CSE320 System Fundamentals II

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Topics

Command Options

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More Unix Commands

- Process status and control commands
- File ownership and permissions
- Locating files in a directory tree

Command History

Custom Commands



Command Options

Unix options communicate specific customizations to a program or command

Styles

- '-' followed by a single character (usually from a-zA-Z0-9)
 - Multiple options can be squashed together (i.e.: '-a -e -f' can be specified '-aef')
 - Ordering of options usually doesn't matter

- '--' followed by a string (i.e. --no-uid-translation)
 - Double dash is used to avoid confusion with multiple 'old style' options as shown above
- Both option types may take an 'argument'
 - Argument must be next on the command line (i.e. -o filename)
 - Sometimes '=' is used between the option and argument



Environment Variables

Environment variables:

- store information about the user and process
- Help provide needed context to applications

Important variables:

- HOME This is the user's home directory
- PATH This contains a list of directories to be searched for commands and programs. Directories are ':' separated
- USER This contains the name of the logged in user
- PWD This holds the current working directory. The value can be changed but doing so will not affect the working directory.



Manipulating Environment Variables

printenv

Prints the values of all environment variables

echo \$VARNAME

Displays contents of VARNAME

unset VARNAME

Deletes the named environment variable

export VARNAME='string'

Sets VARNAME to the provided value



Process Status and Control

ps [options]

Provides information about running processes

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- Stops running program
- Process is deleted
- Process resources (memory, devices) are freed

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- Suspends running program
- Process and resources are still present



Process Status and Control

jobs

- This lists the processes in the immediate 'process tree'
- jobs are shown as : [jobnum]<+/-> command
 - The job number is a small integer assigned by the OS.
 - + indicates it is the top backround job that will be pulled to foreground with 'fg'
 - · 'command' shows the entire command line originally used to start the job
- -I option adds process id to displayed information

bg <jobnum>

- Continues running program indicated by <jobnum> in the background
- Keyboard commands do not affect background process

fg **<jobnum>**

Continues running program indicated by <jobnum> in the foreground

kill **<pid>**

- Stops program running in process indicated by process id <pid>
- Deletes process
- Use -9 option if kill does not work



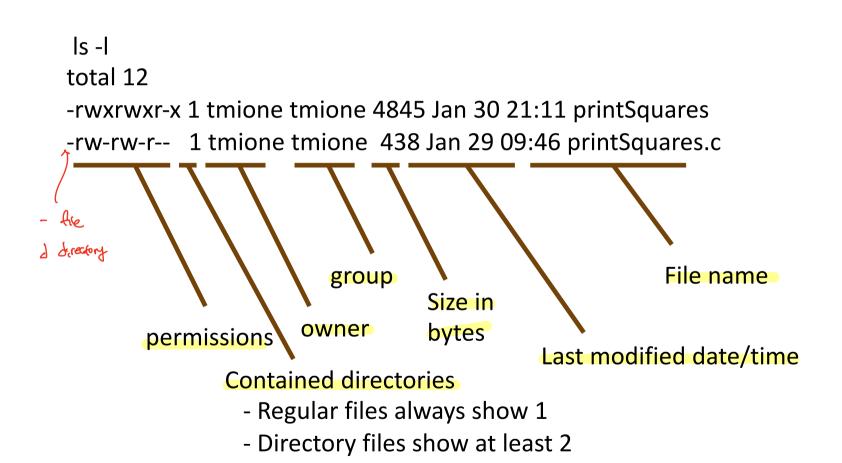
'Long' directory listing

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Lists files in a directory with extra information ('long')



Interpreting 'Long' directory listing



Exercise

Connect to /repository/common

Use 'ls –l' to look at detailed information on files in the directory

- List owner accounts for various files
- List some of the 'groups' owning files
- Are any protected against group and/or world access
- Are there any very large files or very small files?
- What is the oldest file in the directory



File ownership

Files are owned by a user

Files also have an associated 'group'

chown <username> <filename>

Changes the owner of <filename> to the user <username>

chgrp <groupname> <filename>

- Changes the group of <filename> to the group <groupname>
- Some systems allow chown <user>.<group> <filename>



File permissions

File permissions

- 9 characters
- Format : tuuugggooo
 - 't' is type ('-'=file, 'd'=directory, 'b'=block device, 'c'=char device)
 - Each triplet represents read, write, execute (rwx) permissions for a user or subset of users
 - uuu 'owning user'
 - ggg 'group' permissions
 - ooo 'other' permissions
 - '-' in a position means 'not permitted'



Changing File Permissions

chmod — Change Mode — changes file permissions

- chmod <perms> <filename>
- <perms> can be given
 - As a combination of sets and permissions:
 - o+x Add execution permission for 'others'
 - o-rwx Remove read, write, and execute from 'others'
 - As a 3 digit octal number where each octal digit is the permissions for a class of user:
 - 700 Provide read, write, and execute for the owning user, no permissions for anyone else
 - 660 Provide read and write for the owning user and group. No access is provided for others



File permissions examples

drwxr-xr-x

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Directory file
owner can read, write, and execute (search)
group can read and execute (search)
'other' users can read and execute (search)

-rwxrw-rw-
regular file
owner can read, write, and execute
group can read and write (but not execute)
'other' users can read and write (but not execute)
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Locating files

'Is' is not good at locating files in a large directory subtree

'find' searches a subtree for files with matching criteria

find <top_path> [options] [expression]

- <top_path> should be the top directory where the search will start
- [options] Provide details to restrict scope of search (maxdepth, mindepth, etc)
- [expression] These provide search parameters



Locating files

'find' options

- -maxdepth # Do not descend past '#' directory levels
- -mindepth # Do not test for files above '#' directory levels

'find' expression predicates

- -name '<filespec>'
 - <filespec> can contain wildcards (*, ?, [character class], etc.
 - Must be in "!
- -iname '<filespec>' like -name but match is case insensitive
- -empty Empty files (or directories)



Locating Files

'find' expression predicates

- -amin # Files that were

 - # accessed '#' minutes ago-# accessed less than '#' minutes ago
 - +# accessed more than '#' minutes ago
- -cmin # Files that were changed '#' minutes ago (see –amin)
- -readable, -executable, -writable
- -type 't' (d=directory, c=char special, b=block special, f=regular file, l=symbolic link, etc)
- -size # Files that are (>,<,=) '#' units large (Supports +/-)
 - #k # * 1024
 - #M # * 1024 * 1024
 - #G # * 1024 * 1024 * 1024



'Find' Activity

Locate all directories under /usr/include

Locate executable files in /usr/include that are not directory files

Locate executable files in /usr/bin that are not directory files

Locate files in the /usr/include tree whose names end with 'ab.h'



Command History

Unix will save recent commands

Environment variables (place definitions in .bashrc)

- HISTSIZE number of commands to save
- HISTFILESIZE number of commands to save across sessions
- HISTFILE File in which to save history

history – lists entire saved command history

'!' recalls commands or parts of commands

- !# recalls command '#' from list
- !-# Recalls '#'th previous command
- !! recalls previous command
- !<string> Recalls most recent command starting '<string>'



Command History

- ':' after recall command specifies what part of the command to recall
 - ^ recall first argument
 - \$ recall last argument
 - # recall '#'th argument
 - n-m recall 'n'th through 'm'th argument



Custom Commands

alias <commandname>='<command and arguments>'

- Creates a command (<commandname>) that translates to the remaining text
- Can place these in .bashrc so they are present each time you start a shell
- Examples:
 - · alias direct='ls-l | grep "^d" ← olym xaring direct over 報告 場片 %
 - alias tmpfiles='ls -l *.tmp'
 - alias dgcc='gcc –O0 –ggdb'



Exercise

Create a couple of custom commands with the 'alias' command

Try those commands out and see that they work

Edit your .bashrc file to add the alias commands to it. Doing this will cause those special commands to be defined each time you log in.



Questions?

