**DATA MANAGEMENT**

**Three key-features of an OS:**

1. Multi-user: A multi-user OS allows for multiple users to use the same computer at the same time and/or different times (eg. ECS Linux server)

2. Multi-processing: An OS capable of supporting and utilizing more than one computer processor. Processors can be tightly (high-end servers) or loosely coupled (clusters of computing nodes).

3. Multi-tasking: An OS that is capable of allowing multiple software processes to run at the same time.

**Some commands:**

1. “whoami” – prints your login name

2. “passwd” – can be used to change your password

**Quick Tips:**

Shortcut 1: use *up* and *down* arrow keys to bring up previously typed commands.

Shortcut 2: use *tab* for autocomplete to type commands and paths faster.

Shortcut 3: hit *tabtab* to see all possible options.

**Good to know:**

The *root* is the root from which you can access any file in the system. You can refer it with “/”.

eg. The path to the student folder is /home/student.

**/etc** stores config files for the system.

**/var/log** stores log files for various system programs.

**/bin** and **/usr/bin** stores several commonly used programs.

**Meta-information on UNIX files:**

A UNIX directory contains a table of the names of files it contains and their respective Inode numbers. Keeping the meta-data separate from the contents of the files has its advantages.

Moving files from one directory to another is easy and fast.

A user can rename or delete a file even if another application has opened it and is working on it. So no application can “hijack” a file.

You can get the Inode number via “stat NameOfFile

**More commands:**

**pwd** -displays the current absolute path.

**ls** – lists the files in the current directory. It has many options: **ls [options] [location]**

**options:**

**-l** – long list

**-t** – sort by modification time

**-S** – sort by size

**-h** – list file sizes in human readable format (bytes instead of blocks)

**-r** – reverse the order

**location:** the path to the file.

You can also combine some options: **ls –ltrh** -> lists files by time (t) in reverse order (r) with long listng (l) and human readable format (h).

**Paths:**

**Absolute path** -> eg. “/home/faculty/sarwar”

**Relative path** -> eg. You are in faculty directory. “cd sarwar”

**~ (tilde):** Shortcut to your **home** directory: eg. “/home/students/downloads is the same as ~/downloads”

**. (dot)** -> reference to current directory.

**.. (dotdot)** -> a reference to the parent directory. You can use this several times in a path to keep going up the hierarchy. (eg. “../..”)

UNIX filenames are **case sensitive**!

**Man command**:

**man “COMMAND”** -> displays information about the command

**man –k “SEARCH ITEM”** -> if you are not sure what command you need

**More commands:**

**mkdir [options] <directory name>** -> makes directory

**rmdir [options] <directory name>** -> removes the directory. The directory must be empty before it is removed.

**Managing files:**

**touch [options] <filename>** - creates a file in the directory

**rm [options] <filename>** - removes a file

**rm –r <directory name>** - to remove **non-empty** directory

**cp [options] <source> <destination>**- copy file to a directory

**mv [options] <source> <destination>** - moving files or directories

**File editor:**

To open it, type in **vim**;

To display the contents of the file:

**cat** -> displays contents of text file

**less** -> displays a file, but allows forward and backward movement within it:

**return** (Enter key) scrolls forward one line, **space** to go ahead one page;

**y** key scrolls back one line, and **b** one page.

The command does not read entire file before starting (good to view very large files)

Use “**/**” to search for a string (

Hit **q** to quit.

**head** -> prints out the first 10 lines of the file

**tail** -> prints out the last 10 lines of the file

Both head and tail can be used to print out a custom amount of lines. (eg. **head –n3 textfile.txt** -> displays the first 3 lines)

**Processes:**

A process is simply a *program* in *execution.*

Every process is assigned a unique process identifier or PID: eg. 6720, 1242, etc.

To run a program you must first make sure it has executable permissions. (Use **chmod u+x <program-name>**)

The the prefix **./** to run a program located in your current directory.

To end a program – kill the process – if it does not end on its own, use “**CTRL+C**”;

**ps [options]** -> view the processes that you are running. (and see the PID of each process)

**top** -> view the CPU usage of all processes

**kill [options] <PID>** -> to terminate a process

EXAMPLE: commonly used options ( **kill –SIGTERM 1710** )

**SIGTERM**: Request a process to stop running; signal **can be ignored**. Process is given time to gracefully shutdown. When a program gracefully shuts down, that means it is given time to save its progress and release resources.

**SIGKILL**: Forces process to **stop executing immediately**. The program cannot ignore this signal. This process does not get to clean-up either.

**CTRL Z** -> pauses the current foreground process.

**bg** -> moves the process to the background.

**fg** -> brings process to the foreground.

**Running a process when logged off:** (haven’t tested it properly, should work)

**screen** -> create a new screen.

**screen –d** -> detach from an existing screen.

**screen –list** -> to list available screens.

**screen –r** **screen-id** -> to resume an existing screen.

**CTRL + D** -> to kill the screen.

**Piping:**

Bash shell allocates 3 file descriptors for each process:

**STDIN** is opened for keyboard input

**STDOUT**, **STDERR** to screen output

Definition of piping:

*program\_1 | program\_2*

\*program\_1’s outcome becomes program\_2’s input

*program\_1 > file.txt*

\*program\_1’s output and error logs are written to a file called “file.txt”

\*We can use >> instead of > to append to end of file.txt

*program\_1 < input.txt*

\*program\_1 gets its input from a file called “input.txt”

**Filters:**

A filter is a program which accepts textual input and transforms it in some way.

Filets can be connected together by pipes.

Filters can be thought of as building blocks to be easily put together to do what you want.

Eg: cat student\_attendance.txt | grep –e August | sort

Example filters:

**head**

**tail**

**sort** -> organize the data into order

**wc** -> print a count of number of lines, words and characters

**uniq** -> removes duplicate lines

**du** -> estimates file space usage

**xargs**  -> builds and executes command lines from standard inputs

Example: **cat** tomslee\*.csv | **cut** **–f4 –d,** | **sort** | **uniq** > processedlist.txt

**Version control** - easy