

Montgomery County Community College
CIS 141
Introduction to Linux
3-2-2

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

This course is designed to provide students with a fundamental knowledge of the conventions, techniques, and terminology of the Linux Operating System. Students will learn the skills necessary to utilize, administer, and securely install Linux in both networked and desktop environments.

PREREQUISITE(S):

None

CO-REQUISITE(S):

None

Upon successful completion of this course, the student will be able to:

LEARNING OUTCOMES	LEARNING ACTIVITIES	EVALUATION METHODS
1. Describe the functions of the Linux Operating System.	Assigned Reading Lecture Discussion Hands-On Lab Exercises Homework Assignments Projects Quizzes Exams	Tests or Quizzes Final Exam
2. Explain how Linux is used in industry.	Assigned Reading Lecture Discussion Quizzes Exams	Tests or Quizzes Final Exam
3. Describe the necessary hardware requirements for installing Linux.	Assigned Reading Lecture Discussion Hands-On Lab Exercises Homework Assignments Projects Quizzes Exams	Tests or Quizzes Final Exam

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4. Demonstrate the use of the file system for program and data storage.	Assigned Reading Lecture Discussion Hands-On Lab Exercises Homework Assignments Projects Quizzes Exams	Final Project Competency Checklist
5. Use the Linux shell to accomplish tasks (such as file manipulation and document handling).	Assigned Reading Lecture Discussion Hands-On Lab Exercises Homework Assignments Projects Quizzes Exams	Final Project Competency Checklist
6. Demonstrate managing, compiling, and running secure programs under the Linux Operating System.	Assigned Reading Lecture Discussion Hands-On Lab Exercises Homework Assignments Projects Quizzes Exams	Final Project
7. Demonstrate the use of basic scripting concepts	Assigned Reading Lecture Discussion Hands-On Lab Exercises Homework Assignments Projects Quizzes Exams	Final Project
8. Demonstrate the ability to successfully install and configure the Linux Operating System.	Assigned Reading Lecture Discussion Hands-On Lab Exercises Homework Assignments Projects Quizzes Exams	Final Project

At the conclusion of each semester/session, assessment of the learning outcomes will be completed by course faculty using the listed evaluation method(s). Aggregated results will be submitted to the Associate Vice President of Academic Affairs. The

benchmark for each learning outcome is that *70% of students will meet or exceed outcome criteria.*

SEQUENCE OF TOPICS:

1. Demonstrate mastery of the GNU and Linux Commands
 - a. Work on the command line
 - b. Process text streams using filters
 - c. Perform basic file management
 - d. Use streams, pipes, and redirects
 - e. Create, monitor, and kill processes
 - f. Modify process execution priorities
 - g. Search text files using regular expressions
 - h. Perform basic file editing operations using vi
2. Demonstrate mastery of Linux Filesystems, and the Filesystem Hierarchy Standard
 - a. Create partitions and filesystems
 - b. Maintain the integrity of filesystems
 - c. Control mounting and unmounting filesystems
 - d. Managing disk quotas
 - e. Use file permissions to control access to files
 - f. Manage file ownership
 - g. Create and change hard and symbolic links
 - h. Find System files and place files in the correct location
3. Demonstrate the configuration of system hardware and architecture
 - a. Configure fundamental BIOS settings
 - b. Configure modem and sound cards
 - c. Setup SCSI devices
 - d. Setup different PC expansion cards
 - e. Configure Communication devices
 - f. Configure USB devices
4. Explain and demonstrate Linux installation and package management
 - a. Design hard disk layout
 - b. Install a boot manager
 - c. Make and install programs from source
 - d. Manage shared libraries
 - e. Use Debian package management
 - f. Use Red Hat package management
 - g. Host Intrusion Detection
5. Basic Scripting
 - a. Understanding the concept of scripting
 - b. Program commands and control structures
 - c. Turning Commands into a script
 - d. Linear and looping scripts
 - e. Creating simple scripts with simple and compound conditions
6. Explain and demonstrate the use of the X Window system
 - a. Install & configure XFree86
 - b. Setup a display manager

- c. Install & customize a window manager environment

LEARNING MATERIALS:

Shotts, William E. Jr. (2019). The Linux Command Line (5th Internet Edition, Version 19.01A). No Starch Press. (available for free from <http://linuxcommand.org/tlcl.php>)

Other learning materials may be required and made available directly to the student and/or via the College's Libraries and/or course management system.

COURSE APPROVAL:

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