

# Intro to the Command Line

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# The Unix Philosophy

**Small, sharp tools ... each of which does a well defined job very well.**

# The Terminal

[illegible]

# The Terminal

```
jfass@nickel:~$ ssh cabernet
```

```

/\
/ : / ( _ ) | | |
| : | _ , | | _ , _ _ _ | _
| : | / | | / \ _ | / / | | / |
| : | \ _ / \ _ / | _ / | _ / | _ / |
| : | .genomecenter.ucdavis.edu
\ ;
\
[...]
```

jfass@cabernet:~\$

# The Terminal

```
jfass@nickel:~$ ssh cabernet
```

```
.....
/^\
/ : / ( ) | |
| : | , | | _ , _ _ _ | _
| : | / | / \_ | / / | / | / | /
| : \_ / \_ / | \_ / | \_ / | \_ / | \_ /
| : .genomecenter.ucdavis.edu
\ ;
\ /
[...]
```

```
jfass@cabernet:~$ <ctrl>-l
```

# The Terminal

```
jfass@cabernet:~$
```

`<ctrl>-l` or `-k ...`

Clears terminal, start at top

See also: `reset`

# The Terminal

```
jfass@cabernet:~$
```

<-- prompt (includes \$ and one space after)

Huge # of possible configurations; in this case:

<uname>@<hostname>:<pwd>\$<space>

(pwd = present working directory)

# Command Line Basics - Don't work on head node!

```
jfass@cabernet:~$ srun -t 1440 -n 1 --mem 8000
--reservation workshop --pty /bin/bash

srun: job 5461103 queued and waiting for resources

srun: error: Lookup failed: Unknown host

srun: job 5461103 has been allocated resources

jfass@c4-1:~$
```

This logs you into an interactive session on one of the cluster nodes, so you don't all play on the head node.

More on this later. Just log into cabernet, then enter the above and press <enter>.

From now on, I'll omit "jfass@hostname:" for brevity!



# Command Line Basics

```
~$ <type command here>
```

```
~$ pwd<enter>
```

```
/home/jfass
```

Follow command with <enter>

E.g. “pwd” ... lists your  
present working directory

# Command Line Basics - Getting Out!

```
~$ command fubar <control-c>
```

```
~$ # looks like this:
```

```
~$ command fubar ^C
```

```
~$
```

```
~$ sleep 1000
```

```
^C
```

```
~$
```

<control-c>: escape from entering a command ...

(notice: “#” prevent interpretation of text that follows)

... kill a running command (“sleep” actively counts off the specified number of seconds before letting you do anything else)

# Command Line Basics - Getting Out!

```
~$ R  
  
[...]  
  
> <control-d>  
  
Save workspace image? [y/n/c]: n  
  
~$
```

<control-d> ... escape from  
some interactive sessions (R,  
python, ...)

(R is a powerful  
data-centered, statistical  
computing language)

# Command Line Basics - Getting Out!

```
~$ yes | more
```

```
[...]
```

```
<q>
```

```
~$
```

q = quit:

Escape from paginators!  
(less, man, etc.)

(“yes” says “y” until killed  
... it’s a dinosaur)

(“|” is the pipe character ...  
we’ll explore it more soon)

(“more” shows you a page of  
text, then waits for you to  
hit <space> to show another,  
or exit with “q”)

# Command Line Basics - Getting Out!

```
~$ exit
```

“exit” kills the current shell: the program that’s interpreting your commands for the operating system.

# Command Line Basics - Where Am I?

```
~$ ls
```

list file in the pwd

```
[...]
```

```
~$ pwd
```

present working directory

```
[...]
```

# Command Line Basics - Options!

```
~$ ls -R
```

```
[...]
```

```
[...]
```

```
<control-c>
```

list recursively

What did I just do???

# Command Line Basics - Read The Manual (RTM)!

```
~$ man ls
```

```
[...]
```

```
<up, down arrows>
```

```
[...]
```

```
<q>
```

man <command> consults the manual that exists for basic, OS commands. Any software author can write a “man page” for their software, but most scientific software authors don’t.



# Command Line Basics - Options, options, options!

```
~$ ls -l
```

```
~$ ls -a
```

```
~$ ls -l -a
```

```
~$ ls -la
```

```
~$ ls -ltrha
```

man ls ...

Can combine single letter options ...

list all files (in pwd), in long format, in reverse time order with human readable file sizes

# Command Line Basics - Options, options, options!

```
~$ alias  
  
[...]  
  
alias ll='ls -alFtrh'  
  
[...]  
  
~$ ll  
  
[...]
```

“alias” allows you to define your own commands. “alias” by itself only *lists* the aliases defined in your bash configuration files. Try one on for size ...

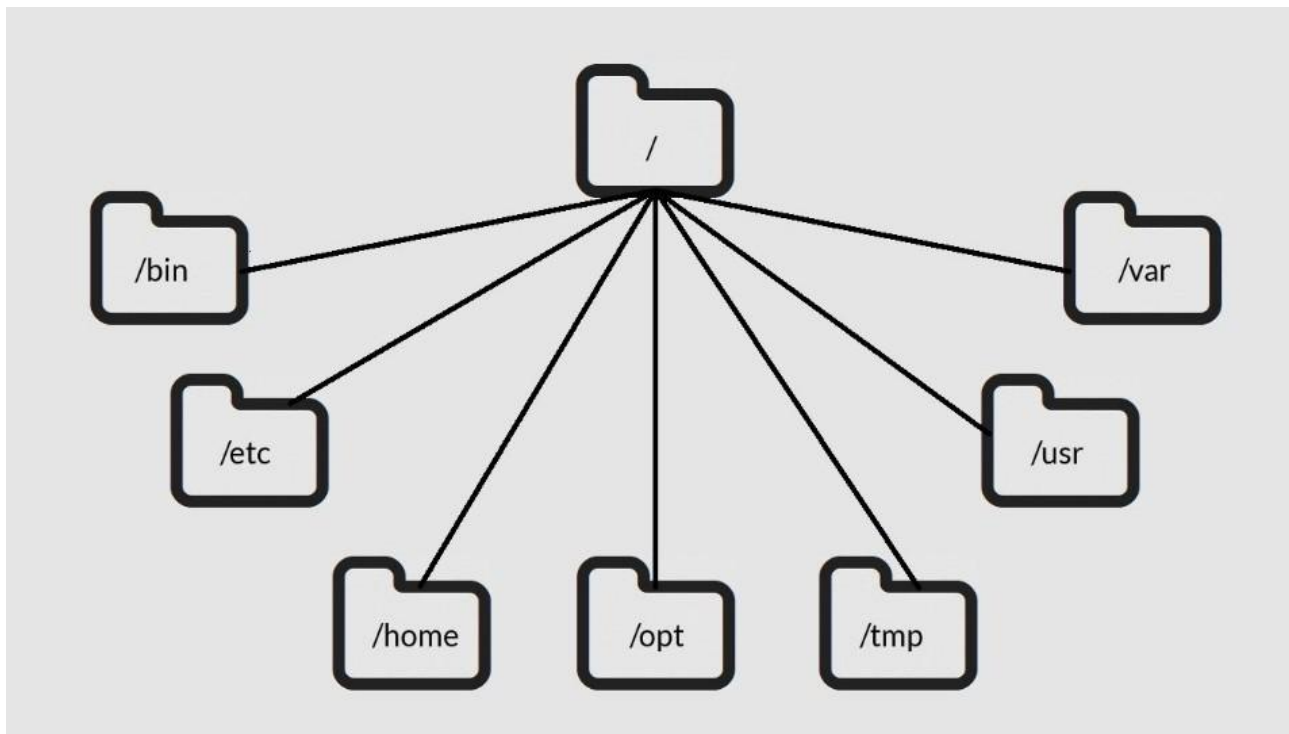
# Command Line Basics - Directory Structure

```
~$ ls -R  
  
[...]  
  
./R/x86_64-pc-linux-gnu-library/3.3/BH/include  
  
[...]  
  
<control-c>
```

'/' separates directories

Names can include many characters, but avoid spaces and other weird stuff.

# Command Line Basics - Directory Structure



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# Command Line Basics - '.' and '..'

```
~$ ls -a  
  
.  
..  
  
.bash_history  
  
[...]
```

“.” = pwd

“..” = up one level

Don't be confused between use of “.” and filenames that start with “.” ... the latter are valid filenames, that are just “hidden” unless you use the “ls” command's “-a” option.

# Command Line Basics - Absolute/Relative Address

```
~$ ls /home/jfass/
```

```
[...]
```

```
~$ ls ./
```

```
[same ...]
```

```
~$ ls ../jfass/
```

```
[same ...]
```

```
~$ ls ../jfass/../../jfass/../../jfass/
```

```
[yup, same ...]
```

“.” = pwd

“..” = up one level

# Command Line Basics - <Tab> Completion

```
~$ ls /home/jfas<tab>
```

```
~$ ls /home/jfass/
```

<tab> will literally save your life. Hours of it.

A single <tab> auto-completes when it's possible (when only a single possible completion exists).

# Command Line Basics - <Tab> Completion

```
~$ ls /home/j<tab>
```

```
~$ ls /home/j
```

```
~$ ls /home/j<tab>
```

```
jacob/      [...]
```

```
jagadish/
```

```
jagomez/
```

```
jwbucha/
```

```
[...]
```

<tab> will literally save your life. Hours of it.

Two <tab>s in a row will show you all the possible completions, when there wasn't a *single* one for the single <tab> to use.



# Command Line Basics - <Tab> Completion

```
~$ ls /h<tab>
```

Use it!

```
~$ ls /home/<tab>
```

Watch out for RSI ...

```
~$ ls /home/<tab>
```

```
~$ ls /home/j<tab>
```

```
~$ ls /home/j<tab>
```

```
~$ ls /home/jf<tab>
```

```
~$ ls /home/jfass/
```

# Command Line Basics - Create and Destroy

```
~$ mkdir temp
```

Create a directory

```
~$ cd temp/
```

Change directories

```
~/temp$ echo "Hello, world!" > first.txt
```

Put text into a file

```
~/temp$ cat first.txt
```

Concatenate file to screen

```
~/temp$ rm first.txt
```

Remove file

```
~/temp$ cd ../
```

Up and out

```
~$ rmdir temp
```

Remove (empty) directory

# Command Line Basics - Pipe and Redirect

```
~$ mkdir CLB; cd CLB/  
~/CLB$ echo "first" > test.txt  
~/CLB$ echo "second" > test.txt  
~/CLB$ cat test.txt  
~/CLB$ echo "third" >> test.txt  
~/CLB$ cat test.txt
```

">" redirects the output from one command to a file, instead of the screen.

">" replaces

">>" appends

# Command Line Basics - Pipe and Redirect

```
~/CLB$ cut -c 1-3 test.txt
```

```
~/CLB$ cat test.txt | cut -c 1-3
```

```
~/CLB$ cat test.txt > cut -c 1-3
```

“cut” cuts lines of text.

“|” pipes output from one command to be the input of another command.

“>” is wrong here ... what does this command do?

# Command Line Basics - Pipe and pipe and pipe ...

```
~/CLB$ cat test.txt
```

```
~/CLB$ cat test.txt | cut -c1-3
```

```
~/CLB$ cat test.txt | cut -c1-3 | grep s
```

Pipes allow us to build up compound operations, filtering and changing data as we go.

(“grep” searches for matches to regular expressions ... patterns)

# Command Line Basics - History

```
~/CLB$ history  
~/CLB$ history | head  
~/CLB$ history | tail  
~/CLB$ history | tail -n 15  
~/CLB$ history | less
```

Since we often develop long commands through trial and error, it helps to see and access what we've done.

In “less,” up and down arrows, pgUp, pgDn, and “q” to exit. Also, “/pattern” searches for pattern each <enter>. “n” and “N” for next and previous match, “g” and “G” for beginning and end of file / stream.

# Command Line Basics - History

```
558 cat test.txt | cut -c1-3 | grep s
559 history
560 history

~/CLB$ !560
```

“!#” repeats command # from your history.

# Command Line Basics - History Search

```
~/CLB$ <control-r>  
  
(reverse-i-search)`first': echo "first" > test.txt
```

<control-r>text triggers a recursive search for “text” from your history. After finding the most recent match that you like, use <control-r> again to get to an earlier match (and again, and ...).

<enter> executes the command; left or right arrow fills the command line with the command but allows you to edit it before running it.



# Command Line Basics - History Search

```
~/CLB$ <up> <dn> ...
```

```
~/CLB$ cat text.txt | grep s
```

 `<control-a>`

 `<control-e>`

And, by the way, the up and down arrows take you backwards and forwards through your history of commands. Reach one you like, and start editing.

Also, by the way, `<control-a>` and `<control-e>` bring you to the beginning and end of your command.

# Command Line Basics - Editing Commands

```
~/CLB$ blah blah blah
```

```
~/CLB$ blah blah <control-k>blah
```

```
~/CLB$ blah blah
```

```
~/CLB$ blah blah <control-w>
```

```
~/CLB$ blah
```

Left arrow to before the last “blah,” then <control-k> ... kills text from here ‘til the end of the line.

Now, <control-w> ... kills *preceding* word.

# Command Line Basics - Compression

```
~/CLB$ gzip test.txt
```

```
~/CLB$ file text.txt.gz
```

```
~/CLB$ gunzip test.txt.gz
```

```
~/CLB$ bzip2 test.txt; bunzip2 test.txt.bz2
```

Compress big files using “gzip,” “bzip2.” Bzip2 compresses smaller, but takes longer.

(“file” gives you info about the *type* of file you’re looking at)

# Command Line Basics - Archives

```
~/CLB$ wget  
ftp://igenome:G3nom3s4u@ussd-ftp.illumina.com/PhiX/I  
llumina/RTA/PhiX_Illumina_RTA.tar.gz  
  
~/CLB$ tar -xzvf PhiX_Illumina_RTA.tar.gz
```

Large directory trees may be compressed as “tarballs” ... see “tar.”

Let's grab one and expand it.

# Command Line Basics - Forced Removal

```
~/CLB$ rm -rf PhiX
```

This is a dangerous one. Remove a file / directory, do it recursively to all sub-directories, and force removal (by-pass confirmation questions).

Caution is warranted. There's no Trash Bin, and no guaranteed way to recover deleted files.

# Command Line Basics - Wildcard Characters

```
~/CLB$ tar -xzf PhiX_Illumina_RTA.tar.gz  
~/CLB$ ls PhiX/Illumina/RTA/Sequence/*/*.fa  
  
[...]
```

Let's re-unarchive that tarball, to have something to look at.

List all files a few directories down that end in ".fa" ...

# Command Line Basics - Wildcards and Find

```
~/CLB$ find . -name "*.fa"
```

```
[...]
```

```
~/CLB$ find . -name "*.f?"
```

"\*" can fill in for anything in a filename, *except* "/" ... there's a more appropriate command to use when you don't know which directory level the files you're looking for are at: "find"

"?" is like "\*", except only fills in for a single character.

# Command Line Basics - Fasta example

```
~/CLB$ curl -k  
https://bioshare.bioinformatics.ucdavis.edu/bioshare  
/download/pdhqicmfgw2bra8/variant.neighborhoods.fa >  
regions.fa
```

```
~/CLB$ wc -l *
```

```
~/CLB$ grep -c ">" regions.fa
```

Grab a sequence file from the web (“curl” copies from a url) ... see also “wget”

“wc” counts words, etc.; “-l” only gives line count

“-c” causes grep to count matches instead of printing them



# Command Line Basics - Fasta example ... Pipes!

```
~/CLB$ grep ">" regions.fa | cut -c 2-
```

```
~/CLB$ grep ">" regions.fa | cut -c 2- | cut -f1 -d:
```

```
~/CLB$ grep ">" regions.fa | cut -c 2- | cut -f1 -d:  
| sort
```

```
~/CLB$ grep ">" regions.fa | cut -c 2- | cut -f1 -d:  
| sort | uniq -c
```

```
~/CLB$ grep ">" regions.fa | cut -c 2- | cut -f1 -d:  
| sort | uniq -c | sort -rn -k1,1
```

Follow each step of these commands ... the entire final command counts how many sequences come from each contig.

“sort,” “uniq” are self-explanatory; “uniq -c” adds the counts (must be sorted first), and “sort -rn -k1,1” sorts lines in reverse numerical order based only on the first column (the counts).

# Command Line Basics - Symbolic Links

```
~/CLB$ ln -s
PhiX/Illumina/RTA/Sequence/WholeGenomeFasta/genome.f
a .

~/CLB$ ls -ltrha

[...] genome.fa ->
PhiX/Illumina/RTA/Sequence/WholeGenomeFasta/genome.f
a

~/CLB$ grep -c ">" genome.fa

1
```

“ln -s [target] [link location/name]” creates a “shortcut” to the file.

The target file can be deleted, which leaves a broken link. The link can be deleted without affecting the file.

Otherwise, addressing the link addresses the file.

# Command Line Basics - Bioinformatics At Last?

```
~/CLB$ bwa mem genome.fa regions.fa > aln.sam  
[E::bwa_idx_load] fail to locate the index files  
~/CLB$ cat aln.sam  
~/CLB$
```

Let's align sequences to a sequence!

Woops ... what went wrong?

I redirected output to a file, why didn't it go there? (Even if I wouldn't want that kind of stuff to end up in an alignment file!)

# Command Line Basics - STDOUT & STDERR

```
~/CLB$ bwa mem genome.fa regions.fa 1> aln.sam 2>  
aln.err
```

```
~/CLB$ cat aln.sam
```

```
~/CLB$ cat aln.err
```

```
[E::bwa_idx_load] fail to locate the index files
```

Programs can write to two separate output streams: standard out, and standard error. Former mostly used for output, latter mostly used for error messages.

(“1>” is equivalent to “>”)

Now we can store error messages from many jobs run at once, to separate files.

# Command Line Basics - Loops

```
~/CLB$ for i in {1..21}; do echo $i >> a; done
```

```
for name in {list}; do
```

```
    commands
```

```
done
```

```
~/CLB$ cat a
```

```
[...]
```

For loop, for a defined number of steps.

# Command Line Basics - Loops

```
~/CLB$ grep ">" regions.fa | cut -c2- | while read  
header; do echo "contig_$header" >> b; done
```

```
while {condition}; do
```

```
    commands
```

```
done
```

```
~/CLB$ cat b
```

```
[...]
```

While loop, for stopping on a condition.

# Command Line Basics - Paste

```
~/CLB$ paste a b
```

```
[...]
```

“paste” jams columns of equal size together. See also “join” ...

# Command Line Basics - Running in the Background

```
~/CLB$ sleep 100000  
  
[...]  
  
<control-z>  
  
^Z  
  
[1]+  Stopped                  sleep 100000  
  
bg  
  
[1]+ sleep 100000 &
```

When a long job is running, use “<control-z>”, then “bg” to suspend it, then run it in the background. If you want to kill it before it finishes on its own, either “kill %1” (or %2, etc., if multiple jobs), or “fg,” then <control-c>.



# Command Line Basics - Running in the Background

```
~/CLB$ sleep 100000 &
```

```
[1] 2166
```

```
~/CLB$ kill %1
```

```
~/CLB$
```

```
[1]+  Terminated                  sleep 100000
```

To start a job already running in the background, append “&” to the command.

# Command Line Basics - Running in the Background

```
~/CLB$ nohup sleep 100000 &
```

```
[1] 2178
```

```
~/CLB$ nohup: ignoring input and appending output to  
'nohup.out'
```

```
~/CLB$ jobs
```

```
[1]+  Running                  nohup sleep 100000 &
```

To make a background job resistant to a lost connection or terminal problems, use “nohup.”

“jobs” will list jobs running in the background.

With nohup, you should be able to exit from the shell, and the job keeps running.

(Not as useful in a cluster environment?)

# Command Line Basics - Table of Processes

```
~/CLB$ top
```

“Top” prints a self-updating table of running processes and system stats. Try “M,” “P,” and “u” then uname ...

```
top - 14:15:13 up 94 days,  4:52, 35 users,  load average: 3.00, 3.00, 3.00
Tasks: 557 total,   1 running, 554 sleeping,   2 stopped,   0 zombie
%Cpu(s):  0.0 us,   0.0 sy,   0.0 ni, 62.5 id, 37.5 wa,   0.0 hi,   0.0 si,   0.0 st
KiB Mem: 12293548 total, 11816988 used,  476560 free,  260124 buffers
KiB Swap: 1952764 total,  358824 used, 1593940 free. 9564044 cached Mem

  PID USER      PR  NI   VIRT   RES   SHR  S  %CPU  %MEM     TIME+ COMMAND
 1804 root        20   0 124528 34060  1872  S   0.0   0.3   4:29.20 puppet
   457 syslog      20   0 256232 18532  1112  S   0.0   0.2   1:02.95 rsyslogd
 1660 unbound     20   0  60300 14900  2460  S   0.0   0.1   2:56.08 unbound
21877 mahardi+  20   0  29752 12712  3424  S   0.0   0.1   0:00.95 bash
 1407 ganglia     20   0 184448 11004  1368  S   0.0   0.1  79:39.08 gmond
32645 johndav+  20   0 311312  9768  3372  S   0.0   0.1   0:01.28 srunit
20548 ruijuan+    20   0 311312  9640  3388  S   0.0   0.1   0:00.15 srunit
14825 swestre+  20   0 311308  9624  3364  S   0.0   0.1   0:00.50 srunit
```

# Command Line Basics - Shell Scripts

```
~/CLB$ nano
```

“Nano” is a simple text editor; open it with “nano.”

# Command Line Basics - Shell Scripts

```
#!/bin/bash

grep -o . $1 | \

    sort | \

    uniq -c | \

    sort -rn -k1,1

<control-o><control-x>
```

“Nano” is a simple text editor; open it with “nano test.sh”

# Command Line Basics - Permission Needed

```
~/CLB$
```

“Na..



