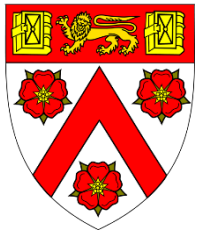

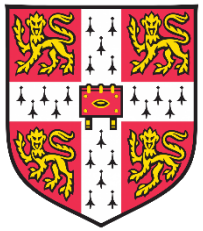

Introduction to Unix shell

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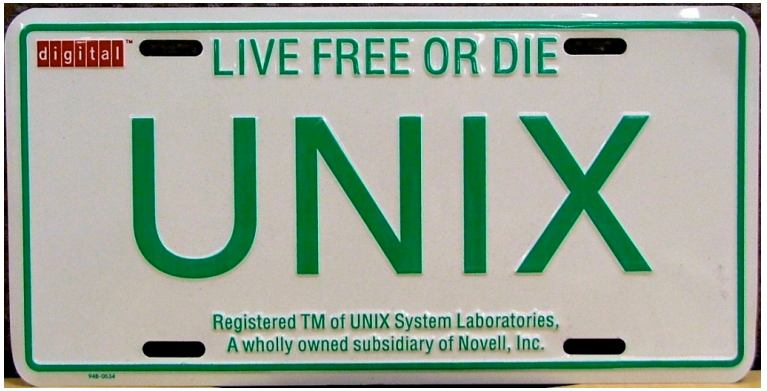
What is Unix?

- Modularly designed operating system
- Simple tools each performing well-defined functions
- Unified file system, means of communication
- Shell scripting and command language to combine simple tools into complex workflows
- Examples: Linux (incl. Android), Mac OS X (incl. iOS)



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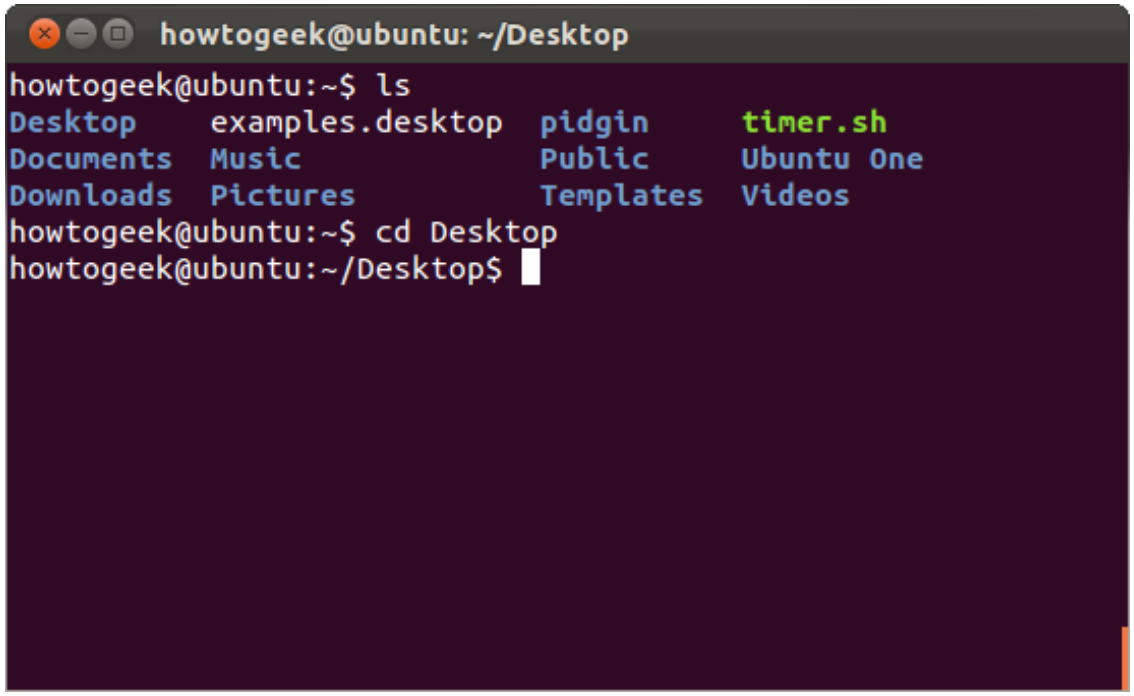
- Program that accepts commands as text input
- Converts them to operating system functions
- Easy to automate via scripting (c.f. GUI)



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- Google and Stack Overflow
  - Don’t reinvent the wheel − someone somewhere is likely to have encountered the same problem before…

Command syntax

- *doSomething how toFiles*
- *doSomething how sourceFile destinationFile*
- *doSomething how < inputFile > outputFile*
- *doSomething how | doSomething how | doSomething how > outputFile*

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[command] -[parameters] [file or folder]
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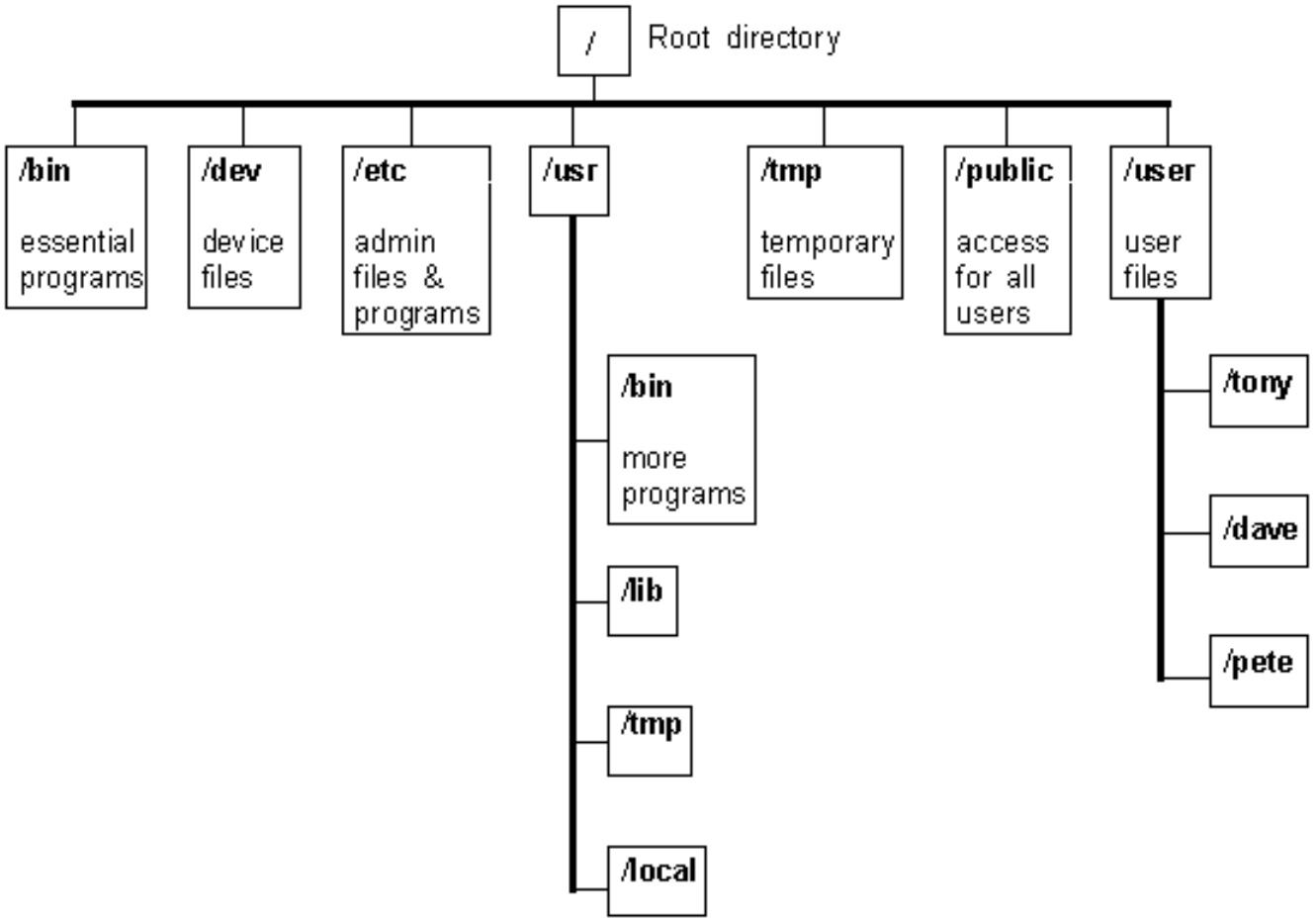

Looking and moving around

- `ls`
- `cd`
- `ls -l`
- `man ls`
- `ls -lht`

Create, copy, move, delete…

- `mkdir`
- `echo 'Hello, world!' > hello.txt`
- `cp`
- `mv` -> not just move, used for renaming
- `rm`
- `rmdir`
- `rm -r`
- `find . -name '*.txt' -delete`

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- `echo f{oo,ee,e}d`
- `echo $((42+42))`

Looking at text files

- `cat long.txt`
- `less long.txt`
- `gedit long.txt`
- `head -3 long.txt`
- `tail -3 long.txt`
- `tail -n +3 long.txt`
- `wc long.txt`

what options does `wc` have?

Sorting

- `cat > animals.txt` `# <CTRL-D>`
- `cat > numbers.txt` `# <CTRL-D>`
- `sort animals.txt`
- `sort numbers.txt`
- `sort -ur animals.txt`
- `sort -n numbers.txt`
- `uniq -c`

what other options does `sort` have?

`grep` and `sed`

- `grep "o" animals.txt`
- `grep -v "o" animals.txt`
- `sed "s/o/O/g" animals.txt`
- `sed -f script.sed animals.txt`

Browse the links in the Notes about `sed` to see many-many more uses of this function!

Operations on strings

- `rev`
- `cut`
- `join`
- `paste`
- `tr`

Investigate what the above functions can do and then attempt the exercises!

If you have time left…

Check out shell scripting in the “more advanced” section of the notes on GitHub!

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Thank you!

Have any questions, comments?
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