

Research Computing

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Abstract

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1 Terminal Command lines

Navigation `ls pwd cd`

Ownership `chmod, chown, cumask`

Search `grep find`

Modify `touch mv rm, mkdir, rmdir`

Read `cat more less`

Wildcards `globbing (files) regexp -(text)`

Help `man`

Convenience `tab, up error, down arrow to go through commands`

File manipulation `file, tar, zip, unzip, diff, cut`

- **tar** `-czf` (c:create, z:zip f:file)
- **tar** `-xf` (x: extract)
- **tar** vs **zip**, tar creates smaller zipped files, can only zip and unzip all the files together
- **diff** tells you what has changed
- **diff** Git uses a bunch of diff files to keep track of the file changes for version control

Redirection `STDIN - (CMD) = STDOUT + STDERR ;`

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1.1 Shell

BASH = Bourne-Again Shell, it is a type of shell, like ksh csh tcsh and zsh Bash is the complete programming language

You can use `./compile` to run the commands You can define your own commands using alias that runs a python or c++ files

2 Maintenance

We are going to discuss documentation, modularity, prototyping

2.1 Documentation

A `__init__.py` file in the package

Enforce a certain style for such as i, j, k, underscores etc.

3 Robustness of confidence

3.1 I/O

3.1.1 Storing parameters

Store your constant in a file for development

3.1.2 Error Trapping

Use `try`, `except`, `else` blocks

3.2 Debugging

Use `%debug` magic command

3.3 Unit Testing/Testing led development

Write test files.

Have the habit of write test files before development

3.3.1 Continuous Integration

Works with Github built-in functions to run tests every time a new change is pushed

4 Optimisation

4.1 Timing Operations