PG6300
On Bash, Docker, Databases and Cloud Deployment

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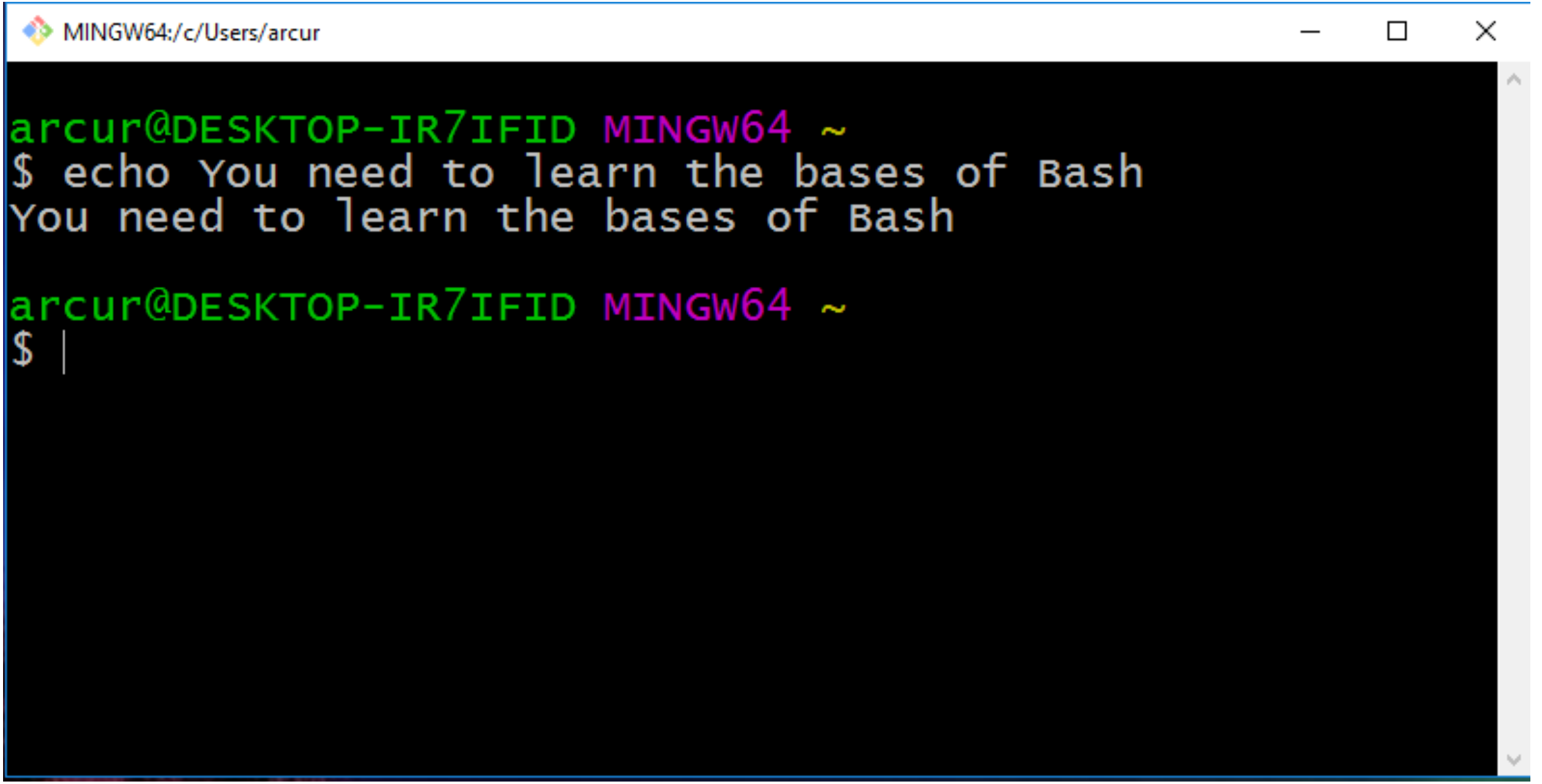
Goal

- Discuss some important related topics, although **NOT** strictly necessary for the exam
- Depending on your previous courses, could be totally new or just repetition

Bash

Bash

- Bash is a Linux/Mac/Unix shell and command language
- There are also other kinds of shells
  - eg, PowerShell in Windows
- A *shell* is also called: *terminal*, *console*, *command-line*, etc.
- Enable to *type* commands (eg programs), and execute them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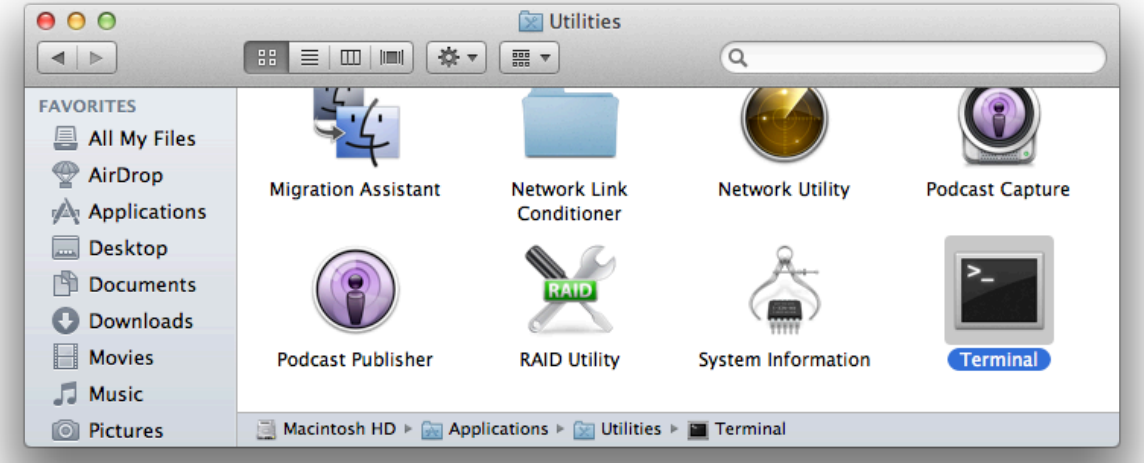
$ echo You need to learn the bases of Bash
You need to learn the bases of Bash
arcur@DESKTOP-IR7IFID MINGW64 ~
$

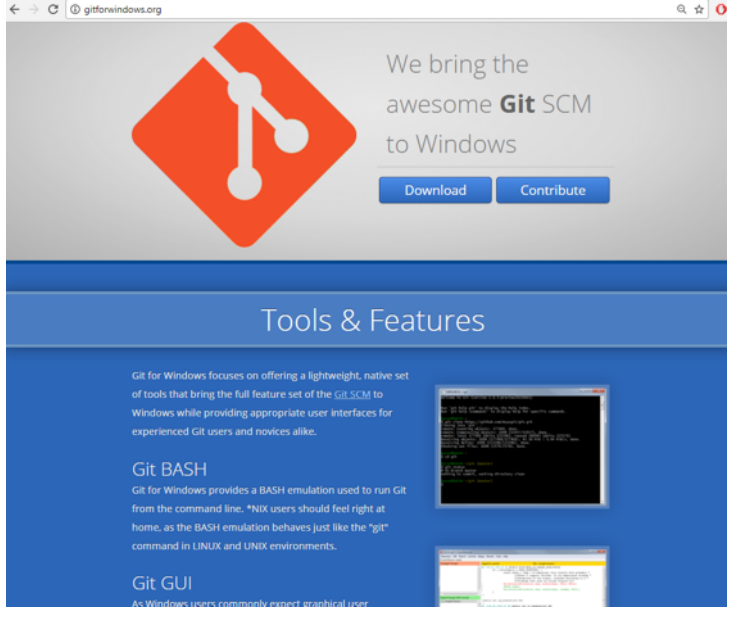
Why?

- Critical skill when you are a programmer
- Help automating several tasks
- When dealing with web/enterprise systems, many servers will NOT have a GUI…
  - … you will access them remotely via SSH using a terminal
  - … this also applies for embedded and IoT devices
- Helpful when commands with specific parameters (eg Git)
- You need to be able to do basic commands
- We will need *Bash* commands in *Docker*

Installing Bash

- If you are using Linux/Mac, it is already installed
  - Mac: Utilities -> Terminal
- If using Windows, strongly recommended to install GitBash
  - which is part of “Git for Windows” at http://gitforwindows.org/





Basic Commands

- “.” the current directory
- “..” the parent directory
- “~” home directory
- “pwd” print working directory
- “cd” change directory
- “mkdir” make directory
- “ls” list directory content
- “cp” copy file
- “mv” move file
- “rm” remove (“-r” for recursive on directories)
- “man” manual for a specific command

Cont.

- “echo” print input text
- “cat” print content of file
- “less” scrollable print of file
- “>” redirect to
- “>>” append to
- “|” pipe commands
- “which” location of program
- “$” resolve variables
- “wc” word count
- “find” files
- “grep” extract based on regular expression
- “touch” modify access time of file, and create it if non-existent

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arcur@DESKTOP-IR7IFID MINGW64 /e/WORK/teaching/bash_examples
$ pwd
/e/WORK/teaching/bash_examples

arcur@DESKTOP-IR7IFID MINGW64 /e/WORK/teaching/bash_examples
$ ls

arcur@DESKTOP-IR7IFID MINGW64 /e/WORK/teaching/bash_examples
$ echo "ciao" > foo.txt

arcur@DESKTOP-IR7IFID MINGW64 /e/WORK/teaching/bash_examples
$ ls
foo.txt

arcur@DESKTOP-IR7IFID MINGW64 /e/WORK/teaching/bash_examples
$ cat foo.txt
ciao
```

MINGW64:/e/WORK/teaching/bash_examples/foo

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arcur@DESKTOP-IR7IFID MINGW64 /e/WORK/teaching/bash_examples
$ mkdir foo

arcur@DESKTOP-IR7IFID MINGW64 /e/WORK/teaching/bash_examples
$ ls
foo/  foo.txt

arcur@DESKTOP-IR7IFID MINGW64 /e/WORK/teaching/bash_examples
$ cd foo

arcur@DESKTOP-IR7IFID MINGW64 /e/WORK/teaching/bash_examples/foo
$ pwd
/e/WORK/teaching/bash_examples/foo

arcur@DESKTOP-IR7IFID MINGW64 /e/WORK/teaching/bash_examples/foo
$ ls ..
foo/  foo.txt
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MINGW64:/e/WORK/teaching/bash_examples/foo

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arcur@DESKTOP-IR7IFID MINGW64 /e/WORK/teaching/bash_examples/foo
$ cp ../foo.txt ./bar.txt

arcur@DESKTOP-IR7IFID MINGW64 /e/WORK/teaching/bash_examples/foo
$ cat bar.txt
ciao

arcur@DESKTOP-IR7IFID MINGW64 /e/WORK/teaching/bash_examples/foo
$ ls
bar.txt

arcur@DESKTOP-IR7IFID MINGW64 /e/WORK/teaching/bash_examples/foo
$ mv ../foo.txt  .

arcur@DESKTOP-IR7IFID MINGW64 /e/WORK/teaching/bash_examples/foo
$ ls
bar.txt  foo.txt
```

MINGW64:/e/WORK/teaching/bash_examples/foo

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arcur@DESKTOP-IR7IFID MINGW64 /e/WORK/teaching/bash_examples/foo
$ echo $PATH
/c/Users/arcur/bin:/mingw64/bin:/usr/local/bin:/usr/bin:/bin:/mingw64/bin:
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sApps:/usr/bin/vendor_perl:/usr/bin/core_perl

arcur@DESKTOP-IR7IFID MINGW64 /e/WORK/teaching/bash_examples/foo
$ which bash
/usr/bin/bash
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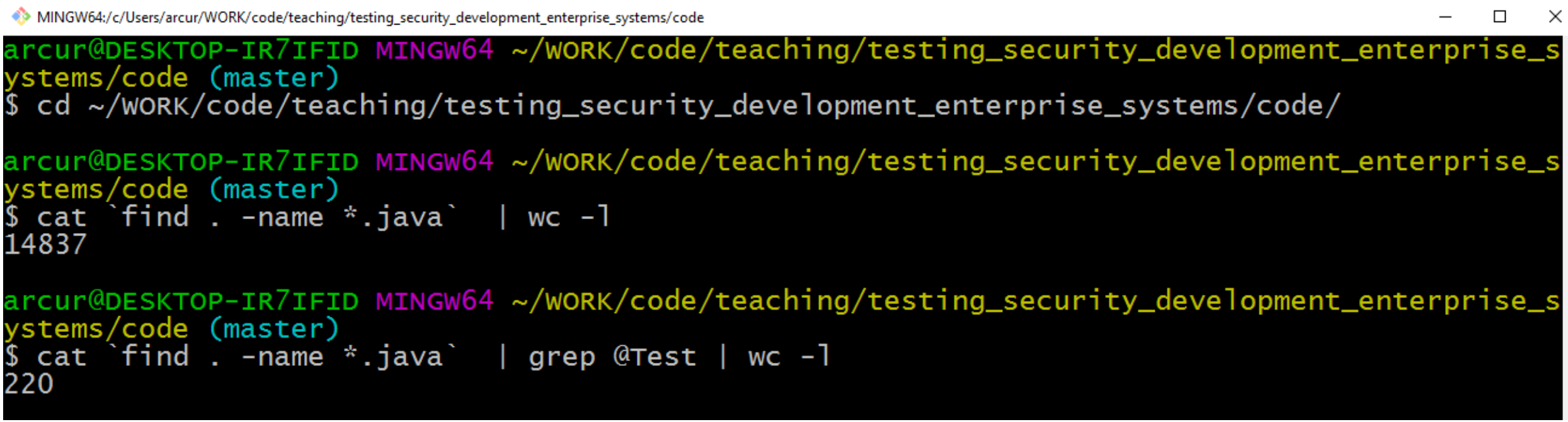
- What if you want to count the number of lines of your programs?

- Or the number of lines with a given word?
  - Eg “@Test” to count the number of tests in a program



- In this example, first recursively *find* in current directory "." all the files that ends with ".java"
- Then, such list of names is replaced inside ``, and so given as input to "cat", which prints those files line by line
- The output of *cat* is pipelined "|", and given as input to *grep*
- *grep* will output only the lines that contains the string "@Test", ie it acts as a filter
- the output of *grep* is then pipelined "|" to "*wc –l",* which counts the number of lines in input
- Therefore, that script checks content of all Java files and counts the number of lines in them having the text "@Test"

Useful Tips

- User arrows (up/down) to go through history of commands
- Use “tab” key to complete words, ie commands / file names
- Bash commands can be put in executable scripts
  - Can use “*.sh” as file extension, eg “foo.sh”
  - First lines needs to be “#!<pathToBash>”, eg “#!/usr/bin/bash”
  - Then it can be executed from terminal like any other program

Virtual Machines

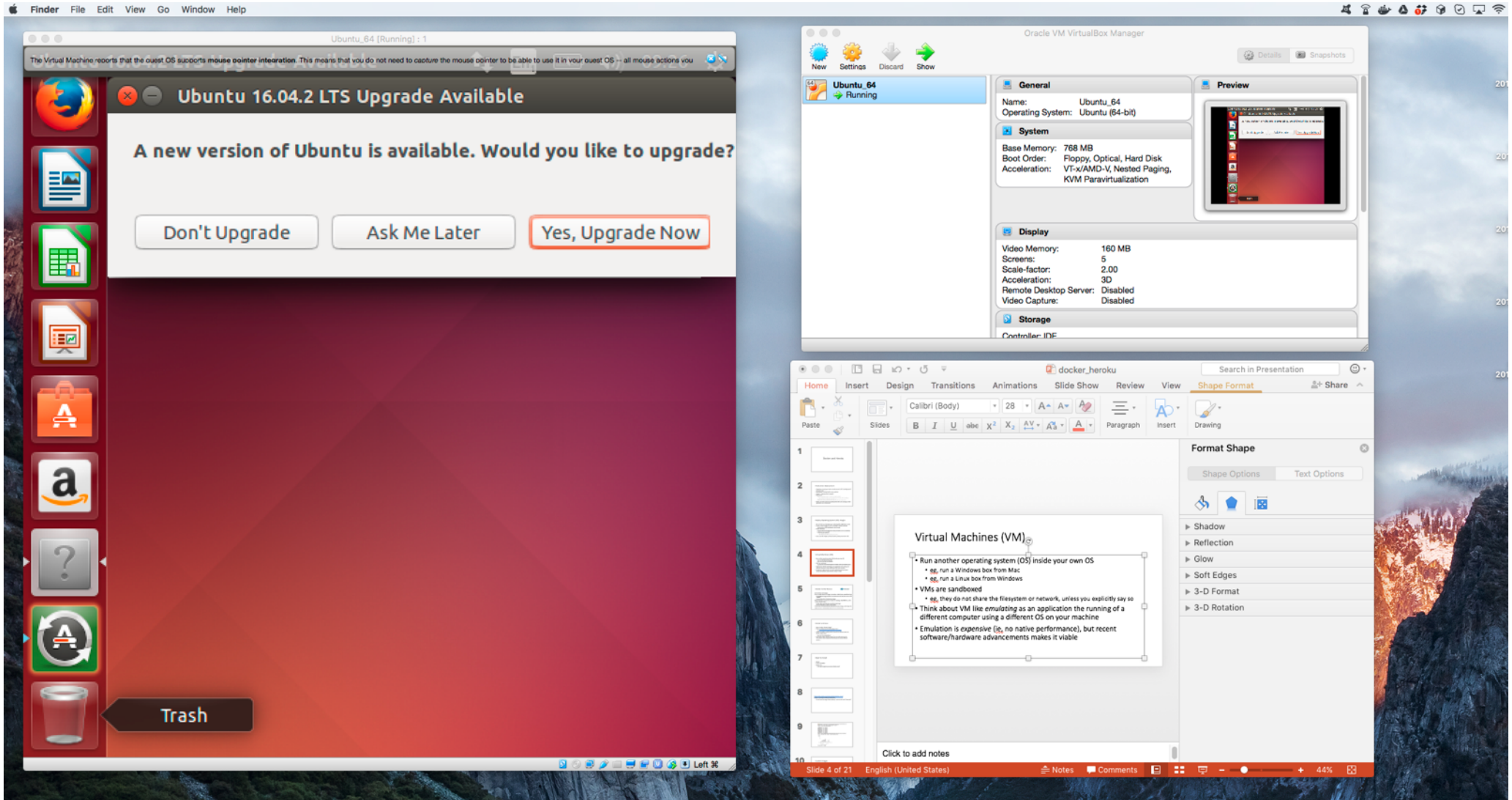
OS-specific Programs

- Ever tried to run a PS4 game on Windows or an XBox?
- Or a Windows application on a Mac?
- Why do they NOT work?
- Compiled code relies on *system calls* to interact with hardware (mouse, screen, etc), and those are OS dependent
  - system calls can be seen as APIs of the OS

Virtual Machines (VM)

- Run a OS (*guest*) inside another one (*host*)
- The *guest* OS runs in an *emulated* environment, controlled by a hypervisor / virtual machine monitor
- The VM with *guest* OS runs likes a program in the *host* OS
- The *host* OS can decide whether and how the *guest* OS interacts with the environment
- The *guest* OS will be less efficient than *host* one, but performance is getting much better nowadays

Linux running in Mac/Windows via VirtualBox



Windows running in Mac via Parallels

Why VMs?

- Can run programs compiled/written for other OSs
- Security: as *host* decides what *guest* can interact with, the guest is effectively run in a *sandbox*
  - Can also easily wipe out and re-run a comprised *guest* OS
- *Portability*: instead of shipping a program which needs to be installed and configured (and that might only work for a specific OS), do ship an entire OS *image* including the program and everything it needs
  - such image will run in the VM

Docker

Deploy OS Images

- When developing applications, not limit to just package your code
  - Java, NodeJS, PHP, etc.
- Create a whole image of an OS, including all needed software
  - Eg the version of JRE/.Net/Ruby/etc. that you need
- Particularly useful when developing web applications to install on a server
- Do not install the OS image on the server, but rather run it in a virtual machine
- Also, instead of installing a database, could just load a OS image with it
- How to automate all this?

Docker to the Rescue

- Automate the deployment of application inside software containers
- Create whole OS images, based on predefined ones
- Eg, a Linux distribution with the latest version of the frameworks you need
  - NodeJS, PHP, JDK, etc.
- Large *online* catalog of existing base images at Docker Hub
- Your application, and any needed third-party library, will be part of the OS image
- Use Docker (and tools built on / using it) to deploy your OS images and start them locally or on remote servers

How to Use Docker?

- First you need to install it
  - https://store.docker.com/
  - Note: if you are using Windows, Home Edition might not be enough. You would need a better version, like the Educational one, which you should be able to freely get from school
- To run existing images, you just need to type commands from a shell terminal (eg, GitBash)
- When you are writing your own projects, you need to create configuration files
  - *Dockerfile*: specify how to build an OS image
  - *docker-compose.yml*: for handling multi-images
- Then, use *docker* and *docker-compose* commands from the command line

Docker Examples

- https://docs.docker.com/get-started/
- https://hub.docker.com/r/docker/whalesay/
- ***docker run docker/whalesay cowsay boo***
  - This will install the image “docker/whalesay”, and run it with input “cowsay boo”
  - First time you run it, the “docker/whalesay” image will be downloaded

foo — -bash — 136×29

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Andreas-MBP-2:~ foo$ docker run docker/whalesay cowsay boo
Unable to find image 'docker/whalesay:latest' locally
latest: Pulling from docker/whalesay

e190868d63f8: Pull complete
909cd34c6fd7: Pull complete
0b9bfabab7c1: Pull complete
a3ed95caeb02: Pull complete
00bf65475aba: Pull complete
c57b6bcc83e3: Pull complete
8978f6879e2f: Pull complete
8eed3712d2cf: Pull complete
Digest: sha256:178598e51a26abbc958b8a2e48825c90bc22e641de3d31e18aaf55f3258ba93b
Status: Downloaded newer image for docker/whalesay:latest

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Andreas-MBP-2:~ foo$
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Custom Images

- Extend existing images to run the applications you develop
- Just need to create a text file called “Dockerfile”
- 3 “main” parts (there are more…)
  - **FROM:** specify the base OS image
  - **RUN**: execute commands in the virtual OS to set it up, like installing programs or create files/directories
  - **CMD**: the actual command for your application
  - **#** are comments
- ***docker build -t <name> .***
  - Create an image with name <name>, from the Dockerfile in the current “.” folder
- ***docker run <name>***
  - Run the give image
- **docker ps**
  - Show running images
- **docker stop <id>**
  - Stop the given running image. Note: an image can be run in several instances, with different ids

File Path ▾ : ~/Teaching/code/docker/Dockerfile

Dockerfile

```
# specify the base image "from" which we build on.
# for list of available images: https://hub.docker.com/
FROM docker/whalesay:latest

# apt-get is a linux command to install programs
# "-y" means "answer yes" if the install asks permission
#      to do something
# && doesn't execute second command if first fail
# "fortunes" is just a random selector from some existing quotes
RUN apt-get -y update && apt-get install -y fortunes

# this is the actual executed command
# run "fortunes" (which gives a random quote) a pipe it
# as input for the "cowsay" program
CMD /usr/games/fortune -a | cowsay
```

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Andreas-MBP-2:docker foo$ docker run foo
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\ large values of 2.                  /
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Some Further Commands

- **ENV**: define an environment variable
- **COPY**: take a file X from your hard-disk, and copy it over to the Docker image at the given path Y
  - When Docker image runs, it can access X at path Y, even when you deploy the image on a remote server
- **WORKDIR**: specify the working directory for the executed commands
  - Think about it like doing “cd” to that folder, so all commands/files are relative to that folder, and you do not need to specify full path

Networking

- When you run a server on your local host, it will open a TCP port, typically 80 or 8080
- A server running inside Docker will open the same kind of ports, but those will not be visible from the *host* OS
- You need to explicitly make a mapping from *host* to *guest* ports
- Ex.: **docker run –p 80:8080 foo**
  - When we do a connection on localhost on port 80, it will be redirected to 8080 inside Docker

CTRL-C

- When running Docker (eg "*docker run*") in a terminal, you can use CTRL-C to stop it
- On some terminals it *might* happen that the image still run in background
- Use "*docker ps*" to check if indeed the case
- Use "*docker stop <id>*" to stop an image manually
- If you have Docker images running in the background, that can be a problem if they use TCP ports

Example: Running Postgres

- Docker Hub: https://hub.docker.com/
- Most major tools are released as well in Docker images
- Postgres: https://hub.docker.com/_/postgres/
- How to download it and run it? Simple, just type:
- **docker run -p 5432:5432 postgres**
  - note, Postgres expect connections on port 5432, so we need to make it accessible

Databases

The 3 Rules of Choosing a Database

1. New project or unsure what to do? **Choose Postgres**
2. If you are already using *MySQL* and migration to *Postgres* would be too expensive, can stick with *MySQL*
3. If you have a long experience with databases, know exactly what you are doing, and can measure objectively the performance benefits of different tradeoffs compared to just using *Postgres*, then, *and only then*, choose best database for the *specific* problem you are facing

Example: *MySQL*

- Open source, but own (and mainly developed) by *Oracle*… and let's not forget that one of its main commercial products is *Oracle Database*…
  - so, yes, in theory those 2 databases are competitors…
- For most use cases, *MySQL* is on par with *Postgres,* but usually slower in adding new advanced features
  - eg support for NoSQL features like JSON data type, or SQL compliance

Example: *MongoDB*

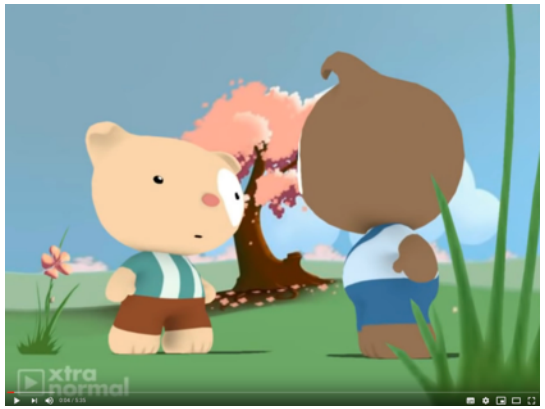
- Most famous *NoSQL* database
  - very, very popular in tutorials… especially in NodeJS
- Meant for *documents*, not for data with *relations*
  - Usually documents are in JSON format, where the only relations are hierarchical, eg nested objects
- Can be *fast* and *easy* to set up…
- … but you need to *sacrifice ACID* for it…
  - eg, when you “save” some data, can be just cached, and not actually saved…
  - ACID transactions added in v4.0, in 2018…
- *Postgres/MySQL* can save JSON fields, and be very fast at it
  - eg, in 2014, Postgres was actually faster than MongoDB in benchmarks at dealing with JSON

MongoDB Cont.

- Might start with JSON *documents*… but then one day you need to add relations between data: *you are screwed*
  - “screwed” meaning ending up implementing JOINs at application level, which is a nightmare and very inefficient… and/or duplicate data, which need to be kept always in sync…
- Or even worse, choosing *MongoDB* even when you deal with relational data, just because of *hype*…
- …or when you do not really deal with the amount of data of Google/Amazon/etc…

But… MongoDB is “Web Scale”!

- https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=b2F-DItXtZs
- http://www.sarahmei.com/blog/2013/11/11/why-you-should-never-use-mongodb/
- **echo "MongoDB is Web Scale!" > /dev/null**
- Note: video is from 2010. At that time MongoDB was “rubbish”. Today is better
  - eg ACID transactions added in 2018



Cloud Deployment

Cloud Deployment

- Different companies provide cloud hosting solutions for your applications, which frees you from hardware issues, but for a price
- *Amazon Web Services* (AWS) is perhaps the most famous/used one
  - eg, *Netflix* runs on AWS
- *Automated scaling*: if you need more load, automatically rent more nodes, and automatically scale down if less load
  - this is also good for applications targeting a specific country (eg Norway), in which you will not get much load during the night

Definition of “Cloud”

Heroku

- One of the main cloud providers
- At the time of this writing, it provides *easy* to use *free* hosting
  - note, this might change at any time
- Supporting NodeJS applications
  - and many others

Using Heroku

- First you need to create an account at www.heroku.com
- Install *Heroku CLI*, which allows you to interact with Heroku from command line
- On the web interface, create an "app" with a name of your choice. In these slides, I will use "*pg6300-c4*"
  - as names are unique, you will need to choose a different name

From Command Line (CLI)

- **heroku plugins:install heroku-builds**
  - need to be run only once, to install the "*builds*" plugin
- **heroku login**
  - will setup credential for the other commands.
  - note: if using Windows, this might not work on GitBash, and need to do this command once from a regular Terminal
- **heroku builds:create -a pg6300-c4**
  - zip all your files in current folder, and deploy them in the app
  - note: use "*.gitignore*" to specify what to exclude

https://pg6300-c4.herokuapp.com/