

Introduction to UNIX-like systems

Computing Laboratory

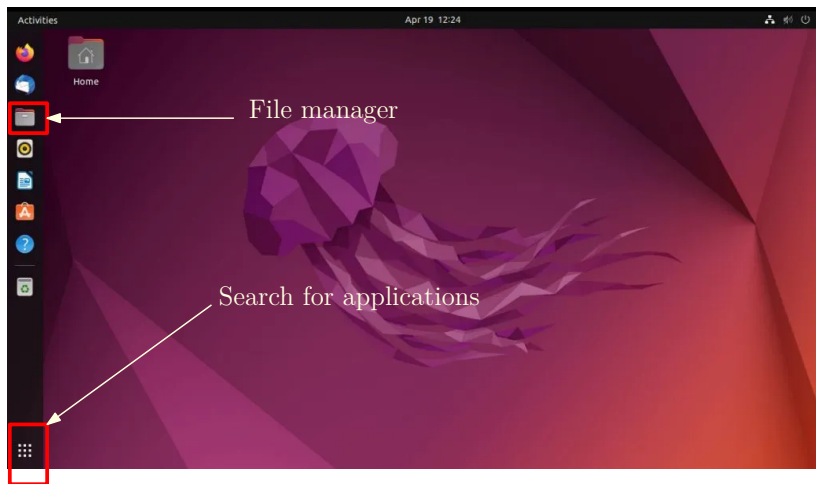
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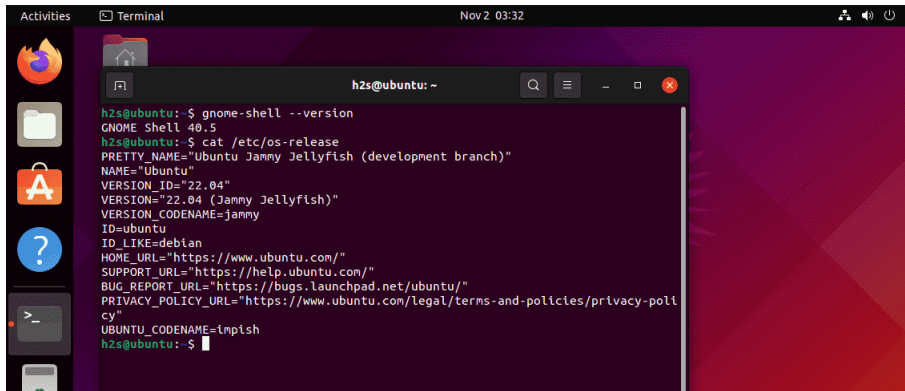
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Your desktop



What you will need

- Code editor: Visual Studio Code (if you do not already have a preferred editor)
 - search for “`linux vscode setup for c programming`”
- Text editor (gedit): for quick edits
- Terminal (image source: <https://linux.how2shout.com/>)

A screenshot of a Linux desktop environment. On the left is a vertical dock with icons for Firefox, a file manager, the Ubuntu Software Center, a help icon, and a terminal icon. The main window is a terminal titled 'Terminal' with a timestamp of 'Nov 2 03:32'. The terminal prompt is 'h2s@ubuntu: ~'. The user has entered the command 'gnome-shell --version', which outputs 'GNOME Shell 40.5'. Then, the user enters 'cat /etc/os-release', which outputs the following system information:

```
PRETTY_NAME="Ubuntu Jammy Jellyfish (development branch)"
NAME="Ubuntu"
VERSION_ID="22.04"
VERSION="22.04 (Jammy Jellyfish)"
VERSION_CODENAME=jammy
ID=ubuntu
ID_LIKE=debian
HOME_URL="https://www.ubuntu.com/"
SUPPORT_URL="https://help.ubuntu.com/"
BUG_REPORT_URL="https://bugs.launchpad.net/ubuntu/"
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```

The terminal prompt is now 'h2s@ubuntu:~\$'.

Outline

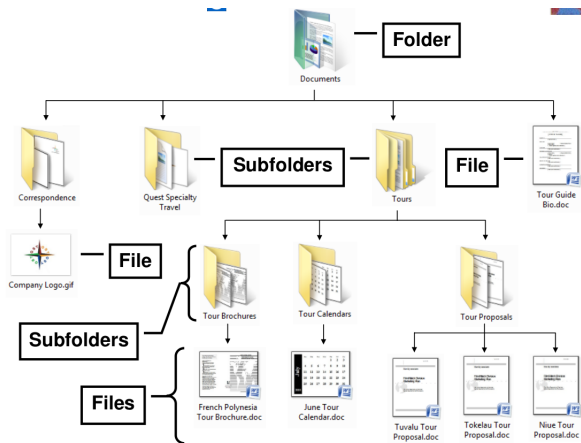
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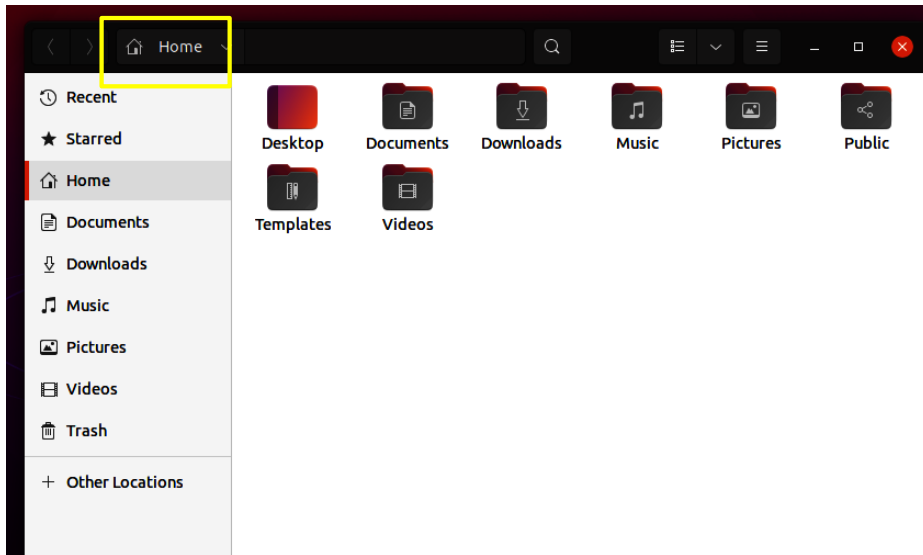
File system structure

Files are organised in a hierarchical structure of folders, sub-folders, and files.

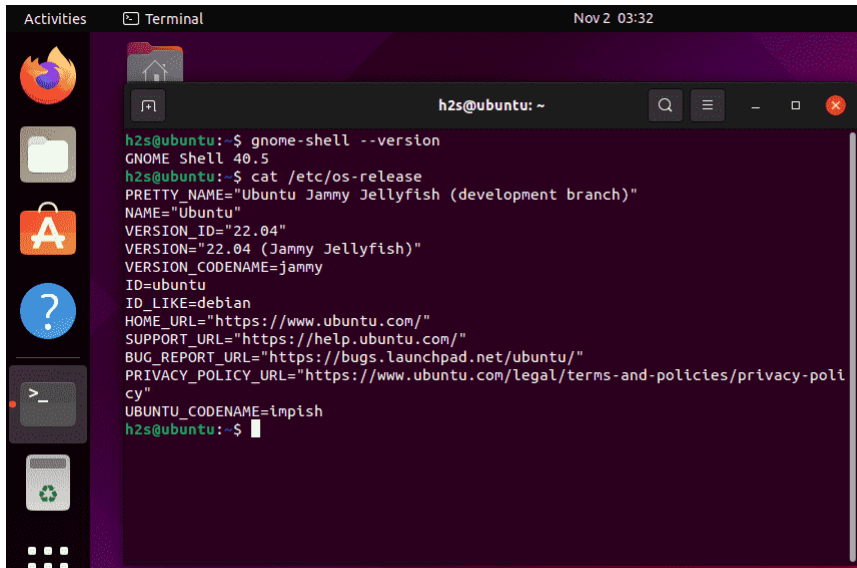


Courtesy: <https://www.slideshare.net/okmomwalking/windows-7-unit-b-ppt>

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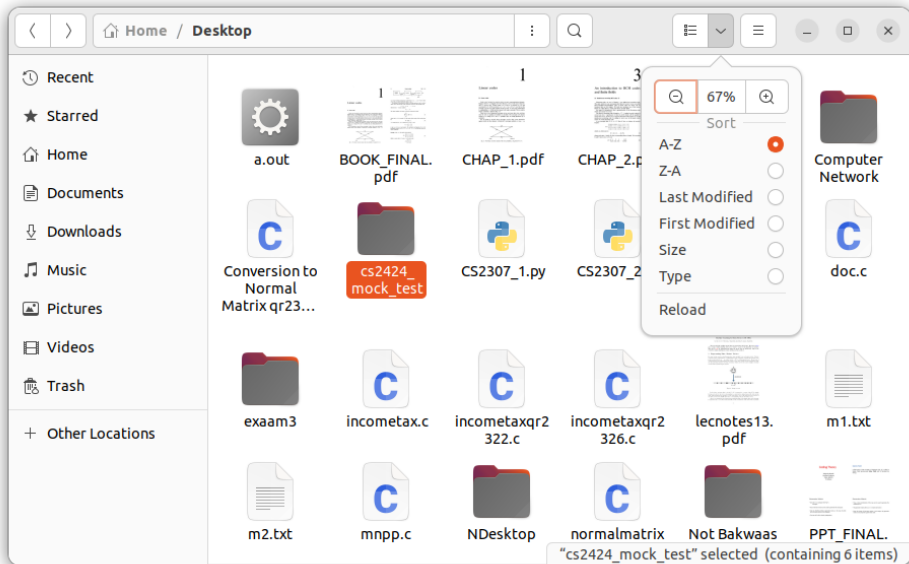
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File system structure: terminology

- Folders \equiv *directories*
- Top of the hierarchy: *root directory* (/)
- Default starting location: *home directory* (~)
- Location of a file or directory: specified by *path*
- Current location in terminal or file browser: *current working directory*
- Paths: *absolute* or *relative*
 - absolute path: from root (starts with /)
Example: `/usr/bin/firefox`, `/tmp`, `/user1/student`
 - relative path: from current working directory (does not start with /)
Example: `clab/assignment1/hello.c`

Note the difference between (forward) slash (/ , used in Unix-like systems) and backslash (\ , used in Windows-like systems) !

Graphical file manager



Navigating the file system

- **cd** : change directory

Example:

```
cd /home/student/Desktop
```

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cd clab/day1/
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Special directory names

- **~** : home directory

Example: `cd ~/Desktop`

- **.** (dot) : current working directory

Example: `./program1`

- **..** (dot dot) : parent directory (one level up)

Example: `cd ..`, `cd ../assignment2`, `cd ../../`

Listing files

- `ls` : view list of files in current directory
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- `ls -l` : view detailed list of files
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Example:

```
$ /bin/ls -l
total 68
drwx----- 2 mandar mandar 4096 Jul 19 00:45 assignments
drwx----- 2 mandar mandar 4096 Jul 22 2016 exams
-rw-r--r-- 1 mandar mandar 13521 Jul 19 00:41 index.html
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Permissions:

- 9 possible permissions:
{ read, write, execute } × { user (owner), group, other (everyone else) }
- 9 bits (1 ≡ permission granted)

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- **chmod**: changing permissions

Example:

`chmod g+wx <path>`

`chmod og-wx <path>`

`chmod 644 <path>` ← 644 ≡ 110 100 100 ≡ **rw-r--r--**

`chmod 700 <path>` ← 700 ≡ 111 000 000 ≡ **rwX-----**

Essential commands: directories

- `mkdir` : create a directory

Examples:

```
mkdir clab
```

```
mkdir clab/assignment1
```

Create directories as appropriate.

OR

```
mkdir -p clab/assignment1 clab/assignment2
```

- `rmdir` : remove an (empty) directory

Example: `rmdir assignment2, rmdir clab/programs`

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Compiling and running your program

■ Compiling

command

`gcc -g -Wall -o prog1 prog1.c`

options / flags

optional: what you want to name the generated executable file

source file name

OR

`gcc -g -Wall prog1.c`

- if the desired name of the generated executable file is not specified using `-o`, `gcc` will name it `a.out`
- desired name of the generated executable file can be anything

■ Running

`./prog1` ← if you have used option `-o` above

OR

`./a.out` ← if you have not used `-o`

Essential commands: files

- `cp` : copy a file

Example:

```
cp program1.c program2.c
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-i ≡ interactive
(asks for confirmation)

- **rm** : remove (delete) a file

Example:

```
rm program1.c
rm -i file1 file2.c *.bak
rm -r some-directory (remove directory and everything inside it)
```

- Useful for quickly viewing a file (not editing)
- Use `less`

Example: `less cs19xx-day0-prog1.c`

- space: move forward one page
- backspace or b: move backward one page
- q : exit the pager
- / : search for a string in the file
- run `man less` for more information

Input/output redirection

- Input/output
 - involves a file or a terminal
 - requires a *file pointer*
- *stdin* \equiv file pointer corresponding to reading input from keyboard
- *stdout* \equiv file pointer corresponding to printing output to terminal
- Taking stdin from a file: `./prog1 < input.txt`
- Printing stdout to a file: `./prog1 > input.txt`
- Taking stdin / printing stdout from / to a program: use the vertical bar / pipe character (|)

```
./prog1 | less  
cat input.txt | ./prog1
```

- Input/output from/to file / program may be combined
`./prog1 < input.txt > output.txt`

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Find out more about these on your own.

- `alias` (giving your own, easy-to-remember names to commands)
- `wc` (counting characters, words, lines)
- `sort`
- `head`, `tail` (first few / last few lines)
- `cmp`, `diff` (comparing two files)
- `ps`, `top`, `kill` (checking what programs are running)
- `find` (finding files or directories)
- `grep` (searching for patterns)
- `awk`, `sed` (programming)

http://cli.learncodethehardway.org/bash_cheat_sheet.pdf

<https://ubuntudanmark.dk/filer/fwunixref.pdf>

<http://www.ucs.cam.ac.uk/docs/leaflets/u5>

<http://mally.stanford.edu/~sr/compuGng/basic-unix.html>

<http://www.math.utah.edu/lab/unix/unix-commands.html>