
Introduction to GNU/Linux and libre software in Education

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 - what? how? why?

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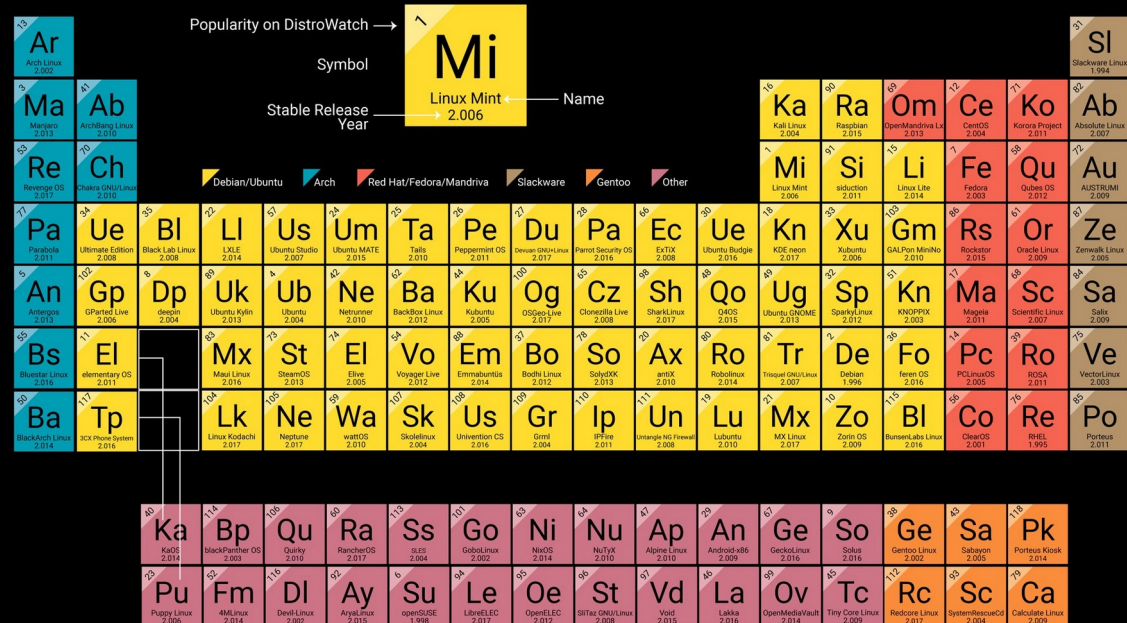
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Distributions

- aka *Distros*

- # Periodic Table of Linux Distro

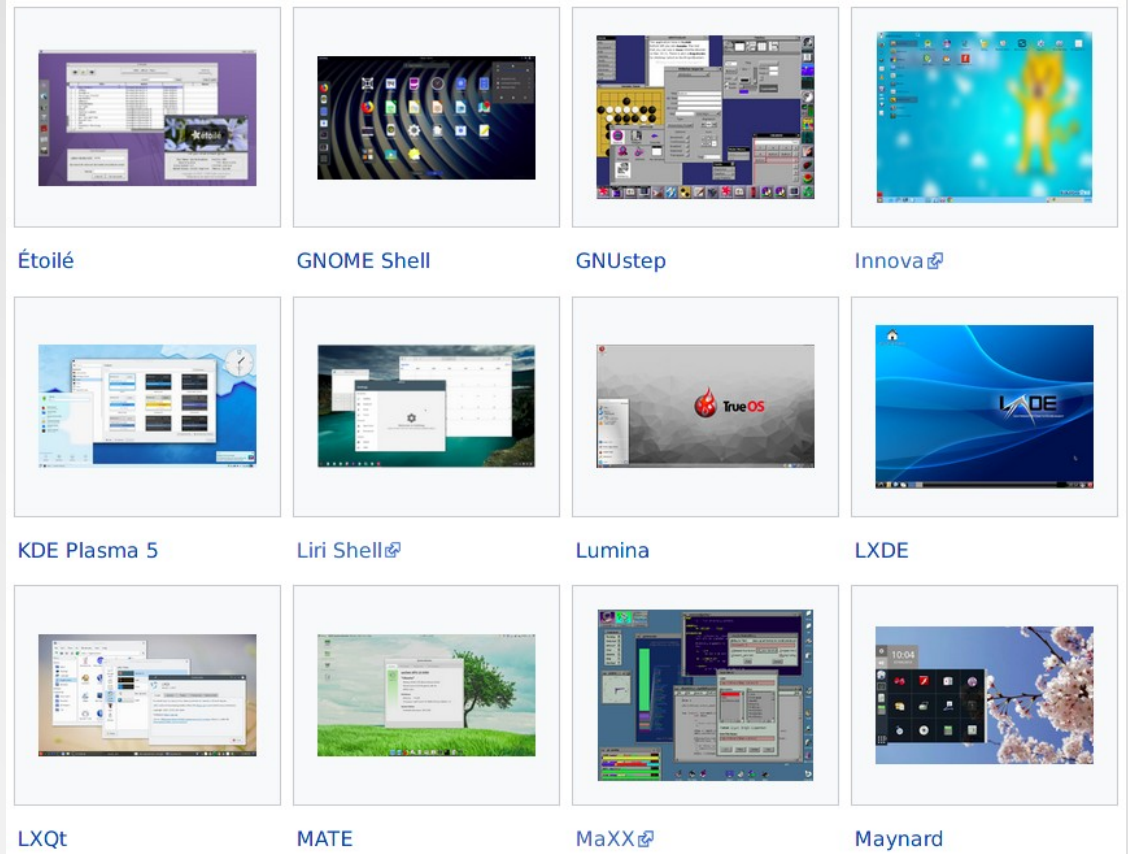


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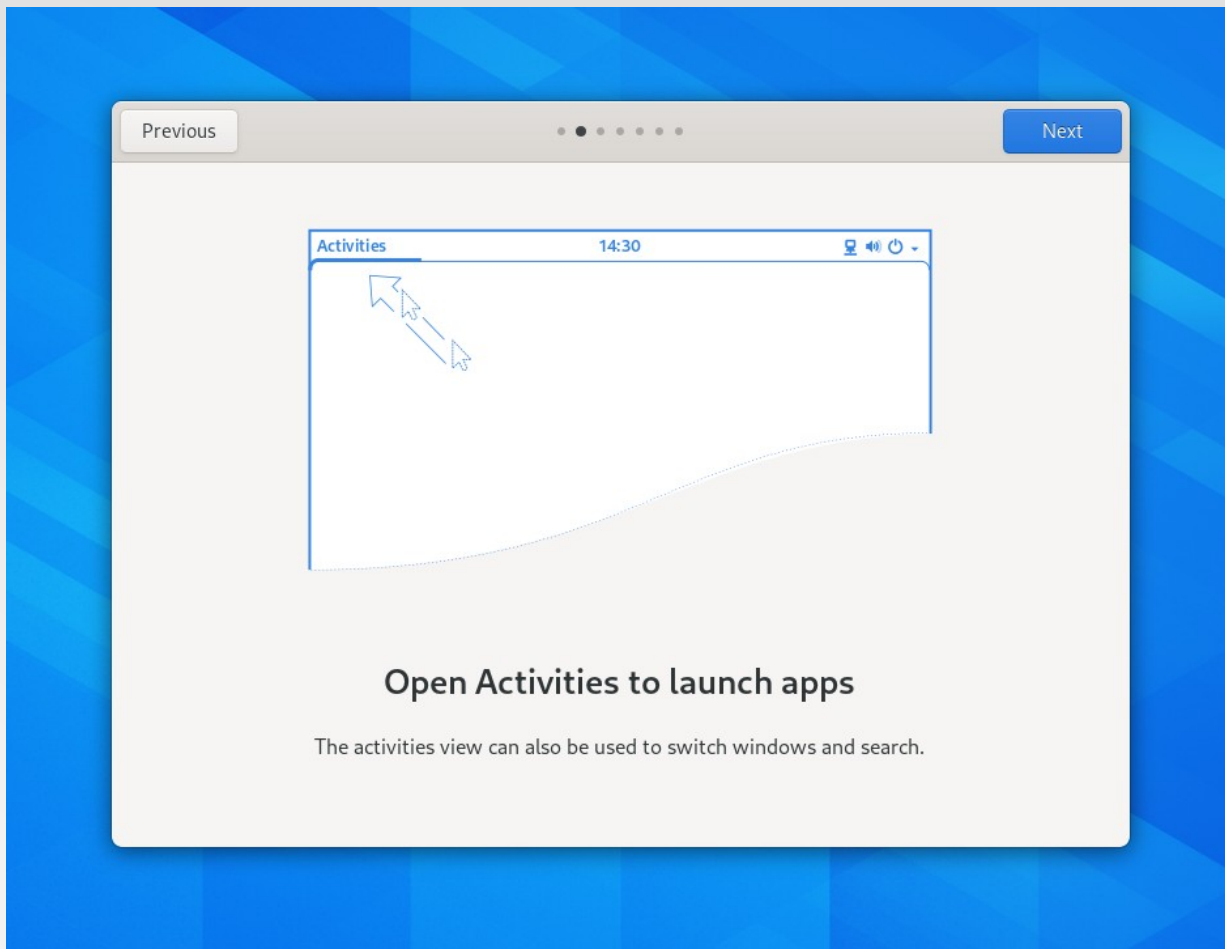
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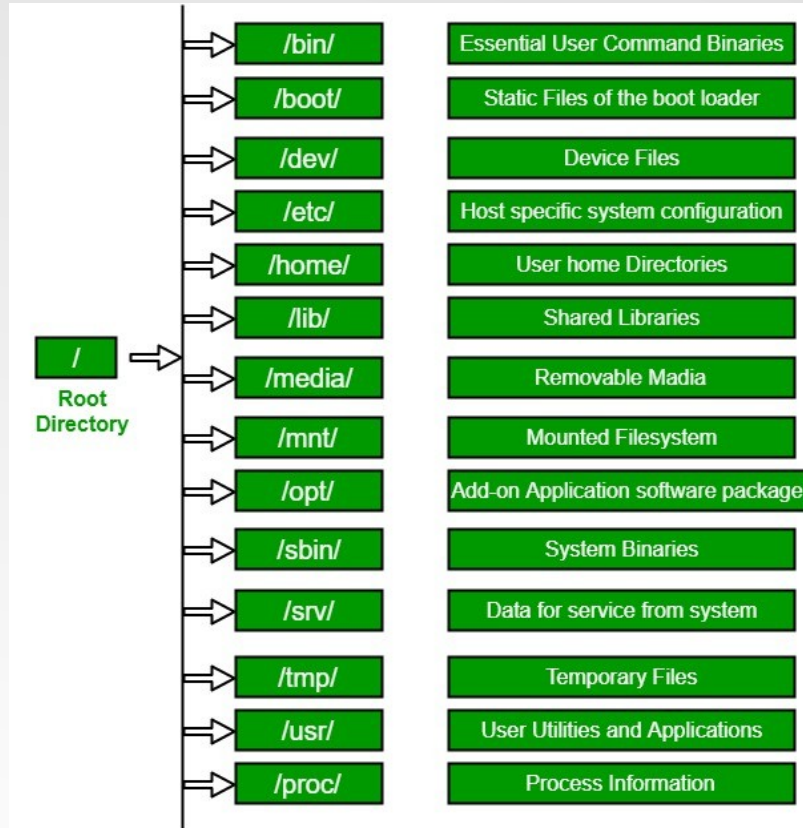















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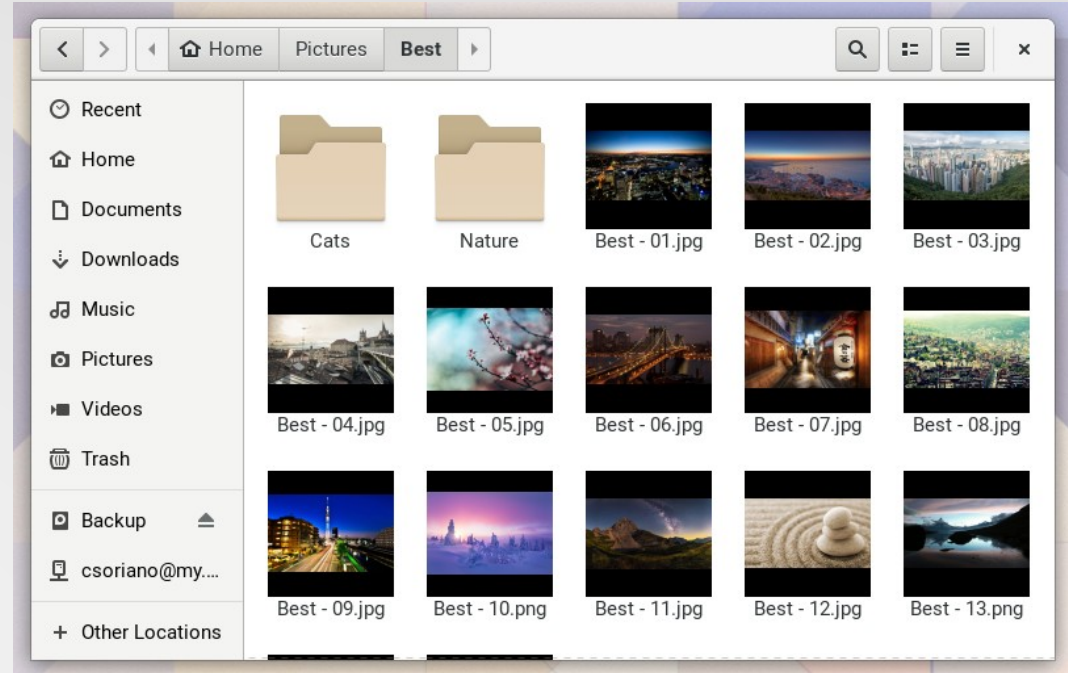
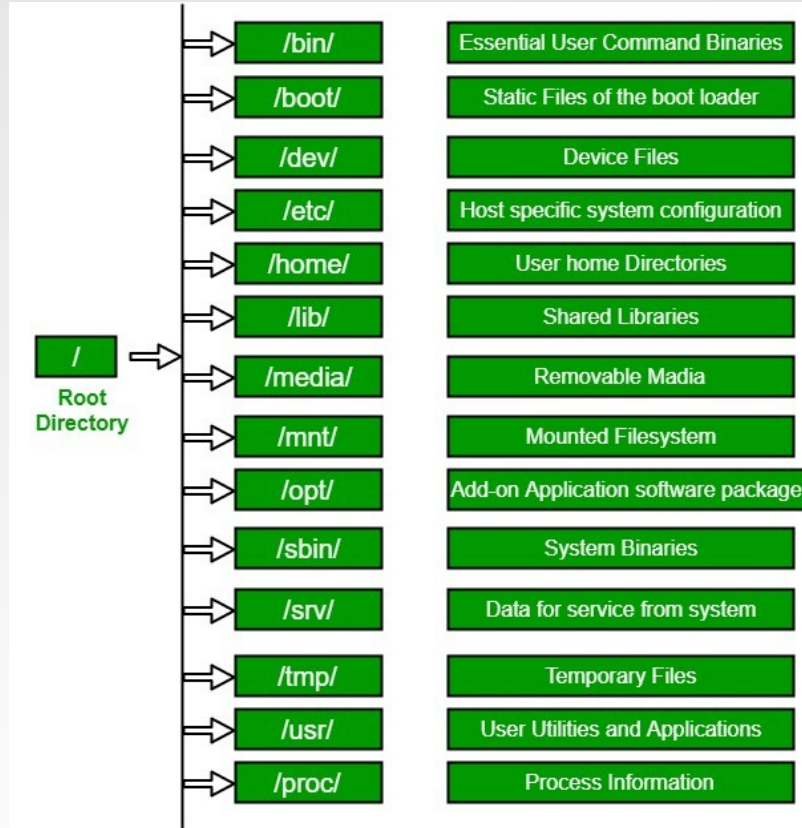


Files



-  [chmod](#) - changes file modes/permissions
-  [chown](#) - change file owner and group ownership
- [chroot](#) - Changes the root directory.
-  [cp](#) - copy files and directories
-  [dd](#) - copies and converts a file
-  [df](#) - shows disk free space on filesystems
-  [du](#) - shows disk usage on filesystems
-  [ln](#) - creates file links
-  [ls](#) - list directory contents
-  [mkdir](#) - create directories
-  [mv](#) - move (rename) files
-  [rm](#) - remove (deletes) files
-  [rmdir](#) - remove empty directories
-  [touch](#) - changes file timestamps or create empty files

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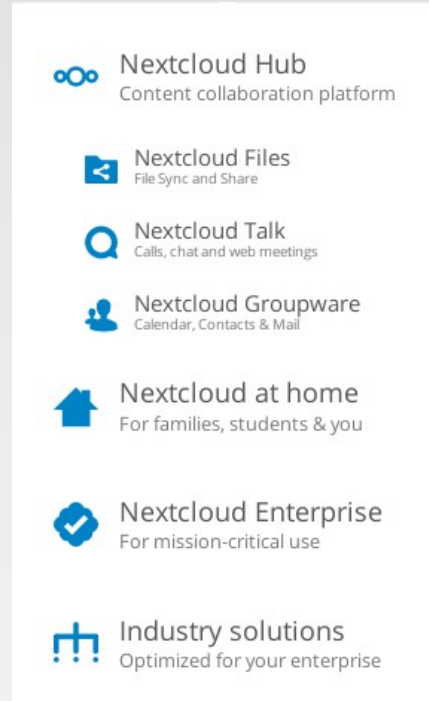


See here:

https://directory.fsf.org/wiki/Main_Page

Tools for the 'new normal'

- **Nextcloud**
 - cross-platform
 - highly extensible
 - cloud storage, file hosting and *much more!*



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Apache

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- database

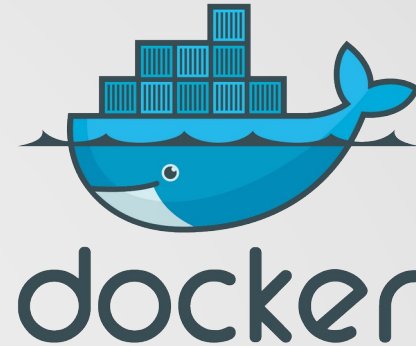


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- web server
- database
- or ... docker!



\$ docker run -d -p 8080:80 nextcloud



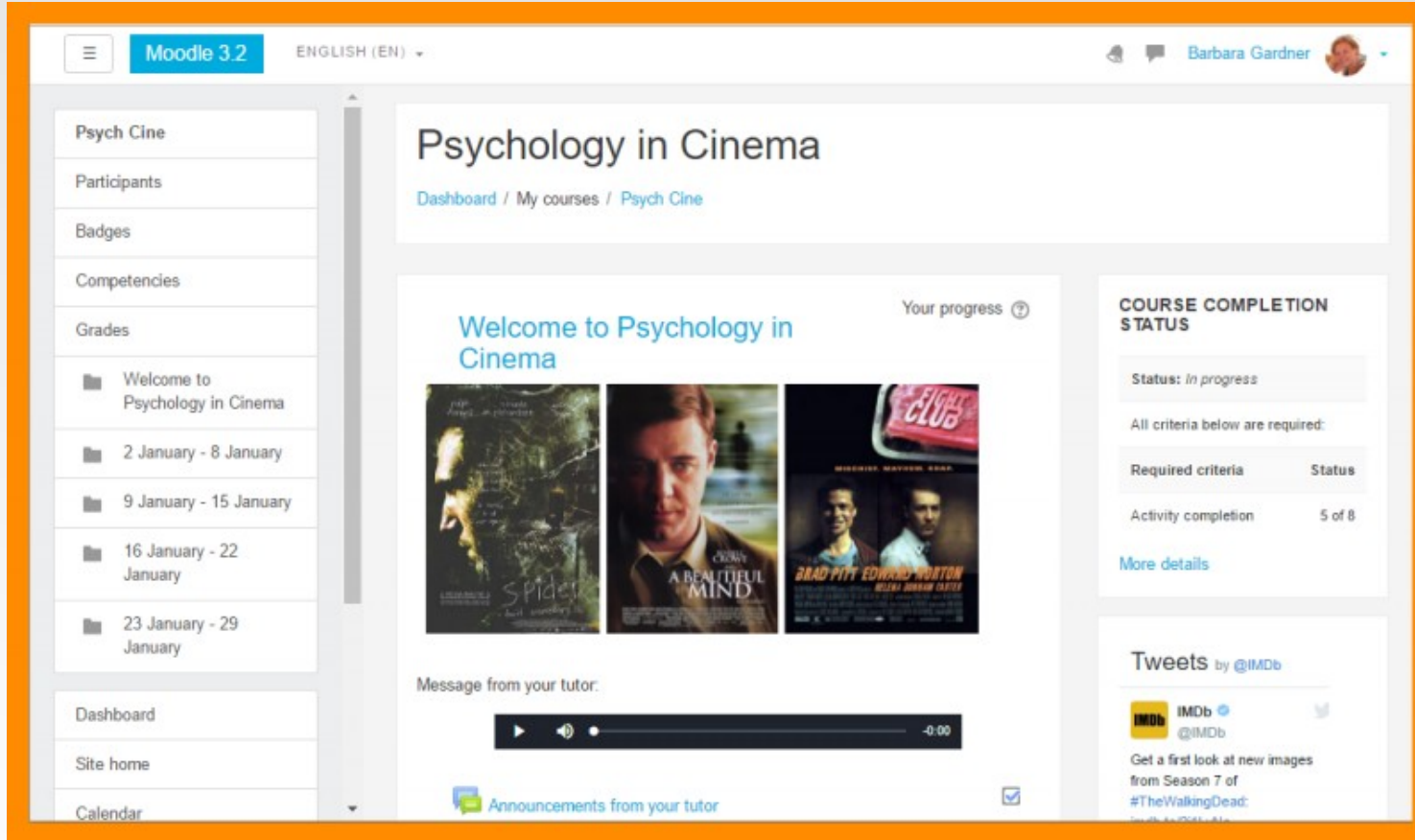
Moodle

- learning management system
- cross-platform
- Students, teachers, admins

<https://moodle.org/>



Moodle



The screenshot shows a Moodle 3.2 interface for a course named "Psychology in Cinema". The user is Barbara Gardner. The left sidebar contains navigation links: Psych Cine, Participants, Badges, Competencies, Grades, and a list of course sections (Welcome to Psychology in Cinema, 2 January - 8 January, 9 January - 15 January, 16 January - 22 January, 23 January - 29 January). Below these are links for Dashboard, Site home, and Calendar.

























The main content area displays the course title "Psychology in Cinema" with a breadcrumb trail: [Dashboard](#) / [My courses](#) / [Psych Cine](#). Below the title is a "Welcome to Psychology in Cinema" message with a "Your progress" indicator. Three movie posters are shown: "Spider-Man", "A Beautiful Mind", and "Fight Club".

Below the posters is a "Message from your tutor:" section with a video player showing a progress bar at 0:00. At the bottom of this section is a link for "Announcements from your tutor".

On the right side, there is a "COURSE COMPLETION STATUS" section. It shows the status as "In progress" and lists the required criteria. A table shows the completion status for "Activity completion" as "5 of 8". A link for "More details" is provided.

Below the completion status is a "Tweets by @IMDb" section. It shows a tweet from IMDb about new images from Season 7 of #TheWalkingDead.

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Celebrating Cultures 				
Surname  First name	 Workshop: My home country ...  	 Workshop: My home country ...  	 Database: Food for Moodlers  	
 Frances Banks	26.40	18.22		Nice
 Angela Bowman	59.60	16.44		Nice
 Lao Cai	80.00	18.22		Really tasty
 Paul Castillo	19.80	18.22		OK
 Maria Cruz	80.00	20.00		OK
 Thomas Day	0.00	20.00		Nice
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 Barbara Gardner	80.00	18.22		Really tasty
 Amy George	80.00	20.00		OK
 Ann Hansen	59.60	20.00		OK
 William Kim	80.00	20.00		Absolutely delicious
 Joshua Knight	73.20	20.00		Really tasty
 Jennifer Larson	80.00	20.00		Nice

Thank You!

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