7 Things About Linux You May Not Have Known

If you think you know everything about the Linux OS, think again. There are many hidden facts and interesting tidbits of information about the operating system that you may have never heard about before. This list below shares a few of the ones we found most interesting.

1) The Linux kernel currently has more than [24 million lines of code](#) – as of the release of the 4.12 version. The current rate of change to the code is 231 adjustments each day.

2) [95% of the servers](#) and desktops used by various Hollywood movie studios like Disney, Sony, Pixar, and DreamWorks have Linux installed. [Digital Domain](#) is a production studio that [used the Linux OS](#) to create the special effects in films such as Titanic, Apollo 13, and Fifth Element, as well as many more.

3) One of the [earliest Linux distributions](#) was MCC Interim - created by Owen Le Blanc of Manchester University in England and released in 1992. It featured a menu-driven installer and the distribution could be installed on a hard drive instead of having to edit the master boot record. MCC Interim came on floppy disks that included the kernel and several utilities like Bash shell, compress, mtools, and several GNU utilities.

4) Android is not the only mobile operating system based on Linux. Most are aware that Android dominates the market in Linux-based mobile operating systems, but there are many others that aren't mentioned as often. Some of the [other Linux based mobile operating systems](#) are Firefox OS, Sailfish OS, and Ubuntu Touch, but there are even more in existence than those few.

5) In 1994, [William Della Croce, Jr. tried to collect money](#) from the trademark claim he filed for Linux. Linus Torvalds and various vendors from the [Linux community filed a lawsuit](#) against Mr. Della Croce and recovered the Linux trademark in 1997. Now, the Linux trademark belongs to Torvalds and is maintained by [The Linux Foundation](#).

6) The authorities in the city of Tyumen, Russia allowed a group of Linux supporters to erect a [statue of Tux](#), the Linux mascot, in honor of the Linux operating system and as a tribute to the liberation of open source software.

7) Linux is integral in running some of the segments of the US as it powers the New York Stock Exchange, the US Navy's DDG-1000 Zumawat Class Destroyer, the San Francisco traffic control system, and the United States Department of Defense.

Now that you have even more facts about the Linux OS, you are prepared for a game of Linux trivia! If you would like to learn more about how to use Linux, visit our website and browse our Linux courses or take a look at our hands on labs and other study tools. Get your cloud computing certification with Linux Academy or look at our team account plans and deploy your team's potential.