

Command Line Basics

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Linux Essentials Session-3

Essential to OS Management

File Management

- File structure
- Create, delete, modify
- Copy, move
- Home directories
- Special directories
- Navigating directories
- Searching (files, dirs)
- Editing files

User Management

- Add, delete, modify
- Password management
- File permissions
- Application permissions

Performance Management

- System troubleshooting
- System performance
- Log file access
- Tracking usage
- Network troubleshooting
- Network performance

Getting Help

- Command line help
- Command reference



Understanding OS: Important for DevOps

- Responsibility for DevOps Engineers:
 - Automate
 - Configure OS, network, software → entire ecosystem
- To automate:
 - Must understand OS tools available for this
- To configure systems:
 - Must understand them, including OS



Recap: Linux Overview

- Linux is widely used in industry
 - Has been available for 35+ years
 - Is open source
 - Secure & robust
- 100+ Distributions
 - Debian / Ubuntu
 - Fedora / CentOS / Amazon Linux 2
 - RedHat
- Many companies migrating to AWS have significant Linux footprint



Recap: What is the SHELL?

- **Primary interface** on Linux systems to process commands
- Bash (**B**ourne **A**gain **S**hell) is the SHELL on most Linux systems

01	Dual Purpose	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Command interpreter• Programming language
02	Prompt	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Usually includes user, host & directory• Can customize it
03	User info in Prompt	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• \$ sign at the end signifies non-root user• # sign at the end signifies root user
04	Execution	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Sent to interpreter for parsing & execution



Recap: Command Line Basics (1)

```
ls      lists directory contents
         ls -l, ls -la, ll

cd      change current directory
         cd [dir], cd .., cd /, cd ~
         note: home directory is ~

mkdir   create a new directory
         mkdir [dir]

rmdir   delete an empty directory
         rmdir [dir]

pwd     show the current path
```



Recap: Command Line Basics (2)

```
touch   create an empty file
          touch [filename]

rm      delete a file (or directory)
          rm [file], rm -f [file], rm -rf [non-empty dir]

cp      copy a file from one location to another
          cp [source] [dest]

mv      move a file from one location to another
          mv [source] [dest]

cat     show the contents of a file
          cat [file]
```



Recap: Command Line Basics (3)

```
echo    show a message on the screen
          echo Hello

>, >>    redirect the output
          echo hello > file
          echo Hello >> file, [appends to file]
```

Also:

- sudo su switches you to the root (super) user
- you can use absolute or relative paths
- don't forget **pushd** and **popd** commands
- use the "tab" key for autocomplete
- commands and file names are case sensitive



Exercise

```
ls
cd
mkdir
rmdir
pwd
touch
rm
cp
mv
cat
echo
>
>>
```

1. list contents of current directory in detailed/long format
2. write "wow" into a file called file.txt, which doesn't already exist
3. show which directory you are currently in
4. you are in your home directory; delete the file call /var/log/httpd/httpd.log
5. you are in the root directory, there is no /var/www; create the directory /var/www/html
6. show the contents of the file /var/log/cloud-init.log from your home directory
7. copy the file /etc/timezone to the directory you are currently in
8. rename the file /etc/sudoers to /etc/sudoers.bak



Exercise

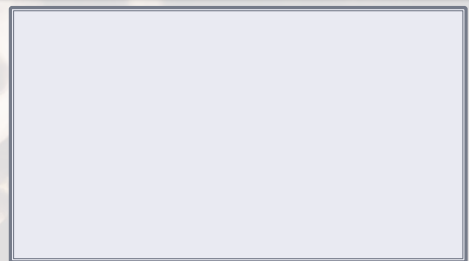
```
ls
cd
mkdir
rmdir
pwd
touch
rm
cp
mv
cat
echo
>
>>
```

1. list contents of current directory in detailed/long format
`ls -l`
2. write "wow" into a file called file.txt, which doesn't already exist
`echo wow > file.txt`
3. show which directory you are currently in
`pwd`
4. you are in your home directory; delete the file call /var/log/httpd/httpd.log
`rm /var/log/httpd/httpd.log`
5. you are in the root directory, there is no /var/www; create the directory /var/www/html
`mkdir /var/www`
`mkdir /var/www/html`
6. show the contents of the file /var/log/cloud-init.log from your home directory
`cat /var/log/cloud-init.log`
7. copy the file /etc/timezone to the directory you are currently in
`cp /etc/timezone timezone or`
`cp /etc/timezone .`
8. rename the file /etc/sudoers to /etc/sudoers.bak
`mv /etc/sudoers /etc/sudoers.bak`

Kahoot!



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Break
return @ 8:02pm



Hidden Files and Directories

Any file or directory starts with period (.)

.abc

```
root@DESKTOP-4QQ1S5L:~# ls
root@DESKTOP-4QQ1S5L:~# ls -a
.  .. .bash_history .bashrc .profile .viminfo
root@DESKTOP-4QQ1S5L:~# touch .file5
root@DESKTOP-4QQ1S5L:~# ls -a
.  .. .bash_history .bashrc .file5 .profile .viminfo
root@DESKTOP-4QQ1S5L:~#
```

How to Hide
Files And
Directories
in Linux



Basic Shell Commands

head [-x] <file>

show first 10 (or x) lines from file contents

tail [-x] <file>

show last 10 lines from file contents

special case:

tail -f <file>

```
robert@robert-virtual-machine:~$ head a.txt
You do not do, you do not do
Any more, black shoe
In which I have lived like a foot
For thirty years, poor and white,
Barely daring to breathe or Achoo.

Daddy, I have had to kill you.
You died before I had time—
Marble-heavy, a bag full of God,
Ghastly statue with one gray toe
```

```
robert@robert-virtual-machine:~$ tail a.txt
Where it pours bean green over blue
In the waters off beautiful Nauset.
I used to pray to recover you.
Ach, du.

In the German tongue, in the Polish town
Scraped flat by the roller
Of wars, wars, wars.
But the name of the town is common.
My Polack friend
```



Simple Globbing

Globbing is the process of matching patterns in filenames or text by using a wildcard characters to create a pattern.

Character	Name	Function
?	Question mark	Match any single character
*	Asterisk	Match any number of character(s)
[]	Brackets	Match character from a range
^	Caret	Used to match starting character
\$	Dollar sign	Used to match ending character
{}	Curly brace	Used to match more than one pattern
 	Pipe	Used for applying more than one condition



Simple Globbing - Examples

```
* - any characters
? - single character
[] - range of characters
^ - starts with
$ - ends with
```

- Use "" and ? with ls directly

```
o ls b*.*
o ls file?.txt
```

- Use [], ^ and \$ with grep utility

```
o ls | grep ^b
o ls | grep s$
o ls | grep ^[a-m]
```




Simple Globbing with Grep

Character	Name	Function
[]	Brackets	Match character from a range
^	Caret	Used to match starting character
\$	Dollar sign	Used to match ending character
	Pipe	Used for applying more than one condition

list.txt

```
Apple
4000
Banana
700
Orange
850
Pear
9000
Jackfruit
```

```
grep '^[P-R]' list.txt
grep '^[A-C]' list.txt
grep a$ list.txt
grep 50$ list.txt
grep '^[A-C]' list.txt | grep '^[B]'
```



Basic SHELL Commands

File Commands	System Info
ls - directory listing	date - show the current date and time
ls -al - formatted listing with hidden files	cal - show this month's calendar
cd dir - change directory to <i>dir</i>	uptime - show current uptime
cd - change to home	w - display who is online
pwd - show current directory	whoami - who you are logged in as
mkdir dir - create a directory <i>dir</i>	finger user - display information about <i>user</i>
rm file - delete <i>file</i>	uname -a - show kernel information
rm -r dir - delete directory <i>dir</i>	cat /proc/cpuinfo - cpu information
rm -f file - force remove <i>file</i>	cat /proc/meminfo - memory information
rm -rf dir - force remove directory <i>dir</i> *	man command - show the manual for <i>command</i>
cp file1 file2 - copy <i>file1</i> to <i>file2</i>	df - show disk usage
cp -r dir1 dir2 - copy <i>dir1</i> to <i>dir2</i> ; create <i>dir2</i> if it doesn't exist	du - show directory space usage
mv file1 file2 - rename or move <i>file1</i> to <i>file2</i>	free - show memory and swap usage
if <i>file2</i> is an existing directory, moves <i>file1</i> into directory <i>file2</i>	whereis app - show possible locations of <i>app</i>
ln -s file link - create symbolic link <i>link</i> to <i>file</i>	which app - show which <i>app</i> will be run by default
touch file - create or update <i>file</i>	
cat > file - places standard input into <i>file</i>	
more file - output the contents of <i>file</i>	
head file - output the first 10 lines of <i>file</i>	
tail file - output the last 10 lines of <i>file</i>	
tail -f file - output the contents of <i>file</i> as it grows, starting with the last 10 lines	
Process Management	Compression
ps - display your currently active processes	tar cf file.tar files - create a tar named <i>file.tar</i> containing <i>files</i>
top - display all running processes	tar xf file.tar - extract the files from <i>file.tar</i>
	tar czf file.tar.gz files - create a tar with Gzip compression
	tar xzf file.tar.gz - extract a tar using Gzip
	tar cjf file.tar.bz2 - create a tar with Bzip2 compression
	tar xjf file.tar.bz2 - extract a tar using Bzip2
	gzip file - compresses <i>file</i> and renames it to <i>file.gz</i>



Basic SHELL Commands

File system Commands	
ls	lists directories and files
ls -a	lists all files including hidden files
ls -lh	formatted list including more data
ls -t	lists sorted by date
pwd	returns path to working directory
cd dir	changes directory
cd ..	goes to parent directory
cd /	goes to root directory
cd	goes to home directory
touch file_name	creates an empty file
cp file file_copy	copy a file
cp -r	copy files contained in directories
rm file	deletes a file
rm -r dir	deletes a directory and its files
mv file1 file2	moves or renames a file
mkdir dir_name	creates a directory
rmdir dir_name	deletes a directory

Text handling commands	
command > file	saves STDOUT in a file
command >> file	appends STDOUT in a file
cat file	concatenate and print files
cat file1 file2 > file3	merges files 1 and 2 into file3
cat *fasta > all.fasta	concatenates all fasta files in the current directory
head file	prints first lines from a file
head -n 5 file	prints first five lines from a file
tail file	prints last lines from a file
tail -n 5 file	prints last five lines from a file
less file	view a file
less -N file	includes line numbers
less -S file	wraps long lines
grep 'pattern' file	Prints lines matching a pattern
grep -c 'pattern' file	counts lines matching a pattern
cut -f 1,3 file	retrieves data from selected columns in a tab-delimited file
sort file	sorts lines from a file



Using the Command Line to Get Help

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Man Pages





Man Pages

man [command]

A man page (short for manual page) is a form of software documentation usually found on a Unix or Unix-like operating system.

if we install a package to do some task, the man Page for that package will typically be installed at the same time. This gives us the ability to take a look at that documentation and make sure that we're using it in a manner consistent with its design.

The man page for a particular command is invoked by preceding the command with **man**.



Man Pages

man ls

```
LS(1)                                User Commands                                LS(1)
NAME
  ls - list directory contents
SYNOPSIS
  ls [OPTION]... [FILE]...
DESCRIPTION
  List information about the FILES (the current directory by default). Sort entries alphabetically if none of
  -ctuvSUX nor --sort is specified.
  Mandatory arguments to long options are mandatory for short options too.
  -a, --all
    do not ignore entries starting with .
  -A, --almost-all
    do not list implied . and ..
  --author
    with -l, print the author of each file
  -b, --escape
    print C-style escapes for nongraphic characters
  --block-size=SIZE
    scale sizes by SIZE before printing them; e.g., '--block-size=M' prints sizes in units of 1,048,576
    bytes; see SIZE format below
  -B, --ignore-backups
    do not list implied entries ending with ~
  -c
    with -lt: sort by, and show, ctime (time of last modification of file status information); with -l:
    show ctime and sort by name; otherwise: sort by ctime, newest first
  -C
    list entries by columns
  --color[=WHEN]
    colorize the output; WHEN can be 'always' (default if omitted), 'auto', or 'never'; more info below
  -d, --directory
    list directories themselves, not their contents
Manual page ls(1) line 1 (press h for help or q to quit)
```

NAME

Program or Function name(s) followed by descriptions of functionality.

SYNOPSIS

A short overview of available options

DESCRIPTION

Detailed information about arguments and options.



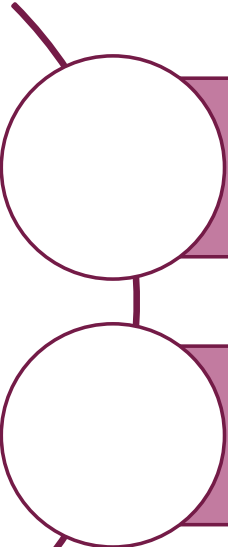
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Info Pages



Info Pages

info [command]



Info pages are additional documentation with more robust capability in detail. Info Page normally provides more detailed information about a command than its respective man page. Additionally, Info uses a structure for linking these pages together, and they may be assembled into a larger collection.

The info page for a particular command is invoked by preceding the command with **info**



Info Pages

info echo

```
Next: printf invocation, Up: Printing text
15.1 'echo': Print a line of text
=====
'echo' writes each given STRING to standard output, with a space between
each and a newline after the last one.  Synopsis:
    echo [OPTION]... [STRING]...

    Due to shell aliases and built-in 'echo' functions, using an
    unadorned 'echo' interactively or in a script may get you different
    functionality than that described here.  Invoke it via 'env' (i.e., 'env
    echo ...') to avoid interference from the shell.

    The program accepts the following options.  Also see *note Common
    options::.  Options must precede operands, and the normally-special
    argument '-' has no special meaning and is treated like any other
    STRING.

'-n'
    Do not output the trailing newline.

'-e'
    Enable interpretation of the following backslash-escaped characters
    in each STRING:

    '\a'    alert (bell)
    '\b'    backspace
    '\c'    produce no further output
    '\e'    escape
    '\f'    form feed
    '\n'    newline
    '\r'    carriage return
    '\t'

-----Info: (coreutils)echo invocation, 78 lines --Top-----
Welcome to Info version 6.5.  Type H for help, h for tutorial.
```



Google Search

I'm Feeling Lucky



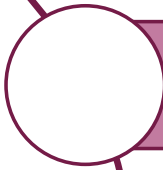
Break
return @ 9pm

Files and Directories

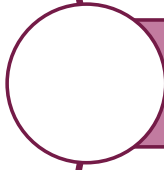




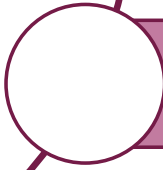
Files and Directories



The Filesystem Hierarchy Standard (*FHS*) defines the structure of the file systems on Linux.



In the FHS, all files and directories appear under the root directory /, even if they are stored on different physical or virtual devices.



Most of these directories exist in all UNIX, however, they are not considered authoritative for platforms other than Linux.

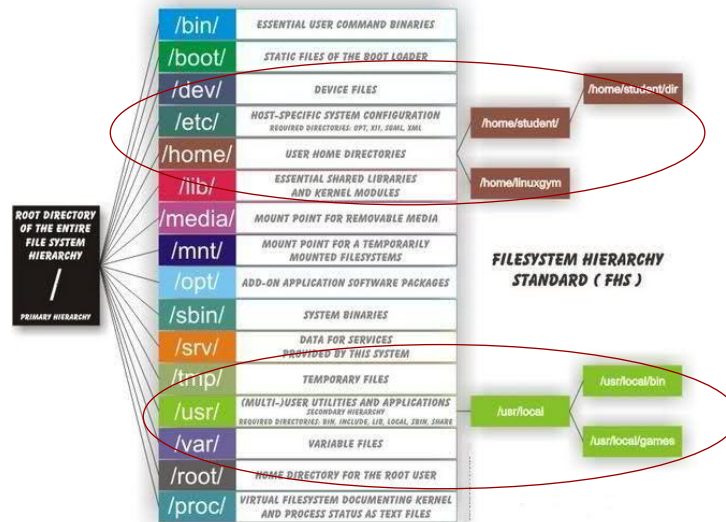


Files and Directories

/boot	• Boot loader files
/dev	• Essential device files
/mnt	• Temporarily mounted filesystems.
/proc	• Contains information about system
/bin	• Essential command binaries
/sbin	• Essential system binaries
/lib	• Libraries essential for the binaries
/opt	• Optional application packages
/root	• root directory of the root user
/home	• Users' home directories
/etc	• Host-specific configuration files
/var	• Variable data files
/tmp	• Temporary files



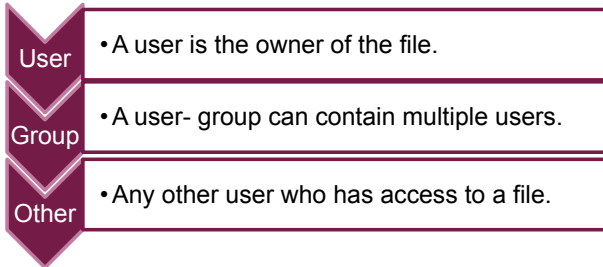
Files and Directories



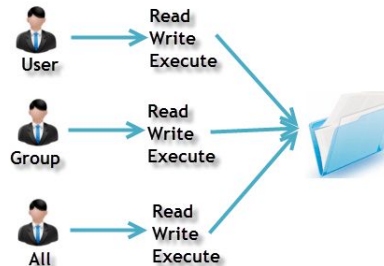
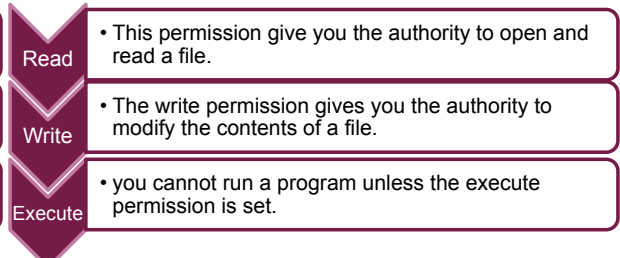
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File Permission

Ownership

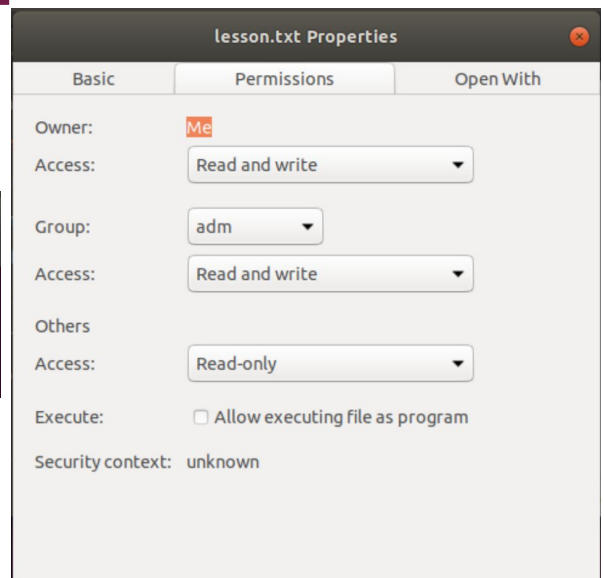


Permission



File Permission

```
raymond@clarusway-linux: ~  
File Edit View Search Terminal Help  
raymond@clarusway-linux:~$ ls -l lesson.txt  
-rw-rw-r-- 1 raymond adm 8 Mar 2 21:19 lesson.txt  
raymond@clarusway-linux:~$
```





File Permission

```
gakeko2018@DESKTOP-JA07K2U:~$ ls
cert.pem
gakeko2018@DESKTOP-JA07K2U:~$ ls -la
total 12
-rw-r--r-- 1 gakeko2018 gakeko2018 807 Dec 25 18:19 .profile
drwxr-xr-x 1 gakeko2018 gakeko2018 4096 Jan 13 09:41 .
drwxr-xr-x 1 root root 4096 Dec 25 18:19 ..
-rw-r--r-- 1 gakeko2018 gakeko2018 236 Jan 14 12:21 .bash_history
-rw-r--r-- 1 gakeko2018 gakeko2018 220 Dec 25 18:19 .bash_logout
-rw-r--r-- 1 gakeko2018 gakeko2018 3771 Dec 25 18:19 .bashrc
drwxrwxrwx 1 gakeko2018 gakeko2018 4096 Jan 13 09:38 .cache
-rw-r--r-- 1 gakeko2018 gakeko2018 807 Dec 25 18:19 .profile
drwx----- 1 gakeko2018 gakeko2018 4096 Jan 13 09:41 .ssh
-r----- 1 gakeko2018 gakeko2018 1675 Jan 13 09:38 cert.pem
```

File type and Access Permissions

`-rw-r--r--` 1 gakeko2018 gakeko2018 807 Dec 25 18:19 .profile

indicates File

`drwxr-xr-x` 1 gakeko2018 gakeko2018 4096 Jan 13 09:41 .

d represents directory

Group

User Others

r: Read
w: Write
x: Execute

`-rw-rw-r--`

no execute permission

r = read permission
w = write permission
x = execute permission
- = no permission



File Permission

Changing Permission with chmod Command

We can use the **chmod** command which stands for **change mode**.
we can set permissions (read, write, execute) on a file/directory for the owner, group and the world.

chmod permissions filename

chmod u=rwx,g=rx,o=r myfile

Symbol	Permission Type
---	No Permission
--x	Execute
-w-	Write
-wx	Execute+Write
r--	Read
r-x	Read+Execute
rw-	Read+Write
rwX	Read+Write+Execute

File Permission

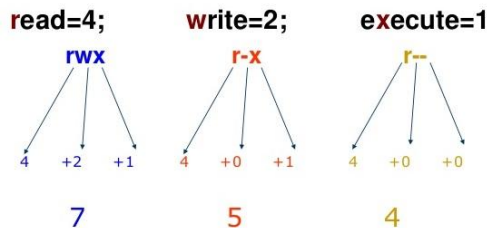


```
root@DESKTOP-4Q01S5L:~# ls -l
total 0
-rw-rw-rw- 1 root root 0 Dec 29 17:53 file1
-r--r--rwx 1 root root 0 Dec 29 17:53 file2
root@DESKTOP-4Q01S5L:~# chmod 754 file2
root@DESKTOP-4Q01S5L:~# ls -l file2
-rwxr-xr-- 1 root root 0 Dec 29 17:53 file2
root@DESKTOP-4Q01S5L:~#
```

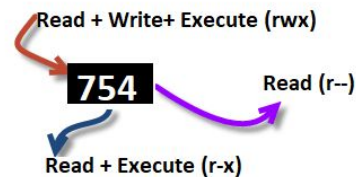
754 code says;

- Owner can read, write and execute
- User's group can read and execute
- Other can only read

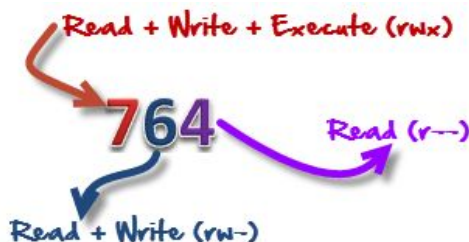
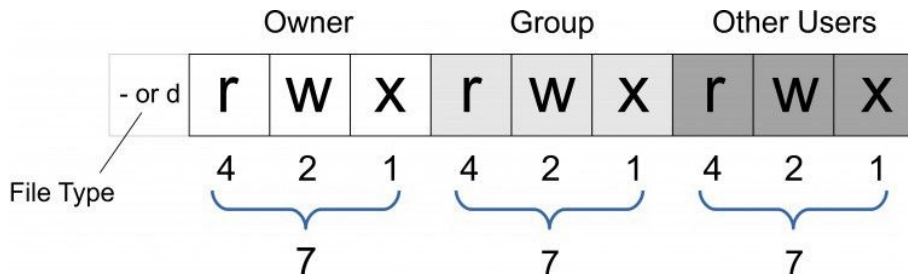
Permissions



`chmod u=rwx,g=rx,o=r myfile`
`chmod 754 myfile`



File Permission



d	r	w	x	r	-	x	r	-	-
	read	write	exec	read	write	exec	read	write	exec
File type	Owner permissions			Group permissions			User permissions		
(directory)	4	2	1	4	2	1	4	2	1
	7			5			4		



Set permissions of myfile.txt to;

owner : full access

group : read and execute

others : no access



THANKS!

Any questions?