



# Introduction to Unix and HPC

## Answer Sheet

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# Shell Primer

## Unit 1: Run Spot, Run

### Exercise 1(a) – Running commands

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| <b>ls</b>           | Directory listing  |
| <b>w</b>            | Shows who is logged on to the system and what they are doing   |
| <b>w hpc22</b>      | Shows login, idle time, and what user hpc22 is doing   |
| <b>finger</b>       | Shows login, username & login details of users on the system   |
| <b>finger hpc22</b> | Shows user hpc22's login details including name, idle time, login time as well as some of their environment settings |
| <b>date</b>         | Prints the system time and date  |
| <b>uptime</b>       | Tells you how long the system has been running   |

### Exercise 1(b) – Flags and Parameters

#### Standard UNIX commands

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| <b>ls</b>       | Lists directory contents of current directory   |
| <b>ls -l</b>    | (long) Lists directory contents of current directory using long listing format  |
| <b>ls -a</b>    | (all) Lists directory contents of current directory and does not ignore entries starting with .   |
| <b>ls --all</b> | (all) Lists directory contents of current directory and does not ignore entries starting with . <i>(alternative form of previous command)</i> |

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| <code>ls -la</code>                    | (all+long) Lists directory contents of current directory using long listing format and does not ignore entries starting with . |
| <code>ls --all -l</code>               | (all+long) Lists directory contents of current directory using long listing format and does not ignore entries starting with . |
| <code>ls --format=horizontal</code>    | Lists directory contents of current directory horizontally   |
| <code>ls --format=single-column</code> | Lists directory contents of current directory in a single column   |

## Exercise 1(c) – The Calendar

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| <code>man cal</code>           | displays the manual page for the calendar function  |
| <code>cal -1 04 1980</code>    | displays the single month view of April in 1980 (04/1980)   |
| <code>cal 04 1980</code>       | displays the single month view of April in 1980 (04/1980)<br>-1 is the default view, so this command generates the same output as the previous command                    |
| <code>cal 02 04 1980</code>    | displays the single month view of April 1980, with the date 02 highlighted (02/04/1980)   |
| <code>cal -m 02 04 1980</code> | displays the single month view of April 1980, with the date 02 highlighted (02/04/1980) with Monday as the first day of the week (instead of Sunday which is the default) |

## Unit 2: Where am I?

### Exercise 2(a): Finding your way around

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| (1) | <code>ls -la</code>  | show the directory listing for the current directory  |
| (2) | <code>ls training -or-<br/>ls -l training</code>               | show the directory listing for the training directory ("long" or detailed view)   |
| (3) | <code>cd training</code>                                       | change directory (cd) to a subdirectory called "training"   |
| (4) | <code>ls /home/hpc22/ -or-<br/>ls ~ -or-<br/>ls ~/hpc22</code> | Show the directory listing for current user using either <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Absolute path</li> <li>○ Home directory of current user ~</li> <li>○ Home directory of specified user ~hpc22</li> </ul> |

### Exercise 2(b): Finding your way around (part 2)

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| (1) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <code>../regurgitator.sh</code></li> <li>○ <code>~/regurgitator.sh</code></li> <li>○ <code>~hpc22/regurgitator.sh</code></li> <li>○ <code>/home/hpc22/regurgitator.sh</code></li> <li>○ <code>../regurgitator.sh -d</code></li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ run the regurgitator.sh script from the <b><u>parent directory of my current location</u></b></li> <li>○ run the regurgitator.sh script from <b><u>my home directory</u></b></li> <li>○ run the regurgitator.sh script from <b><u>hpc85's home directory</u></b></li> <li>○ run the regurgitator.sh script from the <b><u>absolute path to</u></b></li> </ul> |
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|     |   | <p><b><u>hpc85's home directory</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Will run the "regurgitator.sh" script which will print the program name and arguments input. The -d flag will cause the current working directory to be printed</li> </ul> |
| (2) | <code>pwd</code>  | Path Working directory command will list the current working directory  |
| (3) | <code>ls .</code>   | Will give a listing of all files in the current working directory (current dir)   |
| (4) | <code>ls ../../hpc23</code>   | Will give a listing of all files in hpc23's home directory  |
| (5) | <code>ls --recursive ~ -or-</code><br><code>ls --recursive ~hpc22 -or-</code><br><code>ls --recursive .. -or-</code><br><code>ls --recursive /home/hpc22</code> | Will give a recursive listing of all files in the parent directory and sub-directories  |

## Exercise 2(c): Making Directories

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| (1) | <code>cd ~</code>   | Change directory to my home directory   |
| (2) | <code>mkdir experiments</code><br><code>mkdir "experiments/experiment one"</code><br><code>mkdir "experiments/experiment one/step one"</code> | <p>Make a directory called "experiments" in ~</p> <p>Make a directory called "experiment one" in ~/"experiment one"</p> |

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|     | <pre>mkdir "experiments/experiment one/step two"  cd "experiment two"  mkdir "step one"  mkdir "step two"</pre> | <p>Make a directory called "experiments"</p> <p>Make a directory called "experiments"</p> |
| (2) | <pre>ls --recursive ~/experiments - or-  tree ~/experiments</pre>   | <p>Show the directory structure for the newly created "experiments" folder</p>            |

## Exercise 2(d): Moving and Copying Files

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| (1) | <pre>cp ~/regurgitator.sh ~/experiments  cp ~/regurgitator.sh /home/hpc22/experiments/"experiment one"  cp ~/regurgitator.sh ~/experiments/"experiment two"  cd ~  cp ./regurgitator.sh ~/experiments/"experiment one"/"step one"  cd experiments  cp ../regurgitator.sh "experiment one/step two"  cd "experiment two"  cp ~/regurgitator.sh ./"step one"  cp /home/hpc22/regurgitator.sh "step two"</pre> |  |
| (2) | <pre>cp ~/regurgitator.sh ~/copy_of_regurgitator.sh</pre>   |  |
| (3) | <pre>mv ~/copy_of_regurgitator.sh ~/experiments</pre>   |  |

## Exercise 3(a)

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| (1) | <code>cd ~/training</code>             | The <code>cd</code> command will change directory to the training directory  |
| (2) | <code>cat poem.txt</code>              | The <code>cat</code> command will print out the contents of the poem.txt file  |
| (3) | <code>wc -w poem.txt</code>            | The <code>wc</code> command will count the newlines, words and byte counts for a file. Using the <code>-w</code> flag will only show the number of words in a file |
| (4) | <code>cat poem.txt<br/>poem.txt</code> | This will print out the contents of the poem.txt file twice  |
| (5) | <code>less poem.txt</code>             | The <code>less</code> command will page through the contents of the poem.txt file one page at a time   |
| (6) | <code>tail poem.txt</code>             | The <code>tail</code> command will display the last 10 lines of the poem.txt file  |
| (7) | <code>cat poem.rtf</code>              | The <code>cat</code> command print out the contents of the poem.rtf file   |
| (8) | <code>du</code>                        | The <code>du</code> command will display the disk space being used by all of the files in the current directory  |
| (9) | <code>du -all</code>                   | The <code>du</code> command will display the disk space being used by each of the files in the current directory, and a total for all files                        |

## Exercise 4(a)

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| (1) | <code>cd ~/training</code>  | Change directory to the training directory   |
| (2) | <code>fortune</code><br><code>fortune</code>  | The <code>fortune</code> command will give you a once off fortune (like a Chinese fortune cookie)  |
| (3) | <code>fortune &gt;</code><br><code>my_fortune.txt</code><br><code>cat my_fortune.txt</code>   | The <code>&gt;</code> will redirect the output of the <code>fortune</code> command into a file called <code>my_fortune.txt</code><br>The <code>cat</code> command print out the contents of the <code>my_fortune.txt</code> file   |
| (4) | <code>fortune &gt;</code><br><code>my_fortune.txt</code><br><code>cat my_fortune.txt</code>   | As above   |
| (5) | <code>fortune &gt;&gt;</code><br><code>my_fortune.txt</code><br><code>cat my_fortune.txt</code>   | The <code>&gt;&gt;</code> will append the output of the <code>fortune</code> command into a file called <code>my_fortune.txt</code><br>The <code>cat</code> command print out the contents of the <code>my_fortune.txt</code> file   |
| (5) | <code>sort long_poem.txt</code><br><code>  uniq &gt;</code><br><code>copy_long_poem.txt</code><br><code>cat</code><br><code>copy_long_poem.txt</code> | The <code>sort</code> command will sort the contents of the <code>long_poem.txt</code><br>The <code>uniq</code> command will remove any duplicate (redundant) lines from the poem<br>The <code>&gt;</code> will redirect the output of the <code>fortune</code> command into a file called <code>copy_long_poem.txt</code> |



## Exercise 5(a): Checking the environment variables

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| (1) | <code>echo \$PATH</code>                                   | The <code>echo</code> command will display what the <code>PATH</code> environment variable is set to   |
|     | <code>echo \$HOME</code>                                   | The <code>echo</code> command display what the <code>HOME</code> environment variable is set to  |
|     | <code>echo \$TEMP</code>                                   | The <code>echo</code> command display what the <code>TEMP</code> environment variable is set to  |
|     | <code>echo \$PS1</code>                                    | The <code>echo</code> command display what the <code>PS1</code> environment variable is set to   |
| (2) | <code>env</code>   | Will display all the environment variables and what they are set to  |
| (3) | <code>env   grep PATH</code><br><code>&gt; path.txt</code> | <p>The <code>env</code> command will display the environment variables and what they are set to</p> <p>The <code>grep</code> command will search for any instances of the word "PATH"</p> <p>The <code>&gt;</code> will redirect the output of the two commands into a file called <code>path.txt</code></p> |

## Exercise 5(b): Manipulating the Environment

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| (1) | <code>export MYNAME=Joe</code>                            | The <code>export</code> command will set the value of the <code>MYNAME</code> environment variable to "Joe"         |
| (2) | <code>export MYNAME=Thurbon</code>                        | The <code>export</code> command will set the value of the <code>MYNAME</code> environment variable to "Thurbon"     |
| (3) | <code>export MYNAME=Joe</code><br><code>: \$MYNAME</code> | The <code>export</code> command will set the value of the <code>MYNAME</code> environment variable to "Joe:Thurbon" |

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| (4) | <pre>cd ~ mv regurgitator.sh ./bin regurgitator.sh</pre> | <p>The <code>cd</code> command will change your current working directory to your home directory</p> <p>The <code>mv</code> command will move the <code>regurgitator.sh</code> file to the <code>bin</code> directory</p> <p>The final command attempts to run the <code>regurgitator.sh</code> file, but as it doesn't exist in the <code>~</code> directory, this command should fail</p> |
| (5) | <pre>export PATH=\$PATH:/home/hpc22/bin</pre>            | <p>The <code>export</code> command will set the value of the <code>PATH</code> environment variable to the existing <code>PATH</code> variable plus the addition of your <code>bin</code> directory <code>:/home/hpc22/bin</code></p>   |
| (6) | <pre>export PS1="\u@my_new_prompt:\w&gt;"</pre>          | <p>You can set the <code>PS1</code> to whatever you want. The sample here will result in the users prompt being changed to the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <code>hpc85@my_new_prompt:~&gt;</code></li> </ul>  |