

Introduction to UNIX

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Why UNIX?

Sequencing reads of 15 genomes

\approx 1GB of plain text data / genome

\approx 640938 of pages

How to check a file??

Notepad?




not well suited for big files

Office?



Use at least read-only mode

Gene name errors are widespread in the scientific literature

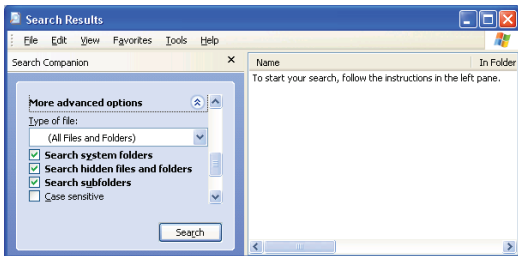
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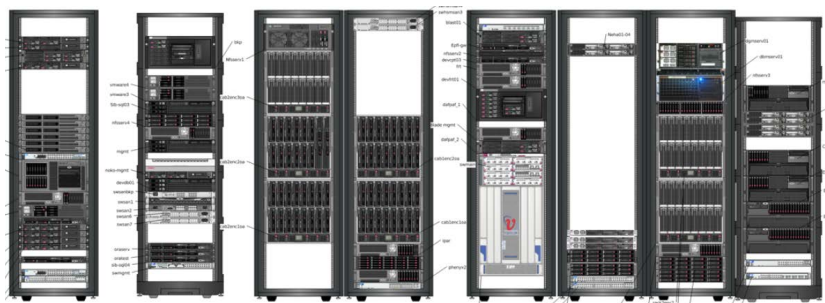
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Abstract

The spreadsheet software Microsoft Excel when used with default settings, is known to convert gene names to dates and floating-point numbers. A programmatic scan of leading genomics journals reveals that approximately one-fifth of papers with supplementary Excel gene lists contain erroneous gene name conversions.

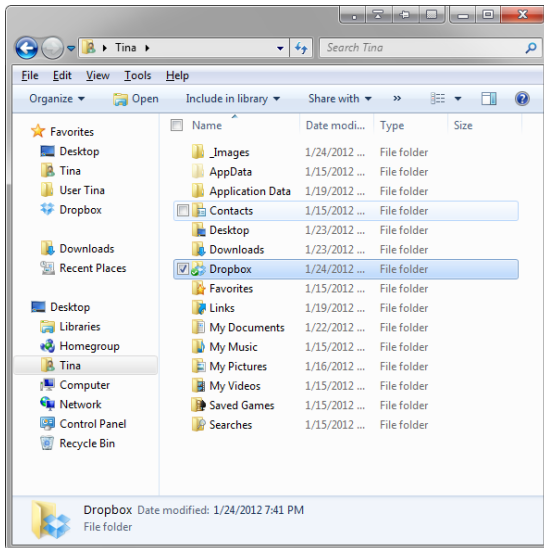


Cluster computing

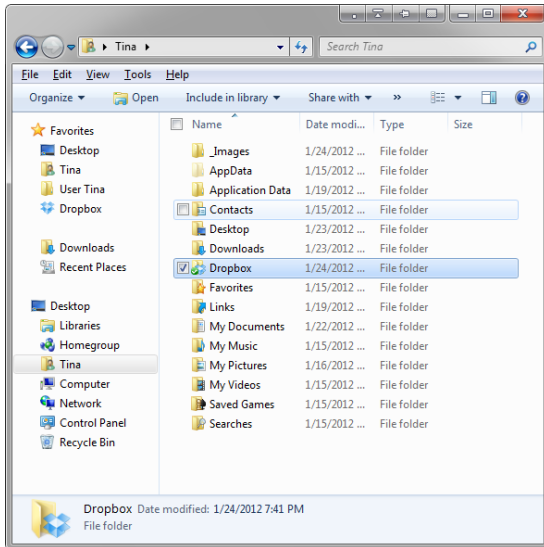


How can UNIX help us?

Command line \approx explorer + toolbox of commands



bash \approx explorer



kjaron@frt:~\$

↑
user

↑
computer

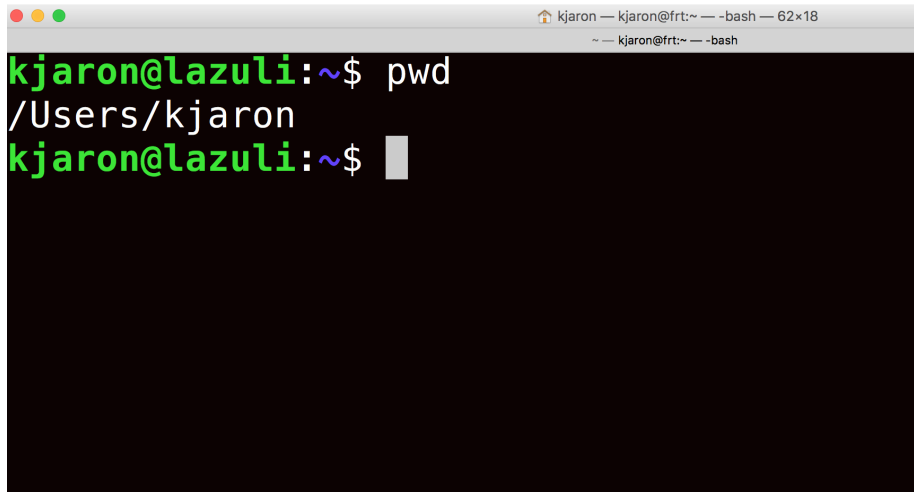
↑
location

\$ for user
for administrator

↑
space for a command

```
### relative paths
.      # this directory
..     # parent directory
~      # my home directory
### absolute path
/      # root directory
```

bash \approx explorer (print working directory)



```
kjaron@lazuli:~$ pwd
/Users/kjaron
kjaron@lazuli:~$
```

A terminal window with a title bar containing three colored circles (red, yellow, green) on the left and a status bar on the right that reads "kjaron — kjaron@frt:~ — -bash — 62x18". Below the status bar, the terminal text shows the command "pwd" being executed, resulting in the output "/Users/kjaron". The prompt "kjaron@lazuli:~\$" is shown again on the next line, followed by a grey rectangular cursor.

bash \approx explorer (list segments)

```
kjaron@lazuli:~$ ls
Desktop          anaconda
Documents        apache-ant-1.9.6
Downloads        bin
Dropbox          eclipse
Library          igv
Movies           lastz-distrib
Music            oboedit_config
Pictures         programs
Public           snp2condonVariants.py
RemoteSystemsTempFiles src
VirtualBox VMs   virtualenvs
kjaron@lazuli:~$ █
```

bash \approx explorer (change directory)

```
kjaron@lazuli:~$ cd Documents/  
kjaron@lazuli:~/Documents$
```

bash \approx explorer (copy)

```
· cups/ · vim/
kjaron@lazuli:~/Documents$ cp ../snp2condonVariants.py ./copy.py
kjaron@lazuli:~/Documents$ ls
Microsoft User Data      PacBio      sag
MyPlayground.playground  copy.py     workspace
Organisation             playground
kjaron@lazuli:~/Documents$
```


bash \approx explorer (copy)

```
kjaron@lazuli:~/Documents$ cp ../snp2condonVariants.py .
kjaron@lazuli:~/Documents$ ls
Microsoft User Data      PacBio          sag
MyPlayground.playground  copy.py         snp2condonVariants.py
Organisation             playground      workspace
kjaron@lazuli:~/Documents$
```

bash \approx explorer (move)

```

kjaron@lazuli:~/Documents$ mv copy.py ..
kjaron@lazuli:~/Documents$ ls
Microsoft User Data    PacBio                                snp2condonVariants.py
MyPlayground.playground playground                            workspace
Organisation           sag
kjaron@lazuli:~/Documents$ ls ..
Desktop      Public      igv
Documents    RemoteSystemsTempFiles lastz-distrib
Downloads    VirtualBox VMs    oboedit_config
Dropbox      anaconda      programs
Library      apache-ant-1.9.6  snp2condonVariants.py
Movies       bin           src
Music        copy.py       virtualenvs
Pictures     eclipse
kjaron@lazuli:~/Documents$
```

bash \approx explorer (move)

```
Pictures          eclipse
kjaron@lazuli:~/Documents$ mv ../copy.py .
kjaron@lazuli:~/Documents$ ls
Microsoft User Data      PacBio          sag
MyPlayground.playground  copy.py         snp2condonVariants.py
Organisation             playground      workspace
kjaron@lazuli:~/Documents$
```

bash \approx explorer (rename)

```
kjaron@lazuli:~/Documents$ mv copy.py snp_script.py
kjaron@lazuli:~/Documents$ ls
Microsoft User Data      PacBio                snp2condonVariants.py
MyPlayground.playground playground            snp_script.py
Organisation             sag                  workspace
kjaron@lazuli:~/Documents$
```

bash \approx explorer (rename to existing file)

```
kjaron@lazuli:~/Documents$ mv snp_script.py snp2condonVariants.py
kjaron@lazuli:~/Documents$ ls
Microsoft User Data      PacBio                snp2condonVariants.py
MyPlayground.playground  playground            workspace
Organisation             sag
kjaron@lazuli:~/Documents$
```

bash \approx explorer (remove)

```
kjaron@lazuli:~/Documents$ rm snp2condonVariants.py
kjaron@lazuli:~/Documents$ ls
Microsoft User Data      PacBio                  workspace
MyPlayground.playground playground
Organisation             sag
kjaron@lazuli:~/Documents$
```

bash makes readable errors

```
kjaron@lazuli:~/Documents$ ls
Microsoft User Data      PacBio                  workspace
MyPlayground.playground playground
Organisation            sag
kjaron@lazuli:~/Documents$ rm snp2condonVariants.py
rm: snp2condonVariants.py: No such file or directory
kjaron@lazuli:~/Documents$ cp ../snp2condonVariants.py
usage: cp [-R [-H | -L | -P]] [-fi | -n] [-apvX] source_file target_file
        cp [-R [-H | -L | -P]] [-fi | -n] [-apvX] source_file ... target_directory
kjaron@lazuli:~/Documents$ mv ../snp2condonVariants.py
usage: mv [-f | -i | -n] [-v] source target
        mv [-f | -i | -n] [-v] source ... directory
kjaron@lazuli:~/Documents$ cd snp2condonVariants.py
-bash: cd: snp2condonVariants.py: No such file or directory
kjaron@lazuli:~/Documents$
```

command -<parameters> <arguments>

Examples:

```
ls -lah    #list long, all, human readable
ls -la ..  #list in parent directory
cp -r <what_dir> <where> # recursive
rm -rf <what_dir>         # -||- , force
# careful with this one...
```

man <command>

Special characters *, ?, [], escape character \

```
$cd /
```

```
$echo b
```

```
b
```

```
$echo b*
```

```
bin boot
```

```
$echo b\*
```

```
b*
```

```
$echo B*
```

```
B*
```

OK, try it!

Manual

man <command>

Auto Completion by <tab>

cd /<tab><tab> # lists all in root

cd ~/k<tab><tab> # lists all in home

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Manual

man <command>

Auto Completion by <tab>

cd /<tab><tab> # lists all in root

cd ~/<tab><tab> # lists all in home

Command history

<arrow_up> # last excuted command

<Ctrl+R> # full-text search

What about that toolbox?

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Use at least read-only mode

Look at a plain-text file

command <text_file>

echo

head / tail

cat # catenate

less # > more; text reader

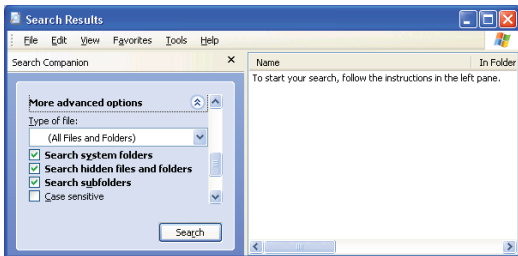
wc # word count

tr # transform

grep # global regular expression print

IO streams - a way how to build pipes!

```
command <text_file>  
      == cat <text_file> | command  
  
echo  
  
tail / head  
  
cat      # catenate  
  
less     # > more  
  
  
wc       # word count  
  
tr       # transform  
  
grep     # global regular expression print
```



IO streams!

```
ls | wc -w
```

Streams in the service of genomics!

```
grep ">" seq.fasta | wc -l
```

input stream (file)

```
grep -v ">" seq.fasta | \  
tr -d '\n' | wc -c
```

```
>seq1
```

```
CGATCGTCGTAGCTACGAT
```

```
>seq2
```

```
ACCGATCAAACCGTCGTAA
```

```
grep -v ">"
```

```
grep -v ">" seq.fasta | \  
tr -d "\n" | wc -c
```

```
CGATCGTCGTAGCTACGAT  
ACCGATCAAACCGTCGTAA
```

```
tr -d "\n"
```

```
grep -v ">" seq.fasta | \  
tr -d "\n" | wc -c
```

CGATCGTCGTAGCTACGATACCGATCAAACCGTCGTAA

```
WC -C
```

```
grep -v ">" seq.fasta | \  
tr -d "\n" | wc -c
```

Stream redirection overview

```
grep ">" seq.fasta          # print
grep ">" seq.fasta | wc      # pipe
grep ">" seq.fasta > file    # write
grep ">" seq.fasta >> file   # append
```

Your turn

command <parameters> <text_file>

echo

tail / head

cat # catenate

less # text reader

wc # word count

tr # transform

grep # global regular expression print