

CENG 322
LAB 1

**Introduction to Linux
and Shell Commands**

Road Map

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Unix and Linux



- 1970s
- Ken Thompson
- Dennis Ritchie



- 1990s
- Linus Torvalds



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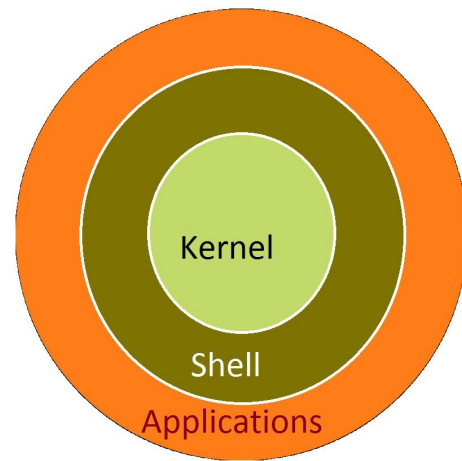
- **Ubuntu** is a member of this family (it is a “**Linux distro**” (distribution)).
- Ubuntu is **the most popular** Linux distribution.
- It is based on **Debian**.
- You can and should install it on your computer using a **USB stick** (you can use Ubuntu **along with your existing operating system**).
- If you have no experience installing an OS, **do not forget to backup** your data!
- You can try Ubuntu using a “**Live USB**”.



debian

Terminal and Shell

- A **Shell** is a program which **processes** user commands and **returns** output (e.g. **Bash** in Linux).
- It communicates with the internal part of the operating system (called the **kernel**).
- A **Terminal** is a program that runs a **Shell** using a text-based user interface.
- “**Command line**” is the Windows-centric word for the “terminal”.



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(**/usr/bin**, **/usr/sbin** are similar to **/bin** and **/sbin**. But these are used by the users and not by the system.)
(Similar to **/lib** for **/bin** and **/sbin**, there is also **/usr/lib** for **/usr/bin** and **/usr/sbin**.)

Shell Commands

Shell Commands

- Shell commands are **case sensitive**.
- Be careful with **spaces**. (e.g. `chmod u=wx a.txt`. You cannot add spaces in other places.)
If a value contains a space in it, surround it with quotation marks. (e.g. `cd "directory name"`)
- Some commands require superuser privileges. Use **sudo** for them. `sudo <yourcommand>`
- Open “Terminal”. (In any directory, you can **right click > “Open in Terminal”** to open Terminal and set the selected directory as the working directory)
- Use the **TAB** button to autofill what you are typing. Use **arrow keys** (e.g. up) to see previous commands.
- For getting help, you can try using **command --help** (e.g. `cd --help`) or **man command**

Navigation

- **directory** (=folder) vs. **file** (Note: a.txt ≠ A.txt in Linux)
- **absolute path** (starts with slash) vs. **relative path**
(You use these paths not only in a terminal but in programming languages as well.)
- **/** (directory separator) e.g. **abc/def/g** (Inside abc, there is def. Inside def, there is g)
.. (parent directory) e.g. **../..abc/d** (Go two levels up. There is abc. Inside abc, there is d.)
~ (home directory) It is **/home/altug** for me. Thus, e.g., **~/x/y** is **/home/altug/x/y**
. (current directory)
- **pwd** (print “working directory”, also known as “current directory”)
cd path (change working directory to **path** which is either absolute or relative)

What are the absolute paths of the **red** files & dirs?

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 - **Altug**
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What are the relative paths for **red** files & dirs? (**Blue** indicates the working directory.)

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Files

- **touch** is used to create an empty file:

```
touch a.txt
```

- **cat** is used to create a file with content:

```
cat a.txt > b.txt (overwrite)
```

```
cat a.txt >> b.txt (append)
```

You can merge contents of multiple files:

```
cat a.txt b.txt > c.txt
```

You can enter custom content:

```
cat > a.txt (Try it. CTRL+D to finish)
```

- **echo** can be used to write a single line (echo is used for printing):

```
echo "abc" > a.txt (overwrite)
```

```
echo "abc" >> a.txt (append)
```

Files

Display content

`cat file` (displays entire file)

`less file` (displays one page at a time)

(**return**: one line forward, **space**: one page forward, **y**: one line back, **b**: one page back, **/**: search, **q**: quit)

`head file` (displays first 10 lines. Alternatively: `head -n 50 a.txt`),

`tail file` (similar to **head** but displays the last lines)

`wc file` (displays number of lines, words, and bytes. `-l` lines, `-w` words, `-c` bytes)

Manage files

`rm file` (remove)

`cp file directory` (copy)

`mv file directory` (move)

`mv file1 file2` (rename)

Move (mv file target_dir) or rename (mv file new_file) a file

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(1) Rename x.out to x1.out

(2) Move x1.out to Downloads

Directories

list directory contents: `ls`

- l** long list (displays lots of info)
- t** sort by modification time
- S** sort by size
- r** reverse the order

long list, order by modification time, reverse the order: `ls -ltr`

Using “glob”s (similar to “RegEx”es) and brace expansion:

`ls a.*` (anything)

`ls *a*`

`ls img_*.png`

`ls users-[0-9][a-zA-Z0-9][0-9]*`

`ls [Aa].*` (any of these)

`ls *.txt`

`ls img_?.png` (single character)

`ls *.{jpg,jpeg}` (brace expansion)

Directories

create: `mkdir directory` (make directory)

What will this command do? `mkdir directory name`

copy: `cp directory1 directory2`

move or rename: `mv directory1 directory2` (if directory2 exists then move inside of it)

remove: `rm -r directory` (remove recursively)

Grep (search text)

`grep pattern file` (search in file; show those lines that match)

`grep pattern file1 file2 file3` (search in all these files)

`grep -i pattern file` (case-insensitive search)

`grep -v pattern file` (show those lines that do not match)

`grep -R pattern .` (search recursively inside the current directory)

See `grep --help`

Permissions

```
ls -l
```

Read (**r**), write (**w**), execute (**x**). In case of directory, “x” is for listing directory contents.

First: user (**u**) (the owner, which is you). **Second:** group (**g**). **Third:** “the world” (others) (**o**).

chmod (change the read, write, and execute permissions of files and directories)

```
chmod u=rwx,g=rx,o=r file
```

```
chmod u=rw file
```

```
chmod u+x file (to allow executable permissions)
```

```
chmod u-wx file (to take out write and executable permissions)
```

Permissions

We can specify 3 permissions using a single integer in the range [0, 7].

read (**4**), write (**2**), execute (**1**).

e.g.

7 indicates “all permissions” (4+2+1)

6 indicates “read and write” (4+2)

We need to specify 3 integers (for u, g, o).

e.g. 754: user can read, write, and execute; group members can read and execute, others can read.

```
chmod 754 my_script.sh
```

-R recursively (for a directory)

```
chmod -R 755 directory
```


Some operators

> Redirect (into a file):

```
ls > output.txt  
cat a.txt > b.txt  
cat > sample.txt
```

| Pipe (redirect into a program):

```
ls -l | wc  
cat a.txt | wc  
ls -al | sort  
ls *.txt | cat > txtFile
```

Some operators

; Multiple commands combined (execute all in order):

```
echo "Contents:"; ls
```

&& Execute the second command if the first command succeeds:

```
gcc a.c && ./a.out
```

& Execute in the background:

```
./a.out &
```

Terminating processes

How to terminate a process? **ctrl+c**

How to terminate a process running in the background? **Close the terminal**

How to terminate a process without an access to the terminal in which the process is run?
(Assume we know the pid.)

kill <PID>, or kill -sigkill <PID> for forcing

top -b or top -b | grep <NAMEOFPROCESS> to learn PID, then see above

There are many other commands

history

which command (e.g. which ls)

whoami

date

cal

cat /proc/cpuinfo

cat /proc/meminfo

diff a.txt b.txt (Show difference between contents. **a**:add, **c**:change, **d**:delete)

echo \$PATH

(PATH is an environment variable. If your program is in one of these directories, you can run it no matter what your working directory is.)

Others: wget, tar, ping, ...

Exercises - Part 1

1. **Create** a directory named Exercise_1, then create files named text1.txt, text2.txt, text3.txt, text11.txt, text12.txt, text13.txt in it. **List all files** with permissions in reverse order by name.

```
-rw-r--r--  1 altugyigit  staff  0 Feb 14 19:06 text3.txt
-rw-r--r--  1 altugyigit  staff  0 Feb 14 19:06 text2.txt
-rw-r--r--  1 altugyigit  staff  0 Feb 14 19:06 text13.txt
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```

2. **List** text1.txt to text3.txt specifying the numbers (i.e. 1-3).

```
text1.txt      text2.txt      text3.txt
Altug-MacBook-Air-2:Exercise_1 altugyigit$ █
```

3. **Change** your current directory as “/etc”, then print **number of lines** for each configuration (.conf) file in the directory.

```
34 as1.conf  
50 autofs.conf  
60 dnsextd.conf
```

4. **Display** count of all **configuration** files (.conf) in etc, the output will be just a number.

5. **Search** for the **cd command** in **history**, then **write** output to the
"/home/[user_name]/Desktop/out.txt" (ignore the square brackets, type your username)

6. **Create** a python file (my_code.py) and **copy** the code below into the file. **Ignore** comment lines (lines starting with #) and **write** it in a new file called my_code_new.py.

```
# Python program to determine whether
# the number is Armstrong number or not
# Function to calculate x raised to
# the power y
def power(x, y):
    if y == 0:
        return 1
    if y % 2 == 0:
        return power(x, y // 2) * power(x, y // 2)
    return x * power(x, y // 2) * power(x, y // 2)
```


Shell Scripts

hello.sh

- First line should specify the shell:
`#!/bin/bash` for GNU Bash, or
`#!/bin/sh` for POSIX Shell.
(We will be using **bash**, which is a superset of **sh**.)
- An example **hello.sh**:
`#!/bin/bash`
`echo "Hello, World!" # We can use any shell command.`
- It must be readable and executable:
e.g. `chmod a+rx hello.sh`
- Now we can execute: `./hello.sh`

variables.sh

\$x

Write value: `var=value`

There is no space around =

Don't forget the quotation marks when needed: `course="CENG 322"`

Read value: `$var`

```
#!/bin/bash
```

```
code=322
```

```
echo "CENG $code"
```

```
planet=World
```

```
echo "Hello $planet"
```

arguments.sh

`$0` The filename of the current script.

`$1, $2, $3, ...` Command-line arguments

`$#` The number of command-line arguments

```
#!/bin/bash
```

```
echo "$# arguments were given to $0: $1, $2, $3"
```

```
$ ./arguments.sh 1 2 3
```

```
3 arguments were given to ./argument.sh: 1, 2, 3
```

parameter-expansion.sh

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```
courses+=( "CENG316" )              # Add an element
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```
echo "${courses[1]}"                # Read an element
```

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# ${courses[1]} is CENG312
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user-input.sh

```
#!/bin/bash
```

```
echo "Enter your name: "
```

```
read name
```

```
echo "This is your name: ${name}"
```

```
echo "Enter two numbers: "
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```
read num1 num2
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read -p "username: " user_var
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subshell.sh

(...) \$(...)

```
#!/bin/bash
```

```
a=1
```

```
(a=2; echo "inside: a=$a") # execute in a subshell  
echo "outside: a=$a"
```

```
echo "The current date is $(date)"
```

```
# execute in a subshell and return its output
```

evaluation.sh

```
((...))  $((...))
```

```
#!/bin/bash
```

```
((a=2+3))
```

```
# Perform arithmetic but don't return the  
# result (instead change the values of shell variables)
```

```
a=$((2+3))
```

```
# Perform arithmetic and return the result
```

Exercise

```
$ ./add.sh 8 5  
13
```

Test

type [
which [

[1 -eq 1] # There are spaces inside brackets

[abc = abc] && echo "equal"

Strings: = or !=

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condition.sh

```
#!/bin/bash
a="x"
echo "enter a file path"
read b
if [ $a = $b ]
then
    echo "a and b are the same"
else
    echo "a and b are different"
fi
# You can use elif [ ... ] then as well.
```

case.sh

```
#!/bin/bash  
case $word in
```

```
    pattern1)
```

Statement(s) to be executed if pattern1 matches

```
    ;;
```

```
*)
```

Default condition to be executed

```
    ;;
```

```
esac
```

loop.sh

```
#!/bin/bash
counter=0
while [ $counter -ne 10 ]
do
    echo "iteration $counter"
    counter=$((counter+1))
done
```

function.sh

```
#!/bin/bash
```

```
add () {  
    sum=$(( $1 + $2 ))  
    return $sum  
}
```

```
add 2 2  
result=$?  
echo "2 + 2 = $result"
```

read_file.sh

```
#!/bin/bash
while read -r line
do
    # SOME COMMAND
done < text.txt
```

Exercises - Part 2

1. **Store** the output of the command “whoami” in a variable. **Display** “I am _.” where “_” is the output of the “whoami” command.

```
Altug-MacBook-Air-2:Shell_Exercises_2 altugyigit$ ./example.sh  
I am altugyigit
```

2. **Write** a script that executes the command “ls /etc/x”. If the command returns a 0 exit status, report “Succeeded” and exit with a 0 exit status. If the command returns a non-zero exit status, report “Failed!” and exit with a 1 exit status.

```
Altug-MacBook-Air-2:Shell_Exercises_2 altugyigit$ ./example.sh  
ls: /etc/x: No such file or directory  
Failed!
```

3. **Write** a shell script that prompts the user for a name of a **file or directory** and **displays** messages if it is a file or a directory. If it is a directory, **display count of the text** (i.e. .txt) files in it. (Note: use if, elif with parameters -f and -d)

```
Altug-MacBook-Air-2:Shell_Exercises_2 altugyigit$ ./example.sh  
Enter a path: CENG322  
CENG322 is a directory.  
2 text files.
```

4. **Write** a shell script that takes input from the user for an **answer to the question** “Are you a student? Y/N”. If the **answer is yes** (or y,Y,yEs etc.), **display** “You got the discount :)”, if **it is no** (or n,N,nO etc.), **display** “No discount!”. If **anything else** is entered, **display** “Please enter y/yes or n/no”. (Note: use the case...esac statement)

5. **Rename** all txt files in the current directory as “new_OLDFILENAME.txt”. (Hint: use ls and for loop)

6. **Read** and **display** a .txt file in the current dir **line by line** with the line numbers. (Hint: use while, read, echo)

```
[Altug-MacBook-Air-2:Shell_Exercises_2 altugyigit$ ./example.sh  
Line 1 CENG322  
Line 2 OPSIS  
Line 3 EXAMPLE  
Line 4 LINES
```