

# Study Plan Linux System Administration (LF-ADM)





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#### **About This Course**

This course teaches fundamental concepts and techniques for effectively managing and maintaining Linux-based systems. It covers various topics, including Linux File System Tree Layout, Signal and Processes, Package Management Systems, System Monitoring, Process Monitoring, I/O Tuning and Scheduling, Advanced Storage, Kernel Service and Configuration, User and Group Management, Networking, Security (Firewall), Virtualization and Container Overview. With practical exercises and quizzes, this course offers a comprehensive and hands-on learning experience, allowing students to apply their knowledge and develop their skills.

Upon completion of the course, you will have a solid understanding of Linux system administration concepts and will be able to confidently manage and maintain Linux-based systems in your own environment.

#### Summary

**Training Duration:** 32 Hours (4 Days)

#### **Course Main Subjects**

- Linux File System Tree Layout
- Signal & Processes
- Package Management Systems
- System Monitoring
- Process Monitoring
- I/O Tuning & Scheduling
- Advanced Storage
- Kernel Service & Configuration
- User & Group Management
- Networking
- Security (Firewall)
- Virtualization & Container Overview
- LFCS Internal Exam



### **Target Audience**

System Administrators, Cloud Administrators, Developers, Site Reliability Engineer.

#### Prerequisites

Linux IT Associate (LF-ASC)

# Learning Output

The learning topics will assist participants in :

- 1. Solid understanding of Linux system administration concepts and techniques
- 2. Gain hands-on experience through practical exercises and assignments
- 3. Manage and maintain Linux-based systems confidently

#### Requirements

Have a laptop/computer with min. specifications and installed tools:

Operating System	Windows, Linux, or MacOs
Processor	Intel Core i3
Memory	4 GB RAM
SSH Client	Termius / Putty / MobaXTerm
Text Editor	Sublime Text / VSCode
Browser	Chrome and Firefox

#### **Facilities**

- Virtual machine (available until H+3 post training)
- Class materials
- Certificate
- Recording (VITL)

### Certification

- Certificate of Course Completion
- Btech Internal Exam (optional)



### **Learning Strategies**

- Theory
- Study Case
- Pre-Test & Post-Test
- Quiz / Internal Exam
- Hands-on Lab



### **Training Topology**



## **Learning Modules**

Training Plan	
Торіс	Outcome
1. Course Introduction	<ul> <li>Understand the concept of configuring and managing Linux systems for an enterprise environment.</li> <li>Evaluate the advantages and disadvantages of using command line and graphical interfaces in Linux administration.</li> <li>Identify and differentiate three main Linux distributions such as RHEL, SUSE, and Debian.</li> </ul>
2. Linux Fllesystem Tree Layout	<ul> <li>Understand the concept of one big filesystem in Linux.</li> <li>Identify data distinctions within the Linux filesystem, such as user data, system data, and configuration files.</li> <li>Recognize the FHS (Filesystem Hierarchy Standard) Linux Standard Directory Tree and its purpose in organizing the file system.</li> <li>Comprehend the purpose of key directories within the Linux file system</li> </ul>

3. Process	<ul> <li>Understand the difference between a program and a process, and identify process attributes such as PID and process state.</li> <li>Comprehend process resource isolation, control processes with ulimit, and limit resources like CPU time and memory.</li> <li>Create processes with system calls like fork() and exec(), recognize process states and execution modes, including daemons, and modify process priorities using nice.</li> <li>Use nice to control CPU usage and prioritize processes.</li> <li>Recognize shared library versions, use commands like Idd and Idconfig to find shared libraries, and understand the role of static and shared libraries in software development.</li> </ul>
4. Signals	<ul> <li>Understand signals in Linux and their purpose in communicating with processes.</li> <li>Identify types of signals and their default actions.</li> <li>Use the kill command to send signals to processes by specifying the PID or process group ID.</li> <li>Use killall and pkill commands to send signals to processes by name or criteria.</li> <li>Use signals appropriately to manage processes and understand their potential consequences.</li> </ul>

		•	Understand the purpose of package
		management systems in Linux and their	
		benefits.	
		•	Identify software packaging concepts such as
			dependencies, versioning, and package types
			such as source and binary packages.
		•	Recognize available package management
			systems in Linux, including APT, YUM, DNF, and
	5 Package		Zypper, and their differences.
	Management System	•	Understand the levels and varieties of
	Wanagement System		packaging tools, such as high-level tools and
			low-level tools, and their roles in package
			management.
		•	Recognize package sources, including
			repositories, packages from the web, and
			packages from source code.
		•	Create software packages and understand the
			importance of revision control systems like Git.
		•	Understand how Git works and how it is used
			in managing software development in Linux.
		•	Understand the essentials of DPKG, the Debian
			package management system, including
			package file names and sources.
		•	Use DPKG queries to gather information about
			installed packages and their dependencies.
	6. DPKG	•	Install, upgrade, and uninstall packages using
			DPKG.
		•	Practice using DPKG through hands-on labs and
			quizzes.
		•	Develop proficiency in managing packages
			using DPKG in a Linux environment.

7. APT	<ul> <li>Recognize the various APT commands such as apt, apt-get, apt-cache, and others, and their purposes.</li> <li>Use APT queries to gather information about installed packages and their dependencies.</li> <li>Install, remove, and upgrade packages using APT.</li> <li>Clean up and manage package dependencies using APT commands.</li> </ul>
8. System Monitoring	<ul> <li>Understand system monitoring and its importance in Linux system administration.</li> <li>Recognize different system monitoring tools and their purposes.</li> <li>Learn to use sar, a popular system monitoring tool in Linux, to gather and analyze system performance data.</li> <li>Understand the significance of log files and their role in system monitoring and troubleshooting.</li> <li>Use log files to identify system issues, track system events, and perform root cause analysis.</li> </ul>
9. I/O Monitoring and Tuning	<ul> <li>Understand the importance of I/O monitoring and tuning in Linux system administration.</li> <li>Learn to use iostat to gather and analyze I/O performance data.</li> <li>Recognize the role of iotop in identifying I/O- intensive processes and ionice in controlling the I/O priority of processes.</li> <li>Use iostat, iotop, and ionice to troubleshoot and resolve I/O performance issues in a Linux environment.</li> </ul>

10. I/O Scheduling	<ul> <li>Recognize the impact of disk bottlenecks on I/O performance and the need for I/O scheduling.</li> <li>Understand the different I/O scheduler choices available in Linux and their respective strengths and weaknesses.</li> </ul>
11. Linux Filesystems and the VFS	<ul> <li>Understand the basics of Linux filesystems, including inodes and hard/soft links.</li> <li>Recognize the role of the Virtual Filesystem (VFS) in providing a unified interface to various filesystems.</li> <li>Learn about the different filesystem varieties available in Linux, including their advantages and disadvantages.</li> <li>Understand the concept of journaling filesystems and their benefits for data integrity.</li> <li>Recognize the role of special filesystems, such as tmpfs and procfs, in providing access to system resources and information.</li> </ul>
12. Disk Partitioning	<ul> <li>Understand the different types of disks available and how disk geometry affects partitioning.</li> <li>Recognize the importance of partitioning disks and understand the different partitioning schemes available.</li> <li>Learn how to name disk devices and device nodes using utilities such as blkid and lsblk.</li> <li>Understand how to size up partitions and back up/restore partition tables using appropriate tools.</li> <li>Learn how to use partition table editors, such as fdisk, to create, modify, and delete disk partitions.</li> </ul>

13. Filesystem Features: Attributes, Creating, Checking, Mounting	<ul> <li>Setting and modifying filesystem attributes using lsattr and chattr.</li> <li>Creating a filesystem using mkfs.</li> <li>Checking and repairing a filesystem with fsck.</li> <li>Mounting a filesystem using mount and unmounting using umount.</li> <li>Configuring automatic filesystem mounting, including mounting at boot and with the automount feature, and working with network shares using NFS.</li> </ul>
14. Linux Filesystems and the VFS	<ul> <li>Monitoring disk usage and space with df and disk usage with du</li> <li>Using swap partition for virtual memory</li> <li>Setting up and monitoring filesystem quotas</li> <li>Understanding the purpose of quotacheck and turning quotas on and off</li> <li>Setting quotas for users or groups on a filesystem.</li> </ul>
15. The EXT4 Filesystems	<ul> <li>Understand the basic concepts and characteristics of the EXT4 filesystem.</li> <li>Learn about the structure of the ext4 filesystem, including the superblock and block groups.</li> <li>Know how to use the dumpe2fs tool to view information about an ext4 filesystem.</li> <li>Learn how to use the tune2fs tool to modify various parameters of an ext4 filesystem.</li> <li>Be able to apply this knowledge to manage and optimize ext4 filesystems in a Linux environment.</li> </ul>

16. The XFS and BTRFS Filesystems	<ul> <li>Describe the features and benefits of XFS and btrfs as file systems in Linux.</li> <li>Understand XFS and btrfs as alternatives to traditional file systems and learn about their respective strengths and weaknesses.</li> </ul>
17. Encrypting Disks	<ul> <li>Understand the reasons for using disk encryption.</li> <li>Know the basics of LUKS and Cryptsetup for setting up encryption.</li> <li>Learn how to create an encrypted partition.</li> <li>Learn how to mount an encrypted partition and set it to mount at boot.</li> <li>Understand the risks and limitations of disk encryption.</li> </ul>
18. Logical Volume Management	<ul> <li>Understand the basics of Logical Volume Management (LVM).</li> <li>Know how to manage volumes and volume groups using LVM utilities.</li> <li>Be able to create, display and resize logical volumes.</li> <li>Understand the concept of LVM snapshots and how to create them.</li> <li>Understand the benefits and use cases of LVM in managing storage on Linux systems.</li> </ul>

19. RAID	<ul> <li>Understand the concept of RAID and the various RAID levels.</li> <li>Configure software RAID on Linux systems.</li> <li>Monitor RAID arrays to ensure their health and availability.</li> <li>Set up RAID hot spares to ensure high availability and fast recovery in case of disk failures.</li> <li>Identify and troubleshoot common issues with RAID arrays.</li> </ul>
20. Kernel Services and Configuration	<ul> <li>Understanding the kernel and its role in the operating system.</li> <li>Modifying kernel parameters through the command line.</li> <li>Configuring the kernel boot process.</li> <li>Using Sysctl to view and modify kernel parameters at runtime.</li> <li>Troubleshooting kernel-related issues.</li> </ul>
21. Virtualization Overview	<ul> <li>Understand the concept and history of virtualization, including the difference between emulation and virtualization.</li> <li>Learn about the types of virtualization hypervisors, including dedicated hypervisors and hypervisors in the kernel.</li> <li>Know how to use libvirt to manage virtualization.</li> <li>Understand the basics of QEMU and third-party hypervisor integration.</li> <li>Learn how to manage KVM, including creating and managing virtual machines.</li> </ul>

22. Containers Overview	<ul> <li>Understand the basic concept and purpose of containers as a form of application virtualization.</li> <li>Differentiate between containers and virtual machines, and know when to use each technology.</li> <li>Be familiar with Docker, including its components and basic commands.</li> <li>Understand how to build, run and manage Docker containers.</li> <li>Be familiar with Podman, an alternative container runtime to Docker.</li> </ul>
23. User Account Management	<ul> <li>Understanding user accounts and their attributes.</li> <li>Creating, modifying, and deleting user accounts using useradd.</li> <li>Securing user accounts with password management tools, such as chage.</li> <li>Managing user access through restricted shells and accounts.</li> <li>Configuring SSH and remote graphical login for secure access to the system.</li> </ul>
24. Group Management	<ul> <li>Understanding the concept of groups and their importance in Linux systems.</li> <li>Managing groups and group membership using command-line tools.</li> <li>Creating and managing user private groups to limit access and improve security.</li> <li>Understanding how users are assigned to groups and how to modify their membership.</li> <li>Implementing proper group management practices to maintain security and organization in Linux systems.</li> </ul>

25. File Permissions and Ownership	<ul> <li>Understand the concept of ownership and permissions for files and directories.</li> <li>Learn how to use chmod to set permissions for files and directories.</li> <li>Understand how to use chown and chgrp to change the ownership of files and directories.</li> <li>Learn how to use umask to set the default permissions for new files and directories.</li> <li>Understand the concept of filesystem ACLs and how to use them to set more fine-grained access control for files and directories.</li> </ul>
26. Pluggable Authentication Module (PAM)	<ul> <li>Understand what Pluggable Authentication Modules (PAM) are and their role in authentication.</li> <li>Understand the PAM configuration files and their functions.</li> <li>Understand PAM rules and how they are used for authentication.</li> <li>Understand how to configure LDAP authentication using PAM.</li> <li>Understand how to troubleshoot PAM issues.</li> </ul>
27. Network Adresses	<ul> <li>Understanding IP Addresses and their purpose in networking.</li> <li>Recognizing the difference between IPv4 and IPv6 address types and their uses.</li> <li>Identifying reserved IP addresses and their significance in networking.</li> <li>Understanding the concept of netmasks and how they are used to determine network boundaries.</li> <li>Learning how to get and set the hostname of a system for network identification.</li> </ul>

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28. Network Devices and Configuration	<ul> <li>Identify common network devices and their functionalities.</li> <li>Use the "ip" command to manage network devices and configurations.</li> <li>Configure NICs and predictably name network devices using configuration files.</li> <li>Utilize Network Manager to manage interfaces and network settings.</li> <li>Troubleshoot network issues using diagnostic tools like nmtui, nmcli, and DNS resolution.</li> </ul>
29. Firewalls	<ul> <li>Understand what a firewall is and how it works.</li> <li>Learn about packet filtering and the different generations of firewalls.</li> <li>Understand firewall interfaces and tools, including firewalld and firewall-cmd.</li> <li>Learn about zones, source management, service management, and port management in firewalld.</li> <li>Learn how to manage firewalld zones, including status checks and management examples.</li> </ul>
30. System Startup and Shutdown	<ul> <li>Understand the boot sequence and the role of BIOS in the boot process.</li> <li>Learn about boot loaders and how to configure them.</li> <li>Recognize important system configuration files and their functions.</li> <li>Understand the purpose of the /etc/sysconfig and /etc/default directories.</li> <li>Know the proper way to shutdown and reboot the system.</li> </ul>

31. GRUB	<ul> <li>Learn about GRUB (Grand Unified Bootloader) and its importance as the default bootloader in most Linux distributions.</li> <li>Understand the different versions of GRUB and the features they offer.</li> <li>Learn how to interact with GRUB during boot time to perform various actions, such as selecting a different operating system or booting in different modes.</li> <li>Know how to install GRUB and the importance of GRUB device nomenclature.</li> <li>Understand GRUB configuration files and how to configure them, as well as the newer Boot Loader Specification Configuration (BLSCFG) and the /boot/loader/entries directory.</li> </ul>
32. System Init: Systemd, Systemv and Upstart	<ul> <li>Understand the role of the init process in system startup.</li> <li>Compare and contrast different system startup alternatives: System V, Upstart, and systemd.</li> <li>Learn the features of systemd, including the use of unit files and targets.</li> <li>Understand the systemd configuration files, including the use of .service, .target, and .timer files.</li> <li>Know how to use the systemctl command to manage systemd services, including starting, stopping, and restarting services, viewing the status of services, and enabling or disabling services at boot time.</li> </ul>

33. Backup and Recovery Methods	<ul> <li>Understand the importance of backups and the difference between backup and archive.</li> <li>Know the different backup methods and backup strategies.</li> <li>Understand the utilities and programs that can be used for backups, such as tar, rsync, and cpio.</li> <li>Know how to use tar for backups, restoring files, and incremental backups.</li> <li>Understand archive compression methods and the use of dd for backups.</li> </ul>
34. Basic Troubleshooting	<ul> <li>Identify troubleshooting levels and when to use them.</li> <li>Use basic troubleshooting techniques to diagnose and resolve issues.</li> <li>Troubleshoot networking issues by checking relevant configurations and connectivity.</li> <li>Check file integrity and use recovery tools to address filesystem corruption.</li> <li>Understand how to use virtual consoles for troubleshooting and resolving issues with the graphical user interface.</li> </ul>
35. System Rescue	<ul> <li>Understand the importance of system rescue in troubleshooting.</li> <li>Learn how to create rescue media for troubleshooting.</li> <li>Explore different system rescue options such as emergency boot media, rescue image, and single-user mode.</li> <li>Understand how to use rescue media for system recovery and troubleshooting.</li> <li>Learn how to troubleshoot and recover from common issues such as filesystem corruption and boot process failures</li> </ul>

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