



NLP Halloween* Hacks



* Also work on non-Halloween

Why do you need command line magic?





Magic for NLP



1. Preprocessing: parsing, extracting, chunking, cleaning text
2. Scheduling
3. Remote Servers



Part 1: Command Line Hacks





Pre-Reqs



cd mv ls pwd

mkdir touch echo

vim emacs nano

man

chmod chown

sudo su

git

How do you:





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```
find . -type d -exec cp template.txt {} \;
```




Find



```
find <some/dir> -type f # returns a list of all the files in the directory
find . -name "*.sh" # finds all .sh files
find . -iname "*.SH" # finds all .sh files while ignoring case
find . -type d -name "bl*" # finds all directories whose names start with bl
find . -not -iname "*.py" # finds all files that are *not* python files
```

find + exec

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```
diff -y my_file.py their_file.py
```



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```
grep -rl "q1" ~/.ssh/  
| xargs grep -r "q2"
```



Grep



```
grep -r "char\[10\]" . # searches recursively for the string query
# ^ notice that we have to escape [ & ] because you can use regex in the query

# Searching for *filenames* with find
find . | grep "Ham*" # returns Hamlet.txt

# Possibly useful flags:
grep -n "sweet prince" Hamlet.txt # prints line number of query in the file
grep -i "Good night" Hamlet.txt # case insensitive search
grep -c "good night" Hamlet.txt # "count": reports # of lines that match query
grep -rL "ssh" ~/.ssh/ # Finds & returns only file names of files that contain s
find . | grep -v "\\.txt$" . # prints all filenames that don't end with .txt
```

grep + xargs ; find + grep



How do you:
deal with files?



head / tail ; cat / tac
wc; sort ; shuf ; cut; uniq



Dealing with files



```
cut -c2 data.txt    # grabs 2nd column of the data
cut -c2-3 data.txt  # grabs columns 2 & 3
cut -f1,4 -d " "    # grabs 1st & 4th fields, w/ delimiter "space"
```

find + wc -l

```
wc -l Hamlet.txt
# In case you were wondering, there are 4462 lines in Hamlet.

# combine w/ find to count lines of code in a repo:
find . -iname "*.py" -exec cat {} \; | wc -l
```




How many tests did I fail?



```
seq 10 | xargs -Iz ./runtests  
      | tee testResults.txt
```

```
grep "fail" testResult.txt | wc -l
```

```
seq + xargs + tee  
grep + wc
```



How do you:
zip all "c" files?



```
find . -name "*.ch"  
| zip source -@
```



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How do you:
deal with command line options?



getopt



getopt example



<http://www.kfirlavi.com/blog/2012/11/14/defensive-bash-programming/>

What do you do with:

expr?





How do you:
find all 'a's and replace with 'b's



awk
sed

Part 2: Scheduling & Bash





How do you:
deal with jobs?



jobs	;	kill / CNTRL + C
fg	;	bg / CNTRL + Z



How do you:
dump a file to clipboard?



pbcopy / pbpaste
xclip + alias



copy & pasting



```
# to copy buffer from file  
pbcopy < ~/.ssh/id_rsa.pub  
# to copy buffer from result of a process call  
grep -r "HACK" . | pbcopy  
# to file from buffer  
pbpaste > Hamlet.txt # so that's where it came from!
```

You can set this up on linux using `xclip`, with the following aliases:

```
alias pbcopy='xclip -selection clipboard'  
alias pbpaste='xclip -selection clipboard -o'
```



How do you:
be a good citizen?



nice ; renice



Nice & renice



19 is the lowest priority

```
nice -n 19 ./long_slow_job
```

you need to be root to give jobs higher priority

-20 is the highest priority

```
sudo nice -n -20 ./important_job
```

you have to renice by pid

```
renice -n 5 -p 1234
```

you can find the pid of a process by name with:

```
ps ax | grep jekyll # finds the pid of the `jekyll` process
```

returns:

```
#57036 s000 S      0:09.12 /usr/local/bin/jekyll serve
```

```
#57522 s000 S+     0:00.00 grep jekyll
```

renice the jekyll serve process to make it more important:

```
sudo renice -n -20 -p 57036
```



How do you:
watch a job while also logging it?



```
./run | tee "log.txt"
```



Using Bash: it's not the only shell

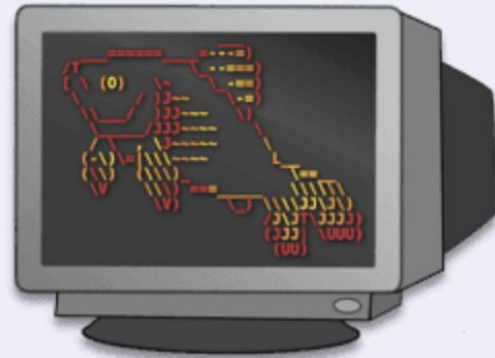


fish ; tcsh ; zsh ; ksh



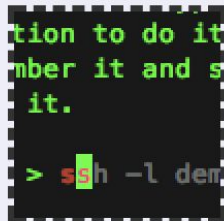
Finally, a command line shell for the 90s

fish is a smart and user-friendly command line shell for macOS, Linux, and the rest of the family.



Autosuggestions

fish suggests commands as you type based on history and completions, just like a web browser. Watch out, Netscape Navigator 4.0!



Glorious VGA Color

fish supports 24 bit true color, the state of the art in terminal technology. Behold the monospaced rainbow.





There's also python



Runtime gatekeeping!



Bash History



HISTSIZE= HISTFILESIZE=
not quite right

First, you must comment out or **remove this section of your .bashrc** (default for Ubuntu). If you don't, then certain environments (like running `screen` sessions) will still truncate your history:

```
# for setting history length see HISTSIZE and HISTFILESIZE in bash(1)
# HISTSIZE=1000
# HISTFILESIZE=2000
```

Second, **add this** to the bottom of your .bashrc:

```
# Eternal bash history.
# -----
# Undocumented feature which sets the size to "unlimited".
# http://stackoverflow.com/questions/9457233/unlimited-bash-history
export HISTFILESIZE=
export HISTSIZE=
export HISTTIMEFORMAT="[%F %T] "
# Change the file location because certain bash sessions truncate .bash_history file
# http://superuser.com/questions/575479/bash-history-truncated-to-500-lines-on-each-
export HISTFILE=~/.bash_eternal_history
# Force prompt to write history after every command.
# http://superuser.com/questions/20900/bash-history-loss
PROMPT_COMMAND="history -a; $PROMPT_COMMAND"
```



Bash Linter



<https://www.shellcheck.net/>



Bash ... UNIT TESTS?



shunit2



Bash Best Practices



[https://jvns.ca/blog/2017/03/26
/bash-quirks/](https://jvns.ca/blog/2017/03/26/bash-quirks/)



How do you:
run hundreds of jobs, 2 at a time?



bash loop
There must be a better way



```
MAX_JOBS=2
```



```
launch_when_not_busy()  
{  
    while [ $(jobs | wc -l) -ge $MAX_JOBS ]  
    do  
        sleep 1  
    done  
  
    "$@" &  
}  
  
for i in `seq 1 100`; do  
    launch_when_not_busy $command $i  
done
```

Part 3: Remote Servers & Dotfiles





How do you:
get in?



ssh ; keyless ssh ; ssh aliases



How do you:
get out?



<enter> ~ .

CNTRL + D --> EOF character



How do you:
get stuff in / out?



scp
wget ; curl



How do you:
keep remote jobs live?



tmux ; screen



Screen



```
screen -S myNewScreen # create a new screen named myNewScreen
```

```
# start some long running process & background it  
./longRunningJob &
```

```
screen -d # detach the current screen  
# you can now safely kill the shell without killing the process
```

```
# when you log back in, reattach screen:
```

```
screen -r -d myNewScreen # detaches the screen from any other shells
```

```
screen -list # to see the names of all screens
```



How do you:
find who's eating all the memory?



htop
who ; whoami



How do you:
how much are they eating?



free -g



How do you:
find what's eating all my disk?



```
ncdu  
du -h [-s] [-d 1]
```



How do you:
go down a rabbit hole for a sec?



`pushd / popd`



How do you:
figure out if the internet is up?

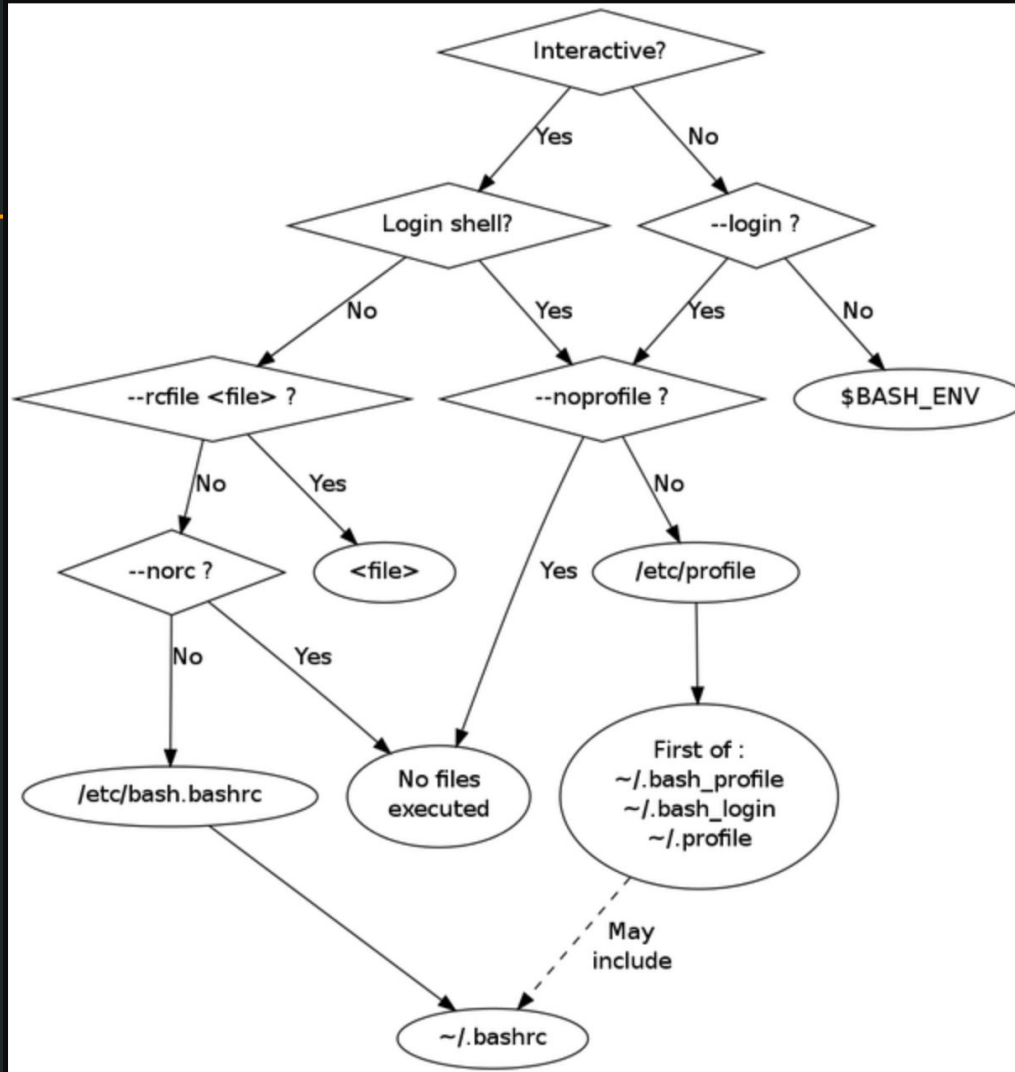


ping www.google.com



.profile vs .rc?







How I live my life



- make a `~/.alias` file for aliases
- make a `~/.paths` file for additions to your PATH
- ``source`` those two files in `~/.bashrc` (and the equivalent file for other shells)
- anything else can go in `~/.bashrc` (and the equivalent file for other shells)
- ``source`` the `~/.bashrc` file in `~/.bash_profile`



How do you:
be lazy and/or funny?



alias
unalias


```
command arg1 --flagICanNeverRemember=arg2
```

The way I set it up was I added a “new function” to my `.bash_profile` like this:

```
commandWithFlag () { # create a new function
    arg1=$1; # $1 is the first arg in the arg list from the function call
    shift;  # this *removes* arg1 from the arg list
    command $arg1 --flagICanNeverRemember=$@; # $@ is the arg list
    # using $@ lets you pass more flags after supplying the argument
}
```

I can now call it like this:

```
commandWithFlag arg1 arg2
# or with more flags
commandWithFlag arg1 arg2 --anotherFlag=arg3
```



Dotfiles??



vcsh + myrepos
dotbot
stow

Part 4: Challenges





<https://cmdchallenge.com/>



<http://overthewire.org/wargames/bandit/>

Part 5: Resources





Resource List: Bash Best Practice

<https://www.shellcheck.net/>

<http://www.kfirlavi.com/blog/2012/11/14/defensive-bash-programming/>

<https://jvns.ca/blog/2017/03/26/bash-quirks/>

<http://www.tldp.org/LDP/abs/abs-guide.pdf>



Resource List: "Applied NLP"



<http://www.cis.lmu.de/~davidk/ap/>

<https://github.com/nschneid/unix-text-commands>

<https://wordnet.princeton.edu/wordnet/man/wn.1WN.html>

<https://www.stanford.edu/class/cs124/kwc-unix-for-poets.pdf>



Correct bash history



<https://stackoverflow.com/questions/9457233/unlimited-bash-history>



My command line cribsheet



<https://anniecherkaev.com/commandline-cribsheet>