

Linux CLI

General

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Bash: Bourne again Shell, replaced sh
written by Steve Bourne

* bash converts text into operations to be used by the OS.

* terminal emulators communicate with Bash while running a GUI

:D the most recent 500 commands are remembered and can be called on easily!

Multiple console sessions:

even with no terminal running, consoles can be accessed by ctrl-alt-F1 through F6 (one of them will be the GUI.)

File System

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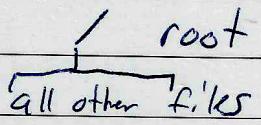
Commands

pwd: print working directory

ls: list directory contents

cd: change directory

Structure of Linux



Linux is built in a hierarchy file style, similar to a tree branching out with directories and subdirectories.

Absolute vs. Relative Path names

relative path is based on current PWD,
Absolute is straight from root.

relative . / Documents / folder
Absolute / home / user / Documents / folder

Navigating

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* cd tips!

cd with no args goes to home directory
cd .. previous directory
cd ~ username changes cwd to user's home

* * files in Linux do not need an extension, Linux knows what the file is.

ex. 123.jpg = 123

* Commands

file - determines file type

less - view contents of a file

Command arguments

short options one dash followed by a letter

ex ls -l

long options two dashes followed by a word.

ex ls --help

short options can be strung together

ex ls -alR

Linux Filesystem Break Down

- see Fig a

Symbolic Links

(soft link, symlink)

basically having multiple names for one file.

- * hard links later on in notes

Manipulating

Files

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Commands

cp - copy file

mv - move file/rename

mkdir - create directories

rm - remove files

ln - create hard and symlink

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Wildcards (globbing)

* - any characters

? - any single character

[characters] - any characters in this list

[!character] characters not in the list

[[:class:]] any character that is a member of the specified class.

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Classes

[:alnum:] alphanumeric

[:alpha:] alphabetical

[:digit:] numeric

[:lower:] lowercase

[:upper:] uppercase

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Wildcard Examples

pattern	matcher
*	all files
g*	all files starting g
b*.txt	all txt files starting b
Data???	file starting Data with 3 characters
[abc]*	any file with abc begining

* ranges

** wildcards work in the GUI as well

Commands explained

mkdir: makes directories

can be used to make 1 directory

* mkdir directory

or can make multiple at once

* mkdir dir1 dir2 dir3 ...

cp: copies file & directories

copy one item to another

* cp item1 item2

copy multiple items to one directory

* cp item1 item2 direct

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Common options

option	meaning
-a --archive	copies attributes of file
-i --interactive	prompts for over-write
-r --recursive	copies contents of directories
-u --update	only copies files that are new or non-existent

Options Can't

-V - verbose displays information message on certain

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mv: move or rename

1 file

* mv f1 f2

multi file

* mv f1 f2 f3 dir1

options

~~-e~~ -i

-u

-v

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rm: remove files

* rm dir

* rm dir1 dir2 ...

options

-i

-r deletes directory and all contents

-f forces and ignores non-existent commands

-v

ln: create links Pg 32

hard links cannot reference a directory or
a file on separate partitions

* ln file link hard link

* ln -s file link soft link

Symbolic Links

created to overcome shortcomings of hard links
works like short cuts :D

Reference Pg 33 for practice

Play ground notes

Links can be created with the Gnome KDE GLIs

C.5 Working with Commands

Commands introduced

type - tells how a command's name is interpreted

which - display which program will be executed (shows location)

man - manual page

apropos - displays appropriate commands

info - displays commands info entry

whatis - short brief description of a command

alias - create an alias command

What are commands?

- one of 4 things

1. executable programs such as /usr/bin. Compiled C and C++ programs or programs scripting languages such as Python or Ruby.

2. Shell builtins. Programs such as cd and that are built into Bash.

3. Shell Functions. Mini shell scripts built into the environment

4. Alias. User defined command

Getting Command Documentation

For Bash builtins, type help command*, this brings up the help documentation for that command.

command -help

most commands have a help page

man command

manual page for program

man page breakdown

1. User commands
2. Program interfaces for kernel system call
3. Program interfaces C library
4. Special files such as drivers/devices
5. File formats
6. Games and amusements
7. Miscellanous
8. System Admin

* to search for man section use

man command section

apropos (man -k)

Shows possibly helpful man page entries.

whatis command

gives a very brief description of a command.

info command

pulls up GNU info page for command

** Cool trick!

Combining commands on a line!

Use semicolons to separate commands.

ex: cd ~~~user~~; mkdir hi; ls hi; rm -r hi

Create a command!

1. see if name is available

type name

2. create command

alias name='command here'

no space between name and "=" or command

To remove alias use unalias

1. unalias name

Bam! alias gone! :D

* Aliases disappear once the shell session is ended,
unless appended to the environment config.

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Commands

Redirection

cat - concatenate files

sort - sort lines of txt

uniq - report or omit repeated lines

wc - print new line, word, and byte count for each file

grep - print matching lines

head - output first part of a file

tail - output last part of a file

tee - read from standard input and write to standard output files

Standard input/output/error

* everything is a file.

Bash take commands from stdin

prints results to stdout

errors go to stderr

I can redirect commands to print to a file instead of std out by directing the

printing like this:

`ls -alR > ~/Desktop/ls.txt`

this causes the ls to print to a txt file on the desktop.

* this will erase and rewrite the file each time. To append it use `>>` to redirect.

** file streams vs. file descriptor

`stdin` = 0 Bash internally

`stdout` = 1 views files as

`stderr` = 2 these

Redirecting errors.

same as `stdout` except 2 must precede `>`:

`ls / 2> errorby.txt`

To print both to a single txt file, use 1 of 2 methods:

and symbol

1. `ls / > log.txt 2>&1` redirects `stdout` then redirects err to `stdout`

2. `ls / > log.txt` redirects both

To redirect errors to a different file, use op 1 and specify file at end.

Redirecting `stdin`

reverse the arrow back to the command
`cat < test.txt`

instead of taking commands from `stdin`, the input came from file ~~not~~ `test.txt`.

Piping

takes the `stdout` of one command and makes it the `stdin` for another:

`Command 1 | Command 2`

Filtering

basically piping multiple commands.

cmd1 | cmd2 | cmd3

useful for organizing and processing data.

Tee

Adds a "T" pipe to piping. Prints to a specified file and allows data to flow down the pipe.

ls / | tee test.txt | sort

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Commands

Seeing the world as
the Shell

Expansion

~~Basically parsing command before executing~~
additional functionality of the shell

examples:

wildcards

~

Arithmetic: \$((math))

Brace: { input }

may be nested

very useful for making many files

Parameter

Command Sub: \$(command)

uses command stdout as expansion

Quoting

Formatting in a sense. Selectively suppresses expansions

- Double quotes

suppresses all except \$ \ ' (word split/math)

cmd sub/param/math

Single quotes suppress all
escape characters

Used to eliminate a single expansion:

bad/file/name

/ is used to escape

* also has special notation

\a bell

\b backspace

\n newline (line feed)

\r carriage return

\t tab

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Commands

Adv. Keyboard

clear - clean screen

Tricks

history - displays history

Cursor Movement

ctrl a beginning of line

ctrl e end of line

ctrl f right → key

ctrl b left ← key

alt f forward one word

alt b back one word

ctrl l clear

Key/Action

Text edit

ctrl d delete character

ctrl t transpose character pre

alt + transpose word pre

alt l lower case word

alt u upper case word

Cut and Paste

ctrl k kill (cut) text to end of line
ctrl u kill to begining of line
Alt d kill to end of word
Alt backspace kill to beg of word
ctrl y paste

Completion

tab

works for paths/cmds/variables

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Bash ↗

History

hist expansion is pretty cool.

!88 bang plus hist number to be executed



Searching history

ctrl r begin search

enter execute cmd

ctrl j copy cmd to line

ctrl c cancel search

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** Script Check it out

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*** Cool tip!

Permissions

Linux is multi user, meaning more than one user may login and use the computer at once

Commands

id - display user id

chmod - change a file's mode

umask - set default file permission

su - login as another user

sudo - super user do

chown - change file ownership

chgrp - change file group ownership

passwd - change password

IDs

uid - user

gid - primary group id

groups - groups

* etc/passwd - user acc

etc/group - group info

etc/shadow - passwords

pg 79 ref for rwx

80 also!

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Very important Chapter!

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Commands

processes

ps snapshot of current process

top display tasks

jobs list active jobs

bg place job in background

fg place job in foreground

kill send signal to process

killall kill process by name

shutdown shutdown/reboot

Controlling processes

- interrupting - nicely asking to terminate (Ctrl-C)
- background - runs in background (X) (bg %)
- foreground - allows for keyboard input (fg %)
- pausing - allows for program edit (Ctrl-Z)

kill [-sig] pid

killall [-sig] program (kills multiple instances)

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The Environment

Commands

- printenv - print environment
- set - set shell options
- export - export environment to subsequently executed programs
- alias - alias command

* The basic data sets:

env var - everything else

shell var - bash data

Set shows all

printenv shows only environment

** One sys start, bash reads startup files which defines the default env. More in home directory customize to us.

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Trivial prompt edit
prompt = \$ PS1

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Package Mgmt

Package Management is installing, maintaining, removing
etc of software

Repository types

general
testing
development
etc

Dependencies

shared libraries used to support many
programs.

High/low lvl package tools

low	high
dpkg	apt / aptitude
rpm	yum
	pacman

man pages will be very useful

low lvl used to check for packages
on system?

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Cool :)

looking for which package installed a certain
file is possible with low lvl.

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Commands

- Storage Media
- mount - mount filesystem
 - umount - Unmount
 - fdisk - partition table manager
 - fsck - check and repair a filesystem
 - mkfs - make filesystem
 - fdformat - format floppy
 - dd - write block oriented data directly to a device
 - ~~mk^{iso} fs~~ - create iso 9660 image
 - cdrecord - write data to optical disk
 - md5sum - md5 check