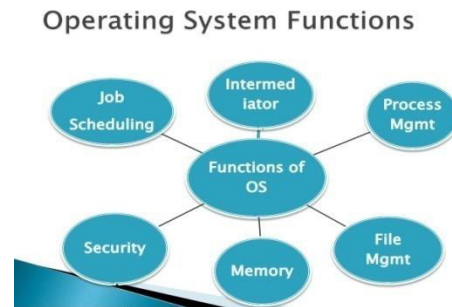
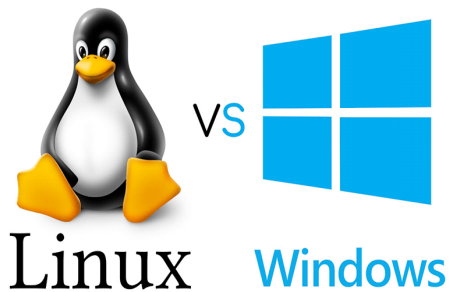


Week2Day2 : Unix/Linux Operating Systems, Automating Linux Installation, Boot Terminology, Directory Structure, CLI, Shell Programming, Permissions



- **Linux provides the following methods for installing the Linux operating system:**
 - **Locally:**
 - From the DVD
 - From the hard disk
 - **Across the Network:**
 - Using the NFS
 - From the File Transfer Protocol (FTP) server
 - From the Hypertext Transfer Protocol (HTTP) server

Automating the Linux Installation

- If you are installing linux on multiple computers, you can save considerable time by saving the answers to questions that are generally asked during installation.
- The method of automating the installation procedure of Linux is called kickstart installation.
- To perform a kickstart installation, perform the following steps:
 1. Create a kickstart file.
 2. Copy the kickstart file available on a floppy disk or on the network.
 3. Create the installation tree for network installation.
 4. Start the kickstart installation.

Kickstart Configuration

- When you install Fedora Linux, a configuration file called *anaconda-ks.cfg* is automatically created in the /root directory.
- A Kickstart file to facilitate an automatic installation can be created by:
 - Editing this text file directly at the command -line
 - Creating the Kickstart file from scratch at the command-line
 - Editing an anaconda-ks.cfg file using the GUI-based Kickstart Configurator utility or by
 - Creating the Kickstart file from scratch using the Kickstart Configurator.

- The DNF package manager offers robust features for installing, updating, and removing packages.
- Dandified yum, better known as DNF, is a software package manager for RPM-based Linux distributions that installs, updates, and removes packages.
- It was first introduced in Fedora 18 in a testable state (i.e., tech preview), but it's been Fedora's default package manager since Fedora 22.

DNF vs Yum

S.No	DNF (Dandified YUM)	YUM (Yellowdog Updater, Modified)
1	DNF uses 'libsolv' for dependency resolution, developed and maintained by SUSE.	YUM uses the public API for dependency resolution
2	API is fully documented	API is not fully documented
3	It is written in C, C++, Python	It is written only in Python
4	DNF is currently used in Fedora, Red Hat Enterprise Linux 8 (RHEL), CentOS 8, OEL 8 and Mageia 6/7.	YUM is currently used in Red Hat Enterprise Linux 6/7 (RHEL), CentOS 8, OEL 6/7.
5	DNF supports various extensions	Yum supports only Python-based extension

DNF vs Yum

6	The API is well documented so it's easy to create new features	It is very difficult to create new features because the API is not properly documented.
7	The DNF uses less memory when synchronizing the metadata of the repositories.	The YUM uses excessive memory when synchronizing the metadata of the repositories.
8	DNF uses a satisfiability algorithm to solve dependency resolution (It's using a dictionary approach to store and retrieve package and dependency information).	Yum dependency resolution gets sluggish due to public API.
9	All performance is good in terms of memory usage and dependency resolution of repository metadata.	Overall performance is poor in terms of many factors.
10	DNF Update: If a package contains irrelevant dependencies during a DNF update process, the package will not be updated.	YUM will update a package without verifying this.

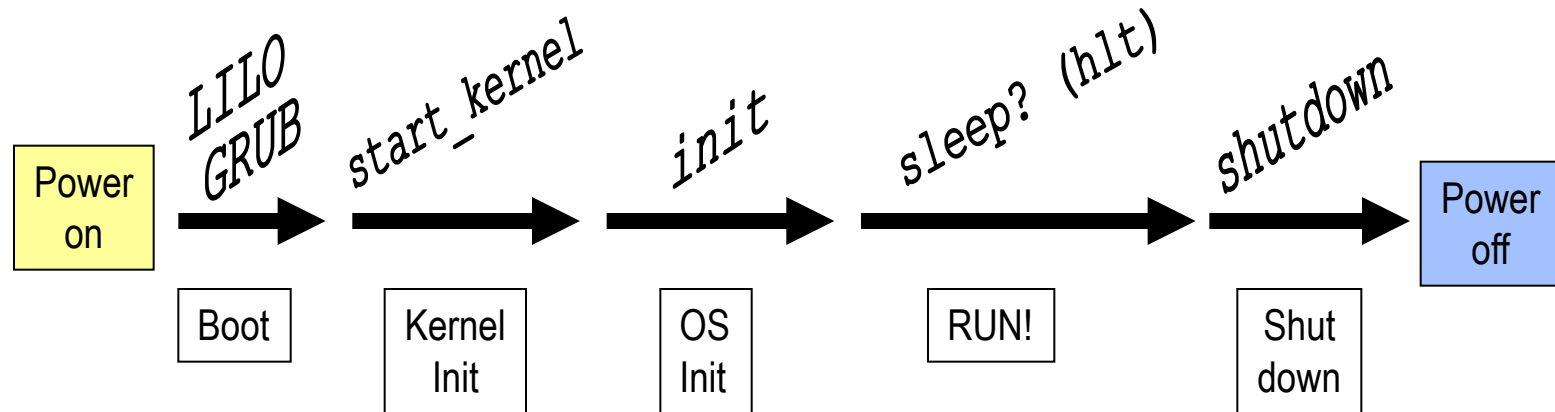
DNF vs Yum

S.No	DNF (Dandified YUM)	YUM (Yellowdog Updater, Modified)
11	If the enabled repository does not respond, dnf will skip it and continue the transaction with the available repositories.	If a repository is not available, YUM will stop immediately.
12	dnf update and dnf upgrade are equals.	It's different in yum
13	The dependencies on package installation are not updated	Yum offered an option for this behavior
14	Clean-up Package Removal: When removing a package, dnf automatically removes any dependency packages not explicitly installed by the user.	Yum didn't do this
15	Repo Cache Update Schedule: By default, ten minutes after the system boots, updates to configured repositories are checked by dnf hourly. This action is controlled by the system timer unit named <code>"/usr/lib/systemd/system/dnf-makecache.timer"</code> .	Yum do this too.

DNF vs Yum

16	Kernel packages are not protected by dnf. Unlike Yum, you can delete all kernel packages, including one that runs.	Yum will not allow you to remove the running kernel
17	<p>libsolv: for solving packages and reading repositories.</p> <p>hawkey: hawkey, library providing simplified C and Python API to libsolv.</p> <p>librepo: library providing C and Python (libcURL like) API for downloading linux repository metadata and packages.</p> <p>libcomps: Libcomps is alternative for yum.comps library. It's written in pure C as library and there's bindings for python2 and python3</p>	Yum does not use separate libraries to perform this function.
18	DNF contains 29k lines of code	Yum contains 56k lines of code
19	DNF was developed by Ales Kozumplik	YUM was developed by Zdenek Pavlas, Jan Silhan and team members

System Lifecycle: Ups & Downs



Boot Terminology

- **Loader:**
 - Program that moves bits from disk (usually) to memory and then transfers CPU control to the newly “loaded” bits (executable).
- **Bootloader / Bootstrap:**
 - Program that loads the “first program” (the kernel).
- **Boot PROM / PROM Monitor / BIOS:**
 - Persistent code that is “already loaded” on power-up.
- **Boot Manager:**
 - Program that lets you choose the “first program” to load.

- A versatile boot manager that supports:
 - Choice of Linux kernels.
 - Boot time kernel parameters.
 - Booting non-Linux kernels.
 - A variety of configurations.
- Characteristics:
 - Lives in MBR or partition boot sector.
 - Has no knowledge of filesystem structure so...
 - Builds a sector “map file” (block map) to find kernel.
- /sbin/lilo – “map installer”.
 - /etc/lilo.conf is lilo configuration file.

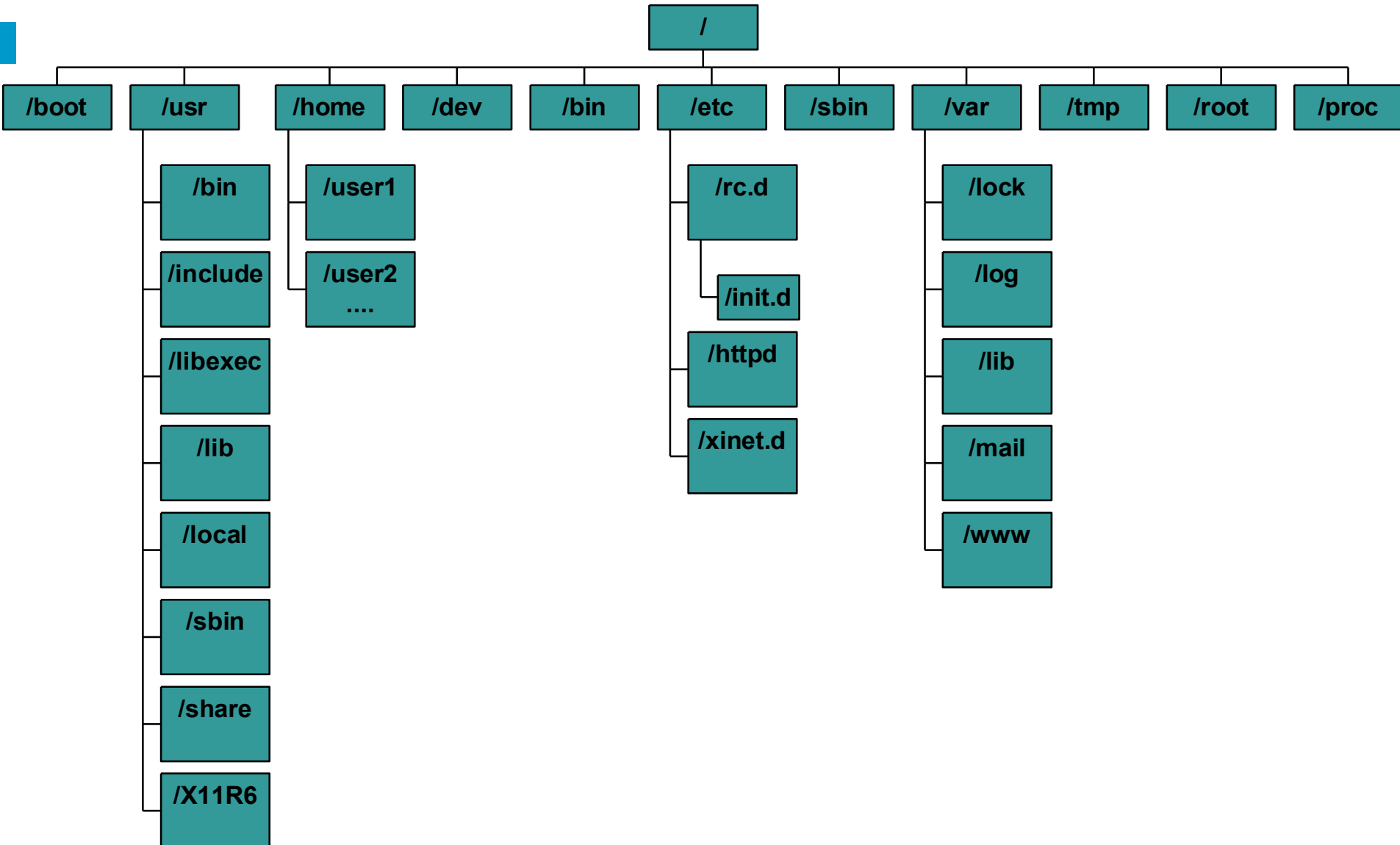
Example lilo.conf File

```
boot=/dev/hda
map=/boot/map
install=/boot/boot.b
prompt
timeout=50
default=linux

image=/boot/vmlinuz-2.2.12-20
    label=linux
    initrd=/boot/initrd-2.2.12-20.img
    read-only
    root=/dev/hda1
```

- **Ancestor of all processes.**
- **Controls transitions between “runlevels”:**
 - 0: shutdown
 - 1: single-user
 - 2: multi-user (no NFS)
 - 3: full multi-user
 - 5: X11
 - 6: reboot
- **Executes startup/shutdown scripts for each runlevel.**

Linux Directory Tree



/ (root directory)

- The root directory is the top of the filesystem hierarchy.
- The contents of the root filesystem must contain all the files needed
 - to boot,
 - restore,
 - recover,
 - and repair the system.

Linux Directory Structure

/bin

- bin directory contains several useful commands that are of use to both the system administrator as well as non-privileged users.
- These are required commands when no other file systems are mounted.
- It usually contains the shells like bash, csh, etc.... and commonly used commands like cp, mv, rm, cat, ls.
- contains essential system programs that must be available even if only the partition containing / is mounted.

/boot

- The /boot directory contains all files, except configuration files, needed to boot the operating system.
- The /boot stores data that is used before the kernel begins executing user-mode programs.
- This may include redundant (back-up) master boot records, sector/system map files, the kernel and other important boot files and data that is not directly edited by hand.

Linux Directory Structure

/dev

- The /dev directory contains file system entries which represent devices that are part of the system.
- Some common device files as well as their equivalent counterparts under Windows that you may wish to remember are:

- **/dev/ttyS0** (First communications port, COM1) First serial port (mice, modems).
- **/dev/psaux** (PS/2) PS/2 mouse connection (mice, keyboards).
- **/dev/lp0** (First printer port, LPT1) First parallel port (printers, scanners, etc).

Linux Directory Structure

/etc

- This is the nerve center of your system,
- it contains all system related configuration files in here or in its sub-directories.
- A "configuration file" is defined as a local file used to control the operation of a program; it must be static and cannot be an executable binary.
- For this reason, it's a good idea to backup this directory regularly.
- It will definitely save you a lot of re-configuration later if you re-install or lose your current installation.
- Normally, no binaries should be or are located here.

/home

- /home directory contains a subdirectory for each user added to the system.
- you can write files, delete them, install programs, etc....
- Your home directory contains your personal configuration files, dot files (their name is preceded by a dot).
- Personal configuration files are usually 'hidden', if you want to see them, run ls with the -a switch.
- If there is a conflict between personal and system wide configuration files, the settings in the personal file will prevail.

Linux Directory Structure

/lib

- The /lib directory contains kernel modules and those shared library images (the C programming code library) needed to boot the system and run the commands in the root filesystem, ie. by binaries in /bin and /sbin.
- Libraries are readily identifiable through their filename extension of *.so. Windows equivalent to a shared library would be a DLL (dynamically linked library) file.
- They are essential for basic system functionality. Kernel modules (drivers) are in the subdirectory /lib/modules/'kernel-version'.

/mnt

- **This is a generic mount point under which you mount your filesystems or devices.**
- **Mounting is the process by which you make a filesystem available to the system.**
- **After mounting your files will be accessible under the mount-point. This directory usually contains mount points or sub-directories where you mount your CD.**

/opt

- This directory is reserved for all the software and add-on packages that are not part of the default installation.
- For example, StarOffice, Kylix, Netscape Communicator and WordPerfect packages are normally found here.
- All third party applications should be installed in this directory.
- Although most distributions neglect to create the directories /opt/bin, /opt/doc, /opt/include, /opt/info, /opt/lib, and /opt/man they are reserved for local system administrator use.

/proc-

- /proc is very special in that it is also a virtual filesystem.
- It's sometimes referred to as a process information pseudo-file system.
- It doesn't contain 'real' files but runtime system information (e.g. system memory, devices mounted, hardware configuration, etc).
- By altering files located in this directory you can even read/change kernel parameters (sysctl) while the system is running.
- The /proc filesystem is used to handle storage and retrieval of process information.

/usr

- /usr usually contains by far the largest share of data on a system.
- Contains all the user binaries, their documentation, libraries, header files, etc.... X and its supporting libraries can be found here. User programs like telnet, ftp, etc.... are also placed here

/var

- Contains variable data like system logging files, mail and printer spool directories, and transient and temporary files.
- Some portions of /var are not shareable between different systems.
- /var' contains variable data, i.e. files and directories the system must be able to write to during operation, whereas /usr should only contain static data.

Linux Directory Structure

/root

- The /root directory is the home directory of the root user.

•/sbin-

- The /sbin directory contains utilities used for system administration.
- These utilities are executed after /usr is known to be mounted and there are no problems.

•/tmp-

- This directory contains mostly files that are required temporarily.
- These files are lost if the system restarts.

Simple Commands

- ***simple command***: sequence of non blanks arguments separated by blanks or tabs.
- 1st argument (numbered zero) usually specifies the name of the command to be executed.
- Any remaining arguments:
 - Are passed as arguments to that command.
 - Arguments may be filenames, pathnames, directories or special options (up to command)
 - Special characters are interpreted by shell

A simple example

```
$ ls -l /bin
```

```
-rwxr-xr-x 1 root sys 43234 jan 2 2023 date
```

```
$
```

prompt

command

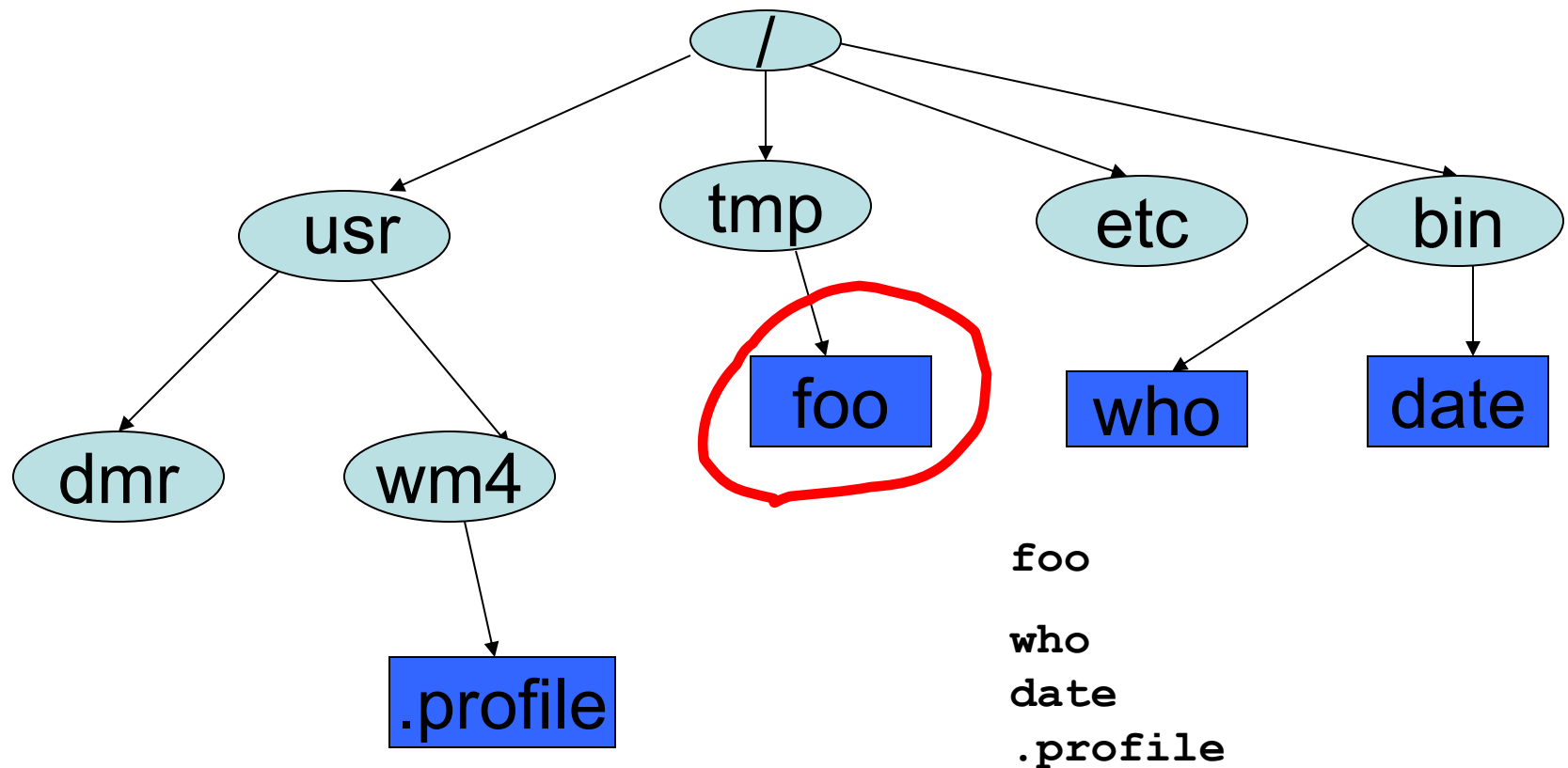
options

arguments

- Execute a basic command
- Parsing into command in arguments is called *splitting*

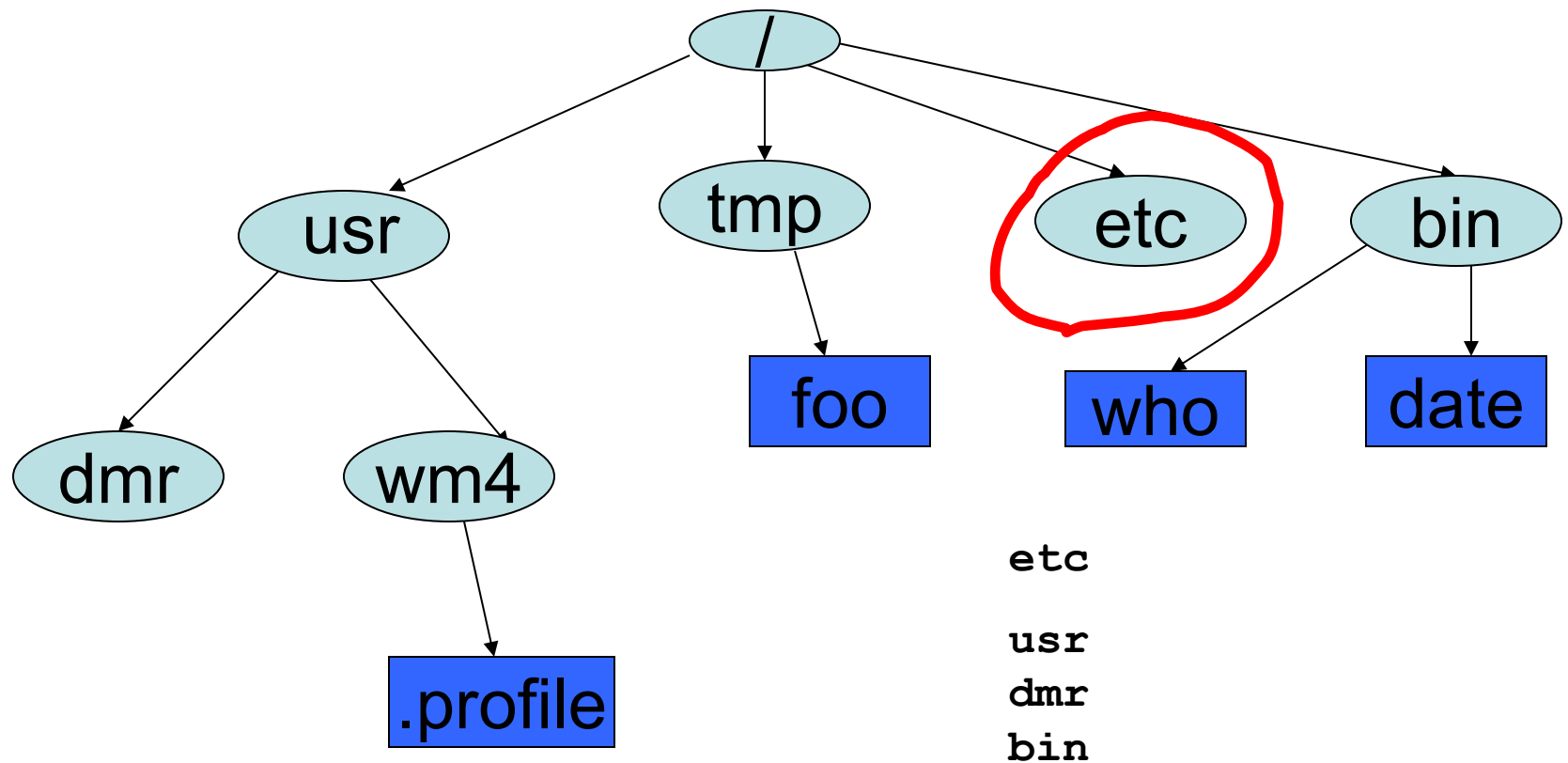
Filenames

*A sequence of characters other than slash. **Case sensitive.***



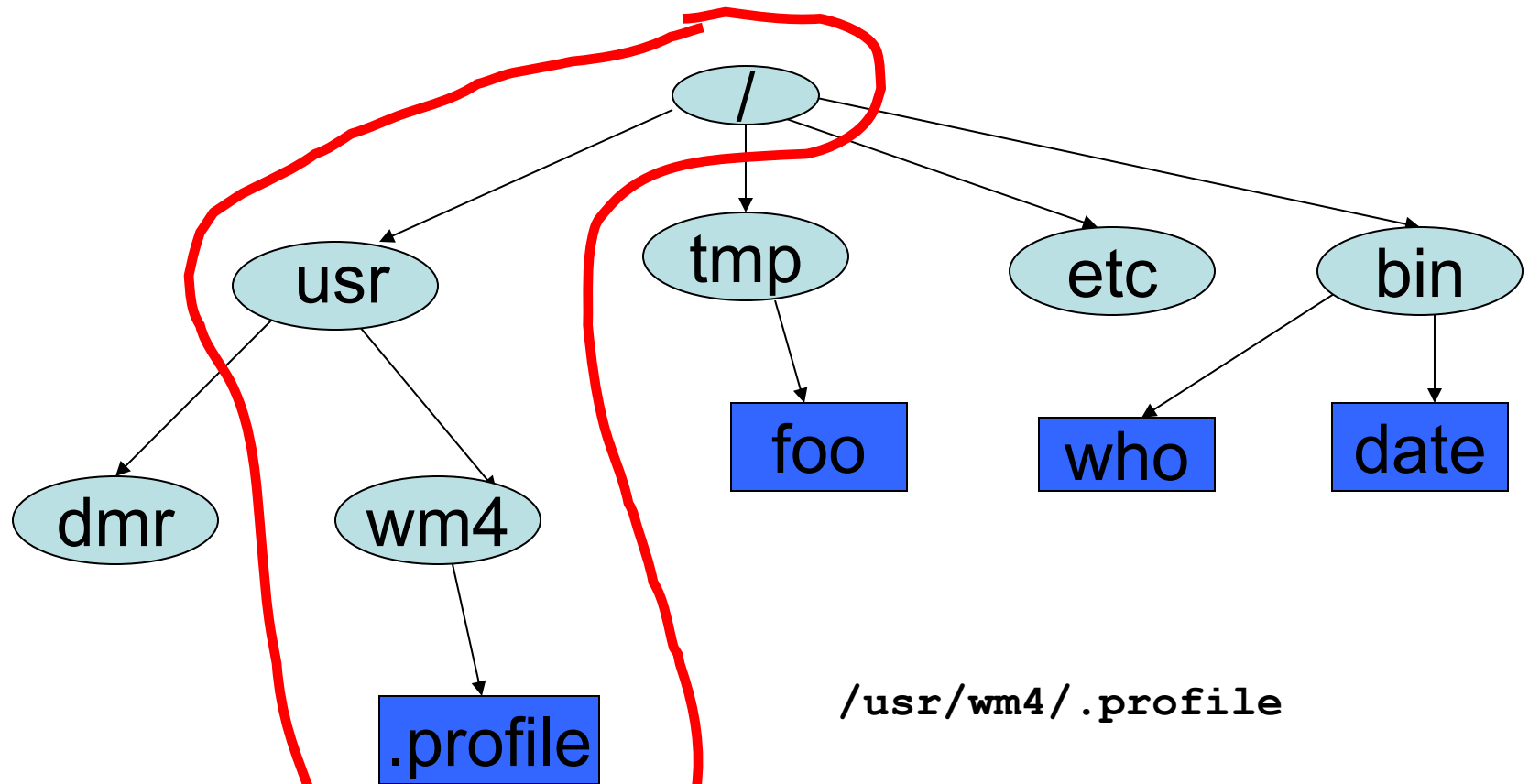
Directory

*Holds a set of files or other directories. **Case sensitive.***



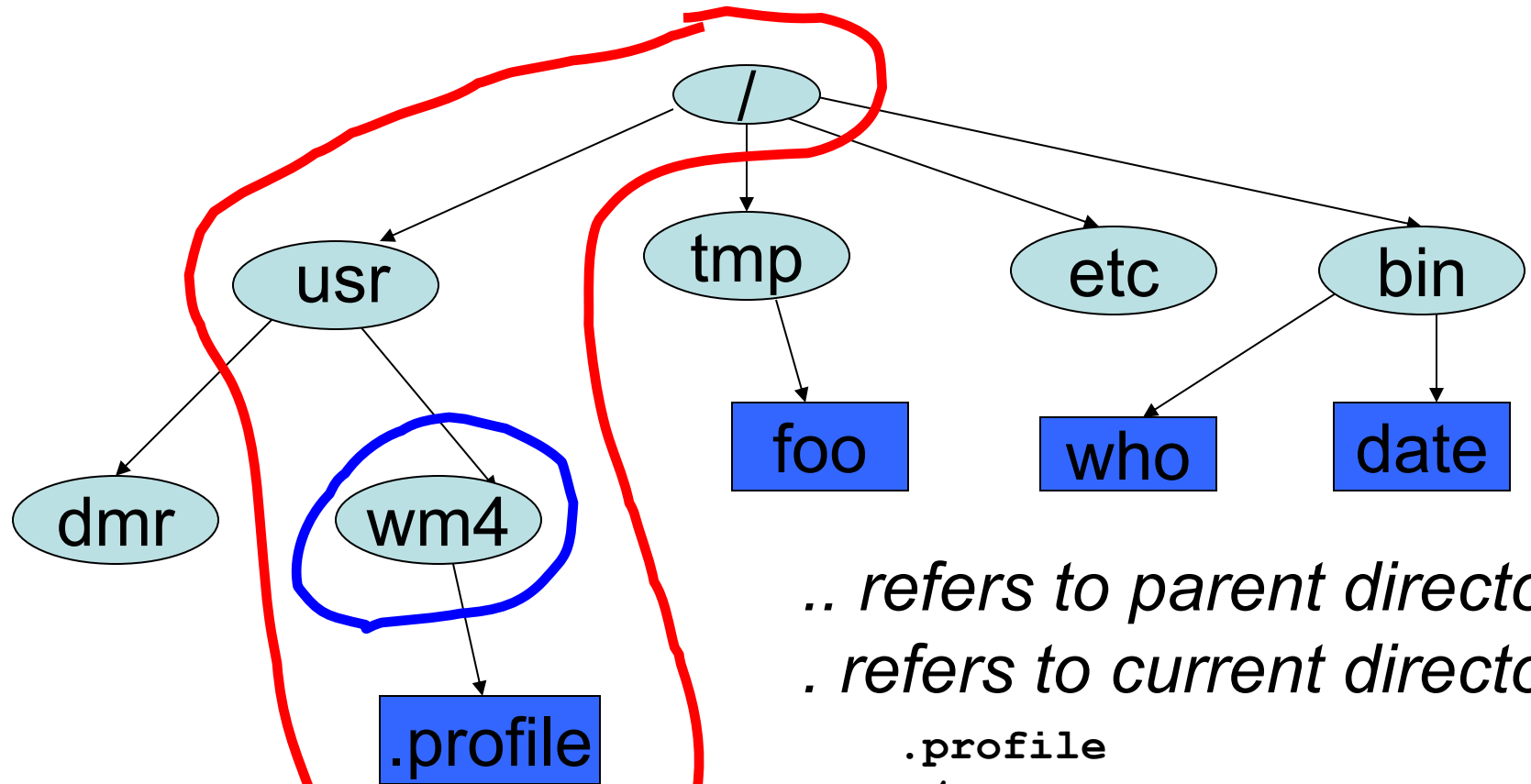
Pathname

A sequence of directory names followed by a simple filename, each separated from the previous one by a /



Relative Pathname

*A pathname relative to the working directory (as opposed to **absolute pathname**)*



.. refers to parent directory
. refers to current directory

`.profile`
`./ .profile`
`../wm4/.profile`

- **Files are just a sequence of bytes**
 - **No file types (data vs. executable)**
 - **No sections**
 - **Example of UNIX philosophy**
- **Directories are a list of files and status of the files:**
 - **Creation date**
 - **Attributes**
 - **etc.**

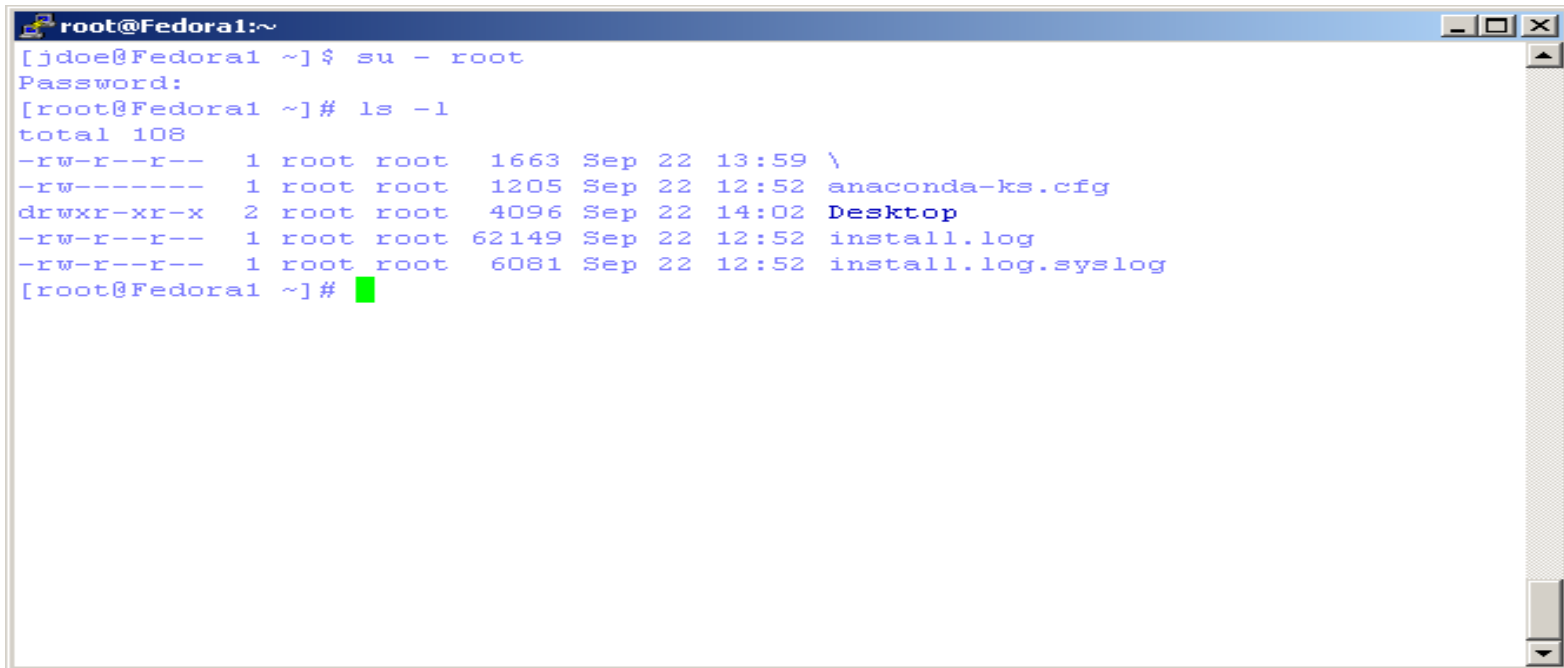
Mounting File Systems

- When UNIX is started, the directory hierarchy corresponds to the file system located on a single disk called the *root device*.
- *Mounting* allows root to splice the root directory of a file system into the existing directory hierarchy.
- File systems created on other devices can be attached to the original directory hierarchy using the mount mechanism.
- Commands `mount` and `umount` manage

Changing and Viewing Directories from the CLI

- When a user logs in to the Linux operating system the directory that they will start in is their home directory.
- Most users will have `/home/userid` as their home directory.
- The root user has `/root` as it's home directory.
- To view the contents of the current directory you can type:

`ls -l`



```
root@Fedora1:~  
[jdoe@Fedora1 ~]$ su - root  
Password:  
[root@Fedora1 ~]# ls -l  
total 108  
-rw-r--r--  1 root root  1663 Sep 22 13:59 \  
-rw-----  1 root root  1205 Sep 22 12:52 anaconda-ks.cfg  
drwxr-xr-x  2 root root  4096 Sep 22 14:02 Desktop  
-rw-r--r--  1 root root 62149 Sep 22 12:52 install.log  
-rw-r--r--  1 root root  6081 Sep 22 12:52 install.log.syslog  
[root@Fedora1 ~]#
```

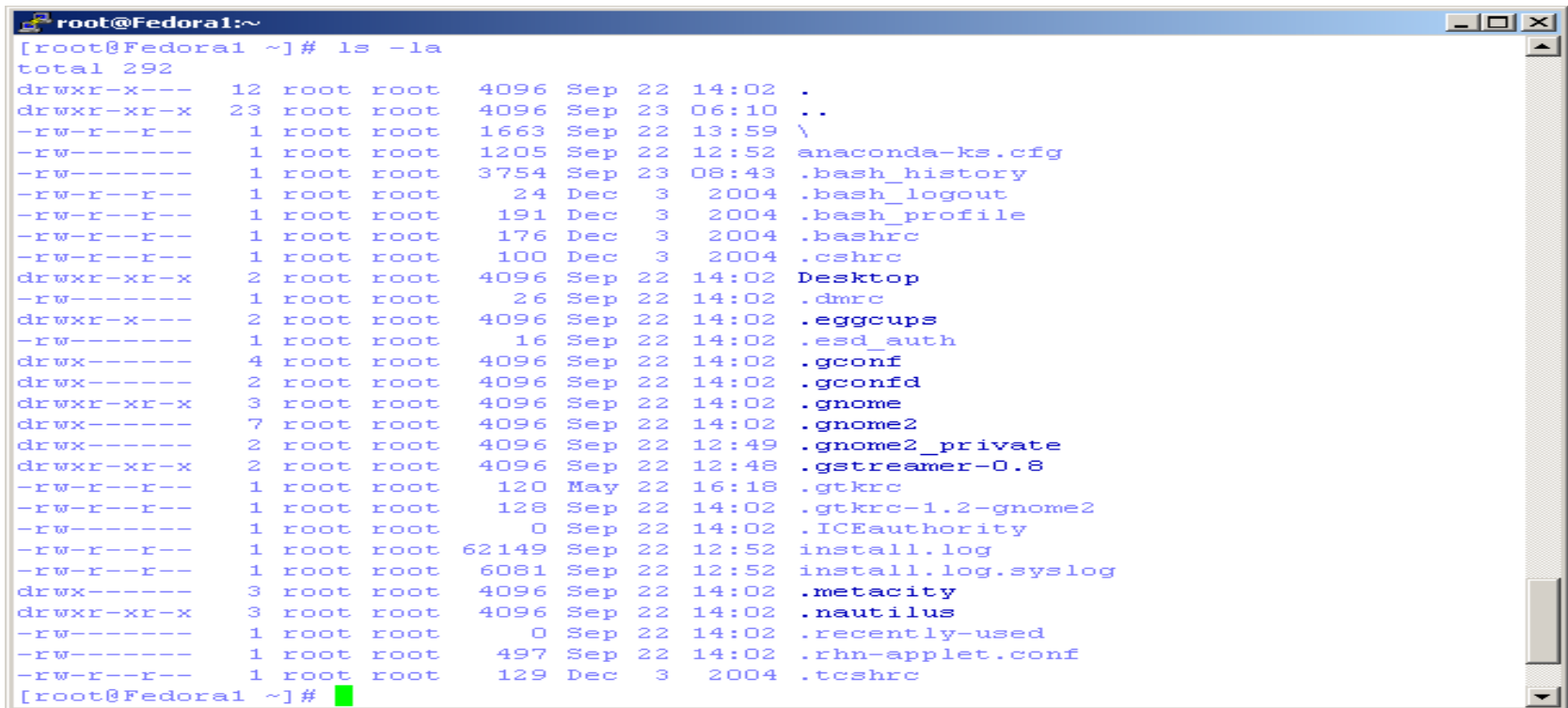
Changing and Viewing Directories from the CLI

- The **-l** option says to give a long list which includes
 - file permissions,
 - owner, group,
 - size (in bytes),
 - date created,
 - and filename.

Changing and Viewing Directories from the CLI

- You must have permission to read a directory before you can view it.
- You can view the hidden system files by including the `-la` option:

ls -la



```
root@Fedora1:~  
[root@Fedora1 ~]# ls -la  
total 292  
drwxr-x--- 12 root root 4096 Sep 22 14:02 .  
drwxr-xr-x 23 root root 4096 Sep 23 06:10 ..  
-rw-r--r-- 1 root root 1663 Sep 22 13:59 \  
-rw----- 1 root root 1205 Sep 22 12:52 anaconda-ks.cfg  
-rw----- 1 root root 3754 Sep 23 08:43 .bash_history  
-rw-r--r-- 1 root root 24 Dec 3 2004 .bash_logout  
-rw-r--r-- 1 root root 191 Dec 3 2004 .bash_profile  
-rw-r--r-- 1 root root 176 Dec 3 2004 .bashrc  
-rw-r--r-- 1 root root 100 Dec 3 2004 .cshrc  
drwxr-xr-x 2 root root 4096 Sep 22 14:02 Desktop  
-rw----- 1 root root 26 Sep 22 14:02 .dmrc  
drwxr-x--- 2 root root 4096 Sep 22 14:02 .eggccups  
-rw----- 1 root root 16 Sep 22 14:02 .esd_auth  
drwx----- 4 root root 4096 Sep 22 14:02 .gconf  
drwx----- 2 root root 4096 Sep 22 14:02 .gconfd  
drwxr-xr-x 3 root root 4096 Sep 22 14:02 .gnome  
drwx----- 7 root root 4096 Sep 22 14:02 .gnome2  
drwx----- 2 root root 4096 Sep 22 12:49 .gnome2_private  
drwxr-xr-x 2 root root 4096 Sep 22 12:48 .gststreamer-0.8  
-rw-r--r-- 1 root root 120 May 22 16:18 .gtkrc  
-rw-r--r-- 1 root root 128 Sep 22 14:02 .gtkrc-1.2-gnome2  
-rw----- 1 root root 0 Sep 22 14:02 .ICEauthority  
-rw-r--r-- 1 root root 62149 Sep 22 12:52 install.log  
-rw-r--r-- 1 root root 6081 Sep 22 12:52 install.log.syslog  
drwx----- 3 root root 4096 Sep 22 14:02 .metacity  
drwxr-xr-x 3 root root 4096 Sep 22 14:02 .nautilus  
-rw----- 1 root root 0 Sep 22 14:02 .recently-used  
-rw----- 1 root root 497 Sep 22 14:02 .rhn-applet.conf  
-rw-r--r-- 1 root root 129 Dec 3 2004 .tcshrc  
[root@Fedora1 ~]#
```

Changing and Viewing Directories from the CLI

- You can view specific files by including the filename or a filter of a group of filenames. To view the file named `install.log` type:

`ls -l install.log`

- You can list all files that start with the letters `install` by using the wildcard character (`*`). Type:

`ls -l install*`

Changing and Viewing Directories from the CLI

- You can include a path instead of just a filename to list. For example to view the contents of the / directory you can type:

ls /

- Notice the **-l** option was not used so the directory will display only the file and directory names, not the properties.
- To view the contents of the /var/log directory type:

ls /var/log

Changing and Viewing Directories from the CLI



```
root@Fedora1:~  
[root@Fedora1 ~]# ls -l install.log  
-rw-r--r-- 1 root root 62149 Sep 22 12:52 install.log  
[root@Fedora1 ~]# ls -l install*  
-rw-r--r-- 1 root root 62149 Sep 22 12:52 install.log  
-rw-r--r-- 1 root root 6081 Sep 22 12:52 install.log.syslog  
[root@Fedora1 ~]# ls /  
bin      dev      home     lost+found  misc      net      proc      sbin      srv      tmp      var  
boot     etc      lib      media      mnt       opt      root      selinux   sys      usr  
[root@Fedora1 ~]# ls /var/log  
acpid          boot.log      gdm           messages      scrollkeeper.log  wtmp  
anaconda.log   btmp         httpd         ppp           secure           Xorg.0.log  
anaconda.syslog cron          lastlog       prelink.log   spooler          Xorg.0.log.old  
anaconda.xlog  cups         mail          rpmpkgs       squid  
audit          dmesg        maillog       samba         vbox
```

Changing and Viewing Directories from the CLI 3

- Although you can view the contents of any directory from anywhere in the filesystem hierarchy you can also change to the individual directories.
- To change the current directory to the / directory type:
`cd /`
- To change to jsmith's Documents directory within his home directory type:
`cd /home/jsmith/Documents`

Changing and Viewing Directories from the CLI 3

- There are shortcut commands you can also use. For example, you can use the shortcut `..` change to the parent directory of the current directory by typing:

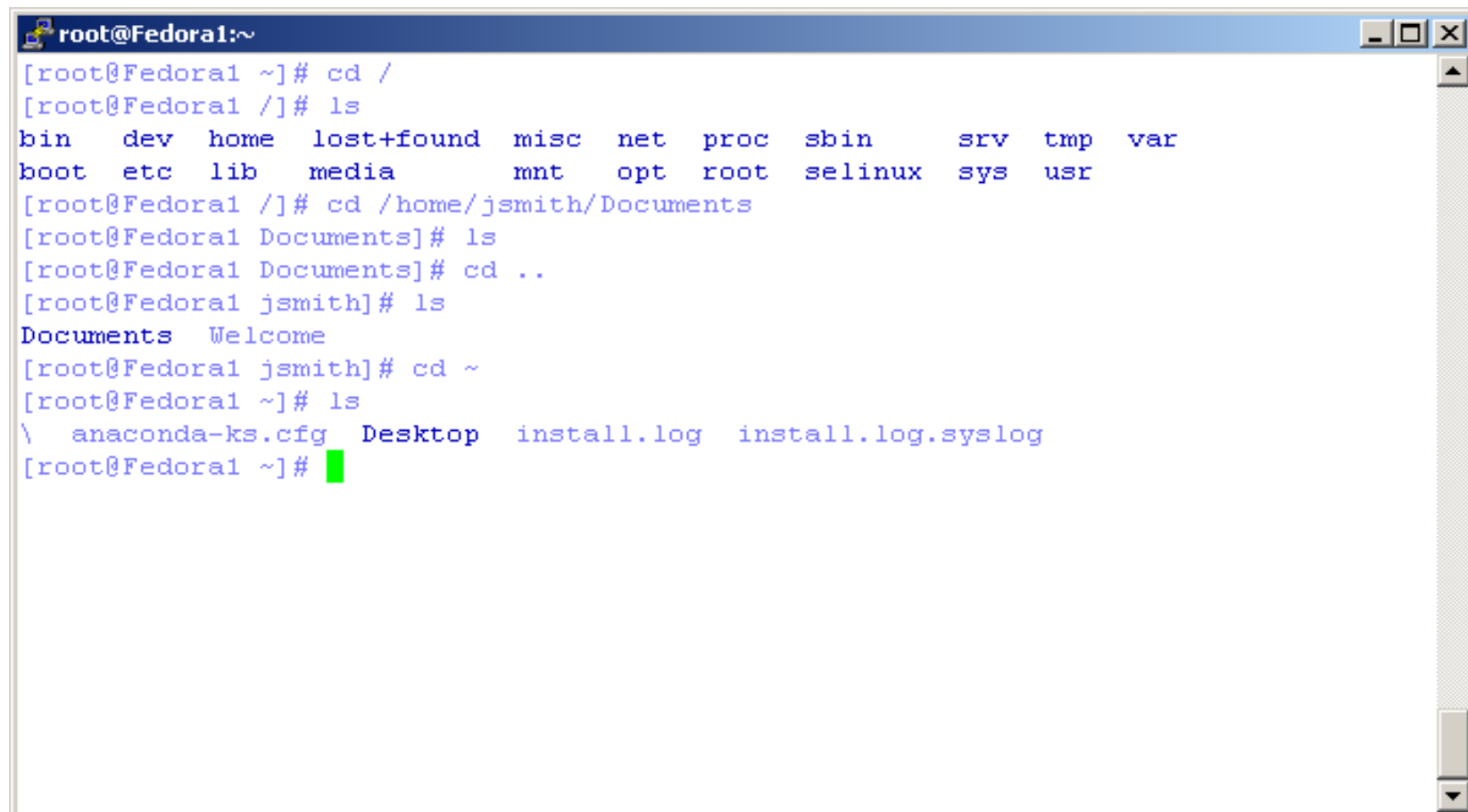
`cd ..`

- You can change to your home directory with the shortcut `~` by typing:

`cd ~`

- You can display the current directory by typing the `pwd` command.

Changing and Viewing Directories from the CLI 3



```
root@Fedora1:~  
[root@Fedora1 ~]# cd /  
[root@Fedora1 /]# ls  
bin    dev    home  lost+found  misc  net    proc  sbin    srv    tmp    var  
boot  etc    lib   media      mnt   opt    root  selinux  sys    usr  
[root@Fedora1 /]# cd /home/jsmith/Documents  
[root@Fedora1 Documents]# ls  
[root@Fedora1 Documents]# cd ..  
[root@Fedora1 jsmith]# ls  
Documents  Welcome  
[root@Fedora1 jsmith]# cd ~  
[root@Fedora1 ~]# ls  
\  anaconda-ks.cfg  Desktop  install.log  install.log.syslog  
[root@Fedora1 ~]#
```

Creating a Directory and File from the CLI

- You create a directory with the `mkdir` command. To create a directory called `scripts` in the current directory type:

`mkdir scripts`

- You can create a directory anywhere in the Linux filesystem hierarchy by including the full path in the directory name. To create a directory called `cron` in the `/etc/skel` directory type:

`mkdir /etc/skel/cron`

- You must have permission to write in a directory to create a subdirectory in that directory.

Creating a Directory and File from the CLI

- You already know you can create a file with vi and this is a preferred method if you are including content.
- If you only want the file and no content use the touch command.
- To create a file in the current directory called myFile type:
 touch myFile
 Notice the file size is 0.

Creating a Directory and File from the CLI

```
root@Fedora1:~  
[root@Fedora1 ~]# ls  
\ anaconda-ks.cfg Desktop install.log install.log.syslog  
[root@Fedora1 ~]# mkdir scripts  
[root@Fedora1 ~]# ls  
\ anaconda-ks.cfg Desktop install.log install.log.syslog scripts  
[root@Fedora1 ~]# ls /etc/skel  
Documents Welcome  
[root@Fedora1 ~]# mkdir /etc/skel/cron  
[root@Fedora1 ~]# ls /etc/skel  
cron Documents Welcome  
[root@Fedora1 ~]# touch myFile  
[root@Fedora1 ~]# ls -l  
total 120  
-rw-r--r-- 1 root root 1663 Sep 22 13:59 \  
-rw----- 1 root root 1205 Sep 22 12:52 anaconda-ks.cfg  
drwxr-xr-x 2 root root 4096 Sep 22 14:02 Desktop  
-rw-r--r-- 1 root root 62149 Sep 22 12:52 install.log  
-rw-r--r-- 1 root root 6081 Sep 22 12:52 install.log.syslog  
-rw-r--r-- 1 root root 0 Sep 23 09:01 myFile  
drwxr-xr-x 2 root root 4096 Sep 23 08:59 scripts  
[root@Fedora1 ~]#
```


Remove a Directory or File from the CLI

- To remove a directory use the `rmdir` command. To remove the `scripts` directory you created in the current directory type:

`rmdir scripts`

- You must have write permission to remove a directory.

Remove a Directory or File from the CLI

- To remove a directory that has other files within it use the **rm** command with the **-r** option (recursive).
- The **rm** command is used to delete files and, with the recursive option, directories and their contents as well.
- To remove the **/etc/skel/cron** directory and any files and directories that may be within it type:

```
rm -r /etc/skel/cron
```

- To remove one or more files use the **rm** command. To remove the file **Welcome** from the **/etc/skel** directory type:

```
rm /etc/skel/Welcome
```

Remove a Directory or File from the CLI

```
root@Fedora1:~  
[root@Fedora1 ~]# ls  
\  anaconda-ks.cfg  Desktop  install.log  install.log.syslog  myFile  scripts  
[root@Fedora1 ~]# rmdir scripts  
[root@Fedora1 ~]# ls  
\  anaconda-ks.cfg  Desktop  install.log  install.log.syslog  myFile  
[root@Fedora1 ~]# ls /etc/skel  
cron  Documents  Welcome  
[root@Fedora1 ~]# rm -r /etc/skel/cron  
rm: remove directory `/etc/skel/cron'? y  
[root@Fedora1 ~]# ls /etc/skel  
Documents  Welcome  
[root@Fedora1 ~]# rm /etc/skel/Welcome  
rm: remove regular file `/etc/skel/Welcome'? y  
[root@Fedora1 ~]# ls /etc/skel  
Documents  
[root@Fedora1 ~]#
```

Copying a file from the CLI

- Copy files with the `cp` command.
- When you copy a file you duplicate the file and its contents to another file.
- Filenames must be unique so if you copy the file to the same directory it must have a different name.
- To copy `/root/myFile` to the `/` directory type:
`cp /root/myFile /myFile`
- To copy `/root/myFile` to the `/` directory with the name `myFile2` type:
`cp /root/myFile /myFile2`

Copying a file from the CLI

- You can use wildcards with filenames as you did with the ls command.
- To copy /myFile and /myFile2 to the /root directory type:
`cp /myfile* /root`
- If you are replacing an existing file you will be prompted if it can be overwritten.

Copying a file from the CLI

```
root@Fedora1:~  
[root@Fedora1 ~]# ls  
\ anaconda-ks.cfg Desktop install.log install.log.syslog myFile  
[root@Fedora1 ~]# ls /  
bin dev home lost+found misc net proc sbin srv tmp var  
boot etc lib media mnt opt root selinux sys usr  
[root@Fedora1 ~]# cp /root/myFile /myFile  
[root@Fedora1 ~]# ls /  
bin dev home lost+found misc myFile opt root selinux sys usr  
boot etc lib media mnt net proc sbin srv tmp var  
[root@Fedora1 ~]# cp /root/myFile /myFile2  
[root@Fedora1 ~]# ls /  
bin dev home lost+found misc myFile net proc sbin srv tmp var  
boot etc lib media mnt myFile2 opt root selinux sys usr  
[root@Fedora1 ~]# cp /myFile* /root  
cp: overwrite '/root/myFile'? y  
[root@Fedora1 ~]# ls  
\ anaconda-ks.cfg Desktop install.log install.log.syslog myFile myFile2  
[root@Fedora1 ~]#
```

Moving a File from the CLI


- To move a file use the mv command. When you move a file to another file in the same directory you are essentially renaming the file.
- To move /root/myFile to /root/myFile2 type:
`mv /root/myFile /root/myFile2`

Moving a File from the CLI

- To move /root/myFile2 to /myFile type:
`mv /root/myFile2 /myFile`
- To move /myFile to /root/myFile type:
`mv /myFile /root/myFile`

You must have read and write permissions to move a file.

Moving a File from the CLI



```
root@Fedora1:~  
[root@Fedora1 ~]# ls  
\ anaconda-ks.cfg Desktop install.log install.log.syslog myFile  
[root@Fedora1 ~]# mv /root/myFile /root/myFile2  
[root@Fedora1 ~]# ls  
\ anaconda-ks.cfg Desktop install.log install.log.syslog myFile2  
[root@Fedora1 ~]# ls /  
bin    dev    home  lost+found  misc  net  proc  sbin      srv  tmp  var  
boot  etc    lib   media      mnt   opt  root  selinux   sys  usr  
[root@Fedora1 ~]# mv /root/myFile2 /myFile  
[root@Fedora1 ~]# ls  
\ anaconda-ks.cfg Desktop install.log install.log.syslog  
[root@Fedora1 ~]# ls /  
bin    dev    home  lost+found  misc  myFile  opt  root  selinux  sys  usr  
boot  etc    lib   media      mnt   net     proc sbin  srv      tmp  var  
[root@Fedora1 ~]# mv /myFile /root/myFile  
[root@Fedora1 ~]# ls /  
bin    dev    home  lost+found  misc  net  proc  sbin      srv  tmp  var  
boot  etc    lib   media      mnt   opt  root  selinux   sys  usr  
[root@Fedora1 ~]# ls  
\ anaconda-ks.cfg Desktop install.log install.log.syslog myFile  
[root@Fedora1 ~]#
```

A *shell* is a program that acts as the interface between you and the Linux system,

- Allowing you to enter commands for the operating system to execute.**
- it resembles the Windows command prompt**
- Linux shells are very powerful.**
- On Linux it's quite feasible to have multiple shells installed, with different users able to pick the one they prefer**
- Linux is so modular, you can slot in one of the many different shells in use, although most of them are derived from the original Bourne shell.**

- **To check shell:**
 - **\$ echo \$SHELL (shell is a pre-defined variable)**
- **switch shell:**
 - **You can switch from one shell to another by just typing the name of the shell. exit return you back to previous shell.**

Shell Scripts

- **Text files that contain sequences of UNIX commands , created by a text editor**
- **No compiler required to run a shell script, because the UNIX shell acts as an interpreter when reading script files**
- **After you create a shell script, you simply tell the OS that the file is a program that can be executed, by using the chmod command to change the files' mode to be executable**
- **Shell programs run less quickly than compiled programs, because the shell must interpret each UNIX command inside the executable script file before it is executed**

- Lines starting with **#** are comments except the very first line where **#!** Indicates the location of the shell that will be run to execute the script.
- On any line characters following an unquoted **#** are considered to be comments and ignored.
- Comments are used to;
 - Identify who wrote it and when
 - Identify input variables
 - Make code easy to read
 - Explain complex code sections
 - Version control tracking
 - Record modifications

Quote Characters

There are three different quote characters with different behaviour. These are:

- “ : double quote, weak quote. If a string is enclosed in “ s the references to variables (i.e *\$variable*) are replaced by their values. Also back-quote and escape \ characters are treated specially.
- ‘ : single quote, strong quote. Everything inside single quotes are taken literally, nothing is treated as special.
- ` : back quote. A string enclosed as such is treated as a command and the shell attempts to execute it. If the execution is successful the primary output from the command replaces the string.

Example: echo “Today’s date is:” `date`

• Programming features of the UNIX/LINUX shell:

- ***Shell variables:*** Your scripts often need to keep values in memory for later use. Shell variables are symbolic names that can access values stored in memory
- ***Operators:*** Shell scripts support many operators, including those for performing mathematical operations
- ***Logic structures:*** Shell scripts support sequential logic (for performing a series of commands), decision logic (for branching from one point in a script to another), looping logic (for repeating a command several times), and case logic (for choosing an action from several possible alternatives)

- **Variables are symbolic names that represent values stored in memory**
- **Three different types of variables**
 - **Global Variables:**
 - Environment and configuration variables, capitalized, such as HOME, PATH, SHELL, USERNAME, and PWD.
 - When you login, there will be a large number of global System variables that are already defined. These can be freely referenced and used in your shell scripts.
 - **Local Variables**
 - Within a shell script, you can create as many new variables as needed. Any variable created in this manner remains in existence only within that shell.

A few global (environment) variables

SHELL	Current shell
DISPLAY	Used by X-Windows system to identify the display
HOME	Fully qualified name of your login directory
PATH	Search path for commands
MANPATH	Search path for <man> pages
PS1 & PS2	Primary and Secondary prompt strings
USER	Your login name
TERM	terminal type
PWD	Current working directory

- **Every file or directory has a set of permissions that determines**
 - who can access and
 - what they can do to the file.
- **Permissions are represented by the characters r, w, and x which represent read, write, and execute.**
- **The permissions are slightly different when assigned to a file or a directory.**

- The r, w, and X have a different meaning depending if it is assigned to a file or a directory.
 - r
 - with a file means the file can be displayed or copied,
 - with a directory means it can be listed.
 - w
 - with a file means the file can be changed,
 - with a directory means it can be created or deleted.
 - x
 - means a file can be executed (script or program),
 - with a directory allows files within it to be copied or moved.

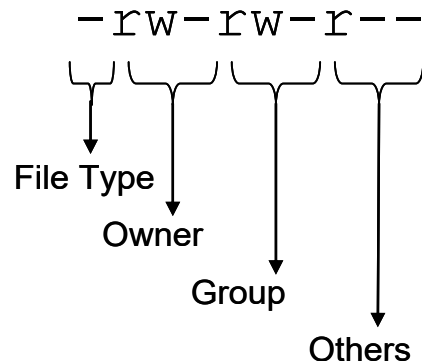
Permissions

- The first item, which specifies the file type, can show one of the following:
 - d — a directory
 - -(dash) — a regular file (rather than directory or link)
 - l — a symbolic link to another program or file elsewhere on the system
- Beyond the first item, in each of the following three sets, you will see one of the following:
 - r — file can be read
 - w — file can be written to
 - x — file can be executed (if it is a program)

Permissions

- For example:
- `-rwx-----` indicates a file that has read, write, and execute permissions for the owner only.
- `-r-xr-xr-x` indicates a file that has read and execute permissions for the owner, group, or anyone else.
- `drwxr-x—x` indicates a directory that allows read, write, and execute permission for the owner, read and execute for the group, and execute only for everyone else.

```
-rw-rw-r--    1 dengle    dengle          0 Sep 15 15:59 mydocument
drwxrwxr-x    2 dengle    dengle        4096 Sep 15 15:59 my-files
```



The chmod Command

- Think of these settings as a kind of shorthand when you want to change permissions with chmod, because all you really have to do is remember a few symbols and letters with the chmod command.
- Here is a list of what the shorthand represents:
- **Identities**
 - u — the user who owns the file (that is, the owner)
 - g — the group to which the user belongs
 - o — others (not the owner or the owner's group)
 - a — everyone or all (u, g, and o)

The chmod Command

- **Permissions**
 - r — read access
 - w — write access
 - x — execute access
- **Actions**
 - + — adds the permission
 - - — removes the permission
 - = — makes it the only permission

The chmod Command

- Here are some common examples of settings that can be used with chmod:
- g+w — adds write access for the group
- o-rwx — removes all permissions for others
- u+x — allows the file owner to execute the file
- a+rw — allows everyone to read and write to the file
- ug+r — allows the owner and group to read the file
- g=rx — allows only the group to read and execute (not write)
- By adding the -R option, you can change permissions for entire directory trees.

Changing Permissions with the CLI

• Changing Permissions With Numbers

- Remember the reference to the shorthand method of `chmod`? Here is another way to change permissions, although it may seem a little complex at first.

- Go back to the original permissions for `sneakers.txt`:

- `-rw-rw-r-- 1 sam sam 150 Mar 19 08:08 sneakers.txt`

- Each permission setting can be represented by a numerical value:

» **r** = 4

» **w** = 2

» **x** = 1

» **-** = 0

Changing Permissions with the CLI

- Changing Permissions With Numbers
- Here is a list of some common settings, numerical values and their meanings:
 - -rw----- (600) — Only the owner has read and write permissions.
 - -rw-r--r-- (644) — Only the owner has read and write permissions; the group and others have read only.
 - -rwx----- (700) — Only the owner has read, write, and execute permissions.

Changing Permissions with the CLI

- Changing Permissions With Numbers
- Here is a list of some common settings, numerical values and their meanings:
 - -rwxr-xr-x (755) — The owner has read, write, and execute permissions; the group and others have only read and execute.
 - -rwx--x--x (711) — The owner has read, write, and execute permissions; the group and others have only execute.
 - -rw-rw-rw- (666) — Everyone can read and write to the file. (Be careful with these permissions.)
 - -rwxrwxrwx (777) — Everyone can read, write, and execute. (Again, this permissions setting can be hazardous

Changing the Owner of a File or Directory

You may want to change the owner of a file so someone else can be responsible for the file.

For example, the IT250 directory is owned by root but the root user has decided jsmith should be the owner.

To change ownership you can use chown. The command to the right:

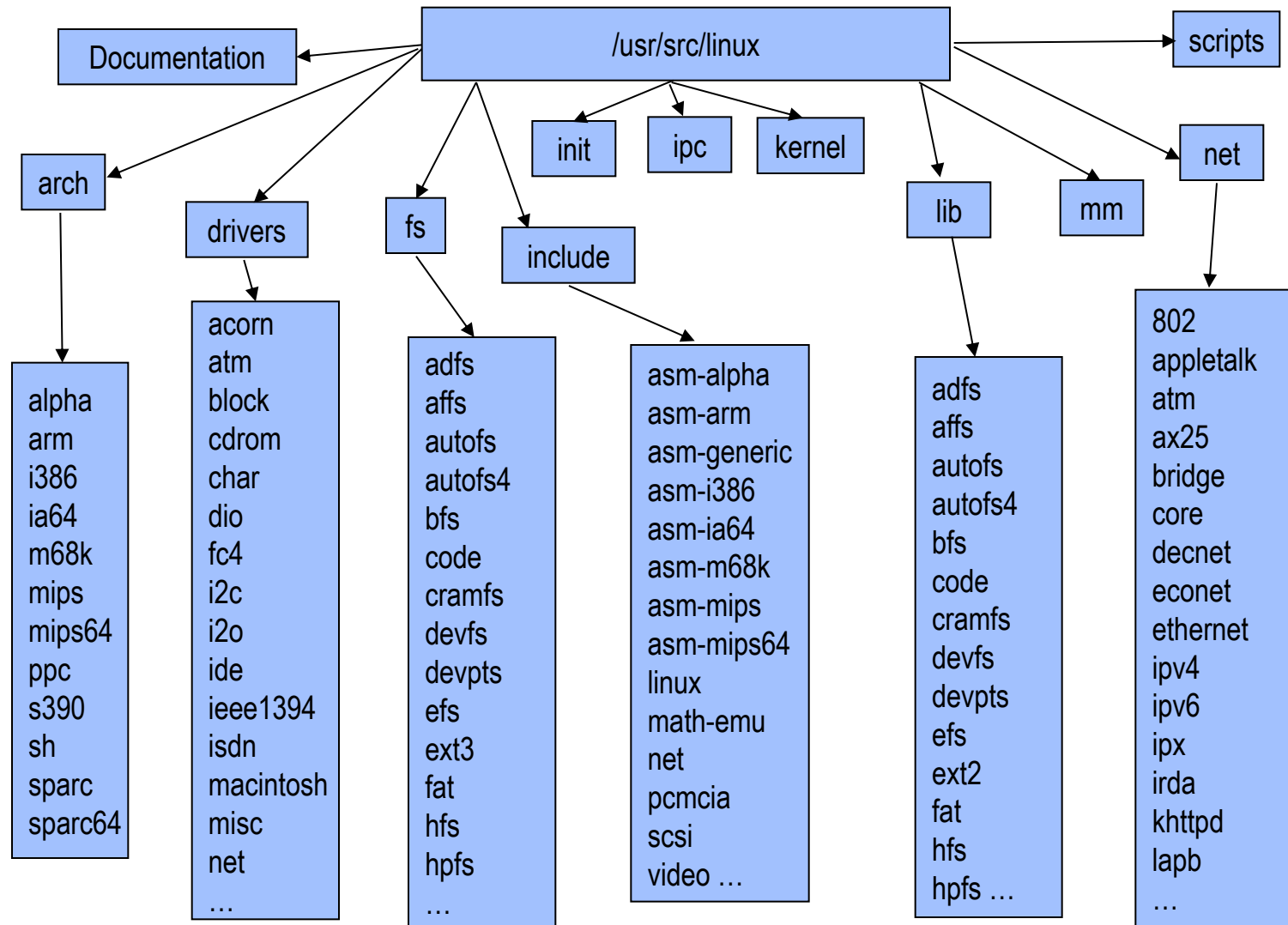
chown -R jsmith IT250

uses the -R option to act recursively on the IT250 directory and make jsmith owner of all the files contained within IT250 as well.

Changing the Owner of a File or Directory

```
root@Fedora1:/home
[root@Fedora1 /]# cd /home
[root@Fedora1 home]# ls -l
total 56
drwxrwxr-x  2 root  AccountsPayable  4096 Sep 22 15:45 AP
drwxr-xr-x  3 root  root              4096 Sep 26 04:28 home
drwxr-xr-x  2 root  IT250              4096 Sep 23 06:22 IT250
drwxr-xr-x 12 jdoe  jdoe              4096 Sep 22 14:12 jdoe
drwxr-xr-x  3 jsmith jsmith          4096 Sep 26 05:16 jsmith
-rw-r--r--  1 root  root              10240 Sep 26 04:56 jsmith-9-22-05
[root@Fedora1 home]# chown -R jsmith IT250
[root@Fedora1 home]# ls -l
total 56
drwxrwxr-x  2 root  AccountsPayable  4096 Sep 22 15:45 AP
drwxr-xr-x  3 root  root              4096 Sep 26 04:28 home
drwxr-xr-x  2 jsmith IT250              4096 Sep 23 06:22 IT250
drwxr-xr-x 12 jdoe  jdoe              4096 Sep 22 14:12 jdoe
drwxr-xr-x  3 jsmith jsmith          4096 Sep 26 05:16 jsmith
-rw-r--r--  1 root  root              10240 Sep 26 04:56 jsmith-9-22-05
[root@Fedora1 home]#
```

Linux Source Tree Layout



- Subdirectories for each current port.
- Each contains kernel, lib, mm (memory management), boot and other directories whose contents override code stubs in architecture independent code.
- lib contains highly-optimized common utility routines such as memcpy, checksums, etc.
- arch as of 2.4:
 - alpha, arm, i386, ia64, m68k, mips, mips64.
 - ppc, s390, sh, sparc, sparc64.

- Largest amount of code in the kernel tree (~1.5M).
- device, bus, platform and general directories.
- drivers/char – n_tty.c is the default line discipline.
- drivers/block – elevator.c, genhd.c, linear.c, ll_rw_blk.c, raidN.c.
- drivers/net –specific drivers and general routines Space.c and net_init.c.
- drivers/scsi – scsi_*.c files are generic; sd.c (disk), sr.c (DVD-ROM), st.c (tape), sg.c (generic).
- General:
 - cdrom, ide, isdn, parport, pcmcia, pnp, sound, telephony, video.
- Buses – fc4, i2c, nubus, pci, sbus, tc, usb.
- Platforms – acorn, macintosh, s390, sgi.

- **Contains:**

- virtual filesystem (VFS) framework.
- subdirectories for actual filesystems.

- **vfs-related files:**

- `exec.c`, `binfmt_*.c` - files for mapping new process images.
- `devices.c`, `blk_dev.c` – device registration, block device support.
- `super.c`, `filesystems.c`.
- `inode.c`, `dcache.c`, `namei.c`, `buffer.c`, `file_table.c`.
- `open.c`, `read_write.c`, `select.c`, `pipe.c`, `fifo.c`.
- `fcntl.c`, `ioctl.c`, `locks.c`, `dquot.c`, `stat.c`.

- **include/asm-*:**
 - **Architecture-dependent include subdirectories.**
- **include/linux:**
 - **Header info needed both by the kernel and user apps.**
 - **Usually linked to /usr/include/linux.**
 - **Kernel-only portions guarded by #ifdefs**
 - `#ifdef __KERNEL__`
 - `/* kernel stuff */`
 - `#endif`
- **Other directories:**
 - **math-emu, net, pcmcia, scsi, video.**

- Just two files: `version.c`, `main.c`.
- `version.c` – contains the version banner that prints at boot.
- `main.c` – architecture-independent boot code.
- `start_kernel` is the primary entry point.

- **System V IPC facilities.**
- **If disabled at compile-time, util.c exports stubs that simply return –ENOSYS.**
- **One file for each facility:**
 - **sem.c – semaphores.**
 - **shm.c – shared memory.**
 - **msg.c – message queues.**

- The core kernel code.
- sched.c – “the main kernel file”:
 - scheduler, wait queues, timers, alarms, task queues.
- Process control:
 - fork.c, exec.c, signal.c, exit.c etc...
- Kernel module support:
 - kmod.c, ksyms.c, module.c.
- Other operations:
 - time.c, resource.c, dma.c, softirq.c, itimer.c.
 - printk.c, info.c, panic.c, sysctl.c, sys.c.

- **kernel code cannot call standard C library routines.**
- **Files:**
 - **brlock.c** – “Big Reader” spinlocks.
 - **cmdline.c** – kernel command line parsing routines.
 - **errno.c** – global definition of errno.
 - **inflate.c** – “gunzip” part of gzip.c used during boot.
 - **string.c** – portable string code.
 - Usually replaced by optimized, architecture-dependent routines.
 - **vsprintf.c** – libc replacement.

- **Paging and swapping:**
 - `swap.c`, `swapfile.c` (paging devices), `swap_state.c` (cache).
 - `vmscan.c` – paging policies, `kswapd`.
 - `page_io.c` – low-level page transfer.
- **Allocation and deallocation:**
 - `slab.c` – slab allocator.
 - `page_alloc.c` – page-based allocator.
 - `vmalloc.c` – kernel virtual-memory allocator.
- **Memory mapping:**
 - `memory.c` – paging, fault-handling, page table code.
 - `filemap.c` – file mapping.
 - `mmap.c`, `mremap.c`, `mlock.c`, `mprotect.c`.