

# Ten Steps to Linux Survival

## Bash for Windows People

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Figure 1: Merv sez, "Don't panic."

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...and that matters!

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Technically, Windows Explorer is a “shell” for the GUI environment.



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- ***and many more!***



# Typically bash

# Linux default shell

# Comparing CMD.EXE and bash

## set in bash

```
~ $ set
```

```
BASH=/bin/bash
```

```
BASHOPTS=checkwinsize:cmdhist:complete_fullquote:...
```

```
BASH_ALIASES=()
```

```
BASH_ARGC=()
```

```
BASH_ARGV=()
```

```
BASH_CMDS=()
```

```
...and so on...
```

## set in CMD.EXE

```
C:\Users\myuser>set
```

```
ALLUSERSPROFILE=C:\ProgramData
```

```
APPDATA=C:\Users\myuser\AppData\Roaming
```

```
CommonProgramFiles=C:\Program Files\Common Files
```

```
CommonProgramFiles(x86)=C:\Program Files (x86)\Common Files
```

```
CommonProgramW6432=C:\Program Files\Common Files
```

```
COMPUTERNAME=JLEHMER650
```

```
...and so on...
```

# echo

## bash:

```
~ $ echo $HOME  
/home/myuser
```

## CMD.EXE:

```
C:\> echo %homepath%  
\Users\myuser
```

# Similar, but different

- `$variable` (bash) vs. `%variable%` (CMD.EXE)

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- `$variable` (bash) vs. `%variable%` (CMD.EXE)
- bash is case-sensitive, CMD.EXE is not

# Product of your environment



# Setting variables

```
~ $ FOO=myval /home/myuser/myscript
```

```
~ $ CURRDATE=`date`
```

```
~ $ echo $CURRDATE
```

```
Wed Oct 28 11:43:38 CDT 2015
```

# A path! A path!

```
$ echo $PATH
/usr/local/sbin:/usr/local/bin:/usr/sbin:/usr/bin:/sbin:/bin:...
```

- Tab expansion

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# Step 2

# File under “Directories”

# ls - list files

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```
~ $ ls
Audiobooks  Downloads  KindleGen  Podcasts  Templates
Desktop      Dropbox    Music       Public    Videos
Documents    FreeRDP    Pictures    Temp      VSCode-linux-x64
```

# “Dotfiles”

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```
~ $ ls -a
.          .dmrc      .gnome2_private Pictures  .themes
..         Documents .hplip      .pki      .thumbnails
.adobe     Downloads  .hugin      Podcasts   .thunderbird
.atom      .dropbox   .ICEauthority .profile   Videos
Audiobooks Dropbox     .icons       .ptbt1     .vscode
.bash_history .dropbox-dist KindleGen   Public      VSCode-linux-x64
.bash_logout .face      .lastpass   .sbd        .wine
.cache       FreeRDP    .lessht     .ssh        .Xauthority
.cinnamon   .gconf     .linuxmint  .swp        .xinputrc
.cmake       .gimp-2.8  .local      Temp        .xsession-errors
.config      .gitconfig .macromedia Templates
.dbus        .gksu.lock .mozilla    .texmf-var
Desktop     .gnome2    Music       .TeXworks
```



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```
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```

```
total 92
```

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drwxr-xr-x  2 myuser mygroup      4096 Sep  7 04:16 Public
-rwxr-xr-x  1 myuser mygroup       816 Oct 15 18:00 rdp
```

```
...and so on...
```

## Combining parameters

```
$ ls -al
```

```
total 344
```

```
drwxr-xr-x 40 myuser mygroup      4096 Oct 17 07:14 .
drwxr-xr-x  3 root    root        4096 Sep  7 04:09 ..
drwx----- 3 myuser mygroup      4096 Sep  7 09:33 .adobe
drwxr-xr-x  5 myuser mygroup      4096 Oct 12 15:48 .atom
-rw-----  1 myuser mygroup      6428 Oct 17 06:11 .bash_history
-rw-r--r--  1 myuser mygroup        220 Sep  7 04:09 .bash_logout
drwx----- 18 myuser mygroup      4096 Oct 13 07:31 .cache
drwxr-xr-x  5 myuser mygroup      4096 Oct 16 19:57 .cinnamon
drwxr-xr-x  3 myuser mygroup      4096 Oct 12 09:45 .cmake
drwxr-xr-x 26 myuser mygroup      4096 Oct 15 10:23 .config
drwx-----  3 myuser mygroup      4096 Sep  7 04:16 .dbus
...and so on...
```

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- Easier to understand



## cat - concatenate files

```
~ $ cat installrdp
#!/bin/bash
sudo apt-get -y install git
cd ~
git clone git://github.com/FreeRDP/FreeRDP.git
cd FreeRDP
sudo apt-get -y install build-essential git-core cmake libssl-dev \
    libx11-dev libxext-dev libxinerama-dev libxcursor-dev libxdamage-dev \
    libxv-dev libxkbfile-dev libasound2-dev libcups2-dev libxml2 \
    libxml2-dev libxrandr-dev libgstreamer0.10-dev \
    libgstreamer-plugins-base0.10-dev libxi-dev \
    libgstreamer-plugins-base1.0-dev libavutil-dev libavcodec-dev \
    libcunit1-dev libdirectfb-dev xmlto doxygen libxtst-dev
cmake -DCMAKE_BUILD_TYPE=Debug -DWITH_SSE2=ON .
make
...and so on...
```

## tail - show end of files

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```
~ # tail dmesg
[  2.774931] loop: module loaded
[  3.349880] eth0: intr type 3, mode 0, 3 vectors allocated
[  3.351331] eth0: NIC Link is Up 10000 Mbps
[  3.422647] RPC: Registered named UNIX socket transport module.
[  3.422649] RPC: Registered udp transport module.
[  3.422650] RPC: Registered tcp transport module.
[  3.422651] RPC: Registered tcp NFSv4.1 backchannel transport module.
[  3.432437] FS-Cache: Loaded
[  3.443980] FS-Cache: Netfs 'nfs' registered for caching
[  3.449794] Installing knfsd (copyright (C) 1996 okir@monad.swb.de).
```

## “Follow” a file

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~ # tail -f dmesg
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...new lines will appear here over time...
```

# sort - sorting files

```
~ $ sort -k 3 -n * | tail -n 3
Combine motor      1500
Tractor tires     2000
Combine tires     2500
```

# cp - copy files

```
~ $ cp diary.txt diary.bak  
~ $ cp -r thisdir thatdir  
~ $ cp --recursive thisdir thatdir
```

# mv - move files

```
~ $ mv thismonth.log lastmonth.log
```

- mv is simple rename

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```
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```

- mv is simple rename
- rename offers more options

# rm - remove files

```
~ $ rm desktop.ini
```



# Danger, Will Robinson!

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```
~ $ cd MyDissertation
~ $ ls
Citations.bak  Citations.doc  Dissertation.bak  Dissertation.doc  Notes.doc
~ $ rm * .bak
rm: cannot remove ‘.bak’: No such file or directory
~ $ ls
```

And all was null and void...

```
~ $ rm -rf *
```

## touch - update file time

```
~ $ touch NewEmptyDissertation.doc
```

```
~ $ ls -l
```

```
total 0
```

```
-rw-rwxr--+ 1 myuser mygroup 0 Oct 19 14:12 NewEmptyDissertation.doc
```

# Reset file time

```
~ $ touch -t 201412242300 NewEmptyDissertation.doc
```

```
~ $ ls -l
```

```
total 0
```

```
-rw-rwxr--+ 1 myuser mygroup 0 Dec 24  2014 NewEmptyDissertation.doc
```

# mkdir - make directory

```
~ $ mkdir Bar
```

```
~ $ ls
```

```
Bar
```

# cd - change directory

```
~ $ cd /etc
~ $ pwd
/etc
```

# Absolute paths

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- cd /etc



# Relative paths

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- `cd child`
- `cd ../sibling`

- . - current directory

. and ..

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. and ..

# . and ..

- . - current directory
  - we will see why this is useful later

. and ..

- . - current directory
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- .. - parent directory
  - useful to navigate “up and out”

# May I?

- **3x3 “grid”** - who by what?

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- **UGO** - who?

# May I?

- **3x3 “grid”** - who by what?
- **UGO** - who?
- **RWX** - what?

# Who?

- **U** - primary *user* or “owner”

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- **G** - primary *group*

# Who?

- **U** - primary *user* or “owner”
- **G** - primary *group*
- **O** - other (everyone else)



- **R** - *read* permission

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  - “list directory” permission

## ls -l, again

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```
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```

- - - file

- rWXr-Xr-X

-rwxr-xr-x

- - - file
- rwx - myuser can read, write and execute



- - - file
- rwx - myuser can read, write and execute
- r-x - mygroup and anyone else can read and execute

- d - directory

drwx-----

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- d - directory
- rwx - myuser can read, write and list contents

drwx-----

- d - directory
- rwx - myuser can read, write and list contents
- --- - no one else can do anything

# Changing owners

- `chown myuser foo` - change owner of foo to user myuser

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- `chown myuser foo` - change owner of foo to user myuser
- `chgrp mygroup bar` - change group for bar to mygroup

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- `chmod u+rw foo` - give primary owner read/write to foo

# Changing access

- `chmod u+rw foo` - give primary owner read/write to `foo`
- `chmod o-x bar` - remove execute permission for “others” from `bar`



# Will this be on the test?

If `rx` were octal:

- `rx == 22 (4)`

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- `r == 22 (4)`
- `w == 21 (2)`
- `x == 20 (1)`
- `- == 0`

# Olde Skool chmod

Then `chmod 754 foo`:

- `7 = rwx` for user

Quicker than `chmod u=rwx,g=rx,o=r foo`

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- 5 = `r-X` for group

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Then chmod 754 foo:

- 7 = rwx for user
- 5 = r-x for group
- 4 = r-- for other

Quicker than chmod u=rwx,g=rx,o=r foo

## Why won't it run?

```
~ # echo "echo Hello world" > foo
~ # ls -l
total 4
-rw-r--r-- 1 root root 17 Oct 20 10:07 foo
~ # ./foo
-bash: ./foo: Permission denied
~ # chmod u+x foo
~ # ls -l
total 4
-rwxr--r-- 1 root root 17 Oct 20 10:07 foo
~ # ./foo
Hello world
```



# Compressing files

```
~ $ zip -r foo foo
```

```
updating: foo/ (stored 0%)
```

```
  adding: foo/c (stored 0%)
```

```
  adding: foo/b (stored 0%)
```

```
  adding: foo/d/ (stored 0%)
```

```
  adding: foo/d/e (stored 0%)
```

```
  adding: foo/a (stored 0%)
```

```
~ $ ls -l foo.zip
```

```
-rw-r--r-- 1 myuser mygroup 854 Oct 24 15:56 foo.zip
```

```
~ $ unzip foo
```

```
Archive:  foo.zip
```

```
  extracting: foo/c
```

```
  extracting: foo/b
```

```
  extracting: foo/d/e
```

```
  extracting: foo/a
```

```
~ $ tar cvzf foo.tgz foo
```

```
foo/
```

```
foo/c
```

```
foo/b
```

```
foo/d/
```

```
foo/d/e
```

```
foo/a
```

```
~ $ ls -l foo.tgz
```

```
-rw-r--r-- 1 myuser mygroup 191 Oct 24 16:19 foo.tgz
```

```
~ $ tar xvf foo.tgz
```

```
foo/
```

```
foo/c
```

```
foo/b
```

```
foo/d/
```

```
foo/d/e
```

```
foo/a
```

# Soft links

```
~ $ ln -s d Dee
```

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- Target can be any file system
- Deleting link doesn't affect target

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- Equivalent to a shortcut
- Target can be directory or file
- Target can be any file system
- Deleting link doesn't affect target
- Deleting target breaks link, doesn't remove it

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~ \$ df

Filesystem	1K-blocks	Used	Available	Use%	Mounted on
/dev/mapper/mint--vg-root	118647068	28847464	83749608	26%	/
none	4	0	4	0%	/sys/fs/cgroup
udev	1965068	4	1965064	1%	/dev
tmpfs	396216	1568	394648	1%	/run
none	5120	0	5120	0%	/run/lock
none	1981068	840	1980228	1%	/run/shm
none	102400	24	102376	1%	/run/user
/dev/sda1	240972	50153	178378	22%	/boot

# What's the diff?

```
~ $ diff orig.conf new.conf
```

```
1c1
```

```
< F00=1
```

```
---
```

```
> F00=2
```

```
7d6
```

```
< BAR=Xyzzy
```

# Step 3

# Finding Meaning

# find in 3 steps

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Backslashes prevent “shell expansion”

## Useful find tests

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- **-executable** - the file is executable or the directory is searchable
- **-group <gname>** - file belongs to group *gname*
- **-iname <pattern>** - case-insensitive name search
- **-name <pattern>** - case-sensitive name search
- **-newer <file>** - newer than *file*
- **-size <n>** - file uses *n* units of space
  - various measures like 512-byte blocks (b) through gigabytes (G).
- **-type <c>** - file is of type *c*
  - two most common - d (directory) or f (file).
- **-user <uname>** - file is owned by *uname*.



## Useful find actions

- **-delete** - deletes any files matched so far
  - Actions are also tests (predicates)
  - Don't put this first!
- **-exec and -execdir** - executes a command or script
- **-print** - prints the full path of the found file or directory
- **-printf** - prints a formatted string, useful for reports

# find -printf

```
~ $ find . -type f -printf "%p\n%u\n%TY-%Tm-%TdT%TT\n\n"
./a
myuser
2015-10-21T11:02:51.7014527000
```

# Step 4

# Grokking grep

Finds files based on their ***content***

```
~ $ touch a b c
```

```
~ $ echo This sequence of characters is called a \"string\". > d
```

```
~ $ cat d
```

```
This sequence of characters is called a "string".
```

```
~ $ ls
```

```
a  b  c  d
```

```
~ $ grep is *
```

```
d:This sequence of characters is called a "string".
```

## Famous quote

“Some people, when confronted with a problem, think ‘I know, I’ll use regular expressions.’ Now they have two problems.” - *Jamie Zawinski*

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## Helpful regexes

- **one|other** - find one pattern or the other.
- **^** - pattern for the beginning of a line.
- **\$** - pattern for the end of a line.
- **?** - match exactly one character.
- **\*** - match zero or more characters.
- **+** - match one or more characters.
- **[A-Z]** - match any character in a range (such as in this case any uppercase Latin alphabetic character).
- **[n|y]** - match one character or another (such as n or y here).

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# A Series of Pipes

## stdin, stdout, stderr

- **stdin** - input, file descriptor 0
- **stdout** - output, file descriptor 1
- **stderr** - “error” output, file descriptor 2
- All three use the console in interactive mode by default



# Output redirection

```
~ $ echo Hello, world > hw
```

```
~ $ ls -l
```

```
total 1
```

```
-rw-rwxr--+ 1 myuser mygroup 13 Oct 22 10:40 hw
```

```
~ $ cat hw
```

```
Hello, world
```

# Input redirection

```
~ $ cat < hw  
Hello, world
```

Equivalent to:

```
~ $ cat hw  
Hello, world
```

```
~ $ find . -exec cat \{\} \;
```

```
cat: .: Is a directory
```

```
This is a
```

```
This is b
```

```
This is c
```

```
cat: ./d: Is a directory
```

```
This is e
```

“Is a directory” is an error message

## Error redirection

```
~ $ find . -exec cat \{\} \; 2>/tmp/finderrors.log
```

```
This is a
```

```
This is b
```

```
This is c
```

```
This is e
```

```
~ $ cat /tmp/finderrors.log
```

```
cat: .: Is a directory
```

```
cat: ./d: Is a directory
```

This is where those “file descriptors” come in

## Logging ALL output to file

```
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```

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The 2>&1 trick works in CMD.EXE, too!

# Rewrite vs. append

```
~ $ find . -exec cat \{\} \; >/tmp/find.log
```

VS.

```
~ $ find . -exec cat \{\} \; >>/tmp/find.log
```

# Everyone line up

```
~ $ cat *.txt | tr '\\\ ' '/' | while read line ; do ./mycmd "$line" ; done
```

- ❶ cat echos all .txt files to stdout, piped to...
- ❷ tr translates any backslash characters before sending it into...
- ❸ A while loop that reads each line into a variable called \$line and then calls...
- ❹ Some custom script or program called ./mycmd passing in the value of each \$line.

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# Step 6

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- 3dw - “delete 3 ‘words’ ”

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- `curl` - alternative to `wget`

# Sending mail

```
~ $ email --blank-mail --subject "Possibly corrupted files found..." \  
--smtp-server smtp --attach badfiles.csv --from-name NoReply \  
--from-addr noreply@mycorp.com alert@mycorp.com
```

# Logging in elsewhere

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# The Man Behind the Curtain

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```
~ # cat /proc/cpuinfo
```

```
processor      : 0
vendor_id     : GenuineIntel
cpu family    : 6
model         : 37
model name    : Intel(R) Xeon(R) CPU           X5690  @ 3.47GHz
stepping      : 1
microcode     : 0x15
cpu MHz       : 3458.000
cache size    : 12288 KB
fpu           : yes
fpu_exception : yes
cpuid level   : 11
...and so on...
```

- Many live system metrics, presented as “files”

# Sawing logs

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```
~ # ls /var/log
alternatives.log      auth.log.2.gz      debug              dmesg.4.gz        kern....
alternatives.log.1    auth.log.3.gz      debug.1            dpkg.log           kern....
alternatives.log.2.gz auth.log.4.gz      debug.2.gz         dpkg.log.1         kern....
alternatives.log.3.gz btmp               debug.3.gz         dpkg.log.2.gz      kern....
apache2               btmp.1            debug.4.gz         dpkg.log.3.gz      kern....
apt                   daemon.log         dmesg              dpkg.log.4.gz      lastlog
aptitude             daemon.log.1       dmesg.0            exim4              lpr.log
aptitude.1.gz        daemon.log.2.gz    dmesg.1.gz         faillog            mail.err
auth.log              daemon.log.3.gz    dmesg.2.gz         fsck               mail....
auth.log.1           daemon.log.4.gz    dmesg.3.gz         installer          mail....
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# Step 9

# How Do You Know What You Don't Know, man?

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# Step 10



And So On...

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drwxr-xr-x 3 root root 4096 Feb 25 2015 acpi
-rw-r--r-- 1 root root 2981 Apr 23 2014 adduser.conf
-rw-r--r-- 1 root root 45 Jul 9 08:46 adjtime
-rw-r--r-- 2 root root 621 May 22 2014 aliases
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drwxr-xr-x 2 root root 20480 Feb 25 2015 alternatives
-rw-r--r-- 1 root root 4185 Dec 28 2011 analog.cfg
drwxr-xr-x 7 root root 4096 Feb 25 2015 apache2
drwxr-xr-x 6 root root 4096 Feb 25 2015 apt
-rw-r----- 1 root daemon 144 Jun 9 2012 at.deny
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Most system configuration information is here

## Some helpful /etc files

- **fstab** - file systems currently mounted
- **group** - security groups
- **hosts** - network aliases
- **init.d** - startup and shutdown scripts for “services.”
- **mtab** - list of current “mounts.”
- **passwd** - “shadow” file containing all the user accounts
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