CLUG

Cochise Linux User Group

Get to know your command line!
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What is the Command Line?

- Simply put, a text-based way to interact with your operating system.
- The terms CLI (Command Line Interface) and Shell are often used to describe the command line.
- You can have a true text-based command line interface or one that is run through the GUI.

Text Based CLI

- More common in server based distributions.
- Can be accessed by ctrl + alt + f2 through ctrl + alt + f6.
- Each function key gives you a different workspace.
- Ctrl + alt + f1 will bring you back to the GUI (if you had one running)

GUI Based Terminals

- This will be the most common way to use the command line.
- Linux distributions have a graphical based terminal installed by default.
- It is generally bundled in the desktop environment and can be accessed through the menu system.

Common GUI Terminals

- Konsole KDE
- Gnome-Terminal Gnome
- XFCE terminal XFCE
- Terminology Enlightenment
- Xterm Xorg
- LXTerminal LXDE
- There are many many more to choose from.

What does this 'Terminal' thing look like?

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Basic Commands

- Is list files in a directory
- cd change a directory
- cp copy a file or directory
- mv move a file or directory
- rm remove a file or directory
- kill/killall killing tasks
- sudo run a command with root privilages.

Why Use the Command Line?

- Can often be a quicker way to complete a task.
- Sometimes you may encounter issues with the GUI that can easily be resolved with the command line.
- Scripting and automation. (Makes life easier)

Some Notable Command Line Programs.

- Irssi text based irc client (The client of the future).
- vi or vim text based text editor.
- Elinks text based web browser.
- Moc music over console a text based music player.
- Mutt text based email client.
- Glances System monitor
- There are many, many more...

Screenshots

Irssi

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Cochise Linux Users Group
9:07 -!- paul_be [~lame@67-1-182-192.tcso.qwest.net] has joined #Cochiselinux
9:07 -!- Topic for #Cochiselinux: Cochise Linux Users Group
9:07 -!- Topic set by hippyjake [~hippyjake@wsip-98-172-80-82.ph.ph.cox.net] [Tue Jul 28 20:44:12 2015]
9:07 [Users #cochiselinux]
9:07 [@ChanServ] [ clugbot] [ MajB] [ newascii_bot] [ paul_be]
9:07 -!- Irssi: #cochiselinux: Total of 5 nicks [1 ops, 0 halfops, 0 voices, 4 normal]
09:07 -NickServ(NickServ@services.)- You are now identified for paul_be.
09:07 -!- unaffiliated/paul-be/x-4231257 is now your hidden host (set by services.)
9:07 - ChanServ(ChanServ@services.)- [#Cochiselinux] Welcome to #Cochiselinux, A place for Cochise County Arizona Linux Users
19:07 -!- Home page for #Cochiselinux: https://cochiselinuxusersgroup.github.io/ https://github.com/CochiseLinuxUsersGroup
9:07 -!- Channel #Cochiselinux created Tue Jul 28 20:39:02 2015
9:07 -!- Irssi: Join to #cochiselinux was synced in 5 secs
[09:08] [paul_be(+i)] [2:Freenode/#cochiselinux(+cnt)]
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Screenshots

Vim showing a simple bash script.

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1 #!/bin/bash
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3 export PATH=~/.gem/ruby/2.2.0/bin:$PATH
4 echo 'exporting path...'
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6 gem install bundler
7 bundle install --path vendor/bundle
8 bundle exec jekyll serve
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More Screenshots

Elinks @ cochiselinux



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Moc – Music on Console

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More Screenshots

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Helpful links

- http://files.fosswire.com/2007/08/fwunixref.pdf
- http://vic.gedris.org/Manual-ShellIntro/1.2/ShellIntro.pdf
- https://www.loggly.com/wp-content/uploads/2015/05/Linux-Cheat-Sheet-Sponsored-By-Loggly.pdf
- http://www.reallylinux.com/docs/basic.shtml
- http://www.reallylinux.com/docs/files.shtml

Other Topic Ideas

- Grep, Sed, and Awk Master Regex
- Not Just Bash A Linux shell primer
- File System Structure Where is that one thing?
- Bash Scripting Automate your life.
- Wifi Hacking Secure your network by breaking in.
- Steam Life Why Steam will forever change Linux.
- Command Line 2 Intermediate commands.
- Other suggestions?

CLUG Info

- Chat almost any time on IRC
 - Server: irc.freenode.net
 - Channel: #cochiselinux
 - If you need help getting an IRC client working / configured, feel free to ask.
- Website
 - CochiseLinuxUsersGroup.github.io
 - We are working on getting a domain that is shorter.
- Mailing List
 - Directions to sign up for the mailing list can be found on the website.

This slideshow can be found at: http://tinyurl.com/TermBeginners

Questions / Demo