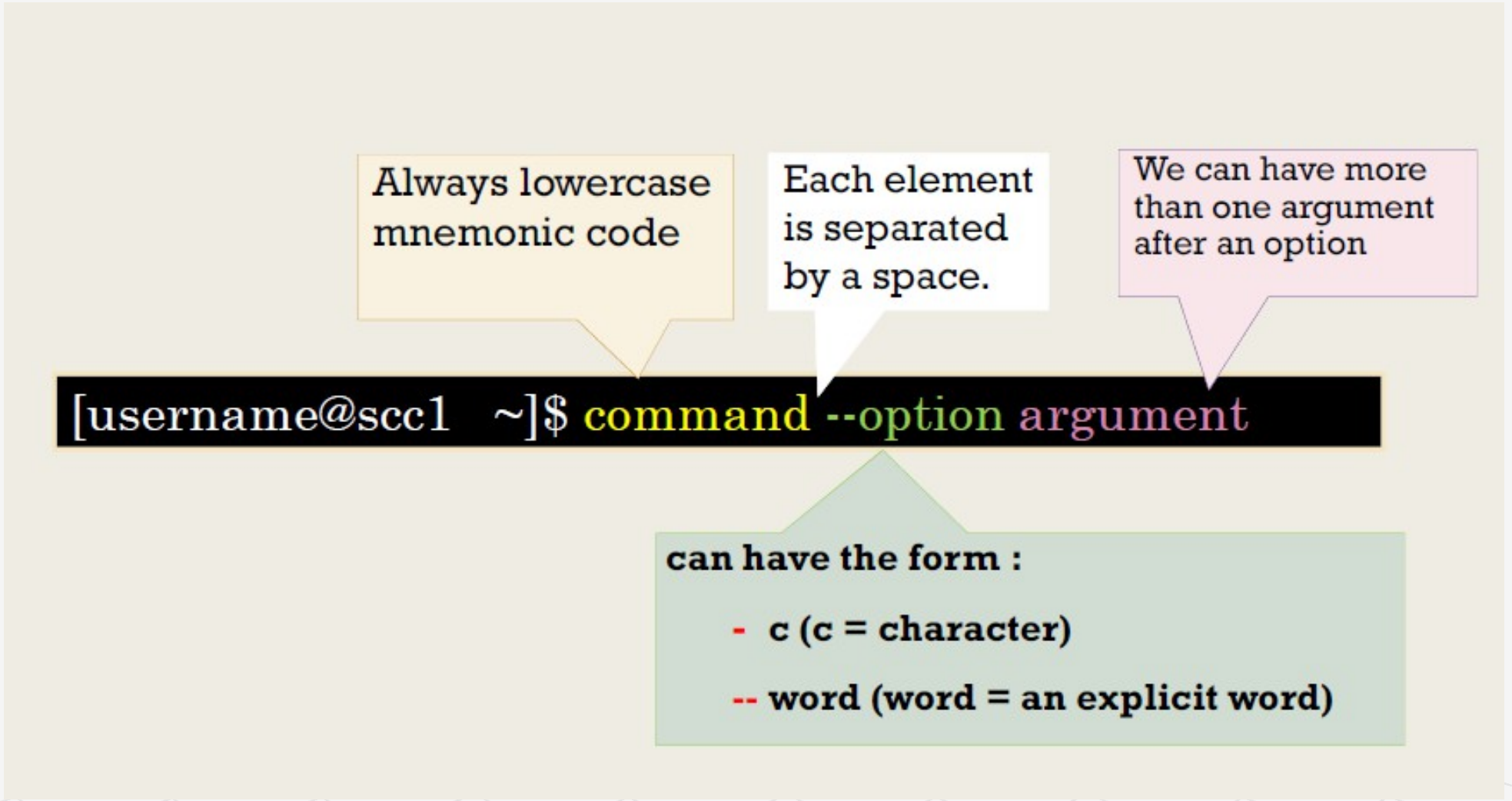
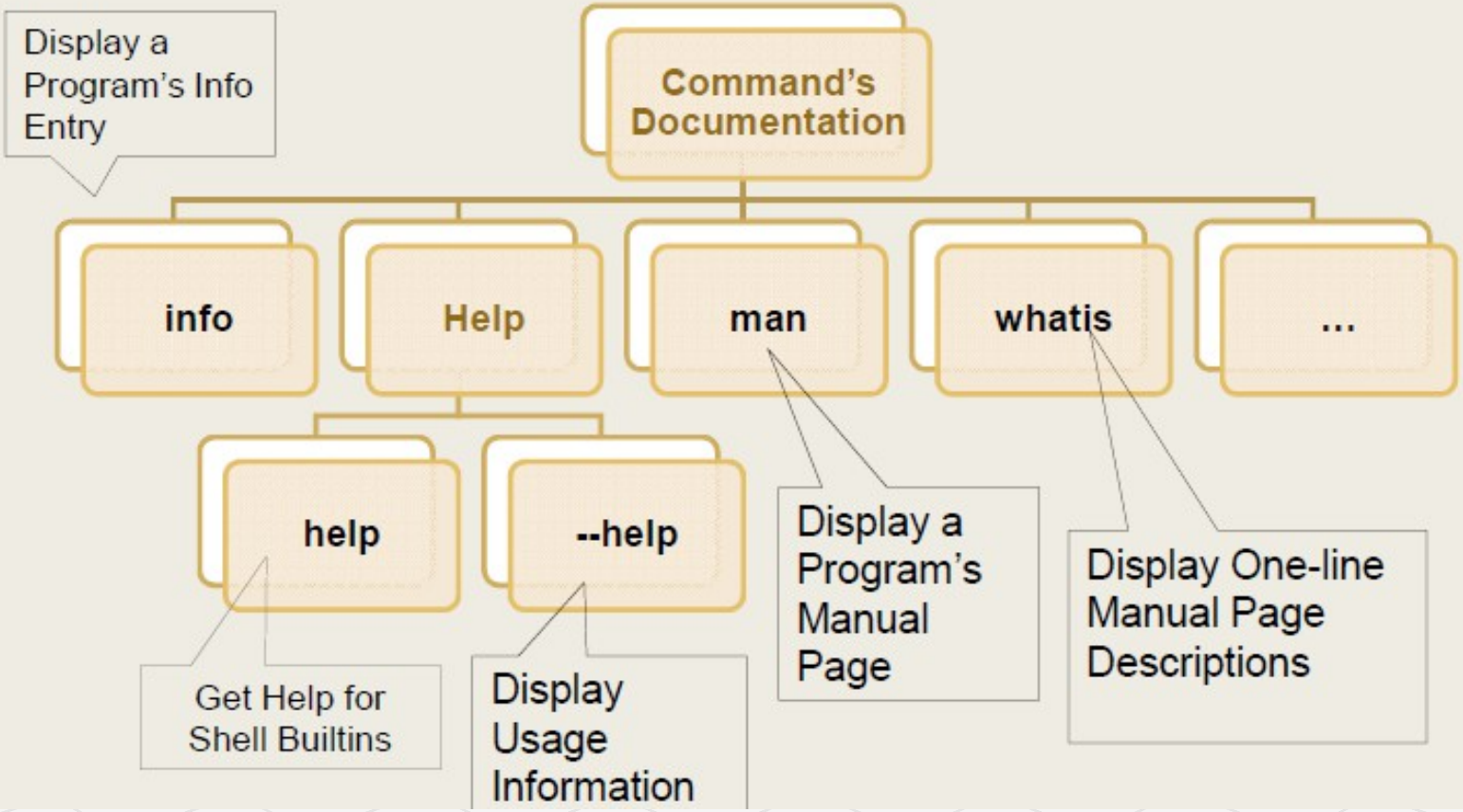


Examples of a command!!!

Command type	Example
▪ without options without argument:	▪ $ ls
▪ with one option :	▪ $ ls -l
▪ with multiple options :	▪ $ ls -l -a -h -t
▪ with double dash options :	▪ $ ls --all ou $ ls --help
▪ with one argument :	▪ $ ls -l /home
▪ with multiple arguments :	▪ $ ls -l /home /var

Commands documentation

Documentation is critical in assisting users in understanding and using various Linux commands.



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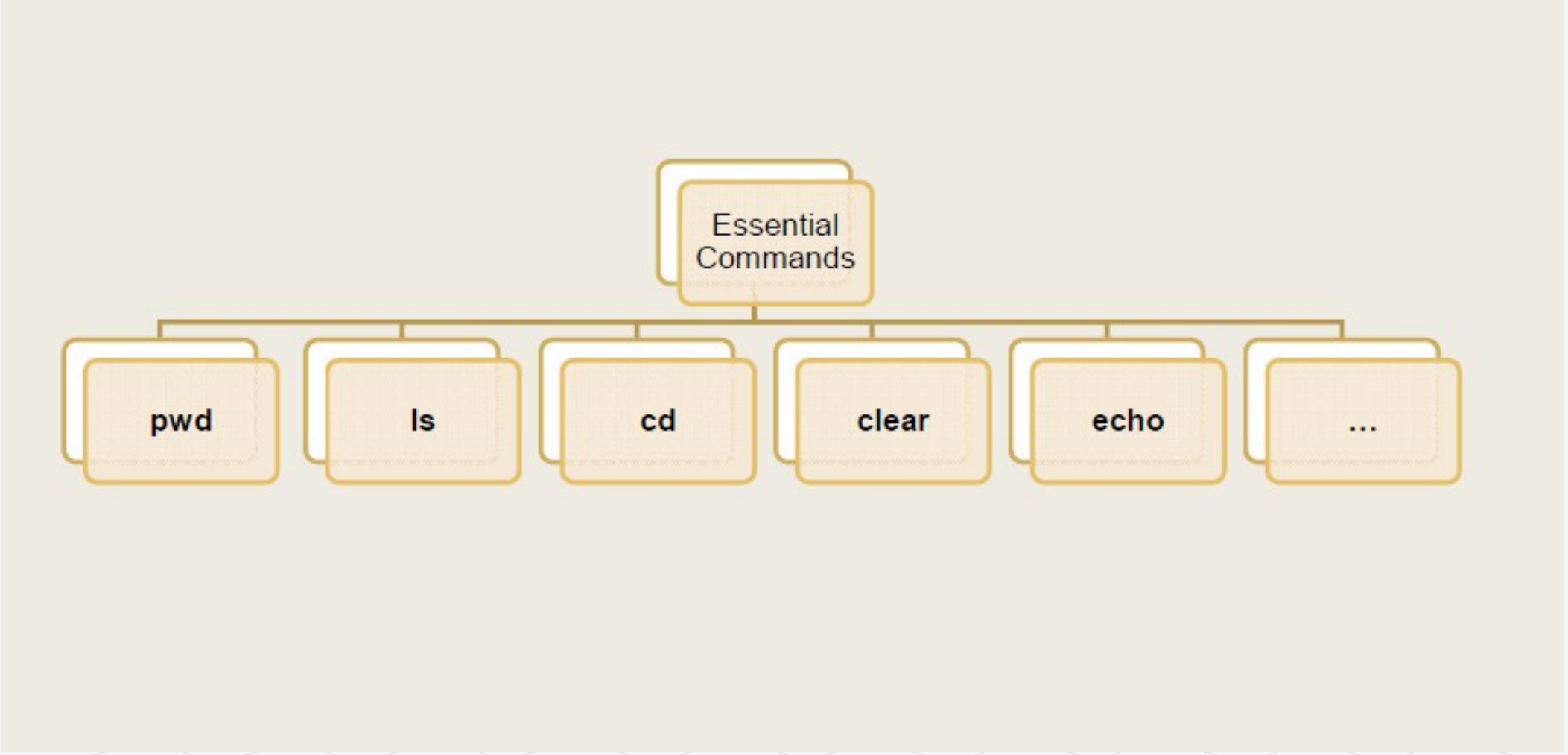


Essential Commands !!

pwd
To find out the path of the current working directory

cd
To navigate through the Linux files and directories

ls
ls is used to view the contents of a directory

cat
ls used to create a new file

cp
To copy files from the current directory to a different directory

mv
The command is to move files

mkdir
Use mkdir command to make a new directory

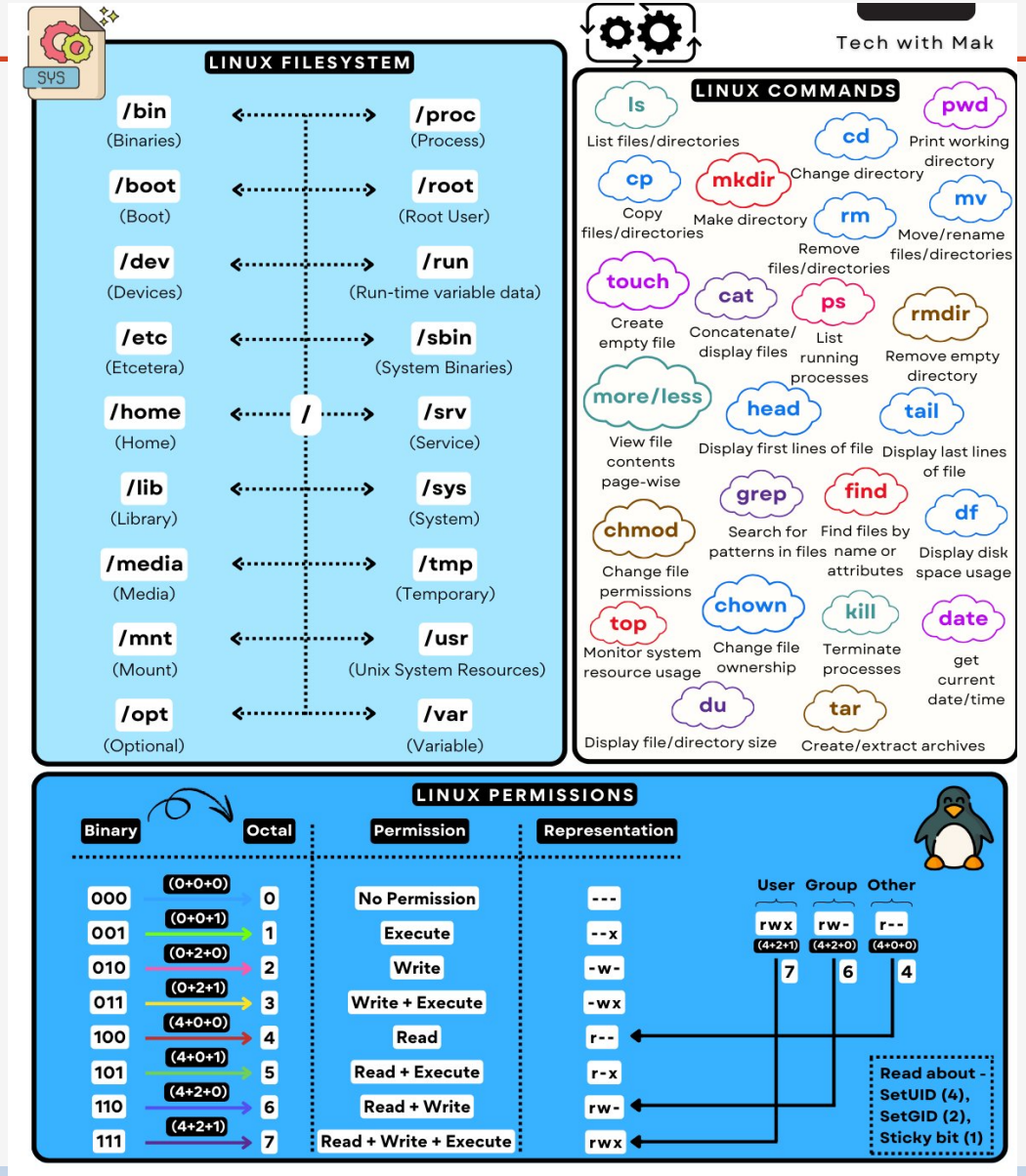
rmdir
The rm command is used to delete directories and the contents within them

locate
You can use this command to locate a file, just like the search command in Windows

sudo
This command enables you to perform tasks that require administrative or root permissions

head
The head command is used to view the first lines of any text

More Linux Commands !!



Work 1

1. Launch the Linux terminal.
2. Execute the echo and cat commands to display the different types of shells.
3. Use the two documentation commands man to read the manuals for the commands: ls, pwd, cat, cd, man, touch, date, mkdir, cp, rm, echo.
4. Apply the following basic commands (without options): pwd, ls, cd, clear, echo, cp, rm.
5. Explain the result of each executed command.

Work 2

Use Linux commands to perform the following tasks:

1. Display your current directory
2. Access the root directory /
3. List the contents of the root directory /
4. List a detailed (long) listing of the root directory /
5. Create a directory testdir in your home directory (/home/<user>) using the mkdir command
6. Change to the testdir directory and create a new directory dir1
7. Create two empty files fichier1 and **fichier2** using the touch command
8. Create a directory dir2 and create a new file fichier3 inside dir2
9. Delete the file fichier1
10. Delete the directory dir1
11. Delete the directory dir2
12. Copy fichier2 into the directory /home/<username> using the cp command

Contributing to an open source project

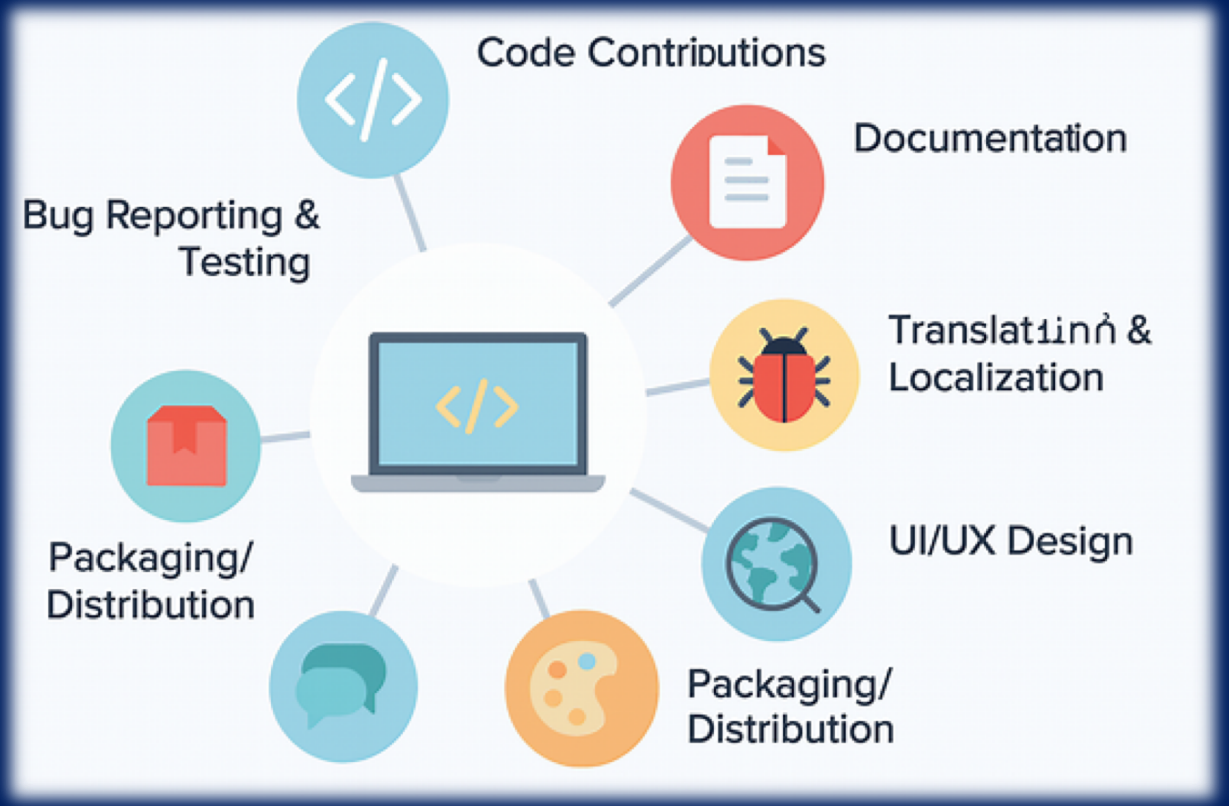
Why and How to contribute to an open source project?

1. Why Contribute to an open-source project?

- Learn modern development practices
- Improve programming and communication skills
- Collaborative writing and documentation
- Collaborate with global communities
- Build a public portfolio used by recruiters
- Contribute to software you personally use (Linux, Firefox, VLC, LibreOffice)

2. Types of Contributions (Not Only Coding)

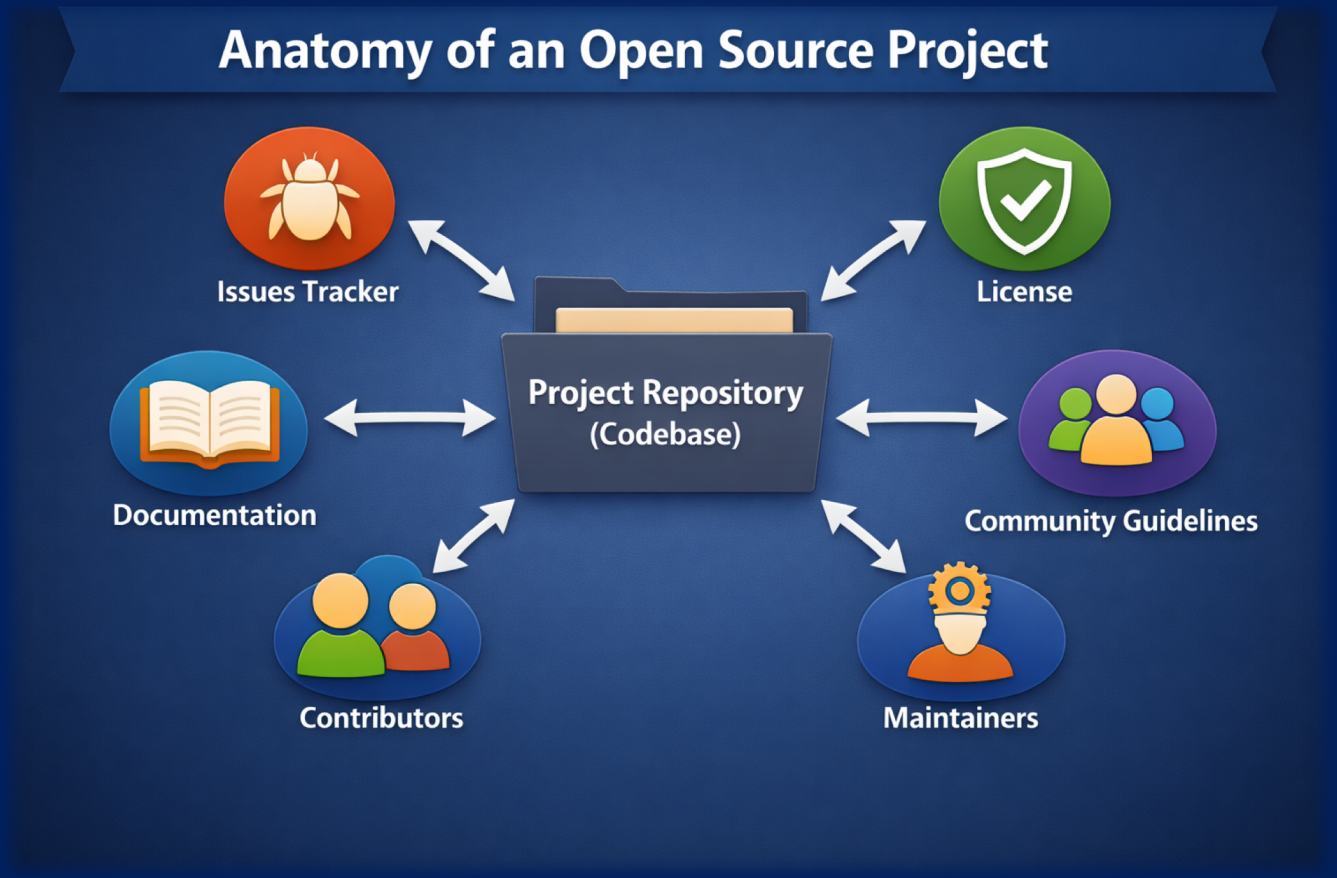
- Code contributions
- Documentation (tutorials, READMEs, technical docs)
- Bug reporting & testing
- Translation & localization
- User Interface (UI)/User Experience (UX) design
- Packaging/distribution
- Community support (forums, Q&A)



3. Anatomy of an open source project

A typical project includes:

- Repository (codebase)
- Issues tracker
- Documentation
- License
- Contributors
- Maintainers
- Community guidelines



4. Role of maintainers

- Maintainers:
  - Review contributions
  - Approve or reject pull requests
  - Plan releases
  - Ensure code quality
  - Guide new contributors

5. Where to Find Open Source Projects

- GitHub (main platform)
- GitLab
- SourceForge
- Community websites
- Apache Software Foundation
- Mozilla Foundation
- KDE & GNOME

6. GIT Version control basics

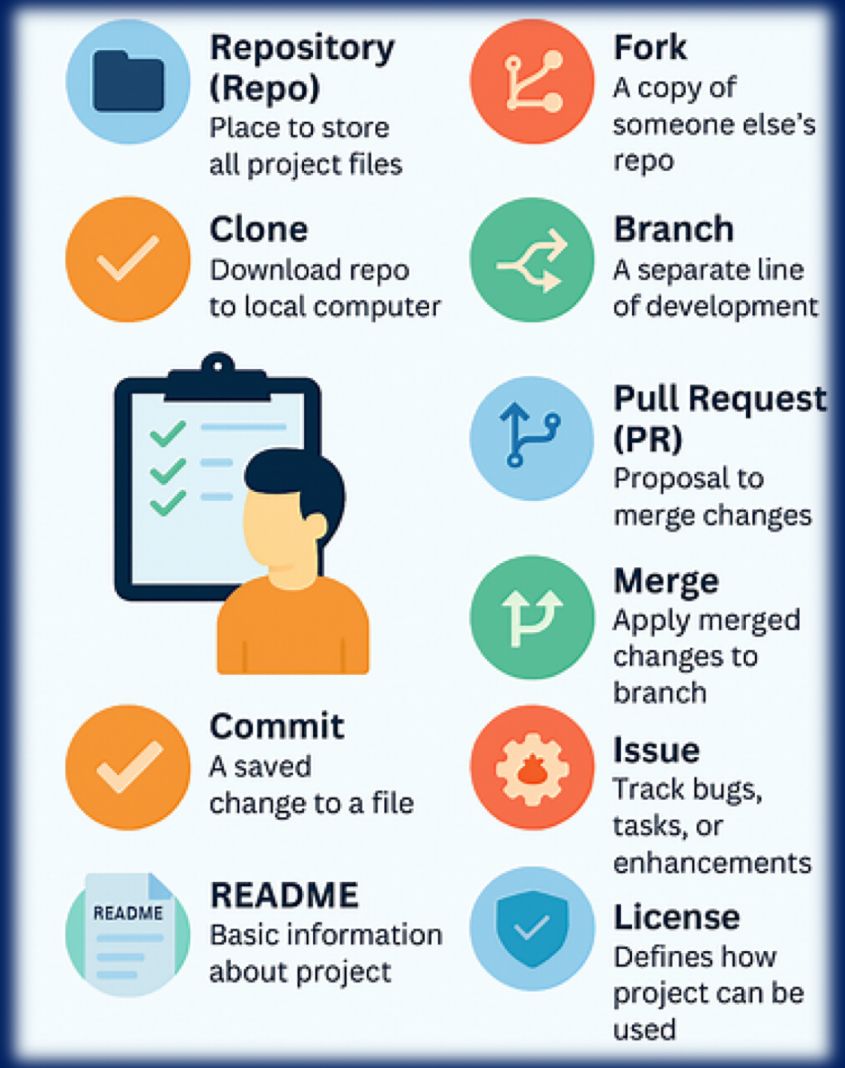
- Git is a distributed version control system (DVCS) designed to track changes in source code during software development. It has been created by Linus Torvalds in 2005 to manage the development of the Linux kernel.

Main functionalities

- Git allows multiple developers to work on the same project simultaneously.
- Collaborative writing and documentation
- It records every change made to files, enabling users to **revert**, **compare**, or **merge** changes efficiently.
- Unlike older systems that store differences between file versions, Git stores **snapshots**

7. Essential GitHub Vocabulary

- Repository = project folder + history
- Commit = a saved change
- Branch = a workspace for new features
- Fork = personal copy of a project
- Pull Request / Merge Request = asking for your change to be accepted

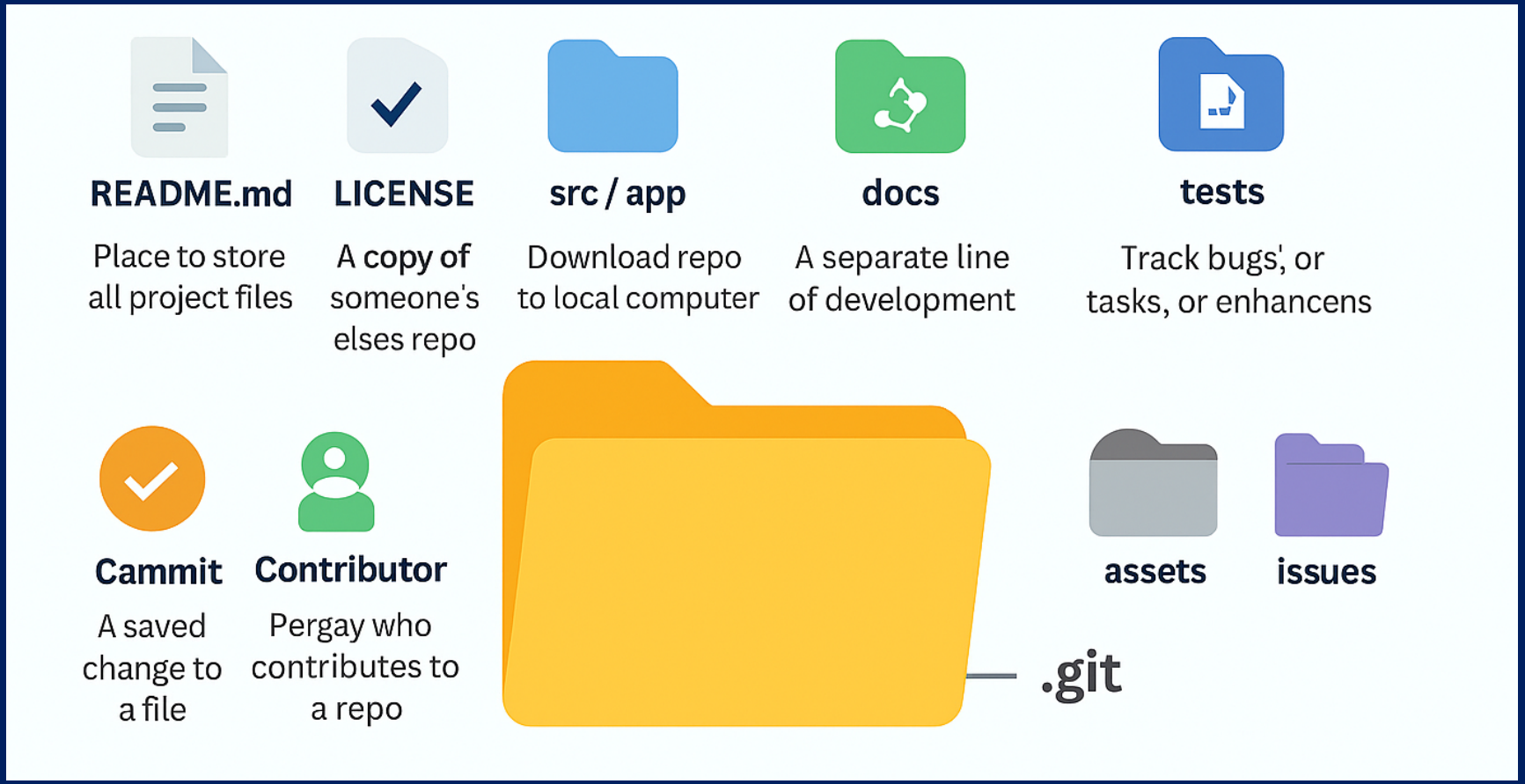


7. Essential GitHub Vocabulary

Term	Meaning
Repository (Repo)	A storage space for your project, including code, documentation, and history.
Fork	A personal copy of someone else's repository that you can modify independently.
Clone	Downloading a repository to your local machine using Git.
Branch	A parallel version of the repository used to develop features or fix bugs without affecting the main codebase.
Commit	A snapshot of changes made to files, with a message describing what was changed.
Pull Request (PR)	A request to merge changes from one branch (often a fork) into another (usually the main repo).
Merge	Combining changes from one branch into another.
Issue	A way to report bugs, suggest features, or ask questions about a project.
README	A file that introduces and explains the project—often the first thing visitors see.
Contributor	Someone who has made changes to a project, typically through pull requests.
Maintainer	A person responsible for reviewing contributions, managing releases, and guiding the project.
License	A legal document that defines how the project can be used, modified, and shared.
GitHub Actions	Automation workflows for tasks like testing, building, or deploying code.
Markdown	A lightweight markup language used for formatting text in GitHub files like README.md..
Term	Meaning

8. GitHub Repository Structure

- A repository (or "repo") is a central place where all project files, code, and version history are stored. It supports collaboration, version control, and project management.

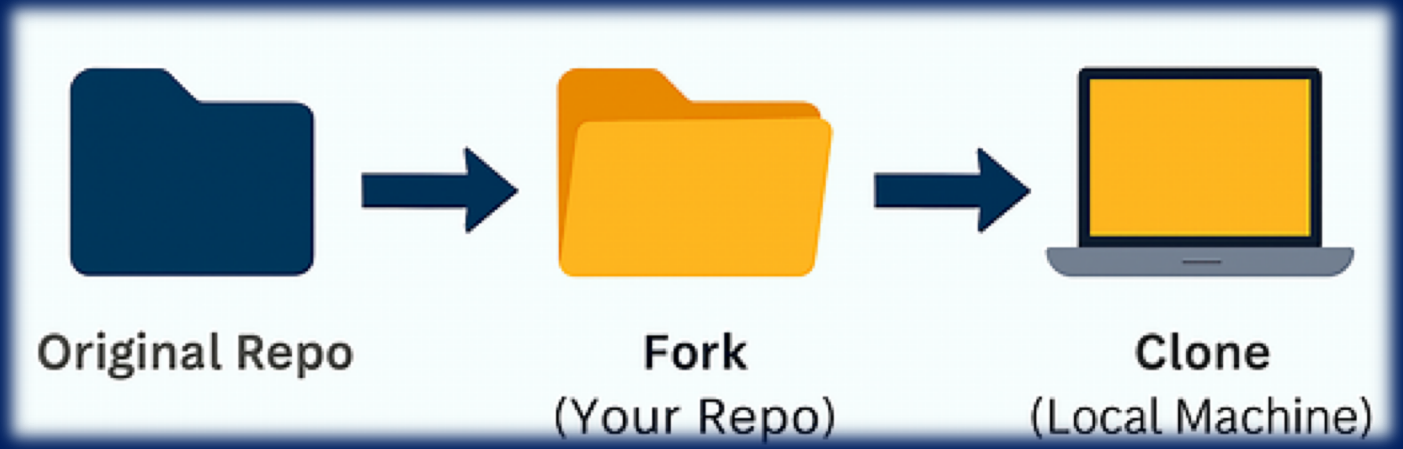


8. Key Components of a GitHub Repository

Component	Description
README.md	Introductory file explaining the project, usage, and setup instructions.
LICENSE	Specifies terms under which the project can be used or modified.
.gitignore	Lists files/folders Git should ignore (e.g., logs, temp files).
src/ or **app/**	Contains the main source code of the project.
docs/	Documentation files, tutorials, or guides.
tests/	Unit or integration tests for the codebase.
.github/	GitHub-specific configurations (e.g., workflows, issue templates).
assets/	Images, icons, or other media used in documentation or UI.

9. What Is a Fork?

- A fork is a personal copy of someone else's repository. It allows you to freely experiment with changes without affecting the original project.



9. Typical Workflow of the fork process

1. Original Repository
   - The source project you want to contribute to.
2. Fork (Your Repository)
   - You create a copy under your GitHub account.
   - You can modify code, add features, or fix bugs.
3. Clone (Local Machine)
   - You download your forked repo to your computer using Git.
   - You work locally, commit changes, and push updates back to your fork.
4. Pull Request
   - Once ready, you propose your changes to the original repo via a pull request.

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