

- Log into the Moodle site
- Enter the “Lecture 4” area
- At 14:00, choose “Daily Quiz 3”
- Answer the multiple choice quiz
(you have **until 14:10 to finish**)

Let's try!

- In the **remote machine**, inside directory `~jmalves/PE8/`
- Try commands `ls -l` and `cd` on directories:

`another_dir`

`also_a_dir`

`some_dir`

`third_dir`



Now you do it!

Go to the course site and enter **Practical Exercise 8**

Follow the instructions to answer the questions in the exercise

Remember: in a PE, you should do things in practice before answering the question!



How to change permissions

- The **chmod** command allows one to change permissions for a file or a directory (if one has permission to do that, of course!)
- This command can use a symbolic (i.e., letters) or octal (numbers) mode
- The symbolic mode uses letters u, g, o, a, r, w, and x
 - **u, g, o, a** are for user (owner), group, others, and all, respectively
 - **r, w, x** are read, write, execute, as usual
- The octal mode uses numbers **0 to 7** (eight digits, thus octal)

Description	Symbol	Octal code
Read	r	4
Write	w	2
Execute	x	1
Read and Execute	rx	5 (4 + 1)
Read and Write	rw	6 (4 + 2)
Read, Write and Execute	rwX	7 (4 + 2 + 1)

```
-rwxr-xr-x 1  joe bmp0260 12456  Feb 31 13:37  file.txt
```

Remove read and execute permissions for others (i.e., not user or group):

```
chmod o-rx file.txt
```

 symbolic

or

```
chmod 750 file.txt
```

 octal

```
-rwxr-x--- 1  joe bmp0260 12456  Feb 31 13:37  file.txt
```

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Write	w	2
Execute	x	1
Read and Execute	rx	5 (4 + 1)
Read and Write	rw	6 (4 + 2)
Read, Write and Execute	rwX	7 (4 + 2 + 1)

```
-rwxr-xr-x 1  joe bmp0260 12456  Feb 31 13:37  file.txt
```

Add write permission for all (i.e., user, group and others):

```
chmod a+w file.txt
```

or

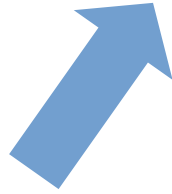
```
chmod 777 file.txt
```

```
-rwxrwxrwx 1  joe bmp0260 12456  Feb 31 13:37  file.txt
```

ug+rw

(So: adding **rw** to user and group, but changing nothing else)

Who should have their permissions changed (more than one, or **a** for all of them, which is the **default**)



Whether to add (+) or remove (-) the permission(s)



Which permission(s) to add or remove (one or more of r, w, x)

Note: the symbolic mode **only** changes what was explicitly mentioned; so, in the example above, permissions for others are not touched. The octal mode **always changes everything if you are not careful**.

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(So: user can **rw**x,
group can **rx**, and
others can only **r**)



Permissions for user
(owner of file)

Permissions for users
in same group as file

Permissions for others
(who are not owner or
in file's group)

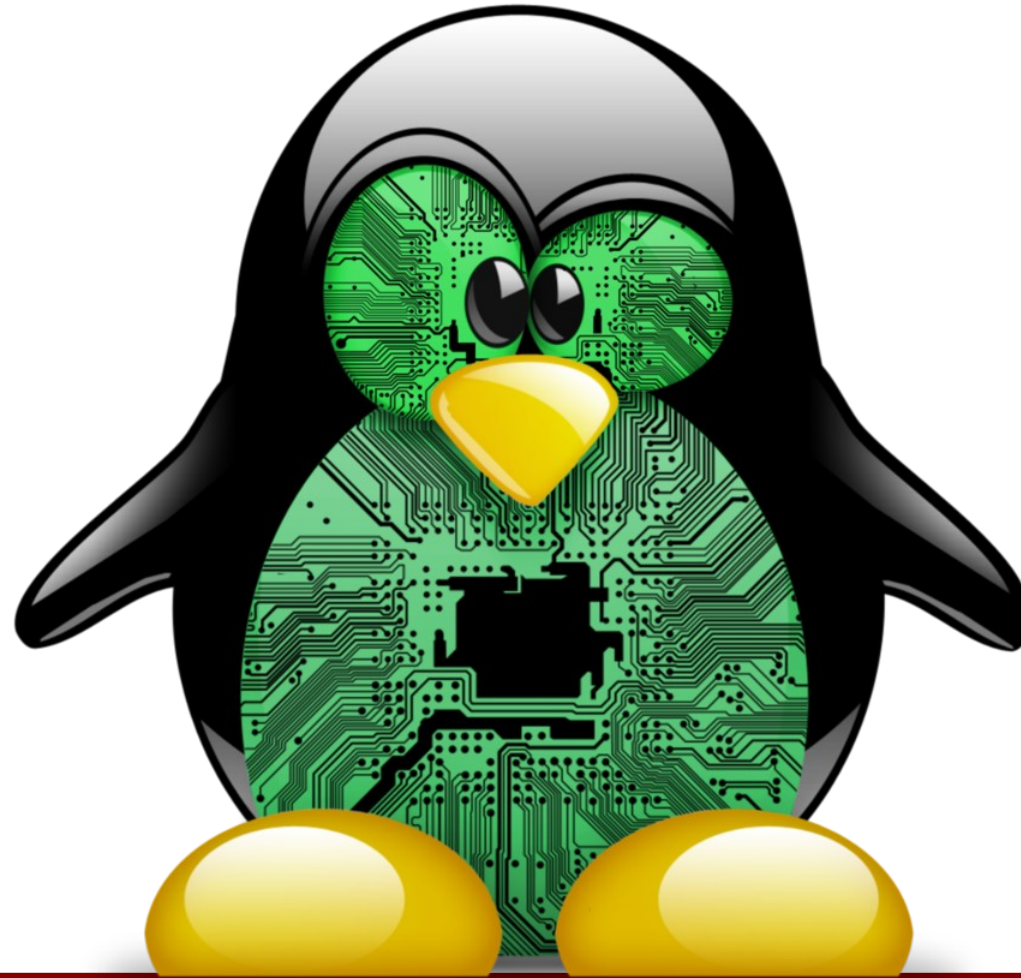
Note: As mentioned above, the octal mode **always changes everything**; there is no way to just add or remove permissions to selected categories of users like it can be done using symbolic mode.

Quiz time!



Go to the course page and choose **Quiz 6**

Hardware and system resources



A computer is made of many parts

- The main processor, a.k.a. **CPU** (central processing unit), is a microchip that is the “brain” or “engine” of the computer
- The CPU **gets commands and data** from the working memory, **processes them**, and **returns the results** to working memory
- The speed of a CPU is measured in clock frequency, in cycles per second (in GHz, gigahertz, one billion Hz): the **higher**, the **faster**
- A single CPU can have **more than one** processing **core** (a “mini-CPU” within): that is why you hear about dual-core, quad-core, octo-core etc.



A detour into units and multipliers

- The **bit** is a binary digit: **0** or **1**
- A **byte** is a set of **8 bits**, e.g., **01001010**

Base 10 is not the only way to count

Base 10
(decimal)

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$$7 \times 10^1$$

$$4 \times 10^0$$

Digits: 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9

Base 2
(binary)

0×2^5 1×2^3 1×2^1

↓ ↓ ↓

1001010

↑ ↑ ↑ ↑

1×2^6 0×2^4 0×2^2 0×2^0

Digits: 0 1

Base 10 is not the only way to count

Base 8 (octal)

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$$1 \times 8^2 \quad 1 \times 8^1 \quad 2 \times 8^0$$

Digits: 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7

Base 16 (hexadecimal)

4A

$$4 \times 16^1 \quad 10 \times 16^0$$

Digits: 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 A B C D E F

A detour into units and multipliers

- The **bit** is a binary digit: **0** or **1**
- A **byte** is a set of **8 bits**, e.g., **01001010**
- There are **two** kinds of (very similar and often confused) multipliers: those that are **base-10** and those that are **base-2**

There are only **10** kinds of people.
Those who understand binary
and those who don't.

2^0	1	1 bit
2^3	8	1 byte
2^{10}	1,024	1 kibibit
2^{20}	1,048,576	1 mebibit
2^{30}	1,073,741,824	1 gibibit
2^{40}	1,099,511,627,776	1 tebibit

A detour into units and multipliers

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10^0	1	1 bit
10^3	1,000	1 kilobit
10^6	1,000,000	1 megabit
10^9	1,000,000,000	1 gigabit
10^{12}	1,000,000,000,000	1 terabit

A detour into units and multipliers

Powers of 1,024 (or 2)

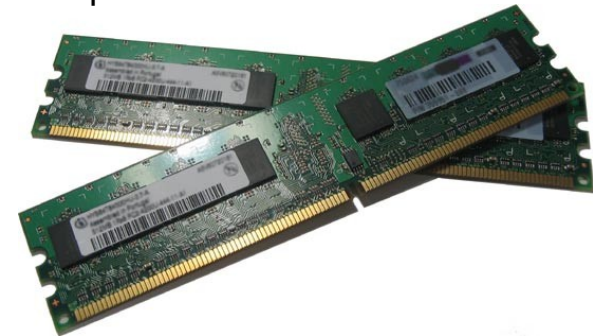
bit	b	byte	B
kibibit	Kib	kibibyte	KiB
mebibit	Mib	mebibyte	MiB
gibibit	Gib	gibibyte	GiB
tebibit	Tib	tebibyte	TiB

Powers of 1,000 (or 10)

kilobit	kb	kilobyte	kB
megabit	Mb	megabyte	MB
gigabit	Gb	gigabyte	GB
terabit	Tb	terabyte	TB

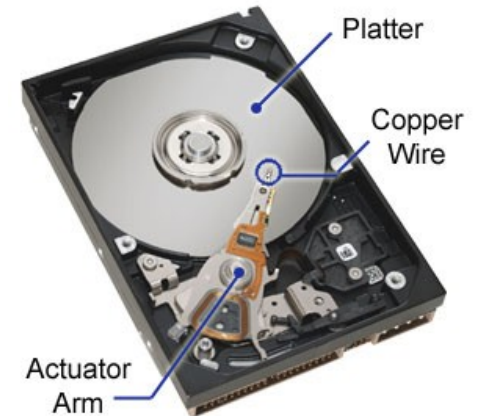
A computer is made of many parts

- The **RAM** (random access memory) is a set of chips that work as the **working memory** of the computer
- The RAM stores commands and data that are **being actively used**: everything you see on the screen is in a form of RAM (either the main system memory or a video card's memory)
- The amount of data that can go into RAM is measured in multiples of **bits or bytes** (Gb or GB for gigabits or gigabytes, respectively)
- Data in RAM **disappears** when the computer is turned off



A computer is made of many parts

- The **hard-disk drive** (HDD) is the component that stores data in the long term
- A form of virtual RAM (called **swap memory** in Linux or virtual memory in Windows) can be stored in the HDD – it is **VERY slow** compared to RAM
- The amount of data that can go into an HDD is measured in multiples of **bits or bytes** (Gb or GB for gigabits or gigabytes, respectively, or T for terabits and terabytes)
- Data in the HDD does **not disappear** (we hope) when the computer is turned off



What's in YOUR penguin?

- It is important, specially when running analysis programs that demand **lots of computational power**, to be aware of how much you have available of each kind of system resource
- For example:
 - The program you are going to run generates very **large files**; how much hard drive space do you have? How many drives do you have and where are they in the file system?
 - And/or the program needs **a lot of working memory**; how much total (and free) RAM do you have?
 - And/or the program needs **a lot of processing power**; how many CPUs do you have, and how many of them are idle?

Remember!

- Linux is a time-sharing operating system, so if you are in a large server, chances are that you are **not the only user** of the system; someone else might be logged in (and possibly running commands) at the same time as you!
- So it is necessary to be a **good neighbor** and not hog system resources



What's in YOUR penguin?



- There are several commands that let you **check your system resources**
- Let's start by looking at disk space with the **df** (disk free) command
- First, run **df** by itself and see what you get...



Filesystem	1K-blocks	Used	Available	Use%	Mounted on
/dev/xvda1	19620732	3305824	15295160	18%	/
udev	10240	0	10240	0%	/dev
tmpfs	810700	82340	728360	11%	/run
tmpfs	2026744	0	2026744	0%	/dev/shm
tmpfs	5120	0	5120	0%	/run/lock
tmpfs	2026744	0	2026744	0%	/sys/fs/cgroup
/dev/xvdb1	82437808	57092	78170080	1%	/data

- Of course you can tell **df** **which place**, like a directory, that you want to examine (e.g.: **df .** will look at free disk space in the disk where you are)

Quiz time!



Go to the course page and choose **Quiz 7**

```
df -h
```

Filesystem	Size	Used	Avail	Use%	Mounted on
/dev/xvda1	19G	3.2G	15G	18%	/
udev	10M	0	10M	0%	/dev
tmpfs	792M	81M	712M	11%	/run
tmpfs	2.0G	0	2.0G	0%	/dev/shm
tmpfs	5.0M	0	5.0M	0%	/run/lock
tmpfs	2.0G	0	2.0G	0%	/sys/fs/cgroup
/dev/xvdb1	79G	56M	75G	1%	/data

-h, --human-readable

print sizes in powers of 1024 (e.g., 1023M)

```
df
```

Filesystem	1K-blocks	Used	Available	Use%	Mounted on
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udev	10240	0	10240	0%	/dev
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tmpfs	2026744	0	2026744	0%	/sys/fs/cgroup
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Identifying disks

- As you saw in the output above, it is not immediately obvious which lines are **actual disks** and which aren't
- First of all, they are **partitions**, not really disks (a disk can have more than one partition; they would all have similar names, with different numbers, like `/dev/sda1`, `/dev/sda2` etc.)
- **If you know file system types**, you can tell which ones are “real” file systems where data lives and which aren't by using the `--print-type` option:
`df --print-type`
- A rule-of-thumb that usually works: lines that **start with /dev/** are probably “real” partitions; in our remote machine: `/dev/xvda1` and `/dev/xvdb1` (two different disks, see the **a** and **b** before the **1**)

More fine-grained disk usage info

- Frequently, you want to see **how much space each directory** is taking (say, your disk is full and you want to find the culprits)
- In this case, looking at disk space with the **du** (disk usage) command is the best bet on the command-line
- First, run **du** by itself and see what you get...
- ...potentially a lot of lines, ending in something like this:

```
.. .. ..  
8   ./config/htop  
12  ./config  
168 ./store/BLING/htdocs/aux/bling  
172 ./store/BLING/htdocs/aux  
180 ./store/BLING/htdocs  
100 ./store/BLING/cgi  
656 ./store/BLING  
824 ./store  
4   ./emacs.d  
853564 .
```

- Without any arguments, **du** will give you file size information for the directory where it was run, **recursively** (i.e., it will enter directories inside directories and examine them too)
- One can also tell it where to examine, e.g.:

du /etc/

- One can also use the **-h** option to get more “human” output:

du -h /etc/

- If one is interested only in the grand total size of the directory, in other words, how much total space it is taking, one can use the **-s** switch:

du -h -s

du -hs

Now you do it!

Go to the course site and enter **Practical Exercise 9**

Follow the instructions to answer the questions in the exercise

Remember: in a PE, you should do things in practice before answering the question!



RAM: Working memory

- RAM is usually the system component that is most crucial to computer speed: if you have little RAM, things get **very slow, very quickly**
- The working memory keeps needed parts of the operating system in itself while it is running, plus programs and user data that are needed at the time
- If your RAM gets full, a part of the hard-disk drive (or SSD, solid state drive, in more modern computers) is used as auxiliary working memory
- To see how much RAM you have, and how much is free, use the command called... **free**

	total	used	free	shared	buffers	cached
Mem:	4053488	573424	3480064	82772	150896	323688
-/+ buffers/cache:		98840	3954648			
Swap:	901116	0	901116			

Quiz time!



Go to the course page and choose **Quiz 8**

RAM: Working memory

- The info displayed by **free** is parsed from a **system file**:

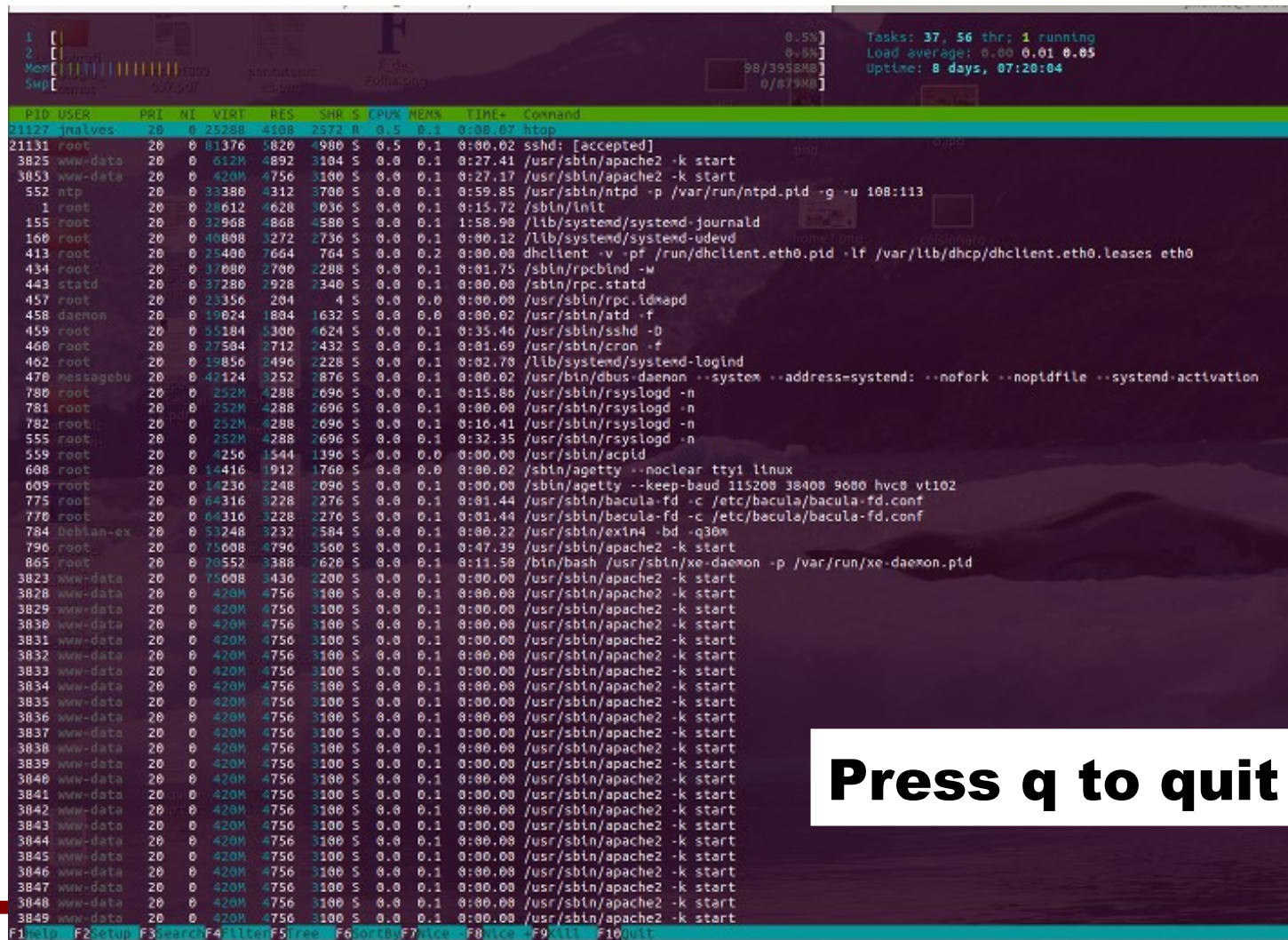
`/proc/meminfo`

- Take a look at it:

`more /proc/meminfo`

- But the output of **free** (and `/proc/meminfo`) is **ugly, and static**
- Let's use a nicer program... `htop`

htop (or top)



PID	USER	PRI	NI	VIRT	RES	SHR	S	CPU%	MEM%	TIME+	Command
1	root	0	0	25288	4108	2572	R	0.5	0.1	0:00.07	htop
21131	root	20	0	81376	5820	4980	S	0.5	0.1	0:00.02	sshd: [accepted]
3825	www-data	20	0	612M	4892	3104	S	0.0	0.1	0:27.41	/usr/sbin/apache2 -k start
3853	www-data	20	0	420M	4756	3100	S	0.0	0.1	0:27.17	/usr/sbin/apache2 -k start
552	ntp	20	0	33380	4312	3700	S	0.0	0.1	0:59.85	/usr/sbin/ntpd -p /var/run/ntpd.pid -g -u 108:113
1	root	20	0	28612	4620	3036	S	0.0	0.1	0:15.72	/sbin/init
155	root	20	0	32968	4868	4580	S	0.0	0.1	1:58.98	/lib/systemd/systemd-journald
160	root	20	0	40808	3272	2736	S	0.0	0.1	0:00.12	/lib/systemd/systemd-udevd
413	root	20	0	25400	7664	764	S	0.0	0.2	0:00.00	dhclient -v -pf /run/dhclient.eth0.pid -lf /var/lib/dhclient.eth0.leases eth0
434	root	20	0	37080	2700	2288	S	0.0	0.1	0:01.75	/sbin/rpcbind -w
443	statd	20	0	37280	2928	2340	S	0.0	0.1	0:00.00	/sbin/rpc.statd
457	root	20	0	23356	294	4	S	0.0	0.0	0:00.00	/usr/sbin/rpc.idmapd
458	daemon	20	0	19024	1804	1632	S	0.0	0.0	0:00.02	/usr/sbin/atd -f
459	root	20	0	55184	5300	4624	S	0.0	0.1	0:35.46	/usr/sbin/sshd -D
460	root	20	0	27584	2712	2432	S	0.0	0.1	0:01.69	/usr/sbin/cron -f
462	root	20	0	19856	2496	2228	S	0.0	0.1	0:02.70	/lib/systemd/systemd-logind
470	messagebus	20	0	42124	3252	2876	S	0.0	0.1	0:00.02	/usr/bin/dbus-daemon --system --address=systemd: --nofork --nopidfile --systemd-activation
780	root	20	0	252M	4288	2696	S	0.0	0.1	0:15.80	/usr/sbin/rsyslogd -n
781	root	20	0	252M	4288	2696	S	0.0	0.1	0:00.00	/usr/sbin/rsyslogd -n
782	root	20	0	252M	4288	2696	S	0.0	0.1	0:16.41	/usr/sbin/rsyslogd -n
555	root	20	0	252M	4288	2696	S	0.0	0.1	0:32.35	/usr/sbin/rsyslogd -n
559	root	20	0	4256	1544	1396	S	0.0	0.0	0:00.00	/usr/sbin/acpid
608	root	20	0	14416	1912	1760	S	0.0	0.0	0:00.02	/sbin/agetty --noclear tty1 linux
609	root	20	0	14236	2248	2096	S	0.0	0.1	0:00.00	/sbin/agetty --keep-baud 115200 38400 hvc0 vt102
775	root	20	0	64316	3228	2276	S	0.0	0.1	0:01.44	/usr/sbin/bacula-fd -c /etc/bacula/bacula-fd.conf
776	root	20	0	64316	3228	2276	S	0.0	0.1	0:01.44	/usr/sbin/bacula-fd -c /etc/bacula/bacula-fd.conf
784	Debian-ex	20	0	53248	3232	2584	S	0.0	0.1	0:00.22	/usr/sbin/exim4 -bd -q30m
796	root	20	0	75008	4796	3500	S	0.0	0.1	0:47.39	/usr/sbin/apache2 -k start
865	root	20	0	28552	3388	2620	S	0.0	0.1	0:11.58	/bin/bash /usr/sbin/xs-daemon -p /var/run/xs-daemon.pid
3823	www-data	20	0	75008	3436	2200	S	0.0	0.1	0:00.00	/usr/sbin/apache2 -k start
3828	www-data	20	0	420M	4756	3100	S	0.0	0.1	0:00.00	/usr/sbin/apache2 -k start
3829	www-data	20	0	420M	4756	3100	S	0.0	0.1	0:00.00	/usr/sbin/apache2 -k start
3830	www-data	20	0	420M	4756	3100	S	0.0	0.1	0:00.00	/usr/sbin/apache2 -k start
3831	www-data	20	0	420M	4756	3100	S	0.0	0.1	0:00.00	/usr/sbin/apache2 -k start
3832	www-data	20	0	420M	4756	3100	S	0.0	0.1	0:00.00	/usr/sbin/apache2 -k start
3833	www-data	20	0	420M	4756	3100	S	0.0	0.1	0:00.00	/usr/sbin/apache2 -k start
3834	www-data	20	0	420M	4756	3100	S	0.0	0.1	0:00.00	/usr/sbin/apache2 -k start
3835	www-data	20	0	420M	4756	3100	S	0.0	0.1	0:00.00	/usr/sbin/apache2 -k start
3836	www-data	20	0	420M	4756	3100	S	0.0	0.1	0:00.00	/usr/sbin/apache2 -k start
3837	www-data	20	0	420M	4756	3100	S	0.0	0.1	0:00.00	/usr/sbin/apache2 -k start
3838	www-data	20	0	420M	4756	3100	S	0.0	0.1	0:00.00	/usr/sbin/apache2 -k start
3839	www-data	20	0	420M	4756	3100	S	0.0	0.1	0:00.00	/usr/sbin/apache2 -k start
3840	www-data	20	0	420M	4756	3100	S	0.0	0.1	0:00.00	/usr/sbin/apache2 -k start
3841	www-data	20	0	420M	4756	3100	S	0.0	0.1	0:00.00	/usr/sbin/apache2 -k start
3842	www-data	20	0	420M	4756	3100	S	0.0	0.1	0:00.00	/usr/sbin/apache2 -k start
3843	www-data	20	0	420M	4756	3100	S	0.0	0.1	0:00.00	/usr/sbin/apache2 -k start
3844	www-data	20	0	420M	4756	3100	S	0.0	0.1	0:00.00	/usr/sbin/apache2 -k start
3845	www-data	20	0	420M	4756	3100	S	0.0	0.1	0:00.00	/usr/sbin/apache2 -k start
3846	www-data	20	0	420M	4756	3100	S	0.0	0.1	0:00.00	/usr/sbin/apache2 -k start
3847	www-data	20	0	420M	4756	3100	S	0.0	0.1	0:00.00	/usr/sbin/apache2 -k start
3848	www-data	20	0	420M	4756	3100	S	0.0	0.1	0:00.00	/usr/sbin/apache2 -k start
3849	www-data	20	0	420M	4756	3100	S	0.0	0.1	0:00.00	/usr/sbin/apache2 -k start

Press q to quit

Processing power: CPUs

- **The more** CPU cores you have available, **the faster** your system will be – each core will be able to run a different program simultaneously with the other cores
- The information in file `/proc/cpuinfo` tells you what is installed:

`more /proc/cpuinfo`

```
processor : 0
vendor_id : GenuineIntel
cpu family: 6
model      : 47
model name: Intel(R) Xeon(R) CPU E7- 2870  @ 2.40GHz
stepping   : 2
microcode  : 0x37
cpu MHz     : 2396.884
cache size : 30720 KB
... ..
```

Processing power: CPUs

- A nicer way to ask the system for the CPU information is the **lscpu** program
- It reads the information in file **/proc/cpuinfo** and formats it in a (slightly) more human-friendly:

lscpu

```
Architecture:          x86_64
CPU op-mode(s):        32-bit, 64-bit
Byte Order:            Little Endian
CPU(s):                2
On-line CPU(s) list:   0,1
Thread(s) per core:    1
Core(s) per socket:    1
Socket(s):             2
NUMA node(s):          1
Vendor ID:             GenuineIntel
... ..
```

Now you do it!

Go to the course site and enter **Practical Exercise 10**

Follow the instructions to answer the questions in the exercise

Remember: in a PE, you should do things in practice before answering the question!

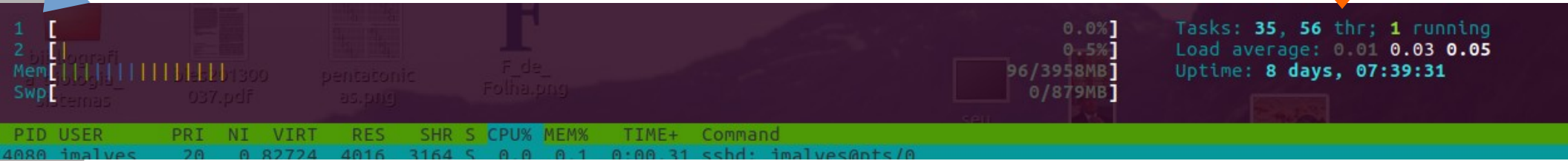


Processing power: how much is in use or not?

- One could have many CPU cores installed, but many programs running and occupying them all!
- To check, one can use two different ways: **htop** (or **top**, if **htop** is not installed) or **uptime**
- **uptime** is static, and shows for how long the system has been running since the last time it was rebooted, and the **system load** (average number of programs running) over the past **1, 5, and 15 minutes**
- **htop** is dynamic and shows the different CPU cores being used in real time; it also displays average system load information anyway

CPU cores 1 and 2

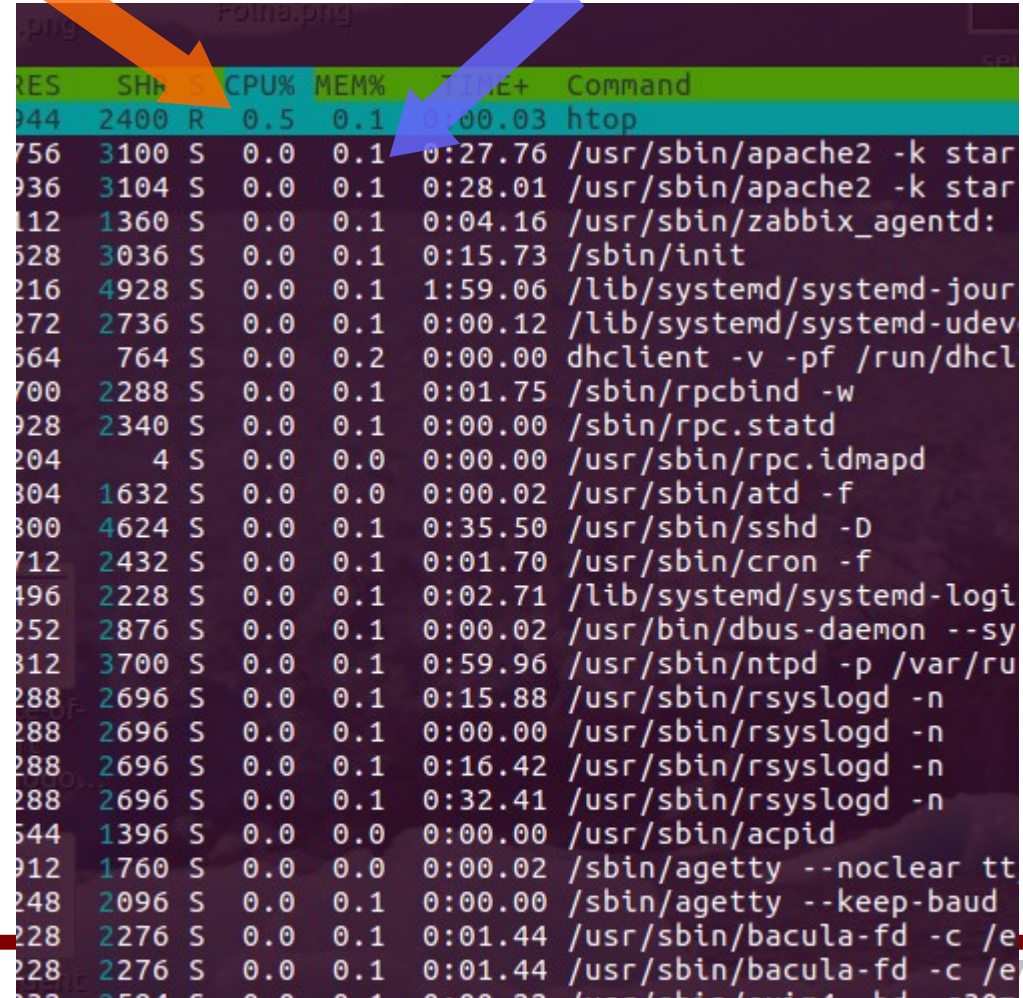
Average load and
uptime information



Percentage of CPU cores being
used by each program

(can be > 100% for programs that use
multiple cores)

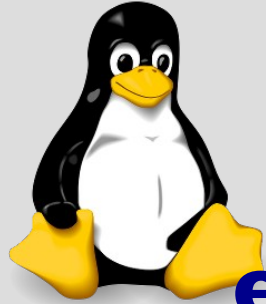
Percentage of memory used by
each program



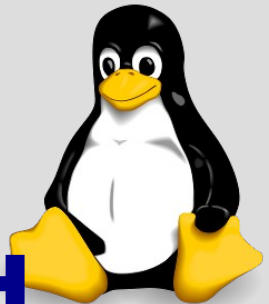
PID	SHR	STAT	CPU%	MEM%	TIME+	Command
944	2400	R	0.5	0.1	0:00.03	htop
756	3100	S	0.0	0.1	0:27.76	/usr/sbin/apache2 -k star
936	3104	S	0.0	0.1	0:28.01	/usr/sbin/apache2 -k star
112	1360	S	0.0	0.1	0:04.16	/usr/sbin/zabbix_agentd:
628	3036	S	0.0	0.1	0:15.73	/sbin/init
216	4928	S	0.0	0.1	1:59.06	/lib/systemd/systemd-jour
272	2736	S	0.0	0.1	0:00.12	/lib/systemd/systemd-udev
664	764	S	0.0	0.2	0:00.00	dhclient -v -pf /run/dhcl
700	2288	S	0.0	0.1	0:01.75	/sbin/rpcbind -w
928	2340	S	0.0	0.1	0:00.00	/sbin/rpc.statd
204	4	S	0.0	0.0	0:00.00	/usr/sbin/rpc.idmapd
804	1632	S	0.0	0.0	0:00.02	/usr/sbin/atd -f
800	4624	S	0.0	0.1	0:35.50	/usr/sbin/sshd -D
712	2432	S	0.0	0.1	0:01.70	/usr/sbin/cron -f
496	2228	S	0.0	0.1	0:02.71	/lib/systemd/systemd-logi
252	2876	S	0.0	0.1	0:00.02	/usr/bin/dbus-daemon --sy
812	3700	S	0.0	0.1	0:59.96	/usr/sbin/ntpd -p /var/ru
288	2696	S	0.0	0.1	0:15.88	/usr/sbin/rsyslogd -n
288	2696	S	0.0	0.1	0:00.00	/usr/sbin/rsyslogd -n
288	2696	S	0.0	0.1	0:16.42	/usr/sbin/rsyslogd -n
288	2696	S	0.0	0.1	0:32.41	/usr/sbin/rsyslogd -n
644	1396	S	0.0	0.0	0:00.00	/usr/sbin/acpid
912	1760	S	0.0	0.0	0:00.02	/sbin/agetty --noclear tt
248	2096	S	0.0	0.1	0:00.00	/sbin/agetty --keep-baud
228	2276	S	0.0	0.1	0:01.44	/usr/sbin/bacula-fd -c /e
228	2276	S	0.0	0.1	0:01.44	/usr/sbin/bacula-fd -c /e
228	2276	S	0.0	0.1	0:01.44	/usr/sbin/bacula-fd -c /e
228	2276	S	0.0	0.1	0:01.44	/usr/sbin/bacula-fd -c /e

Who's here?

- Another, more indirect, way of telling how busy the system is consists of checking **how many other users** are logged in the system
- Commands **who** and **w** can tell you that, and more
- **who** tells you who is currently in the system, in which terminal, and from which original address (IP number or not)
- **w** also tell you what program each user is running at the time
- Overall, both programs are quite similar
- **Try them in the remote server!**



Basic file manipulation, environmental variables, executing programs out of \$PATH



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Creating files and directories

- There is an easy way to create a new, empty **regular** file: the **touch** command (we will see other ways later)
- The main function of touch is to **change the timestamps** of files and directories but, if you try to change them for a file that does not exist, then by default it is **created (empty)**
- (Parenthesis: timestamps are the time information about files, i.e., creation, modification, and access time. You can use **stat** to see all of that)
- To create, in the current directory, a new file called **my_new_file** run:

touch my_new_file

- If you did everything correctly, when you list your directory contents you will see a file called **my_new_file**, with size of zero bytes. **Try it!**

Let's try!

- Log into the remote server, if you are not there already
- List (long format) the contents of your home area
- You should see a file called **dummy_file**
- **Take notice** of that file's modification time in your listing. What do you see?
- Now run touch on **dummy_file**:

touch dummy_file

- List your directory contents again
- **Did anything change? What?**

Creating files and directories

- How about directories? We cannot use **touch** to **create** directories (although we **CAN** use it to change their timestamps, of course!)
- The command to create new directories is **mkdir** (from **make directory**), which we have also seen before
- To create, in the current directory, a new directory called **my_new_dir** run:

```
mkdir my_new_dir
```

- If you did everything correctly, when you list your directory contents you will see a new directory called **my_new_dir**. **Try it!**

Creating files and directories

- How about creating **nested** directories? Say you want to create a directory inside another directory...
- You can use **mkdir** from anywhere
- After you have created **my_new_dir** in the previous try, run:



```
mkdir my_new_dir/subdir1
```

- If you did everything correctly, you should now see **subdir1** inside of **my_new_dir**.
Try it!
- **Tip:** as with **mkdir** above, you do not need to enter (**cd** into) the directory to list its contents! Just do **ls -l my_new_dir** to see what's inside

Creating files and directories

- What if the **parent** directory does not exist? Say you want to create a directory called **subdir2** inside a directory called **my_new_dir2**, but **my_new_dir2** does not exist...
- **Try it:**

```
mkdir my_new_dir2/subdir2
```

Quiz time!



Go to the course page and choose **Quiz 9**

Creating files and directories

- What if the **parent** directory does not exist? Say you want to create a directory called **subdir2** inside a directory called **my_new_dir2**, but **my_new_dir2** does not exist...
- **Try it:**

```
mkdir my_new_dir2/subdir2
```

- The option **-p** creates any parent directory (or directories!) that does (or do) not exist. Try:

```
mkdir -p my_new_dir2/subdir2/testdir/
```

Now you do it!

Go to the course site and enter **Practical Exercise 11**

Follow the instructions to answer the questions in the exercise

Remember: in a PE, you should do things in practice before answering the question!



Recap

- Sharing is caring: when multiple users are in the system at the same time, it is important **not to abuse the resources** (working memory, disk space, processing power)
- Several useful commands (**du**, **df**, **free**, **htop**, **uptime**, etc.) allow one to **check** what resources are available in the system, and how heavily they are being used
- You can create new **regular files** with **touch** (a tool primarily intended for changing timestamps, but which creates an empty regular file if it does not exist)
- To create empty directories, use the **mkdir** command
- The **-p** option of **mkdir** allows us to, one command, create nested directories (e.g., **one/two/nextone/finaldir**)