Packages

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Overview

- You need to manage software packages on your system
  - Install new packages
  - Update/upgrade packages
  - Remove unused packages
  - All of this done as `root`

- This lecture covers three ways to do this
  1. High-level package managers (easiest)
  2. Low-level package managers
  3. Building from source code (hardest)
     Most of lecture concerns this way

High-level package managers

- Work with software repositories (collections of packages)
  - Usually obtained over the network or Internet
- Can automatically fetch latest version of package(s)
- Can automatically install any dependencies
- Can automatically upgrade some or all packages
- Examples:

  apt aptitude
  For Debian-based systems

  yum Yellowdog updater, modified
  For Red hat systems

  dnf Dandified Yum
  Backward compatible replacement for `yum`
- There are various GUI front-ends for these

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Low-level package managers

- Work with package files
- Package files track dependencies
  - Tells you which packages must be installed first
- Do not automatically fetch dependencies
- . . . but, you can install several package files at once
- Examples:

  dpkg Debian Package
  Handles `.deb` packages

  rpm Red Hat Package Manager
  Handles `.rpm` packages

- High-level package managers are just nice front-ends for these

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Why build from source code?

- Because you can
- You are porting from another system (Unix or even Windows)
- There is a problem with the package or binary
- There is no package file or binary
- You want a newer version than the package file
- You want a custom configuration of the package
- You want to modify the source code
- Required for homework

Why not build from source code?

- `yum install package` is way easier
- You have to track dependencies by hand
- You need to build the software[1], which means either
  1. You build the software on the target machine
     - The system must have development tools installed. Usually, `gcc` and `make`, possibly others
     - The system needs to be powerful enough to do the build
  2. You build the software somewhere else, and copy it over
     - This might mean a cross compiler
     - . . . unless they are similar systems
- You get to deal with configuration and compile errors yourself
  - More on this later

[1] Most system software is written in C.

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Let's talk about these

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- I will assume that it is available over the Internet
  - Sourceforge, for example
- So, how hard is it to download over the Internet?
  - Typical projects are multiple source files
    - Can be hundreds
  - Not fun to download these one at a time, by hand
- Ok, so we need a nice way to get lots of source files

`tar`: tape archive

- Utility to manage archives
- Can preserve directories, links, owners, groups, permissions
- Usage is a little tricky.
- Mandatory main switches (must specify exactly one):
  - `c` : create new archive
  - `r` : append to existing archive
  - `t` : list contents
  - `x` : extract files
  - `...` : (there are others)
- An extremely useful optional switch (check your `man` pages):
  - `f` : specify a file instead of the tape drive
    - use "–" for standard input/output
    - Tar archive files are called tarballs

Simple `tar` examples

- Create an archive stored in file `foo.tar`,

  that contains a copy of directories `Project1`, `Project2`

```
tar cf foo.tar Project1 Project2
```

- List contents of archive `foo.tar`

```
tar tf foo.tar
```

- Extract (copies of) files from archive `foo.tar`

```
tar xf foo.tar
```

  The archive is not modified when you do this

More useful `tar` switches

`v` : verbose

- Show more information
  (e.g., long listing when using `t`)

`z` : compress / uncompress using `gzip`/`gunzip`

`j` : compress / uncompress using `bzip2`/`bunzip2`

The following commands produce *identical* compressed tarballs:

1.
```
tar cf file.tar SourceDir && gzip file.tar
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2.
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tar cf - SourceDir | gzip > file.tar.gz
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Versioning software

- *Essential* for online development
- Source code and all revisions are is stored in a repository
  - Done in a clever way — just the changes between versions
- Developers work on their own working copy
  - Can easily update working copy to latest or any version
    - Only sends differences
  - Can easily upload working copy changes into the repository
    - Only sends differences
- Conflicts can be detected
- Systems for this include

  RCS : Revision Control System (single files only)
  CVS : Concurrent Versions System, replaces RCS
  subversion : Replacement for CVS
  git : Alternate system designed by Linus Torvalds

How is "versioning software" relevant?

You can often obtain the source code directly from the repository

- You can get the *latest* version of the code
- Pretty easy to do, e.g.

```
svn checkout url Working/Copy/Dir
```

- Easy to update to newer versions, later

However:

- You won't be able to upload any changes
- Requires Internet connection

For more info:

- `http://svnbook.red-bean.com/`
- `http://git-scm.com/`

Some related utilities

`diff`: compare files line by line

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  - Ways to deal with two people changing the same file

Obtaining software, summary

Choose between

1. Download and unpack an archive file
   - Compressed tarball, source RPM, or other format
   - Might need to apply patches as well
2. Connect to a repository and check out a working copy
   - Using `CVS`, `subversion`, or `git`
3. Remote copy from somewhere using `rsync`

Not all of these choices may be available

- Depends on what developers make available

Configuring software — why do I need to?

- Supporting libraries may differ slightly on different systems
- Libraries may be in different locations
  - E.g., `/lib` or `/usr/lib` or `/usr/local/lib`?
- Which C standard is used in the source?
  - E.g., C90, C99, C11?
- There may be choices to enable or disable features
  - This is one reason to read the documentation

Common configuration models

None : the developer(s) provide nothing for configuration

- Easy for the developer
- Easy for you — unless it doesn't build

Static : choose from a few "canned" options

- For example,
  - On BSD, do this ...
  - On Linux, do this ...
  - On Darwin (Mac OS X), do this ...
- Better than "none", anyway

Dynamic : run a program to determine system capabilities

- E.g., find location of required libraries
- Can often pass options to this program
- Did I mention — read the documentation?

Configuration programs

Common things you run for "dynamic" configuration

`xmkmf` : common for X applications

- Finds location of X headers, fonts, libraries, etc.

`./config` or

`./configure` : local configuration script

- Might be generated by another program you have to run first
- (Most) GNU software does this
  - Need "auto" tools: `automake`, `autoconf`, ...
- Can pass options, some are "standard", e.g.,

```
./configure CFLAGS=-O3 --without-gmp
```

- Read the documentation!

make

- Utility to update files
- Uses a set of rules, in a makefile
  - Usually, named `makefile` or `Makefile`
- Rules say how files can be built (targets)
- Rules specify dependencies
  - When dependencies change, target must be rebuilt

So, how do I use `make` to build software?

- Assuming the developers have done their jobs...
- Simply type "`make`"
- You should do this as an ordinary user, not `root`
  - Even for "system" software
- Read comics, check your mail, etc., while everything builds
- Read the documentation to be sure this is right

Typical useful `make` targets

`make` or

`make all` : should build everything

`make clean` : remove compiled binaries

`make distclean` : revert to "freshly unpacked tarball" state

- Useful if you need to start over, e.g., reconfigure and rebuild

`make check` : run tests (if developers made some)

`make install` : install

- You may want to do this by hand
- Or at least be sure it will install where you want
- May need to do this as root (depending on where it will be installed)

`make` and the configuration models

None : the developers give you a `makefile`

- Be wary if they do not

Static : typically, different `makefiles` for different systems

Dynamic : the `makefile` is built for you

- `xmkmf`
  - Produces a `makefile`
- `./configure`
  - Produces a `makefile`
  - Usually produces other things (e.g., `config.h`)

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- Ordinary executables should go in some `bin`:

  `/bin`, `/usr/bin`, `/usr/local/bin`, or even `/opt/bin`

- "System management" executables should go in some `sbin`:

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- Libraries should go in some `lib`:

  `/lib`, `/usr/lib`, `/usr/local/lib`, `/opt/lib`

Where to put things

`http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Filesystem_Hierarchy_Standard`

`/bin, /sbin, /lib`

- Essential utilities and libraries
- E.g., things *always* needed, like `bash`, `ls`, `cp`

`/usr/bin, /usr/sbin, /usr/lib`

- Utilities and libraries, maintained by distribution
- Things like `yum`, `firefox`

`/usr/local/bin, /usr/local/sbin, /usr/local/lib`

- Utilities and libraries, "local to this machine"
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`/opt/bin, /opt/lib, /opt/local/bin, /opt/local/lib`

- Things that don't integrate well
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`~/bin, ~/lib`

- For "personal" copies of software

Typical `./configure` directory settings

`http://www.gnu.org/prep/standards/html_node/Directory-Variables.html`

`prefix`

- Prefix for where things should be installed
- E.g., `/usr`, `/usr/local`
- Does not include the final `bin` or `lib`

`exec_prefix`

- Often, the same as `prefix`
- Prefix for executables and libraries

Example:

```
./configure --prefix=/opt/local
```

Read the documentation to be sure!

You mean we might see "errors"?

- Yes, it is much more common than errors using `yum`
- Errors may occur at *any* point:

  configure, build, install, run

Troubleshooting, step 1

- Read the documentation
- There may be a "troubleshooting" section
- There may be some known issues
  - and ways to fix them

Troubleshooting configuration errors

- These errors are *your friends*
- Typical cause: a required library or tool is missing
- Configure errors *should* make this clear

Solutions if the library is not installed

1. Download and install the library
   - Either as a package or "by hand"
2. May be able to disable features that require the missing library

But what if the library is installed?

- The library is not where `configure` expects
  - This error prevented later build or run-time problems
- See if there is a `configure` option to specify library locations
- Hack: make a symbolic link to where the library is expected

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- These errors can be tough to decipher
- These errors can be tough to fix
- May be caused by missing library
  - It can be *much* less obvious, "which one"
- May be caused by path problems
- May in fact be caused by errors in the C code
  - . . . which you are, of course, free to try and fix

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- Did you try to install to a path that does not exist?

High-level package management

apt : Debian's package system

dnf : Replacement for yum

yum : Fedora/Red Hat package system

Low-level package management

dpkg : Debian Package; for `.deb` files

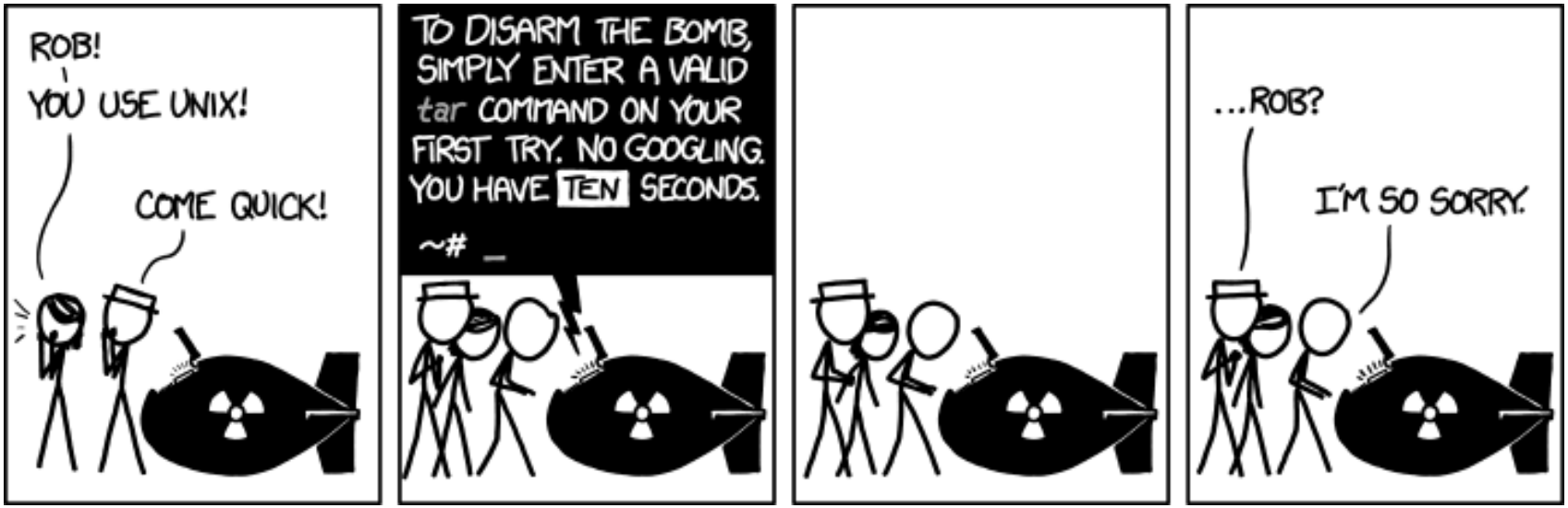
rpm : Red Had Package Manager; for `.rpm` files

General utilities, useful for installing from source

- diff : show file differences
- make : build something
- patch : apply changes to a file
- rsync : remote file copy
- tar : manage archive files
- unzip : unpack a “zip” archive
- zip : pack a “zip” archive

Read the documentation

An appropriate xkcd comic: http://xkcd.com/1168



End of lecture