

# **GETTING STARTED**

The data files required for this workshop are located in a public directory of the instructor's account. You need to have this in your home directory (/home/username) before you start the exercise 1. You can download the compressed directory and extract it by simple commands given below. You will learn about these commands later in the exercise.

Open the terminal and enter these commands (commands are case sensitive) and each command should be entered in a single line followed by ← (Enter) key

wget http://www.public.iastate.edu/~arnstrm/WORKSHOP\_FILES.tar.gz ← tar -xvzf WORKSHOP\_FILES.tar.gz ←

Once your cursor (command prompt) comes back to the original position, type

ls ←

You should see WORKSHOP\_FILES listed there.

PS: hand-outs/files are also available for download at <a href="https://github.com/ISUgenomics/Basic UNIX">https://github.com/ISUgenomics/Basic UNIX</a>



# **UNIX EXERCISE 1**

This exercise is designed to provide the basic skills required for working in the UNIX environment, using plenty of relevant examples, specifically for biologists. If you are using your personal computer, make sure that you have downloaded the files required for the workshop. This exercise will provide you information regarding navigation, files and directory creation/modification and some administrative things related to file permissions.

# **NAVIAGATION**

This section will introduce you to some basic file/directory navigation and manipulation techniques.

#### TO KNOW THE PRESENT LOCATION OF YOUR COMMAND

## pwd

/home/username

Returns you the present working directory (print working directory)

This means, you are now working in the username directory, which is located in home directory. The directory that you will be in after logging in is your home directory. You can also avoid writing the full path by using ~ in front of your username or simply ~.

~ or ~username same as/home/username

Present directory is represented as . (dot) and parent directory is represented as .. (dot dot)

# **CHANGING DIRECTORIES**

To jump from one directory to another we use the cd (change directory) command.

cd ..

Changes your present location to the parent directory

# cd DIRECTORY

This changes your location back to your **DIRECTORY**.

# Task 1.1: Now change your directory to the WORKSHOP\_FILES directory present in your home directory.

**NOTE:** You can type in first few letters of the directory name and then press tab to auto complete rest of the name (especially useful when the file/directory name is long). This only works when there are unique matches for the starting letters you have typed. If there is more than one matching files/directories, pressing tab twice will list all the matching names. You can also recall your previous commands by pressing up/down arrow or browse all your previously used commands by typing history on your terminal (typically, last 500 commands will be saved in this file).



DIRECTORIES AND FILES
MAKING DIRECTORIES
To create a directory, mkdir ( <u>make</u> <u>directory</u> ) can be used.
mkdir DIRECTORY
Unlike PC/Mac folders, here you can't have space in your directory name (but some special characters are okay). You can also specify the path where you want to create your new folder.
Task 1.2: Make a new directory named FirstDirectory within the WORKSHOP_FILES directory.  Then change your directory to the FirstDirectory.
mkdir FirstDirectory
COPYING DIRECTORIES
To copy a file, $cp$ ( $\underline{cop}$ y) command is used. When using this command you have to provide both source file and destination file.
cp SOURCE DESTINATION
You can also specify the absolute path of the source and/or destination file. To know more about any command you can use man command, which opens the manual of the command you ask (referred as 'man page').
man cp
This opens the manual for the <code>cp</code> command. Take a look at the manual of <code>cp</code> command (use arrow keys to move top or bottom of the page). <code>OPTIONS</code> are optional arguments that can be used to accomplish more from the same command. <code>Eg.</code> , by using option <code>-i</code> with the regular <code>cp</code> command, you can always make sure that you are not overwriting the existing file while copying. The syntax for using the options will also be provided in the manual. <code>To exit, press q</code> .
Looking at the man page for cp command, what options can be used to copy a directory (including all files within it)?
How else you can get help on cp command (other than 'man')?
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Task 1.3: Now change your directory back to the home directory. Create a copy of WORKSHOP\_FILES and name it as BACKUP\_WORKSHOP). This will serve as a backup copy of all files that are required for the workshop (in case you accidentally modify the contents while working).

cp -r WORKSHOP\_FILES BACKUP\_WORKSHOP



# **MOVING DIRECTORIES**

To move a file or a directory,  $\underline{mv}$  ( $\underline{mov}$ e) command is used. Again, like the  $\underline{cp}$  command you need to provide both source file and destination file.

#### mv SOURCE DESTINATION

Absolute path also works fine. Some of the options used by cp command also work with mv command. mv can also be used to rename files and directories

mv OLDNAME NEWNAME

Task 1.4: Rename WORKSHOP FILES as tutorials.

mv WORKSHOP\_FILES tutorials

#### VIEWING THE CONTENTS OF THE DIRECTORY

The contents of a directory can be viewed using 1s (list) command.

1s DIRECTORY

# now try it with tutorials directory

If no directory name is provided then 1s will list all the contents of the present directory.

Like any other command, you can use absolute path or abbreviated path. There are also various options available for 1s command.

Some very useful options include:

1s -1

Lists all the files in lengthy or detailed view

ls -t

Lists all the files, sorted based on creation time

ls -S

Lists all the files, sorted based on size

You can also combine these options together for getting more focused results.

Looking at the manual for ls, what option can you use to view hidden files in a directory (files starting with dot)?

Can you sort the files based on its extension? How?

Task 1.5: Examine the contents of the tutorials directory. Try options such as -1, -t, -a and -X. Also check if you can combine many options together (like -1a or -1h etc). Try these:

ls -1 tutorials

ls -a



ls -1 tutorials
ls -lh tutorials
ls -t tutorials

## **CREATING AND EDITING FILES**

#### touch FILENAME

Creates a new file in the present location

#### nano FILENAME

Like notepad/textedit, this text editor lets you edit a file.

Task 1.6: Create a new file named firstfile inside the tutorials directory. You can create using touch or using nano. Then add some contents (Your name and email address) to the firstfile (using nano). After editing, press Ctrl + X to exit, then enter y to save changes and confirm the file name.

touch firstfile
nano firstfile

#### **VIEWING CONTENTS OF THE FILES**

There are various commands to print the contents of the file in bash. Most of these commands are often used in specific contexts. All these commands when executed with filenames displays the contents on the screen. Most common ones are less, more, cat, head and tail.

less FILENAME try this: less AT\_cDNA.fa

Displays file contents on the screen with line scrolling (to scroll you can use arrow keys, PgUp/PgDn keys, space bar or Enter key). When you are done press q to exit.

more FILENAME try this: more AT\_cDNA.fa

Like less command, also, displays file contents on the screen with line scrolling but uses only space bar or Enter key to scroll. When you are done press q to exit.

cat FILENAME try this: cat AT\_cDNA.fa

Simplest form of displaying contents. It <u>cat</u>alogs the entire contents of the file on the screen. In case of large files, entire file will scroll on the screen without pausing

head FILENAME try this: head AT\_cDNA.fa

Displays only the starting lines of a file. The default is first ten lines. But, any number of lines can be displayed using -n option (followed by required number of lines).

tail FILENAME try this: tail AT\_cDNA.fa

Similar to head, but displays the last 10 lines. Again -n option can be used to change this.

More information about any of these commands can be found in man pages (man command)



Task 1.7: Try using all these commands on the RefSeq.faa. You are also welcome to try these commands on various other files that are present in the tutorials directory. These commands don't change the contents of the file; they just display them on the screen.

#### **DELETING FILES AND DIRECTORIES**

To delete directories from the system, you can use rmdir (remove directory) command. You can also use rm command to delete file(s).

## rmdir DIRECTORY

The directory should be empty before you use the rmdir command.

#### rm FILE

To delete a file rm command can be used

Some useful options include

- r recursively delete files
- -f delete forcefully

# rm -rf DIRECTORY [DO NOT USE THIS NOW!]

When you want to delete a folder, with all its content

Task 1.8: Delete the directory named delete\_me inside the tutorials directory (to do this you may first want to delete the sample.txt file inside this directory).

```
cd delete_me
rm sample.txt
cd ..
rmdir delete_me
```

#### **COMPRESSING FILES**

There are several options for archiving and compressing groups of files or directories. Compressed files are not only easier to handle (copy/move) but also occupy less size on the disk (less than 1/3 of the original size). In Linux systems you can use zip, tar or gz for archiving and compressing files/directories.

ZIP compression/extraction

```
zip OUTFILE.zip INFILE.txt

zip -r OUTDIR.zip DIRECTORY

Compress all files in a DIRECTORY into one archive file (OUTDIR.zip)

zip -r OUTFILE.zip . -i *.txt

Compress all txt files in a DIRECTORY into one archive file (OUTFILE.zip)

unzip SOMEFILE.zip
```



Decompress a file

Task 1.9: Zip AT\_genes.gff file located in the tutorials directory. Check the file size before and after zip compression (Hint: use ls -lh to check file sizes).

```
zip AT_genes.gff.zip AT_genes.gff
```

*Is there any size difference before and after compressing?* 

Y/N

tar (<u>tage</u> <u>archive</u>) utility saves many files together into a single archive file, and restores individual files from the archive. It also includes automatic archive compression/decompression options and special features for incremental and full backups.

```
tar -cvf OUTFILE.tar INFILE
archive INFILE
tar -czvf OUTFILE.tar.gz INFILE
archive and compress file INFILE
tar -tvf SOMEFILE.tar
list contents of archive SOMEFILE.tar
```

tar -xvf SOMEFILE.tar
extract contents of SOMEFILE.tar

tar -xzvf SOMEFILE.tar.gz
extract contents of gzipped archive SOMEFILE.tar.gz

tar -czvf OUTFILE.tar.gz DIRECTORY archive and compress all files in a directory into one archive file

tar -czvf OUTFILE.tar.gz \*.txt archive and compress all ".txt" files in current directory into one archive file

Task 1.10: Archive and compress the BACKUP\_WORKSHOP directory you created in Task 1.3 (you can name it as backup.tar.gz or anything you want)

```
tar -czvf backup.tar.gz BACKUP WORKSHOP
```

gzip (<u>anu zip</u>) compression utility designed as a replacement for compress, with much better compression and no patented algorithms. The standard compression system for all GNU software.

#### gzip SOMEFILE

compress SOMEFILE (also removes uncompressed file)

gunzip **SOMEFILE**.gz

uncompress SOMEFILE.gz (also removes compressed file)

Task 1.11: gzip the file AT\_genes.gff and examine the size. gunzip it back so that you can use this file for the later exercises.



```
gzip AT_genes.gff
ls -lh
gunzip AT_genes.gff.gz
ls -lh
```

## ADMINISTRATIVE COMMANDS

#### **CHANGING PERMISSIONS**

All files in the UNIX system will have a set of permissions which define what can be done with that file and by whom. (What = read (view contents), write (modify) and execute (run script) Whom=User (owner), group (that account belongs to) and everyone else). They are denoted as

PERMISSIONS		RELATIONS	
read	r	owner	u
write	W	group	g
execute	X	others	0
		all users	а

To look at the permissions for any file, you can list the files with I option (1s -1).

# Permissions User Group Size Date modified Name

```
lrwxrwxrwx 1 arnstrm GIF
                           24 Jan 7 09:40 arnstrm -> /data006c/GIF_2c/arnstrm
drwxrwx--- 3 arnstrm GIF
                         4096 Jun 4 15:27 bin
drwxrwxr-x 5 arnstrm GIF
                        4096 Mar 18 09:10 coreutils
-rwxr-xr-x 1 arnstrm GIF 11908 Jan 7 13:07 cshrc_severin
                        4096 Mar 18 09:17 dos2unix
drwxrwxr-x 4 arnstrm GIF
rw-rw-r-- 1 arnstrm GIF 46470 May 19 09:48 gtf2gff3.pl
                         4096 Apr 10 09:15 igv
drwxrwxr-x 4 arnstrm GIF
                          930 May 16 11:05 module_file.txt
                         1228 Jun
            arnstrm GIF
                                     14:51 template.sub
 u g o
```

(d=directory, l=link, r=read, w=write, x=execute, -=blank, u=user, g=group, o=others)

To set/modify a file's permissions you need to use the **chmod** command (<u>ch</u>ange <u>mod</u>e). Only the owner of a file can alter a file's permissions. The syntax:

```
chmod [OPTIONS] RELATIONS[+ or -]PERMISSIONS FILE
```

# Add permissions

chmod RELATIONS+PERMISSIONS FILENAME

chmod g+rwx FILENAME grants read, write and execute permissions for group

chmod g+r FILENAME grants read permission for group

chmod a+rwx FILENAME makes the file public (don't do this to any file/directory unless

you want to share)

## Remove permissions



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chmod RELATIONS-PERMISSIC chmod g-wx FILENAME chmod g-rwx FILENAME chmod a-rwx FILENAME chmod a-x FILENAME	removes write and execute permissions for group removes all permissions for group removes all permissions for others removes execution permissions for others	
OPTIONS include		
-R recursively (the p directory)	ermissions are applied to all the files, directories present inside the	
Task 1.12: Check the permissions for the files located in the tutorials directory. Do		
ls -1		
What permissions does the group	have on these files?	
Which group does your account belong to?		



# **UNIX EXERCISE 2**

Second exercise on UNIX deals with more complex commands with their useful options and using multiple commands at a time. Make sure you understand all the commands from the previous exercise as you will be using them frequently in this exercise.

## **FASTA FORMAT:**

FASTA format is nothing but a simple text file containing either nucleotide sequences or protein sequences. An individual sequence always starts with a single line description of the sequence, followed by lines of sequence data. Description can be just an identification number or even blank (not recommended) but should always begin with a greater-than (>) symbol. The sequence is considered to be complete if another line starting with a > is encountered. The simplicity of FASTA format makes it easy to manipulate and parse sequences using text-processing tools and any scripting languages like Python, Perl or Ruby.

Some example FASTA format protein sequences are given below:

>gi|18403023|ref|NP\_565747.1| splicing factor 3A subunit 2 [Arabidopsis thaliana]

MDREWGSKPGSGGAASGQNEAIDRRERLRRLALETIDLAKDPYFMRNHLGSYECKLCLTLHNNEGNYLAH TQGKRHQTNLAKRAAREAKDAPTKPQPLKRNVSVRRTVKIGRPGYRVTKQYDPELQQRSLLFQIEYPEIE DNIKPRHRFMSSYEQKVQPYDKSYQYLLFAAEPYEIIAFKVPSTEVDKSTPKFFSHWDPDSKMFTLQVYFKPTKPEPNKPQSAVGANGLPPPPPPPHQAQPPPPPPSGLFPPPPPPMANNGFRPMPPAGGFGHPNM

# PIPES AND REDIRECTS

Many UNIX commands use some input file/data and display the output on the screen. This is feasible when the data being displayed is small enough to fit the screen or if it is the endpoint of your analysis. But for large data outputs, it is efficient to redirect to a file instead of screen. This can be done very easily in UNIX using > (greater than) or < (lesser than) or >> signs.

- < redirects the data to the command for processing</li>
- redirects the data from the command's output to a file. The file will be created if it is non-existing and if present it will overwrite the contents with the new output data (you will lose the original file).
- >> unlike > this redirection lets user append the data to an already existing file or a new file



• Another special operator (called pipe) is used sometimes to pass the output from a command to another command (as input) before sending it to an output file or display. Some eg.

#### cat FILE1 > FILE2

Creates a new file, FILE2 with same contents as old file, FILE1

## cat FILE1 >> FILE2

Appends the contents for FILE1 to FILE2, equivalent to opening FILE1, copying all the contents, pasting the copied contents to the end of the FILE2 and saving it!

# cat FILE1 | less

Here, cat command displays the contents of the **FILE1**, but instead of sending it to standard output (screen) it sends it through the pipe to the next command 'less' so that contents of the file are now displayed on the screen with line scrolling.

Task 2.1: The Sequences directory contains a number of files and each of these files contain a single FASTA formatted nucleotide sequence. Combine them all together to make a single file sequences. fasta using redirects.

# cat \*.fa >> sequences.fasta

this command will combine all .fa files into one.

# **REGULAR EXPRESSIONS**

When working with the sequences (protein or DNA) we are often interested to see if a particular feature is present or not. This could be various things like a start codon, restriction site or even a motif. In UNIX all strings of text that follow some pattern can be searched using some formula called regular expressions. *eg.* If you are looking for a particular motif in large number of sequences, then you can create a regular expression in UNIX and search all the sequences having that motif relatively easily. Regular expression consists of normal and metacharacters. Commonly used characters include

Expression	Function
•	matches any single character
\$	matches the end of a line
^	matches the beginning of a line
*	matches one or more character
\	quoting character, treat the next character followed by this as an ordinary character.
[]	matches one or more characters between the brackets
[range]	match any character in the range
[^range]	match any character except those in the range
\{N\}	match N occurrences of the character preceding (sometimes simply +N) where N is a number.
\{N1,N2\}	match at least N1 occurrences of the character preceding but not more than N1
?	match 1 occurrence of the character preceding
1	match 2 conditions together, \(this\ that)\ matches both this or that in the text



For complete list, type info regex on your terminal.

Some examples related to nucleotide/protein sequences:

Patterns	Matches
^ATG	Find a pattern starting with ATG
TAG\$	Find a pattern ending with TAG
^A[TGC]G	Find patterns matching either ATG, AGG or ACG
TA[GA]\$	Find patterns matching either TAG or TAA
^A[TGC]G*TGTGAACT*TA[GA]\$	Find gene containing a specific motif
[YXN][MPR]_[0-9]\{4,9\}	Find patterns matching NCBI RefSeq (eg
	XM_012345)
\(NP\ XP\)_[0-9]\{4,9\}	Find patterns matching NCBI RefSeq proteins

Some common commands that can be used to manipulate text using regular expressions are grep (filters input against a pattern), sed (applies transformation after searching a pattern) and awk (manipulates data arranged in columns). We will discuss these commands in detail

#### **GREP**

grep ( $\underline{q}$ lobally search a  $\underline{r}$ egular  $\underline{e}$ xpression and  $\underline{p}$ rint) is one of the most useful commands in UNIX and it is commonly used to filter a file/input, line by line, against a pattern eg., to print each line of a file which contains a match for pattern.

# grep PATTERN FILENAME

Like any other command there are various options available for this command. Most useful options include:

- V	inverts the match or finds lines NOT containing the pattern.
color	colors the matched text for easy visualization
-F	interprets the pattern as a literal string.
-H, -h	print, don't print the matched filename
-i	ignore case for the pattern matching.
-1	lists the file names containing the pattern (instead of match).
- n	prints the line number containing the pattern (instead of match).
- C	counts the number of matches for a pattern
- W	forces the pattern to match an entire word.
- X	forces patterns to match the whole line.

With options, syntax is

grep [OPTIONS] PATTERN FILENAME

Some typical scenarios to use grep:



- Counting number of sequences in a multi-fasta sequence file
- Get the header lines of fasta sequence file
- Find a matching motif in a sequence file
- Find restriction sites in sequence(s)
- Get all the Gene IDs from a multi-fasta sequence files and many more.

Now let's use grep command to do some simple jobs with the sequences:

Counting sequences: By FASTA format definition, we know that number of sequences in a file should be equal to the number of description lines. So by counting > in file, you can count the number of sequences. This can be done using counting option of the grep (-c).

# Task 2.3: Count the number of sequences AT\_cDNA.fa and RefSeq.faa

If you are looking for information about the sequences, you can list all the headers (description lines) for the sequences using grep. Simply search for ">" and grep will list all the description lines.

```
grep ">" FILENAME
grep ">" AT_cDNA.fa
```

Alternatively, you can send it to a file if you want to use it later or you can just pipe it to less or more command to scroll through it line by line or page by page.

```
grep ">" FILENAME > HEADERFILE.txt
grep ">" FILENAME | less
grep ">" AT_cDNA.fa | less
Use up/down arrow keys to move up and down, press q to exit
```

See what kind of sequences are in AT\_cDNA.fa file. Do they all seem to belong to same organism? wes/no Which organism?

Using grep you can also locate all the lines that contain a specific term you are looking for. This is very useful especially to look for a specific gene among a large number of annotated sequences.

```
grep "word or phrase to search" FILENAME
```

Task 2.4: Try searching for your favorite gene, to see if it is present in AT\_cDNA.fa (this file contains all annotated sequences for *Arabidopsis thaliana*). Unlike Google or any search engines, only exact search terms will be identified, but you can ask grep to ignore cases while searching using -i option. Try these:

```
grep -i "transcription factor" AT_cDNA.fa
```



```
grep -i "TFIIIA" AT_cDNA.fa
```

You can also use this feature to see if your sequence of interest has a specific feature (restriction site, motif etc.,) or not. This can be performed better using --color option of the grep.

```
grep --color "GAATTC" ./Sequences/NT21.fa
grep --color "C..C.....H...H" RefSeq.faa
(2) (12) (3)
```

You can also use **grep** command to exclude the results containing your search term. Say if you want to look at genes that are not located in chromosome 1, you can exclude it form your search by specifying -v option.

```
grep -i "transcription factor" AT_cDNA.fa| grep -v "chr1"
grep -i "transcription factor" AT_cDNA.fa| grep "chr1"
```

Notice the difference in output from the above two commands.

Try to understand the following command lines (and record your results, where applicable):

```
grep -c -w "ATP" RefSeq.faa
grep -c CGT[CA]GTG AT_cDNA.fa
grep -l "ATG" ./sequences/*.fa
```

You can also try some regular expressions related to nucleotide/protein sequences provided earlier to see how it works.

# SED

The sed command is a stream <u>ed</u>itor that reads one or more text files, makes changes or edits according to editing script, and writes the results to standard output. Most common editing script sed uses is to substitute text matching a pattern. The simple syntax for using sed is as follows

```
sed 'OPERATION/REGEXP/REPLACEMENT/FLAGS' FILENAME
```

```
Here, / is the delimiter (you can also use _ (underscore), | (pipe) or : (colon) as delimiter as well)
```

OPERATION specifies the action to be performed (sometimes if a condition is satisfied). The most common and widely used operation is s which does the substitution operation (other useful operators include y for transformation, i for insertion, d for deletion *etc.*).

**REGEXP** and **REPLACEMENT** specify search term and the substitution term respectively for the operation that is being performed.



FLAGS are additional parameters that control the operation. Some common FLAGS include:

g	replace all the instances of REGEXP with REPLACEMENT (globally)
n	(n=any number) replace n <sup>th</sup> instance of the REGEXP with REPLACEMENT
р	If substitution was made, then prints the new pattern space
i	ignores case for matching REGEXP
W	file If substitution was made, write out the result to the given file
d	when specified without REPLACEMENT, deletes the found REGEXP

For brevity we only discuss sed command with respect to search and replace function. To do other things please refer to the man page of sed or the reference provided here <a href="http://www.grymoire.com/Unix/Sed.html#uh-47">http://www.grymoire.com/Unix/Sed.html#uh-47</a>.

Some search and replace examples:

```
sed 's/chr/chromosome/g' FILENAME replaces ALL instances in a line sed '/MTF1/s/chr/chromosome/g' FILENAME replaces all instances in a line only if it contains 'MTF1'
```

Other common tasks that can be performed using sed

```
sed -n '52p' FILENAME
sed -n '8,12p' FILENAME
sed -n '1,2~2p' FILENAME.fastq Prints line 8 through 12
sed -n '1,2~2p' FILENAME.fastq Prints 2<sup>nd</sup> and every 4<sup>th</sup> line (header and sequence from a FASTQ file)
sed "1d" FILENAME Delete 1<sup>st</sup> line
sed "1,3d" FILENAME Delete line 1, 2 and 3
sed 's/^$//g' FILENAME insert" Delete balnk lines
sed '2 i line to insert' FILENAME; insert "line to insert" on second line
```

Task 2.5: Try using replace function on AT\_genes.gff file (to change Chr to Chromosome). View both files to see the difference.

```
sed 's/^Chr/Chromosome_/g' AT_genes.gff > AT_genes_converted.gff
```



#### **AWK**

Unlike other UNIX commands awk is a structured language by itself. awk stands for the names of its authors Aho, Weinberger, and Kernighan. Many bioinformatics programs generate rows and columns of information. awk is an excellent tool for processing these rows and columns, and it is easier than most conventional programming languages.

The typical syntax for awk is:

```
awk 'PATTERN {ACTION}' FILENAME
```

awk then works by reading the input file one line at a time, matching the given PATTERN and performing the corresponding ACTION for the matches. If there is no PATTERN, then the ACTION will be performed on each line. But if there is no ACTION then the default ACTION (printing all lines) on the matching PATTERN will be performed (empty braces {} without any ACTION turns off default printing).

A simplest eg. would be

```
awk '{print}' FILENAME try awk '{print}' AT_genes.gff
```

Here, since there is no PATTERN, the print ACTION will be performed on each line (equivalent to cat INFILE).

Some inbuilt variables of awk include:

- FS Field Separator (default SPACE)
- OFS Output Field Separator (default SPACE)
- NF Number of Fields in the input
- NR Number of Records (lines) in the input
- RS Record Separator (default NEWLINE)
- ORS Output Record Separator (default NEWLINE)
- FNR File line number
- N Nth field of the line where N can be any number (eg. \$0 = entire line, \$1 = First field, so on)

awk accepts all standard patterns (regular expression and expression) plus some special patterns

```
BEGIN Special PATTERN that is executed before the INPUT is read END Special PATTERN that is executed after the INPUT is read empty nonexistent PATTERN that matches every input record
```

Some simple eg. using awk (you can try these commands with AT\_genes.gff FILE)

```
awk NF FILE

awk 'NF > 0' FILE

awk 'NF > 4' FILE

awk '$NF > 4' FILE

awk '$NF > 4' FILE

awk 'END { print $NF }' FILE

awk 'NR==25,NR==100' FILE

awk 'NR==50' FILE

Deletes all blank lines

Prints only lines with more than 4 fields

Prints only lines with value of the 4th filed > 4

Prints value of the last field of the last line

Prints lines between 25 and 100

Prints 50th line of input
```

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```
awk 'NR < 26' FILE
                                                 Prints first 25 lines
 awk 'NR > 25' FILE
                                                 Prints file after 25th line
 awk 'END { print NR }' FILE
                                                 Prints the last line of the file
 awk '{ print NF ":" $0 }' FILE
                                                 Prints number of fields in front of every line
 awk '{ print FNR ":" $0 }' FILE
                                                 Prints line number in front of every line
 awk '$5 == "abc123"' FILE
                                                 Prints lines which have 'abc123' in 5th field
 awk 'BEGIN { ORS="\n\n" }; 1' FILE
                                                 Double spaces the file
 awk '{ print $1, $2 }' FILE
                                                 Prints only 1st and 2nd field
 awk '{ print $2, $1 }' FILE
                                                 Prints only 2nd and 1st field (swapping columns)
 awk '{ $2 = ""; print }' FILE
                                                 Prints the file without 2nd column
 awk '/REGEX/' FILE
                                                 Prints all the lines having REGEX
 awk '!/REGEX/' FILE
                                                 Prints all the lines not having the REGEX
 awk '/AAA|BBB|CCC/' FILE
                                                 Prints all the lines having either AAA, BBB or CCC
 awk 'length > 50' FILE
                                                 Prints line having more than 50 characters
 awk '/POINTA/,/POINTB/' FILE
                                                 Prints everything between POINTA and POINTB
Try to understand the following command lines (and record it):
 awk 'END { print $NF }' AT genes.gff
 awk 'NR==30,NR==35' AT genes.gff.
 awk 'NR==25' AT genes.gff
 awk 'NR<25' AT_genes.gff
 awk 'END { print NR }' AT_genes.gff
 awk '{ print NF ":" $0 }' AT genes.gff > with fields.txt
 awk '{ print NR ":" $0 }' AT_genes.gff > with_Line_num.txt
 awk '{ print $1, $3 }' AT genes.gff
 awk '{print $1"\t"$3"\t"$2}' AT_genes.gff
 awk '{print $1,$2,$(NF-4),$(NF-3)} ' AT_genes.gff.
 awk '/Chr1/' AT genes.gff.
```

TR

The tr (<u>tr</u>anslate) utility in UNIX can translate or transliterate the input to produce a modified output. It uses 2 sets of parameters, and replaces occurrences of the characters in the first set with the corresponding elements from the other set.

```
tr [OPTIONS] "STRING1" "STRING2" <INFILE >OUTFILE
```

Useful options are

- c complements the set of characters specified by string1
- -d delete occurrences of string1 (string2 not needed)
- s squeeze repeats or multiple occurrences found in string1 will be replaced with one string2

Common uses of tr command are:



Convert lower case to upper case (or upper to lower case)

Convert each sequence of repeated newlines to a single newline

Files generated in both Mac and Windows OS will have a different newline character (to mark the end of the line) that is not recognized by the UNIX OS. Similarly files generated in UNIX will have a different newline that can't be read in Windows or Mac OS. The 'tr' command provides an easy way to convert these 'newlines' to different forms.

tr '\r' '\n' <MAC.TXT >UNIX.TXT Convert Mac text file to UNIX text file

tr '\n' '\r' <UNIX.txt >MAC.TXT Convert UNIX text file to MAC text file

tr -d '\015' <WIN.TXT >UNIX.TXT Convert Windows text file to UNIX text file

tr '\n' '\015'<UNIX.txt >WIN.TXT Convert UNIX text file to windows text file

NOTE: There are in built commands like dos2unix, mac2unix and unix2dos to do these conversions automatically in most recent versions of UNIX.

There are several utilities that can mask low complexity regions of the genomes such as repeats. They do that either by converting the bases/residues to lower case (soft masking) or converting them to N or X (hard masking). The public databases often store these soft masked genomes. When downloaded it might be useful to remove the masking, if your analysis doesn't require it (pattern searching etc.). It can be easily done by changes cases

tr "ATGC" "atgc" <AT\_cDNA.fa >AT\_cDNA\_tr.fa
Converts masking from the sequences and saves them in a new file

tr "ATGC" "AUGC" <AT\_cDNA.fa > AT\_rna.fa
Converts cDNA to mRNA sequence and saves them in a new file

#### **WORD COUNT**

wc (word count) is another useful command that lets you count the number of words (and lines) in a file

wc FILENAME try this wc AT\_genes.gff

This outputs both number of words as well as lines in a file.

wc -1 FILENAME try this wc -1 AT genes.gff

Outputs only number of lines in file



Often these commands are "piped" with other commands to count certain things. *eg.*: Counting the number of files in a directory, counting the number of sequences etc.

# Task 2.6: Count how many files with .fa extensions are present in sequences directory.

1s Sequences | wc -1

# **SORT**

sort command can be used to arrange things in a file. Simplest way to use this command is:

```
sort FILE1 > SORTED_FILE1
```

Useful options include

n numerical sortr reverse sort

-k N,N sort the N<sup>th</sup> field (column), where N is a number. Sorting can also be done on the exact

character on a particular field eg. -k 4.3,4.4 sorts based on 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> character of

the 4<sup>th</sup> field. Additionally you can supply additional -k for resolving ties.

-t specify the delimiters to be used to identify fields (default is TAB) eg. -t : to use ':' as

delimiter

Task 2.7: The Sequences directory consists of numerically labeled files. UNIX can sort either alphabetically or numerically (not both) and hence they are arranged in NT1.fa, NT10.fa, NT11.fa etc. In order to sort them in an easy to read way, try using

```
ls |sort -n -k 1.3,1.4
```

This command lists all the files in sequences directory and then passes it to sort command. Sort command then sorts it numerically but only using 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> letters of the first field (file name)

Try using sort on AT genes.gff file

```
sort -r -k 1,1 AT_genes.gff
sort -r -k 4,4 AT_genes.gff
```

# UNIQ

uniq (<u>uniq</u>ue) command removes duplicate lines from a sorted file, retaining only one instance of the running matching lines. Optionally, it can show only lines that appear exactly once, or lines that appear more than once. <u>uniq</u> requires sorted input since it compares only consecutive lines.

uniq [OPTIONS] INFILE OUTFILE

Useful options include

- -c count; prints lines by the number of occurrences
- -d only print duplicate lines
- -u only print unique lines



- -i ignore differences in case when comparing
- -s N skip comparing the first N characters (N=number)

#### Task 2.8: Number each lines based on number of occurrences:

uniq -c ids.txt

Print only duplicated lines.

uniq -d ids.txt

Print only unique lines.

uniq -u ids.txt

# **COMPARING FILES**

diff (difference) reports differences between files. A simple example for diff usage would be

diff [OPTIONS] FILE1 FILE2

Useful options include

- -b ignore blanks
- -w ignore white space (spaces and tabs)
- i ignore case
- r recursively compare all files (when comparing folders)
- -s list all similar files (when comparing folders)
- -y side by side comparison of files

The differences reported will be in the form of corrections that are required to change the first file to second file

Generate diffIDs.txt by comparing the differences between ids a.txt and ids b.txt

diff -y ids\_a.txt ids\_b.txt > diffIDs.txt

Are these files different?

**comm** (common) command compares two sorted files line by line.

comm [OPTIONS] FILE1 FILE2

- -1 suppress lines unique to FILE1
- -2 suppress lines unique to FILE2
- -3 suppress lines that appear in both files

Task 2.9: Compare the same files (ids\_a.txt and ids\_b.txt) again with 'comm' command and see how the outputs differ

comm -1 ids\_a.txt ids\_b.txt



```
comm -2 ids_a.txt ids_b.txt
comm -3 ids a.txt ids b.txt
```

#### **DIVIDING FILES**

cut divides the file into several parts and displays selected columns or fields from each line of a file. Normally cut command requires how the fields are separated and what fields needs to be displayed.

```
cut -d "," -f 2-4 FILE displays columns 2,3 and 4 of a file separated by ","

cut -d "|" -f 1,10 FILE displays 1<sup>st</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> columns of a file separated by "|"

cut -f 1 FILE displays 1<sup>st</sup> column of a file, assumes TAB as delimiter
```

**split** generates output files of a fixed size (bytes or lines). Useful when huge file needs to be processed. *eg.*,

```
split -d -l 100 FILENAME SUFFIX
```

here -d specifies numeric suffix only (suffix00, sufix01, suffix02 etc.) while -1 specifies number of lines in each file (100 in this case). If you want to split based on bytes, you can use -b option (eg. -b 1k or -b 1m for 1 KB and 1 MB respectively)

From the commands that you have learned, can you combine the all the split files into a single file again?

# Task 2.10: Display only first column of the AT\_genes.gff file using cut

# Similarly, display 1st, 4th and 5th column of the AT\_genes.gff file

Verify if all the columns in AT genes . gff file has same number of entries in every field

```
cut -f 1 AT_genes.gff |wc -l
cut -f 2 AT_genes.gff |wc -l
cut -f 3 AT_genes.gff |wc -l
```

Split the file AT\_genes.gff every 100,000 lines. Use gff\_split as suffix for the files and use numerical suffix.

```
split -d -l 100000 AT_genes.gff gff_split

How many split files are generated:

ls gff_split* |wc -l
```



## **COMBINING FILES**

paste prints lines consisting of sequentially corresponding lines of each specified file. eg.,

Combines the contents of FILE1 and FILE2, side by side generating a new file, FILE3.

Task 2.11: Combine columns of ids\_a.txt and ids\_b.txt files.

How many columns do you see after combining?

join combines two files based on the common field that is specified

join -t':' -1 N -2 N FILE1 FILE2

-t':' Specify field separator (here ":" but you can specify anything. Default is TAB)

-1 N Common field number (N) from the 1st file

-2 N Common field number (N) from the 2<sup>nd</sup> file

Task 2.12: Join columns based on column 1 in genes\_a.gff and column 3 in genes\_b.gff

join -1 1 -2 3 genes\_a.gff genes\_b.gff



# **UNIX EXERCISE 3**

This exercise mainly deals with using HPC clusters for large scale data (Next Generation Sequencing analysis, Genome annotation, evolutionary studies etc.). These clusters have several processors with large amounts of RAM (compared to typical desktop/laptop), which makes it ideal for running programs that are computationally intensive. The operating system of these clusters are primarily UNIX and are mainly operated via command line. All the commands that you have learned in the previous exercises can be used on HPC.

# **PREREQUISITES**

ISU High Performance Computing (ISUHPC) offers shared cluster computing infrastructure for researchers and students at ISU. Brief descriptions for the available resources can be found here: <a href="http://www.hpc.iastate.edu/systems">http://www.hpc.iastate.edu/systems</a>. To begin with, you need to request permission for accessing these resources either through your department or through your advisor. All workshop attendees will have their account setup on HPC class education cluster and they can use their ISU NetID and the password for logging-in. You should have already received a confirmation email about your account creation with instructions on how to connect to the cluster. In this exercise we will specifically teach you how to connect to a remote server (HPC), transfer files in and out of the server, and running programs by requesting resources.

#### LOGGING IN

You can log onto its front-end/job-submission system (hpc-class.its.iastate.edu) using your ISU NetID and password. Logging into HPC class requires an SSH client if you are using Windows but Mac/Linux have these built into their OS. There are several available for download for the Windows platform.

# Microsoft Windows:

- **Putty** is an extremely small download of a free, full-featured SSH client.
- **SSH Secure Shell Client**, also a full featured client that is commercial. It is available as part of the lowa State University site-licensed software.

Mac OS X/ Linux / Solaris or other 'nix systems

 The ssh command is pre-installed. You may start a local terminal window from "Applications > Utilities" or by searching for installed programs. Log in using

ssh -X username@hpc-class.its.iastate.edu

#### **QUEUES**

HPC class uses PBS for job scheduling and resource management. You will probably have access to the following queues, each with several nodes (1 node = 16 processors and 64 GB RAM).



short	1:00:00
medium	6:00:00
long_2node	73:00:00
large_short	0:15:00
tiny	0:10:00
long	72:00:00

#### FILE TRANSFER:

There are a number of ways to transfer data to and from HPC clusters. Which you should use depends on several factors, including the ease of use for you personally, connection speed and bandwidth, and the size and number of files which you intend to transfer. Most common options include scp, rsync (command line) and SCP and SFTP clients (GUI).

scp (secure copy) is a simple way of transferring files between two machines that use the SSH (Secure SHell) protocol. You may use scp to connect to any system where you have SSH (login) access. scp is available as a protocol choice in some graphical file transfer programs and also as a command line program on most Linux, UNIX, and Mac OS X systems. scp can copy single files, but will also recursively copy directory contents if given a directory name. scp can be used as follows:

```
scp sourcefile username@hpc-class.its.iastate.edu:somedirectory/
(to a remote system from local)
```

```
scp username@hpc-class.its.iastate.edu:somedirectory/sourcefile
destinationfile
(from a remote system to local)
```

scp SourceDirectory/ username@hpc-class.its.iastate.edu:somedirectory/
(recursive directory copy to a remote system from local)

**rsync** is a fast and extraordinarily versatile file copying tool. It can synchronize file trees across local disks, directories or across a network

```
rsync -rave "ssh -l username" path/to/SourceDirectory username@hpc-class.its.iastate.edu:somedirectory/
Synchronize a local directory with the remote server directory
```

```
rsync -rave "ssh -1 username" username@hpc-
class.its.iastate.edu:SourceDirectory/ path/to/Destination/
Synchronize a remote directory with the local directory
```

User friendly (GUI) choices for file transfer:

- WinSCP (http://winscp.net): for Windows only
- FileZilla (https://filezilla-project.org): Windows/Linux/Mac
- Cyberduck (http://cyberduck.io): Mac and Windows
- Macfusion (http://macfusionapp.org): Mac only



## **VARIABLES**

When your account is setup, some standard variables (known as environment variables) that are specific to your account were created. These variables can be used to simplify your navigation (many environment variables specify storage locations and paths). Think it of as "shortcut" that you create on your desktop to open the desired application that you frequently use. Your login automatically defines these variables for you. Some standard variables are

Name Description
USER your username

HOME path to your home directory
PWD path to your current directory

PATH all directories searched for commands/applications

HOSTNAME name of the machine you are on

SHELL your current shell (bash, tcsh, csh, ksh)

SSH\_CLIENT your local client's IP address

TERM type of terminal or terminal emulator being used

To perform the action you need to use them with \$ sign in front. For example:

cd \$HOME

Changes your directory from the current location to home your directory

You can look up the values stored in these variables by using echo command echo \$VARIABLE\_NAME

You can add any number of such variables manually by editing the hidden file (.bashrc) in your home directory (make sure that you create a backup copy of this original file before you start editing).

#### PRE INSTALLED PROGRAMS

To use pre-installed applications you can use the module command. First configure it using following command:

module use /shared/bioinformatics/modules

After that, you can use the module load command to load the software you want to use. For instance, to use FASTQC (program to check the quality of fastq reads of NGS) program,

module load fastqc

To check all available programs:

module avail
module what-is



## SUBMITTING JOBS

To submit a job (running your script, starting a program etc) to the HPC-class cluster, you should use portable batch system (PBS) job scheduler. It will manage schedule jobs to run on HPC depending on the hardware requirement and other factors to efficiently use the available resources. If you run any jobs without the PBS then jobs will be executed on a front-end login host that is shared by all users. This will negatively impact everyone's ability to use HPC.

Usually, a submission script specifying the requirements of hardware for your job will be used to submit jobs on HPC. This script file is a simple text file where you specify:

- Memory requirement
- Desired number of processors
- Length of time you want to run the job
- Type of queue you want to use (optional)
- Additionally, you can also specify where to write output and error files as well as give name for your job while running on HPC

A simple job submission script is shown below:

```
#!/bin/bash
#PBS -l vmem=64Gb,pmem=8Gb,mem=64Gb
#PBS -l nodes=1:ppn=8:ib
#PBS -l walltime=48:00:00
#PBS -q long_2node
#PBS -o BATCH_OUTPUT -e BATCH_ERRORS
#PBS -N JOBNAME
```

You can also create a script using this html utility <a href="http://hpcgroup.public.iastate.edu/HPC/hpc-class/hpc-class\_script\_writer.html">http://hpcgroup.public.iastate.edu/HPC/hpc-class/hpc-class\_script\_writer.html</a>

It is useful to keep a 'template' of a job submission file in your home directory, which can be modified every time you submit a new job. Heavily customized template submission file with some useful features is given below:



```
#!/bin/bash
#PBS -q <queuename>
#PBS -1 vmem=64Gb,pmem=4Gb,mem=64Gb
#PBS -l nodes=1:ppn=16:compute
#PBS -1 walltime=48:00:00
#PBS -N <jobname>
#PBS -o ${PBS JOBNAME}.o${PBS JOBID} -e ${PBS JOBNAME}.e${PBS JOBID}
#PBS -m ae -M userid@iastate.edu
cd $PBS_O_WORKDIR
ulimit -s unlimited
echo "############ STATS #############"
SSECS=$(date +"%s")
echo ${SSECS}
START=$(date +"%r, %m-%d-%Y")
echo -e "Host\t\t: $(hostname)"
echo -e "Processors\t: $(wc -1 < $PBS_NODEFILE)"</pre>
echo -e "Nodes\t\t: $(uniq $PBS_NODEFILE | wc -1)"
echo -e "Total memory\t: $(free | grep Mem | awk '{print $2/1048576}' OFMT="%2.2f") Gb"
echo -e "Free memory\t: $(free | grep Mem | awk '{print $4/1048576}' OFMT="%2.2f") Gb"
echo -e "Directory\t: $(pwd)"
module use /shared/bioinformatics/modules
module load moduleaname
## SCRIPT-START ##############################
echo "######### TIME STAMP ############"
DIFF=$((`date +"%s"`-${SSECS}))
printf "Start\t\t:${START}\nEnd\t\t:$(date +"%r, %m-%d-%Y")\nTIME (hh:mm:ss)\t:%02d:%02d:%02d\n"
"$((${DIFF}/3600))" "$(((DIFF%3600)/60))" "$(((DIFF%3600)%60))"
```

Whenever you submit a job, you have to modify: the numbers for memory/nodes/processors/walltime, program name and insert the script that you wish to run. Jobs can then be submitted using qsub command:

```
qsub template jobfile.sub
```

A sample job to check the quality of the reads obtained from a sequencing project is present in the jobfile.sub. It is set to run it on short queue. To start the job:

```
qsub jobfile.sub
```

You will receive a confirmation 1234.hpc-class.its.iastate.edu where 1234 is your job ID. Once you have submitted the job script, you can view status of jobs by using following commands:

```
qstat -f yourjobid for information about your submitted job
qstat -an1 yourqueuename current jobs running on queue you have submitted
qstat -u yourusername list all the current jobs you are running on cluster
qstat -a -u yourusername displays the status of your job
```

# Additional resources:

http://hpcgroup.public.iastate.edu/HPC/hpc-class

Upon completion of the job, you will see many files in your working directory. Two of these files that start with your jobname are error log file (jobname.e1234.hpc-class.its.iastate.edu) and



output log file (jobname.o1234.hpc-class.its.iastate.edu). The fastqc results for two reads will be in two separate files (R1\_fastqc.html and R2\_fastqc.html). These folders are also saved as zip files by the program.

To view the results, just open R1\_fastqc.html and R2\_fastqc.html file. You can do this by

firefox R1\_fastqc.html

# DOWNLOADING DATA

In order to start using the computational power of the HPC cluster, you need to first get the data there. If your data is already in your local computer, you can transfer them easily using WinSCP software or any other software (refer prerequisites). But if the data that you will be using is available in the public databases then you can directly get it from there using wget command (<u>W</u>WW <u>get</u>)

To download data from NCBI Sequence Read Archive (SRA) or genomics core website or any other website:

wget http://website.url

As an example, we will download *Glycine max* (soy bean) annotation information file from Phytozome DB.

wget http://goo.gl/CDXx15

This is a single line command and you will see 'Gmax\_189\_annotation\_info.txt.gz' file after few seconds. You can extract it and view it or delete it using the commands you have learnt.



# QUICK REFERENCE SHEET

# COMMANDS USED IN THIS MANUAL

Command	Function Syntax/example usage	
Navigation		
ls	list contents	ls [OPTIONS] DIRECTORY
pwd	print working directory	pwd
cd	change directory	cd ~ or cd #home directory
		cd #previous (parent directory)
File/Directo	ry operations	
mkdir	make directory	mkdir DIRECTORY
ср	copy files/directories	cp SOURCE DESTINATION
man	manual page (help)	man COMMAND
mv	move files/directories	mv SOURCE DESTINATION
touch	create file	touch FILE
nano	edit file	nano FILE
less	view file (with more options)	less FILE
more	view file (with less options)	more FILE
cat	catalog file contents	cat FILE
head	show first few lines of a file	head FILE
tail	show last few lines of a file	tail FILE
rmdir	remove empty directory	rmdir DIRECTORY
rm	remove file(s)	rm FILE
Compression	n/archiving	
zip	zip compress	zip OUTFILE.zip INFILE.txt
		zip -r OUTDIR.zip DIRECTORY
unzip	decompress zipped file	unzip ANYTHING.zip
tar	archive and compress files/directories	tar -czvf OUTFILE.tar.gz DIRECTORY #compress
		tar -xzvf OUTFILE.tar.gz # extract
gzip	gzip files	gzip SOMEFILE
gunzip	decompress gzipped files	gunzip SOMEFILE.gz
File permiss		
chmod	change permissions for files/directories	chmod [OPTIONS] RELATIONS[+/-]PERMISSIONS FILE
File manipu		
grep	search a pattern	grep [OPTIONS] "PATTERN" FILENAME
sed	stream edit a file	sed 's/search/replace/g' FILENAME
awk	multi-purpose command	awk 'PATTERN {ACTION}' FILENAME
tr	translate or transliterate a file	tr [OPTIONS] "STRING1" "STRING2" <infile< td=""></infile<>
WC	word count	wc FILENAME
sort	sort files	sort FILE1 > SORTED_FILE1
uniq	display unique lines	uniq [OPTIONS] INFILE > OUTFILE
diff	display difference	diff [OPTIONS] FILE1 FILE2
comm	display common lines among files	comm [OPTIONS] FILE1 FILE2
cut	break files vertically based on fields	cut -d "DELIMITER" -f NUMBER FILE
split	break files horizontally	split [OPTIONS] FILENAME
paste	combine files side by side	paste FILE1 FILE2 > FILE3
join	join files based on common field	join -t'DELIMITER' -1 N -2 N FILE1 FILE2



# **ADDITIONAL COMMANDS**

Command	Function
du -sh DIR	show directory size
whoami	display username
date	system date/time
cal	calendar
find . –name $FILE$	find a file/directory
which CMD	display default cmd path
whereis CMD	show possible locations of cmd
locate FILE	find instances of a file
clear	clear screen
sleep <mark>5</mark>	pause 5 (any) seconds
top	current running processes
ps	current running processes
wget URL	download specified URL

# NANO SHORTCUTS

CommandsFunctionctrl+rread/insert filectrl+osave filectrl+xclose filealt+astart selecting textctrl+kcut selectionctrl+uuncut (paste) selectionalt+/go to end of the filectrl+ago to start of the linectrl+ego to end of the line
ctrl+o save file ctrl+x close file alt+a start selecting text ctrl+k cut selection ctrl+u uncut (paste) selection alt+/ go to end of the file ctrl+a go to start of the line
ctrl+x close file alt+a start selecting text ctrl+k cut selection ctrl+u uncut (paste) selection alt+/ go to end of the file ctrl+a go to start of the line
alt+a start selecting text ctrl+k cut selection ctrl+u uncut (paste) selection alt+/ go to end of the file ctrl+a go to start of the line
ctrl+k cut selection ctrl+u uncut (paste) selection alt+/ go to end of the file ctrl+a go to start of the line
ctrl+u uncut (paste) selection alt+/ go to end of the file ctrl+a go to start of the line
alt+/ go to end of the file ctrl+a go to start of the line
ctrl+a go to start of the line
So to start or the line
ctrl+e go to end of the line
go to end of the line
ctrl+c show line number
ctrl+_ go to line number
ctrl+w find matching word
alt+w find next match
ctrl+\ find and replace

# PRE-DECLARED VARIABLES

Variables*	Description
\$USER	username
\$HOME	home path
\$PWD	working directory path
\$PATH	path for executables
\$HOSTNAME	machine name
\$SHELL	current shell
\$SSH_CLIENT	local client's IP address
\$TERM	type of terminal

<sup>\*</sup> env command lists all the assigned variables

# **SHORTCUTS**

Commands	Function	
TAB	autocomplete names	
UP/DOWN	browse previous commands	
ctrl+c	interrupt/kill anything	
ctrl+l	clear screen	
ctrl+d	quit, exit	
ctrl+z	suspend (use fg to restore)	
!!	repeat last command	
alt+.	last argument of previous cmd	
ctrl+insert	copy selection	
shift+insert	paste copied text	
ctrl+a	go to start of the line	
ctrl+e	go to end of the line	
ctrl+r	reverse search history	
cd ~	go to home	

# PIPES, REDIRECTS

Redirects	Function
cmd < file	use file as input
cmd > file	write output to file
cmd >> file	append output to file
cmd 2> stderr	error output to file
cmd 1>&2 file	send output and error to file
cmd1   cmd2	send output of cmd1 to cmd2



# HPC-CLUSTER SPECIFIC COMMANDS

Command	Function	Syntax/example usage		
qstat	lists current jobs on queues	qstat -an1 queue	# current jobs in specified queue	
		qstat -u <mark>username</mark>	# current jobs by the user	
		qstat –f <mark>jobid</mark>	# information about the job (id#)	
		qstat -q	# list all queues	
		qstat -a	# list all jobs	
		qstat -r	# list running jobs	
		qstat -Qf <mark>queue</mark>	# information about the 'queue'	
qdel	delete job from the queue	qdel <mark>jobid</mark>		
qsub	submit job to the queue	qsub submissionfile.sub		
qhold	hold job in queue	qhold jobid		
qrls	release job for running	qrls <mark>jobid</mark>		
qnodes	details about the nodes	qnodes		
module	use preinstalled programs	module load PROGRA	M # loads program for use	
		module list	# lists all loaded modules	
		module avail	# lists available modules	
		module unload PROG	RAM # unloads module	

PS: An A-Z Index of the Bash command line for Linux can be found at <a href="http://ss64.com/bash/index.html">http://ss64.com/bash/index.html</a>