UNIX Basics

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Purpose of Course

- Introduce the basics of UNIX
- Introduce the basics of UNIX screen editors
- Provide hands-on practice



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UNIX Basics--Introduction

- What is UNIX?
 - An operating system and attendant applications programs
- Why use UNIX?
 - Available on virtually all machines in one format or another
 - Long history
 - Has been adapted to new platforms
- On what is UNIX based?
 - Uses C language



UNIX Basics--Software

Operating

- for the computer
- liaison between computer and user

Application

- for the users
 - electronic filing
 - word processing
 - database maintenance
 - electronic mail and networking access



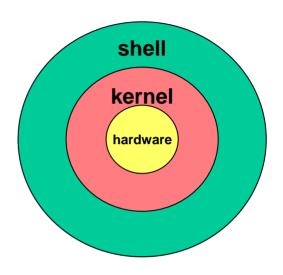
UNIX Basics--Structure

Kernel

- CPU scheduling
- memory management
- process management
- other duties
- not for average users

Shell

- interacts between kernel and user
- user invokes commands
- types
 - Bourne shell
 - Korn shell
 - C shell
 - TCshell
 - BASH



Useful Concepts

- Getting out of Trouble
- Terms and Concepts



Getting Out of Trouble

- Control c
 - stop a process
- kill
 - kill a job in the works
- Control ℧
 - delete a full line to the prompt
- Control u
 - undo last command
- Control s
 - stop scrolling
- Control q
 - resume scrolling
- What happens if you type a word that is not a command?



Terms and Concepts

- Standard input stdin
 - keyboard
- Standard output stdout
 - print on the screen
- Case sensitive
 - it matters whether you use uppercase or lowercase
 - UNIX commands--usually lowercase
- Control key
 - if it is part of a command, the control key and the second key are pressed simultaneously
- Return key
 - almost always used to tell system you have finished typing the command



Terms and Concepts

prompt

- a symbol (usually % or \$)
- have the ability to change your prompt (later)
- when cursor is at the prompt, you can enter a command

Permission

 means ability to read, write, or execute a directory or a file, based on user, group, and other categories



Useful Commands

- Structure
- First (and Last) Commands
- Easy Commands



Structure

Command structure

- command -option argument

command

- usually lowercase
- what you want to do

-option

- sometimes not required
- enhances output of command
- tailors output to your needs
- can be combined with one or more other options

argument

- what your command will act upon
- can have more than one argument
- sometimes not required



First (and Last) Commands

Logging on

- userid
 - assigned by systems administrator
 - probably won't change
- password
 - assigned by systems administrator
 - should not share it
- passwd
 - use command to change your default password to one you like
 - should change your password from time to time for security
 - on OSC systems: oscpasswd changes password on all machines

Logging off

- exit
 - this is usually the way to log off
 - may differ from system to system



Easy Commands

Command	Options	Arguments
date	[no options]	[no arguments]
cal	[no options]	year or month year
finger	[-m, -1, -s]	[name]
help		
man		[argument]
man	-k	[argument]
who	[several options]	
who am I		

NOTE: end commands with a return



Easy Commands--Try This

```
type
  date
type
  cal year_you_were_born
type
  who
type
  finger woodall
type
  finger -s woodall
type
  finger -s woodall
```

NOTE: end commands with a return

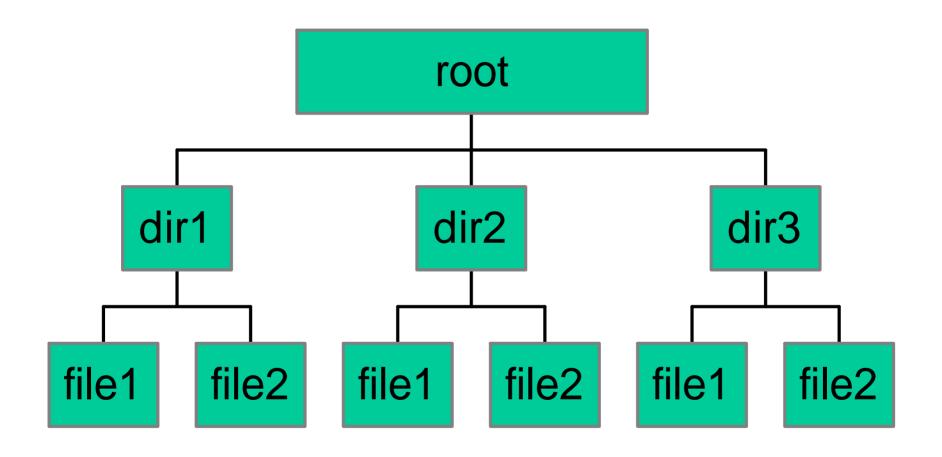


Files and Directories, Part I

- File Hierarchy
- Where Are You
- Files and Directories--First Commands
- Files and Directories--Naming
- Files--Creating

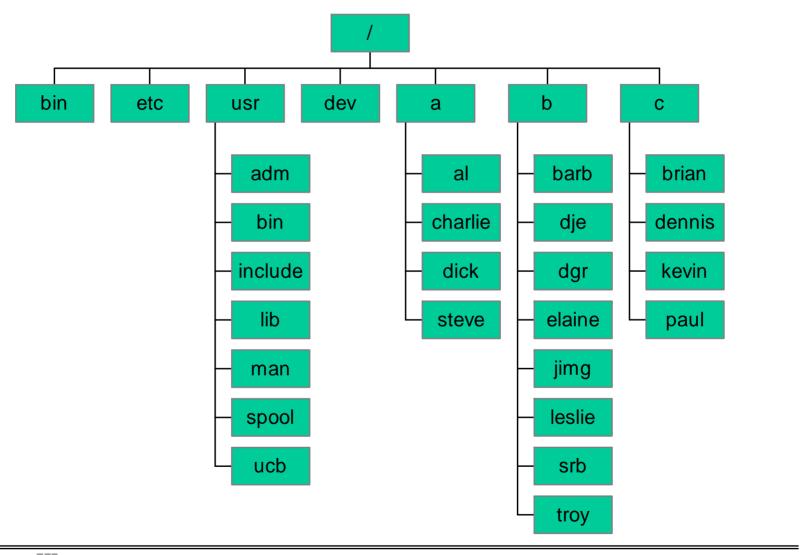


File Hierarchy





File Hierarchy





Where Are You

pwd

- tells you where are you are in the file hierarchy
- important in increasingly complex hierarchy
- important for moving files
- important in moving to and from directories of others



Files and Directories--First Commands

```
-a -c -l -f -r -s -t directory -R
$ cat [several] file
 more [several] file
$ lpr -l[others] file
 rm file
```



Files and Directories--Try This

```
$ ls
$ ls -a
$ ls -1
$ ls -F
 ls -r
 ls -R
$ ls -al
```

Files and Directories--Naming

- avoid spaces; separate words with dots or underscores
 - my.file
- begin directory names with capital letters
 - My.directory
- avoid special characters

- make names descriptive
 - letter
 - · not particularly descriptive
 - woodall.010403.letter
 - more information
- avoid ending file name with a number
 - can cause problems in converting files, depending upon your system



Files--Creating

```
cat > file
  line
  line
  line
  control d
```

now type

more file

- using > to redirect output from a command to a file
 - command > file
 - more file

```
cal > calendar
more calendar
```



Files--Creating--Try This

```
cat > workshop
first line
second line
third line
control d
more workshop
cal > calendar
ls
more calendar
more workshop
cal > workshop
ls
more workshop
                               Do you have a file
ls
                               called workshop?
rm workshop
 1s
```



Screen Editors

- <u>vi</u>
- emacs
- Other Editor--Pico



vi editor

- early form of word processing
- not especially easy to use
- HOWEVER--exists on all UNIX systems
- good to know, even if you use different editor
- approximately 100 commands



vi--Opening a File; Modes

- open a file
 - vi file
- modes
 - input
 - different ways to get into input mode
 - only one way to get out of input mode: escape key
 - command
 - always in command mode when you open up a file in vi



vi--First Commands, Part I

open a file

- vi file
- vedit file (bottom line will show when you are in insert mode)

move the cursor

h (left), j (down), k (up), 1 (right)

enter insert mode

a (append after cursor), A (append at end of line), i (insert at cursor), I (insert at beginning of line), o (opens a line below the cursor), o (opens a line above the cursor)

leave insert mode

Escape key

delete or replace

 x (delete character), dd (delete line), r (replace one character, do not enter insert mode)



vi--First Commands, Part I--Try This

- vedit practice
- watch bottom right of screen
- i
 - What happens
- Escape
 - What happens
- i characters
- move in and out of insert/append/open mode
- look at the differences between the various ways of going into input mode
- type some lines, press Escape, use h, j, k, and 1 to move cursor



vi--First Commands, Part II

undo

u (last command)

save and quit the editor

zz (save the changes and quit), :w (save the changes, do not quit), :q! (quit, do not save the changes), :wq (save the changes and quit)

erase

- delete key
- sometimes need to use Control h combination

set line wrap

- only for current editing session; must reset each time you open the file
- :set wm=15



vi--First Commands, Part II--Try This

- type a few characters; press Control u
- type a line that goes beyond the line on the screen; move cursor up; note that this is one line
- go into command mode, type :set wm=15
- type another long line
- close the file; reopen it; type another long line
 - What happens?



vi--Additional Commands, Part I

position cursor

- Control d (scrolls cursor down, usually 12 lines), Control f (scrolls the cursor forward, usually 24 lines), Control b (scrolls the cursor back, usually 24 lines), Control u (scrolls the cursor up, usually 12 lines); e (end of word), b (beginning of word), G (end of document), nG (go to line n of the document)
- Control g (get line number where cursor is)
- /pattern (search forward for pattern), n (search for next instance of pattern), ?pattern (search backward for pattern)
- \$ (from the cursor to the end of the line), 0 (from just before the cursor to the beginning of the line),) (from the cursor to the beginning of the next sentence), ((from just before the cursor back to the beginning of the sentence where cursor is), } (from the cursor to the end of the paragraph), { (from just before the cursor back to the beginning of a paragraph)



vi--Additional Commands, Part I--Try

- open your document
- move your cursor around
- insert more text
- save, exit, reopen
- search for a character, e.g., a letter e; find the next e
- search backwards for a character; find the next earlier occurrence



vi--Additional Commands, Part II

- operate on words, lines, paragraphs
 - c (change word or words as indicated and enter insert mode), d
 (delete items as indicated and store in buffer for possible placement elsewhere), y (copy lines as indicated and store in buffer for possible duplication elsewhere)
 - abbreviations for words, sentences, lines, or paragraphs: w, b, e, c, (,
), 0, \$, {,}
- print storage buffers
 - p (print buffer contents after the cursor), p (print buffer contents before the cursor)
- join lines
 - J
- change case of letters
 - ~ (a toggle)
- check spelling
 - spell file Or spell file | more



vi--Additional Commands, Part II--Try

- position cursor at beginning of a word
 - cw
 - what do you see?
 - type some characters
 - Escape
- position cursor in middle of a word
 - cw
 - what do you see
 - type some characters
 - Escape
- position cursor at beginning of a word
 - 2cw
 - what do you see
 - type some characters
 - Escape



emacs

- free-to-download
- widely available
- more modern
- online help
- online tutorial
- no modes
- document has prompts for user



emacs--Opening a File; Information

- open a file
 - emacs file
- information areas
 - echo area
 - displays certain commands
 - prompts you for input to a command
 - when cursor is in echo area, can use any emacs editing tools that work on one line to change what you have typed
 - to abort a command started on the echo area: Control g
 - mode line
 - can be ignored when working on simple text editing on single files



emacs--First Commands

position cursor

- Control p (up), Control n (down), Control b (left), Control f (right)
- (may be able to use arrow keys, depending on how your terminal is set up)

position cursor, additional

Control a (beginning of line), Control e (end of line)

position cursor, with numerical arguments

- precede numerical argument with an Escape key
- examples
 - Escape 4 Control p (move up 4 lines)
 - Escape 5 Control £ (move forward to 5th character)
 - Escape 8 Control n (move down 8 lines)



emacs--Basic Editing

add text

move cursor to the correct position and start typing

delete text

- Control d (delete character at cursor), Delete key (delete character before the cursor, Escape Delete (delete word before the cursor), Escape d (kill the word after the cursor), Control k (kill from cursor to end of line), Control y (yank back a previous kill)
- concepts
 - delete: not meant to use deleted characters again
 - kill: killed characters go into a buffer; limited capacity; deletes oldest kills when new ones are added



emacs--Basic Editing

cut and paste

- kill and yank--the usual ways to cut and paste
- commands
 - Escape d (kill one word), Control n (move the cursor), Control k (kill one line), Control y (yank back the killed line), Escape y (replace yanked-back line with killed word), Escape y (replace killed word with previous kill), Escape y (replace previous kill with next previous kill, etc.)

undo changes

Control x u (undo last change), Control x Control c (leave without saving--prompt appears), Escape x (restore buffer to original contents)

conserve CPU time

 in documents with text already entered, insert a couple of blank lines and type there (prevents screen from having to redraw with the addition of every character)



emacs--Basic Editing--Try This

- emacs workshope
 - identify the echo line
 - note the changes and information in echo line as you type
 - identify the mode line (in reverse type)
- type some lines
- move the cursor--practice using key combinations, as well as using the arrow key
- move cursor with numerical arguments
 - Escape 4 Control p
- practice deleting a character, the rest of a line, restoring a deleted character



emacs--Basic Editing

- manage line length
 - press Return at end of line
 - use auto-fill mode, for current editing session only
 - Escape x auto-fill-mode (toggle auto-fill), Escape 64 Escape x set fill-column (set line length to 64 characters), Escape 64 Control x f (alternative method of setting line length to 64 characters)



emacs--Commands

more than 400

- have long names
- can have abbreviations
- abbreviations are bound to a command
- for abbreviations, refer to command dispatch table

long name use

Escape x command-name

long name use--workarounds

- keystroke abbreviation (e.g., Control n)
- typing assistance
- list of possible commands in echo area
- prompts in the echo area



emacs--Help

- written manual
- reference card from manual
- online tutorial
- online help system
 - Control h help options
 - Control h Control h (possible help options, prompts you to type desired help option)
 - third Control h displays what the option means



emacs--Online Help Options

- cancel commands
 - Control g
- examples of options in help
 - Control h t (tutorial), Control h a word (all commands containing the word), Control h b (command dispatch table), Control h k key (name and information about the command key), Control h 1 (list last 100 characters typed), Control h i (run program for browsing files, including complete emacs manual)



emacs--Try This

- open your file
- set the line length for 64 characters
- Control h b to get the dispatch command table
- back in your file, type Escape next-line
 - what appears in the echo area?
- q to quit the help pages
- Control h a print
- Escape x n
 - What happens
- Control q



emacs--Search Options

search for text strings

Control s string (incremental search forward for string), Control r string (incremental search backward for string)

search and replace

- Escape < (go to beginning of buffer), Escape % book Return epic Return (replace, depending on next key): Spacebar (make change and advance to next occurrence); Delete (skip change and advance to next occurrence); Escape (exit query-replace); ! (replace all remaining occurrences); ^ (back up to previous occurrence); Control h (display help)



emacs--Defining Regions

selecting text

- point
 - beginning of region
 - where the cursor is
- mark
 - end of region
 - marked by Control @ or Control Spacebar
- region
 - between point and mark

how to select text

- move cursor to beginning of region
- Control @
- move cursor to end of region
- Control x Control x--check location of mark; this keystroke combination exchanges point and mark
- act on region (see next slide)



emacs--Acting on Regions

commands

- upcase-region (Control x Control u)
- downcase-region (Control x Control 1)
- append-to-file file (append region to a file)
- write-region file (write region to a file)
- kill-region (Control w) (kill the region)
- copy-region-as-kill (Escape w) (copy region to kill buffer)
- fill-region (Escape g) (justify region)



emacs--Try This

- open your file
- search forward for a character (Control s)
- search backwards for a character (Control r)
- search for a word and replace it with another
 - Escape %word Return word2 Return
 - watch what happens
- define a region
 - Control @ (at beginning)
 - move cursor to character after last of desired region
 - Control x Control x
 - Escape w
 - Escape y
 - watch what happens



emacs--Formatting

- auto-fill-mode (word wrap at right margin)
- fill-region (justify region)
- Escape q (justify paragraph at right margin)
- Escape n Control x f (set right margin at n characters)



emacs--Multiple Windows

splitting the screen

- display two parts of the same file
- display two different files

commands

- Control x 2 (divide current window into two windows vertically)
- Control x 3 (divide current window into two windows horizontally)
- Control x 1 (delete all windows but the current one)
- Control x 0 (delete current window, redistribute space)
- Control x o (switch to other window, cycle through all)
- Escape Control v (page other window)
- Control x ^ (increase current window by one line vertically)
- Control x } (increase current window by one line horizontally)



emacs--Multiple Windows

create multiple buffers

- Control x b file1 (create new buffer or switch to buffer named file1)
- Control x k file1 (kill the buffer called file1)
- Control x Control f file2 (find file2, put it in a buffer, switch to it)
- Control x Control b (list all buffers in separate window)

work with multiple buffers and multiple windows

- most convenient way to display two buffers in two separate windows
 - start emacs on a file (first buffer)
 - Control x4f (or b or .) filename (display second file in own window)



emacs--File Management

commands for dealing with files

- emacs file (create a file)
- Control x Control s (save changes)
- Escape x write-file file (usually used to change file name)
- Escape x append-region-to-file file (must mark region)
- Control x i file (insert a file into buffer at cursor)
- Control x Control r file (read a file, no editing permitted)
- Control x Control v file (visit and replace a file)



Other Editor--Pico

pico

- comes with the mail system, pine
- very simple
- menu based
- limited, but easy to use
- for more power, use vi
- not always available
- ask systems administrator for access to it



Files and Directories, Part II

- Files and Directories--Basic Concepts
- Manipulating Files and Directories
- Wildcards/Metacharacters
- <u>Directory Abbreviations</u>



Files and Directories--Basic Concepts

pathname

- path through the directory system to the file
- example
 - /usr/Workshop1/Subdirectory/file
- tail (basename)
 - last part of pathname
- head
 - everything except the tail
- full pathname
 - shown when you type pwd
- /(slash)
 - two meanings
 - very first one means root or top of the file system
 - all others separate directory or file names from one another



Manipulating Files and Directories

- rm -i -r file
 - irreversible
- cp -i file1 file2 or file(s) pathname
 - irreversible; make sure you aren't using an existing file name for file2
- mv -i file1 file2 or file(s) pathname
 - irreversible
- ln [none] file1 name2 or file(s) pathname
- mkdir [none] directory
- rmdir [none] directory
 - directory must be empty if you use rmdir; delete files in the directory, then run rmdir
 - irreversible
- cd [none] directory
- pwd [none] [none]



Files and Directories--Try This

- create four short files; run list
- remove one file; run list
- remove one file with the -i option--what happens
- run list
- copy one file to another existing file: cp file1 file2
- run list; open file2; what has happened
- move one file to another existing file; open the new file
- run list; what has happened
- create a directory; run list
- change to that directory; print your working directory; run list
- go back to your home directory



Files and Directories--Try This, cont'd

copy a file to the new directory

```
$ cp filex directory/filex
$ ls
$ cd directory
$ ls
$ pwd
$ cd
$ cd
$ pwd
```



Wildcards/Metacharacters

- save time and typing
- pattern searching



Wildcards/Metacharacters

- ?
 - match one character, and one character only
- . *
 - match zero or more characters
- []
 - match one character of the ones listed inside the brackets

examples

```
ls yo?
ls yo??
ls ?yo*
ls ?yo?
ls yo*
ls ?yo
ls ?yo
ls [abc]
ls [abs]*
ls *[abc]
ls [xyz]a[rst]
ls [a-f]
```

Wildcards/Metacharacters--Try This

- ls
- pwd
- create new files

```
alabama
alabama
alaska
florida
massachusetts
cat > alaska
alaska
alaska
alaska
alaska
alaska
at > florida
at > massachusetts
cat > connecticut
```

try listing these with different wildcards and metacharacters



Directory Abbreviations

- . (one period)
 - current working directory
- .. (two periods)
 - directory above the one in which you are working
- ~ (tilde)
 - your home directory
- cd
 - takes you to your home directory



Permissions

- used to allow or restrict access to files and directories
- chmod ugo±rwx file chmod ugo±rwx directory

```
$ ls -1
drwxr-xr-x ...
-rw-r--r-- ...
```

- d = directory
- columns 2, 3, 4: permissions for user (read, write, execute)
- columns 5, 6, 7: permissions for group
- columns 8, 9, 10: permissions for others
- change your home directory's permission by writing, e.g.,
 - chmod g+rwx .



Permissions--Try This

create a file called filez

```
$ ls -1
$ chmod g+rwx filez
$ ls -1
```

make a directory

```
$ ls -1
```

change to new directory

```
$ pwd
$ cd
$ chmod u-rwx directory
$ ls -1
$ cd directory
```

Permissions--Try This, cont'd

what happens

- \$ chmod u+rwx directory
- \$ ls -1
- \$ cd directory
- \$ pwd



UNIX Shell

- UNIX Shell--Basic Concepts
- Job Control



UNIX Shell--Basic Concepts

two functions

- command interpreter between machine and user
- programming language
 - can string together basic commands to perform larger task
 - format

```
command -option argument
```

- » separated by one space
- usually use the "pipe" (|) to combine commands
 - the pipe takes the output of one command and uses it as the input to another command



Job Control

Job control

Control z

stop current job

fg

resume stopped job

Multiple -1

list and label the jobs you've begun

```
[2] Stopped vi file1
[3] - Stopped vi file2
[4] + Stopped vi file3
[5] Running command
```

fg %n

brings job number n to the foreground

bg %n

sends job number n to the background



Job Control, continued

Job control

```
$ ps
PID TT STAT TIME COMMAND
431 A5 R 0:05 sort file1
432 A5 R 0:00 ps
```

Killing a job that is out of control

```
kill %I or kill pid
```

– even more sure kill: kill -9 %n

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Exercises--Easy Commands

- type fenger and correct it to finger
- how do you determine all of the people logged on to the system
- how do you find the time of day
- how do you find the calendar for the year 1066
- on what day of the week was your birthday in 1995
- type a command and then kill the whole line
- find out what options you can use with the command who



Exercises--Easy Commands: Answers

- use the backspace to delete characters back to the incorrect one, then retype
- type who
- type date
- cal 1066
- cal month year
- use Control u to delete an entire line
- type man who to get the whole online manual page for who



Exercises--Files--Creating

- list your home directory's contents, using different options and combinations of options
- create a file using redirection containing the output of the command ls -1
- type the command lss; what happens
- use cat to create a new file called filea; use cat to create another file called fileb; use redirection to create a new file called filec containing the contents of both filea and fileb; look at the contents of filec
- use redirection to add the contents of filea to filec; look at the contents of filec; what has happened?



Exercises--Files--Creating: Answers

- ls, ls -a, ls -l, ls -al
- ls -l > filename
- you get a "command not found" message; when you type something that is not a command, either nothing happens or you get a little error message
- cat > filea (add some short text)
 cat > fileb (add some short text)
 cat filea fileb > filec
 cat filec (has the contents of both files)
- cat filea > filec
 cat filec (now has the contents of only filea)

Note the difference between redirecting a file to a new file and redirecting a file to an existing file; the latter is an irreversible overwriting of the existing file



Exercises--vi Editor

- create a file called *letter*; set the word wrap margin to 15;
 type (with appropriate end of line insertions)
 - Dear Author, Never have I read such an interesting book. Your writing inspires me. I hope you write an infinite number of books. Sincerely, Reader
 - save the letter but don't exit it
 - change the word Reader to your name
 - join two lines
 - insert some text
 - undo some typing
 - save and close the letter and run a spelling check
 - reopen the file and correct typos
 - yank a line and paste it elsewhere
 - delete a line and paste it elsewhere



Exercises--vi Editor: Answers

- vedit letter or vi letter
- :set wm=15
- type the text
- :w!
- J
- insert desired text using i, I, a, A, o, O
- from the insert mode: Escape u
- ZZ at the shell prompt type spell letter
- vedit letter correct typos by moving cursor, using x to delete a character, and then entering insert mode with i or by using r to overwrite a character without entering insert mode

Exercises--vi Editor: Answers, cont'd

move cursor to line you want to yank

УУ

move cursor to line where you want to place the yanked line

p

 move cursor to line you want to delete and paste elsewhere

dd

move cursor to line where you want to place the deleted line

p



Exercises--emacs Editor

- create a file with emacs
 set line length to 64
 type a letter
 save without exiting
 search for a string
 delete a line and put it elsewhere
 exit the file without saving changes
 reopen the file search for a word and replace it with another
 word
 - practice search/replace with options
- look at the dispatch command table
- look at the tutorial and move through it



Exercises--emacs Editor, cont'd

 open your file define a region capitalize all the letters in that region



Exercises--emacs Editor--Answers

emacs file (to open a new file)

Escape 64 Escape set fill-column (set line length)

Control x Control s (save without exiting)

Control s string (to look for some string; string could be

a letter, a character, or more than one characters)

Control k (move cursor) Control y (to delete a line and

place it elsewhere)

Control x Control c (to close the file without saving)

emacs file (to reopen an existing file)

Escape % word1 Return word2 Return (to search for word1

and replace it with word2)

Control hb (to look at the dispatch command table)

Control ht (to look at the tutorial)

Control g (to cancel any command)



Exercises--emacs Editor--Answers, ctd

emacs filename (your existing file)
 Control @ (select the point)
 move cursor to end of region
 Control x Control x (indicate the mark)
 Control x Control u



Exercises--after last section

- create files
- create directories
- watch what happens when you move files (mv), copy files (cp), remove files (rm)
- create subdirectories and move into them (cd), use pwd to show where you are; cd up one level
- use rmdir to delete a directory (directory must be empty)
- change permissions and run ls -1 to see the differences
- run ls -al to look at the permissions on your home directory (the file indicated by .--a single dot)
- change permissions on your home directory to remove execute privileges from others (chmod o-x)
- PRACTICE, PRACTICE, PRACTICE
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