

School of Computer Science
Faculty of Science
COMP-2560: System Programming (Fall 2024)

Lab#	Date	Title	Due Date	Grade Release Date
Lab02	Week 02	Working Environment Setup	One-Week Lab Sept. 24, Tuesday Midnight EDT	Sept. 30

The main objective of the first lab will be for you to set up a working environment, specifically to connect to a UNIX-based or UNIX-like operating system (OS) or have it on your own computer.

Step 1. Environment Setup

The labs are the practical part of the course “Systems Programming” and comprise 9 manuals that cover hands-on experience with system calls included in the UNIX-based kernel, such as creating multiprocess and multithread programs, inter-process communication, file system and directory access, and sockets and networking. The labs are to correlate the theoretical concepts of the course with practical applications. We will use C as the programming language.

You can either install a fresh copy of a UNIX-based/like OS such as Linux by Ubuntu¹ or connect to computer systems available in the school to work remotely. Fresh installation of an operating system is not part of this course; all the students can connect to the school’s computer systems with Debian GNU/Linux 11. What follows illustrates the connection to such systems depending on:

- Whether you’re connecting from a computer outside or inside the campus (e.g., a laptop that is connected to the school’s wifi or from home)
- Your computer’s OS (e.g., Windows, macOS, ...)

1.1. Connecting via VPN

If you’re connecting from home, anywhere outside or inside the campus, you have to connect via a VPN server. You can find help from the school’s user guide at <https://help.cs.uwindsor.ca/books/cs-help/page/vpn>.

1.2. Connecting to UNIX-based/like Server

A remote connection between a server (host computer system) and a client (guest computer system) can be made through a myriad of client applications² that all use a *secure* network protocol called **Secure Shell (SSH)** to provide secure access to the server’s command-line (shell), login, and remote command execution. To download or upload files to the server, however, there are other secure file transfer protocols such as **Secure FTP** or **Secure Copy (SCP)**. Client applications may or may not support both protocols. For instance, *old versions* of PuTTY³ could not do file transfer, and we should install a separate application PuTTY Secure Copy (PSCP)⁴ for file transfer. Client applications may or may not have a graphical user interface (GUI). For instance, PuTTY and PSCP do not have GUI, while WinSCP⁵ (for Windows) or Cyberduck⁶ (for macOS) have GUI. *Fortunately, most current operating systems, either Windows, macOS, or Linux, include SSH and SCP network protocols to create connections. Hence, before installing a new client application, see if you already have them.*

1.3. Connecting from macOS

Mac systems already have SSH embodied in the **Terminal** application.

¹ <https://ubuntu.com/#download>

² https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Comparison_of_SSH_clients

³ <https://www.chiark.greenend.org.uk/~sgtatham/putty/>

⁴ <https://it.cornell.edu/managed-servers/transfer-files-using-putty>

⁵ <https://winscp.net/eng/download.php>

⁶ <https://cyberduck.io/>



In **Finder**, open the **Applications** folder, double click on the **Utilities** folder, and double click on the **Terminal** application. Enter the following standard SSH command as follows:

```
ssh uwinid@delta.cs.uwindsor.ca
```

Replace **uwinid** with your own. When asked for a password, put your uwin password. This will connect to the server and the connection will look similar to the following. For instance, my **uwinid** is hfani, so I entered **hfani@delta.cs.uwindsor.ca**

```
C:\Users\Administrator>ssh hfani@delta.cs.uwindsor.ca
The authenticity of host 'delta.cs.uwindsor.ca (10.60.8.51)' can't be established.
ECDSA key fingerprint is SHA256:7Uzi1Xcz9g4fZZVS+r13U2VF128SNwXf50ybVucCV54.
Are you sure you want to continue connecting (yes/no)? yes
Warning: Permanently added 'delta.cs.uwindsor.ca,10.60.8.51' (ECDSA) to the list of known hosts.
hfani@delta.cs.uwindsor.ca's password:
```

```
Welcome to Debian GNU/Linux 12 (bookworm) (6.1.0-25-amd64).
```

```
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```

```
+-----+
```

```
Unauthorized use is prohibited.
```

```
https://uwindsor.ca/policy
```

```
See the Acceptable Use Policy under IT Services
```

```
For help: http://help.cs.uwindsor.ca
```

```
+-----+
```

```
System information as of: Thu Sep 12 14:59:31 EDT 2024
```

```
System load:    2.57      Memory usage:    4.0%
```

```
Home Usage:     18%      Swap usage:      0.0%
```

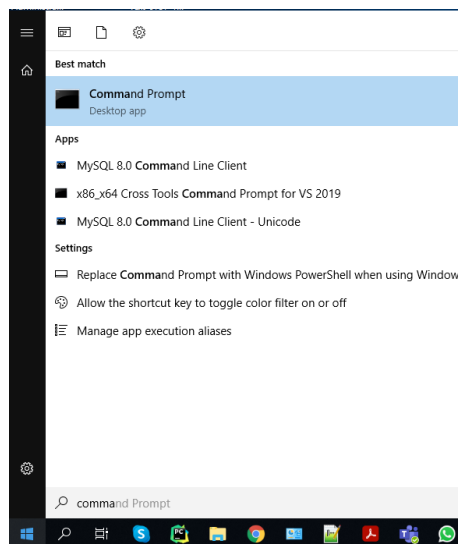
```
Local users:    5
```

```
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```

```
hfani@delta:~$
```

1.4. Connecting from Windows

Since Windows 10, Microsoft has added SSH as a built-in feature. But it is not enabled by default and you have to enable it. In this link, you can find the help: <https://www.howtogeek.com/336775/how-to-enable-and-use-windows-10s-built-in-ssh-commands/> . When enabled, open **Command Prompt** by clicking the **Start** button and typing in **Command Prompt**, and then select it from the list when it appears:

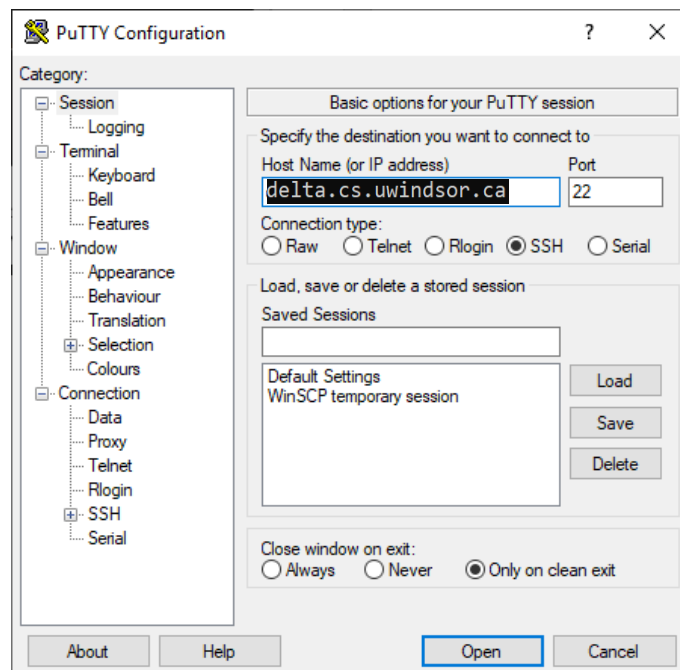


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If your Windows misses SSH, you have to install a client application such as PuTTY available at <https://www.putty.org/>. When you run PuTTY, it looks like the following window to enter the hostname cs.uwindsor.ca. The difference here is that PuTTY asks for the username separately. When asked, enter your **uwinid** followed by the password.





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ECDSA key fingerprint is SHA256:7Uzi1Xcz9g4fZZVS+r13U2VF128SNwXf50ybVucCV54.
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```

Step 2. Hello World!

Once we can successfully connect to a UNIX-based/like OS, we write our first program in C programming language. To this end, we need the following in order:

1. A text editor to write our C codes
2. A compiler for C language that translates our C codes to assembly codes
3. An assembler for the host machine to translate the assembly codes to opcodes
4. A linker that includes other required opcodes

2.1. Writing our C Program

vi⁷ (/ˌviːˈaɪ/ pronounce v eye) is the most common text editor which is available on almost all UNIX-based/like OS. You can create an empty text file by typing **vi** followed by the filename (**hello.c**):

```
hfani@alpha:~$ vi hello.c
```

To start inserting new characters, you should put **vi** in the **--INSERT--** mode by pressing **SHIFT I**. Then start typing the simplest C program as follow:

```
#include <stdio.h>
int main(void) {
    printf("Hello World!\n");
    return 0;
}

~
~
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~
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~
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~
-- INSERT --                    5,2      All
```

To exit the edit mode, press **ESC** key. In order to save the file, you should press **SHIFT :** after which **vi** needs a command. Enter **wq**, which means write and quit.

```
#include <stdio.h>
int main(void) {
    printf("Hello World!\n");
    return 0;
}

~
~
~
~
~
~
~
~
~
~
:wq
```

To ensure that your file has been saved properly, use the **ls** command to list the files.

```
hfani@alpha:~$ ls
Desktop    Downloads      hello.c  Pictures  Templates
Documents  eclipse-workspace  Music    Public    Videos
hfani@alpha:~$
```

2.2. Compile our C Program

To compile our program, we use the built-in C compiler application, named **cc**, as follows:

```
hfani@alpha:~$ cc hello.c -o hello
```

The above command does the following in order:

1. Compile the program file `hello.c` and translate it to assembly language (assembly codes)
2. Translate it to opcodes! (binary codes)
3. Link it to other opcodes! (e.g., `stdio.h`)
4. Merge all opcodes and create an executable file in `hello` (the option `-o`). If you don't put the `-o` option, it creates `a.out` file as the default filename.

```
hfani@alpha:~$ vi hello.c
hfani@alpha:~$ cc hello.c -o hello
```

And now, the executable file is ready to be launched and run.

```
hfani@alpha:~$ ./hello
Hello World!
hfani@alpha:~$
```

2.3. Create Assembly Codes

As seen in the previous step, when we compiled our program, it was already translated into assembly codes and then machine opcodes. In other words, the C compiler does the assembly translation too. If you need more about assembly codes and assemblers, refer to the course *COMP2660: Computer Architecture II: Microprocessor Programming*. In next lab, Lab03, we will have hands-on experience on it.

2.4. Link our C Program

As seen in the previous step, when we compiled our program, it was already linked to the other libraries such as `stdio.h`. In future labs, we will introduce advanced topics about the linking step.



Step 3. Lab Assignment

You should customize the following C program based on your information (uwinid and student#) and compile it. Then execute it to make sure it outputs the desired output. My sample code has been attached in a zip file named **lab02_hfani.zip**.

```

#include <stdio.h>
#include <time.h>
#include <stdlib.h>
int main()
{
    printf("Hello World! This is hfani@uwindsor.ca, StudentID: 123456789\n");
    time_t t = time(NULL);
    struct tm tm = *localtime(&t);
    printf("now: %d-%02d-%02d %02d:%02d\n", tm.tm_year + 1900, tm.tm_mon + 1, tm.tm_mday, tm.tm_hour, tm.tm_min, tm.tm_sec);
    printf("%s@shell:%s\n", getenv("USER"),getenv("PWD"));

    //int main(void){
    //    printf("Hello World!\n");
    //    return 0;
    //}
}

```

3.1 Download files from Server and Upload files to Server

As said above, to download files from the server (e.g., your code and executable file) or to upload a file (e.g., the sample code to the Server), you should use an application that implements a file transfer protocol such as SCP, PSCP, WinSCP, Cyberduck, etc. In case you use SCP, the command is as follows. *Note that the **scp** should be run from your local computer!*

scp source:file target:file

As seen, SCP can copy from any source to any target. In the case of **download**, the source is the server and the target is our local computer:

scp hfani@cs.uwindsor.ca:hello.c C:/Users/Administrator/Desktop/hello.c

In the case of **upload**, the source is our local computer and the target is the server:

scp C:/Users/Administrator/Desktop/hello.c hfani@cs.uwindsor.ca:hello.c

3.2 Deliverables

You will prepare and submit the program in one single zip file **lab02_uwinid.zip** containing the following items:

- (90%) **lab02_uwinid.zip**
- (70%) **hello.c** => must be compiled and built with no error.
 - (20%) **results.pdf/jpg/png** => the image snapshot of the output
 - (Optional) **readme.txt**

(10%) Files Naming and Formats

Please follow the naming convention as you lose marks otherwise. Instead of uwinid, use your own account name, e.g., mine is **hfani@uwindsor.ca**, so, **lab02_hfani.zip**