

Unix tips and tricks from the “moth box” - The Unix / Linux / BSD command line

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Agenda

- Introduction
- History
- Tools with tips and tricks
- big round: “what do you know”

Introduction

Why commandline? (Is not the command line oldshool?)

YES, but very fast!

Introduction - philosophy

The UNIX philosophy is documented by Doug McIlroy in the Bell System Technical Journal from 1978

1. Make each program do one thing well. To do a new job, build afresh rather than complicate old programs by adding new "features".
2. Expect the output of every program to become the input to another, as yet unknown, program. Don't clutter output with extraneous information. Avoid stringently columnar or binary input formats. Don't insist on interactive input.
3. Use tools in preference to unskilled help to lighten a programming task, even if you have to detour to build the tools and expect to throw some of them out after you've finished using them.

Introduction - motivation

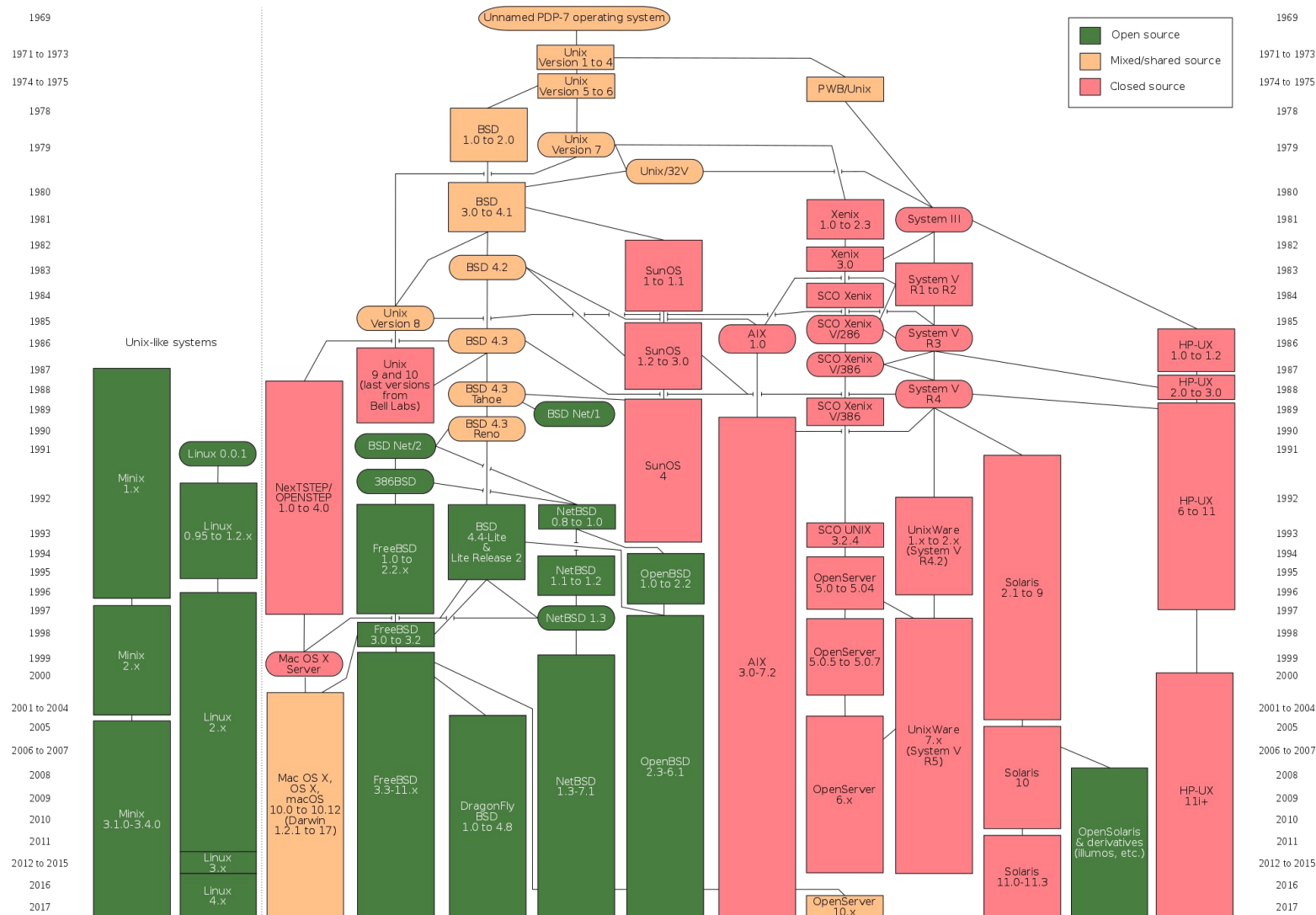
Unix is a toolbox



Introduction - motivation

1. Conserving resources
2. interactive
3. fast
4. Needs little bandwidth
5. The learning curve is only once steep

History



History - IEEE Std 1003.1-2008 utilities

admin, alias, ar, asa, at, awk, basename, batch, bc, bg, break, c99, cal, cat, cd, cflow, chgrp, chmod, chown, cksum, cmp, colon, comm, command, compress, continue, cp, crontab, csplit, ctags, cut, cxref, date, dd, delta, df, diff, dirname, dot, du, echo, ed, env, eval, ex, exec, exit, expand, export, expr, false, fc, fg, file, find, fold, fort77, fuser, gencat, get, getconf, getopts, grep, hash, head, iconv, id, ipcrm, ipcs, jobs, join, kill, lex, link, ln, locale, localedef, logger, logname, lp, ls, m4, mailx, make, man, mesg, mkdir, mkfifo, more, mv, newgrp, nice, nl, nm, nohup, od, paste, patch, pathchk, pax, pr, printf, prs, ps, pwd, qalter, qdel, qhold, qmove, qmsg, qrerun, qrls, qselect, qsig, qstat, qsub, read, readonly, renice, return, rm, rmdel, rmdir, sact, sccs, sed, set, sh, shift, sleep, sort, split, strings, strip, stty, tabs, tail, talk, tee, test, time, times, touch, tput, tr, trap, true, tsort, tty, type, ulimit, umask, unalias, uname, uncompress, unexpand, unget, uniq, unlink, unset, uucp, uudecode, uuencode, uustat, uux, val, vi, wait, wc, what, who, write, xargs, yacc, zcat

History - Linux Standard Base (LSB)

[, ar, at, awk, basename, batch, bc, cat, cd, chfn, chgrp, chmod, chown, chsh, cksum, cmp, col, comm, cp, cpio, crontab, csplit, cut, date, dd, df, diff, dirname, dmesg, du, echo, ed, egrep, env, expand, expr, false, fgrep, file, find, fold, fuser, gencat, getconf, getopts, gettext, grep, groupadd, groupdel, groupmod, groups, gunzip, gzip, head, hostname, iconv, id, install, install_initd, ipcrm, ipcs, join, kill, killall, ln, locale, localedef, logger, logname, lp, lpr, ls, lsbininstall, lsb_release, m4, mailx, make, man, md5sum, mkdir, mkfifo, mknod, mktemp, more, mount, msgfmt, mv, newgrp, nice, nl, nohup, od, passwd, paste, patch, pathchk, pax, pidof, pr, printf, ps, pwd, read, remove_initd, renice, rm, rmdir, sed, sendmail, sh, shutdown, sleep, sort, split, strip, stty, su, sync, tail, tar, tee, test, time, touch, tr, true, tsort, tty, umask, umount, uname, unexpand, uniq, useradd, userdel, usermod, wait, wc, xargs

Tools with tips and tricks

Documentation

man “tool”

Example: man man

Tools with tips and tricks

copy

```
cp -r /disk1/. * /disk2/
```

faster copy

```
(cd /disk1/ ; tar -cplf - . ) | ( cd /disk2/; tar -xplf - )
```

Use more than 1 CPU

All permissions are the same

Tools with tips and tricks

awk (Aho-Weinberger-Kernighan)

- beloved script language for your unix shell.
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- divides STDIN lines into words, and you work with them
 - default separator: whitespace, you can change it with "-F", i.e. -F: (for /etc/passwd)
 - \$0 - whole line, \$1 first word (or "field"), NF number of fields, \$NF last field.

Example1: File "Werte.txt"

<snip>

Alpha 23

Berta 53

Charly 66

Delta 11

<snap>

\$ awk '{print \$2,\$1}' < Werte.txt # swap columns

\$ awk '{x+= \$2}END{print "Summe: ",x}' < Werte.txt # Summe of the numbers

\$ awk '/ha/' < Werte.txt # all lines with "ha"

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Example2: read out iptables counters

- put ipv6 traffic through a dedicated iptables-Chains.
- add up all lines you want

Chain V6Out (3 references)

pkts	bytes	target	prot	opt	in	out	source	destination
971992	138447246	RETURN	all	*		bond1	::/0	::/0

```
$ iptables -L V6Out -v -x | awk '/RETURN/{opacks+=$1;obytes+=$2}END{print  
"OPACKS="opacks";OBYTES="obytes}"  
OPACKS=971992;OBYTES=138447246
```

- grep and add up what you want....

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awk, here there be dragons!

- add something up (often needed)...

```
$ awk 'END{print 30*10+555+3}' < /dev/null    # awk-Freak, bc hater
858
$ awk 'END{print 2147483647+3}' < /dev/null
2.14748e+09          # in decimal?
$ awk 'END{printf("%d\n", 2147483647+3)}' < /dev/null
2147483647          # wait, what?
```

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- awk != awk. Ganz böse Falle. Hier: mawk <-> gawk.

```
$ mawk 'END{print 2147483647+2147483647}' < /dev/null
4.29497e+09
```

```
$ gawk 'END{print 2147483647+2147483647}' < /dev/null
4294967294
```

```
$ gawk 'END{printf("%d\n", 2147483647+2147483647)}' < /dev/null
4294967294
```

```
$ mawk 'END{printf("%d\n", 2147483647+2147483647)}' < /dev/null
2147483647
```

Tools with tips and tricks

alternative: cut (be faster since it is a smaller)

cut -d “delimiter” -f “fields”

Example 1: File "Werte.txt"

<snip>

Alpha,11

Berta,12

Charly,13

Delta,14

<snap>

> cut -d \, -f 2 → <snip> 11 12 13 14 <snap>

> cut -d 1 -f 2 → <snip> 1 2 3 4 <snap>

> cut -d 1 -f 1 → <snip> Alpha, Berta, Charly, Delta, <snap>

Tools with tips and tricks

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Example:

```
awk '/WORD/ { print $2 }' filename
```

```
grep WORD filename| cut -f 2 -d ' '
```

File with 500.000 lines:

awk ~ 0,5s

grep + cut ~ 0,05s

Tools with tips and tricks

example

1. Which http requests have requested more than 1 MB within one hour or uploaded more than 1 MB?

```
zcat /var/log/squid/access.log.7.gz | taillocal | grep '2018-04-28 09' | awk '{if ($6 > 1048576) {print $6/1048576 " von " $8 }{'
```

2. How many MB were retrieved from or uploaded to a particular URL?

```
zcat /var/log/squid/access.log.7.gz | taillocal | grep '2018-04-28 09' | grep -e 'URL\.com' | awk '{summe = summe + $6} END {print summe/1048576 }'
```

3. How many MBs were retrieved from or uploaded to a specific URL on which day?

```
for i in $(seq 62 92);do zgrep eurodata.de /var/log/squid/access.log.$i.gz |  
awk '{summe=summe + $6} END {print summe/1048576 " MB" }';echo  
"Accesslog=/var/log/squid3/access.log.$i.gz"; done
```

Tools with tips and tricks

Write image/Zip to disk

```
dd if=/tmp/image.img of=/dev/disk bs=1M
```

- of= -> target
- if= -> source
- bs= -> Size of the data blocks (Use 4096 in new systems)

```
unzip -p /path/image.zip | dd of=/dev/disk1 bs=4M
```

Tools with tips and tricks

Write image/Zip to disk - Status?

```
dd if=/tmp/image.img of=/dev/disk bs=1M
```

```
unzip -p /path/image.zip | dd of=/dev/disk1 bs=4M
```

- dd with option “status=progress”
- other shell: watch -n10 killall -USR1 dd
(watch: execute a program periodically, showing output fullscreen)

Tools with tips and tricks

/bin/l~~s~~: Argument list too long

```
ls *.txt | wc -l
```

```
-bash: /bin/ls: Argument list too long
```

```
find -type f -name '*.txt' | wc -l
```

Option find: -maxdepth

Tools with tips and tricks

shell tricks

sudo

```
user@localhost: find /var/log -type f -mtime +1
find: '/var/log/xyz' : Permission denied
user@localhost: sudo !!
sudo find /var/log -type f -mtime +1
[sudo] password for user:
/var/log/syslog
/var/log/dmesg
user@localhost:
```

Tools with tips and tricks

shell tricks

Killing and yanking text

user@localhost: find /var/log -type f _ -mtime +1

Ctrl K (cut to end of the line)

user@localhost: find /var/log -type f

Ctrl Y (way back)

user@localhost: find /var/log -type f _ -mtime +1

Ctrl U (cut to beginning of the line)

user@localhost: -mtime +1

user@localhost: find /var/log -type f _ -mtime +1

Ctrl W (cut word backward)

user@localhost: find /var/log -type _ -mtime +1

user@localhost: find /var/log _ -mtime +1

Tools with tips and tricks

shell tricks

example kill/yank flow

```
user@localhost: find /var/log -type f -mtime +1_
```

```
Ctrl U
```

```
sudo
```

```
Ctrl Y
```

```
user@localhost: sudo find /var/log -type f -mtime +1_
```


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shell tricks

replace 'tail' with 'less'

user@localhost: tail -f /var/log/syslog

user@localhost: less +F /var/log/syslog (starts of the end)

Ctrl C (pause and read the file)

Shift F (restart follow mode)

Tools with tips and tricks

shell tricks

paste the argument of the previous command

```
user@localhost: ping 8.8.8.8
```

```
user@localhost: dig -x
```

```
Alt .
```

```
user@localhost: dig -x 8.8.8.8
```

Tools with tips and tricks

shell tricks

change the previous...

```
user@localhost: cat /var/log/* | grep WORDfine | sort
```

```
user@localhost: ^fine^poor  
cat /var/log/* | grep WORDpoor | sort
```

Tools with tips and tricks

alias

Make life easier

1. `alias sl='ls'`
2. `alias mkdir='mkdir'`
3. `alias g='git'`
4. `alias d='docker'`
5. `alias gpom='git push origin master'`
6. `alias grom='git reset --hard origin/master'`

Tools with tips and tricks

alias

Make life easier ... or not???

```
alias ls='ls -l'
```

(How can I execute the original command?)

```
\ls /tmp/
```

Tools with tips and tricks

big round:
“what do you know”



Thanks

