Unix/Linux

- powerful class of operating systems
- multiuser, unified file system
- command-line interface
 - text-based commands, no graphical user interface (GUI)
 - "long-term lazy": slower to learn, faster to use
 - allow for easy automation of series of commands

Linux vs. Windows vs. Mac



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Mac Fanboys

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Linux Fanboys

Unix/Linux

- the term *directory* means the same thing as folder
- Unix/Linux commands are case-sensitive
- denotes the home directory of your account
- denotes the current directory
- ... denotes the parent directory (one level up from current)
- when you log into ugrad, you'll be in your own home directory

Connecting to ugrad demo

- If you have a Windows machine
 - Download and install PUTTY for free (https://www.chiark.greenend.org.uk/~sgtatham/putty/latest.html)
 - Open PuTTy and connect to ugrad:
 - Open connection with hostname ugradx.cs.jhu.edu
 - Username and password are as supplied on account sheet (e.g. ips120xx or CS/CE major/minor account)
 - Once logged in, change password:,
 - Type passwd, then re-enter old password
 - Choose 1, enter old password again, then new password twice
 - Remember new password you choose we can't reset it for you!
 - Log out of ugrad by typing exit
 - Log back into ugrad; ensure new password works; log back out
- Alternatives to ugradx are ugrad1, ugrad2, ... ugrad24

Connecting to ugrad from your own computer

 Windows: download PuTTy and repeat what we did today (www.chiark.greenend.org.uk/~sgtatham/putty/download.html)

 Mac: open Terminal application, then type the command ssh <your-username>@ugradx.cs.jhu.edu

Unix/Linux: basic commands

- pwd print working directory
 - pwd
- Is list directory contents
 - 1s
 - ls -1
 - ls -la
- cd change directory [specify directory name]
 - cd <folder_name>
 - cd ..
 - cd ~
- mkdir make new directory within current directory [specify name]
 - mkdir <folder_to_create>
- less view text file screenful at a time [specify file name]
 - less <file_to_view>

Unix/Linux: basic commands, continued

- mv change location of file or folder [specify source, then destination]
 - mv <source> <destination>
 - mv hellooo.c hello.c
- cp make a copy of file or folder [specify source, then destination]
 - cp <source> <destination>
- rm remove a file [specify file to remove]
 - rm <file_to_remove>
- locations can be relative to current directory
 - cp hello.c folderForToday/hello.c
- locations can be absolute, based on full path in file system, so you don't have to change to a directory to move or copy files in from/to that location
 - cp ~/oldFolder/hello.c ~/folderForToday/hello.c

Items to do!

- Make sure you have a cs account (either your permanent one or a temporary one you received from the instructor)
- Finish a Unix/Linux command line boot camp (tutorial)
 - http://korflab.ucdavis.edu/bootcamp.html