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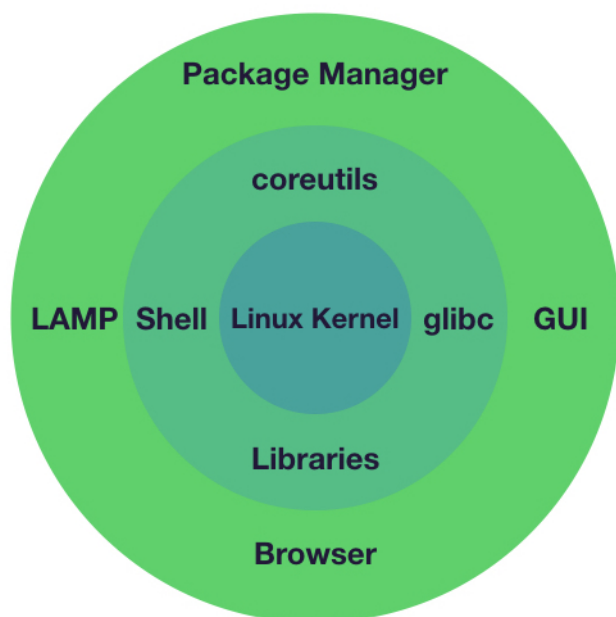
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Linux Distribution



The common understanding is that an Operating System is composed by a 'kernel' and some basic tools around it. This apply to all Operating Systems out there, not just Linux/Unix based ones.

Speaking about 'Linux', you might not be aware of the 'GNU/Linux naming controversy', where the name 'Linux' refers precisely to the 'Linux Kernel' and 'GNU' refers to the basic components like GNU Compiler Collection (GCC), the GNU C library (glibc), and GNU Core Utilities (coreutils), GNU Bash shell and more. At this point, come to realise that the Linux Kernel and the GNU tools are in a 'symbiosis', and one cannot be used independently of the other. So it is technically more correct to refer to 'GNU/Linux Operating System' than a 'Linux Operating System'. However when the words 'Linux system or Linux server' is used, it often includes far more that just 'GNU/Linux'. For instance, your preferred web server, database, programming language librairies or Graphical Environment (like GNOME) is not part of the 'GNU/Linux' group, and this is where the name 'Linux Distribution' makes sense.

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