Using the Shell

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Administrivia

- member of the GitHub organization?
- late submissions
- homework 2 will be out today
- wireless network situation

I/O redirection

- Standard interfaces
  - standard input (stdin = 0)
    - default: keyboard
  - standard output (stdout = 1)
    - default: screen
  - standard error (stderr = 2)
    - default: screen
- can override defaults with I/O redirection
  1. `command > file`
  2. `command » file`
  3. `command 2> file`
  4. `command > file 2>&1`
  5. `command &> file`
  6. `command < file`
  7. `command < file1 > file2`

I/O redirection: pipes

- pipe: output from one command as input for another
  - `command1 | command2`
- filters
  - related commands: less, sort, uniq, wc, grep, head, tail, tee

Expansion

- path expansion (wildcards, . . .)
- tilde expansion (~)
- arithmetic expansion
  - `$((2*3))`
- brace expansion
  - comma-separated list, range of integers/letters (with optional increment)
  - can be repeated, nested
  - unlike path expansion, files do not need to exist
  - `a{r,c,sse}t` gives `art act asset`
  - `{a..e}` gives `a b c d e`
  - `{a..z..4}` gives `a e i m q u y`

Expansion (cont.)

- parameter expansion
  - echo $PATH
- command substitution
  - `ls -l $(which cp)`
  - you can use back quotes too: `ls -l ‘which cp‘`
- character escaping (\)
- quoting
  - single quote (’)
    - suppress all expansions
  - double quote (")
    - suppress all expansions except $, \, ‘

Permissions

- each user has a UID and GID
  - also may belong to multiple other groups
- file ownership
  - each file belongs to a user (owner) and a group
- permissions
  - r: read (4)
  - w: write (2)
  - x: execute (1)
- file permissions (mode bits)
  - rwx rwx rwx for user, group, others
  - can use octal: e.g., 755
- setuid, setgid, sticky bit
- note that superuser root is not restricted by access control
- related commands: chmod, umask

User management

- each user has a primary group
  - also may belong to multiple other groups
- related commands: su, sudo, chown, chgrp, passwd

Processes

- types
  - interactive
  - automatic
  - daemons
- attributes
  - PID
  - parent (PPID)
  - owner (RUID), group (RGID), EUID, EGID, ...
- related commands: `ps`, `top`, `jobs`

Exercise

Write a one-line command that

- determines how many "chromium" processes is currently running, and
- stores the count and/or any errors in "chromium-count.txt"

Can you change your command so that

- it stores details of all "chromium" processes, and
- includes the count at the end?

Manipulating processes

- terminate foreground process (`ctrl-c`)
- run process in background (`command &`)
- return a process to foreground (`fg %jobspec`)
- stopping a process (`ctrl-z`)
- resuming a process in background (`bg %jobspec`)

Signals

- send signal to process (`kill [-siginal] PID`)
  - `HUP(1)`, `INT(2)`, `KILL(9)`, `TERM(15)`, `CONT(18)`, `STOP(19)`, `TSTP(20)`
- send signal to multiple processes
  - `killall`
- shutdown the system
  - `halt`, `reboot`, `poweroff`, `shutdown`

Environment

- data stored by shell session
  - shell variables
  - environment variables
  - shell aliases
  - shell functions
- env. variables: `SHELL`, `PATH`, `USER`, `...`
- related commands: `set`, `printenv`, `source`