Linux Commands

Linux Command	Description	
cd «folder name»	Change directory – Move into the specified folder	
cp «old file» «new file»	Copy – Make a copy of an existing file. Two files remain.	
mv «old file» «new file»	Rename a file. One file remains.	
cat «filename»	Display or create files	
ls	Lists the files in current folder. This command needs to use a lower-case L. Options: -a List all files, including hidden ones. -d List directory names only, not ordinary files. -l Show long listing with extended information. Examples: Is Is -l Is -la	
gcc «c file»	GNU C Compiler	
gcc «c file» - o RunName	GNU C Compiler. Ex: gcc lab1.c -o lab1 (Then use lab1 instead a.out)	
mkdir «folder name»	Creates a new directory with the specified name	
pwd	Print name of current/working directory.	
rm «filename»	Delete a file.	
vim «filename»	Opens the specified file in the "vim" text editor	

"vim" text editor command Reference Guide

File Commands:

:q! To exit VIM and abandon any changes you have made to the file.

ZZ To exit VIM saving any changes to the file and return to the shell prompt.

:wq To exit VIM, write the changes to the file, and return to the shell prompt.

Alternate ways of entering VIM:

vim file-name Edit named file.

vim + n file-name Edit named file starting at line n. vim + file-name Edit named file starting at last line.

vim + /string file-name Edit named file starting at first occurrence of string.

vim -r file-name Edit named file starting at first occurrence of string.

Various VIM Modes:

Command mode - Commands that require a colon (:). In Command Mode you may use the arrow keys to move around.

Insert mode – Type i for insert mode. To leave Insert Mode, press **Escape**.

- Type a for append mode. To leave Append Mode, press Escape.

VIM Cursor Movement Commands:

SpaceBar Forward one character position.

- I Right (forward) one character position.
- h Left (backward) one character position.
- j Down to same position in line below; moves left to last position.
- k Up to same position in line above; moves left to last position.
- w Forward to first letter of next word.
- W Forward to first letter of next blank-delimited word.
- b Backward to first letter of previous word.
- B Backward to first letter of previous blank-delimited word.

Return Forward to beginning of next line.

- 0 Back to beginning of current line. (It's a zero.)
- \$ End of current line.
- (Back to beginning of current sentence.
-) Ahead to beginning of next sentence.
- { Back to beginning of current paragraph.
- Ahead to beginning of next paragraph.
- **H** Home, or left end of top line on screen
- **M** Middle, or left end of middle line on screen.

L Lower, or left end of lowest line on screen.

G Last line in work buffer.

nG Indicated relative line *n* in buffer.

Ctrl-U Up half screen.

Ctrl-D Down half screen.

Ctrl-F Forward (down) almost a full screen.

Ctrl-B Backward (up) almost a full screen.

Inserting Text:

i Insert before Cursor

I Insert before first nonblank character on line.

a Insert after character.

A Insert at end of line

o Insert on next line down (open a line).

O Insert on next line up (open a line).

Deleting Text:

x Character at cursor.

X Character following cursor .

dw To end of word.

dW To end of blank-delimited word.

db To beginning of word.

dB To beginning of blank-delimited word.

d then Return Two lines; current and following.

dd Current line.

d0 To beginning of line. (Use zero)

D To end of line.

d) To end of sentence

d(To beginning of sentence.

d) To end of paragraph

d{ To beginning of paragraph.

Changing or Replacing Text:

r	replace character at cursor.	CC	Current line.
R	Replace characters until Escape	c0	From beginning of line to cursor.
	is pressed.	c\$	To end of line.
		С	To end of line.
cw	To end of word.		
cW	To end of blank-delimited word.	c)	To end of sentence.
cb	From beginning of word to	c(From beginning of sentence to
	cursor.		cursor.
сВ	From beginning of blank-	c}	To end of paragraph.
	delimited word to cursor.	c{	From beginning of paragraph to
			cursor.

Undoing an Edit:

u Undoes the most recent change. Must be out of Insert Mode.

U Restores the current line to the way it was before making changes.

vim Search Commands:

/string followed by Return Search forward in work buffer. Search backward in work buffer.

n Find next string in same direction.N Find next string in opposite direction.

vim Search string special characters:

^ Beginning of line.

\$ End of line.

. Matches any character

\> Match the end of a word.

\< Match beginning of word.

[] Match any character within brackets.

vim Yank Commands:

Command	Text "yanked"	
vw	To end of word.	

yW To end of blank-delimited

word.

yb To beginning of word.
yB To beginning of blank-

delimited word.

y followed by Return

Two lines, current and

following.

yy Current line.

y0 To beginning of line.

(Use zero)

Y To end of line.

y) To end of sentence

y(To beginning of sentence

y} To end of paragraph.

y{ To beginning of paragraph.

vim Put/Paste Commands:

Paste is used after delete or yank to

recover lines.

p Paste below cursor – lower case

P Paste above cursor – upper case

"2p Paste from buffer 2 (there are 9)

Copy & Paste = Yank & Put Cut & Paste = Delete & Put

Logging on to *Linux*

Use one on the Plan documents to help you log in.

Plan A Putty and File Transfer. Windows.docx Plan B Mac Alternatives.docx Plan C Mobaxterm. Windows.docx

The Plans **also** contain information on moving your assignment files from the Linux computer to your own computer so you can upload those files to Canvas for a grade.

The Flow of Operations in creating a program

To copy a file from the instructor – **Non Mac** Users:

Type: **cd csc60** to put you in the directory/folder where you will do your work. If it is your first time to work on this assignment, create a directory/folder for this work.

Type: **mkdir labX** (where X is the assignment number)
Type: **cd labX** (to move to the new directory/folder)

Type (to copy the instructor's files):

To copy a file from the instructor – **Mac** Users:

I will include copies of the files on the Canvas assignment page that you may copy directly to your Mac. This avoids logging into a Coding computer just to get files.

To start writing a program:

Type: vim TheFileName.c

To exit vim:

:wq To exit VIM, write the changes to the file, and return to the shell prompt.

:q! To exit VIM and <u>abandon</u> any changes you have made to the file.

To compile the program:

Type: gcc TheFileName.c

Type: gcc -lm TheFileName.c [NOTE: "-lm" is only needed when you use math.h]

[You only need -lm when you are using algebraic commands.]

To run the program: Type: **a.out** If you do not change the prompt, type: ./a.out

Find your file to upload it to Canvas:

Again refer to your chosen Plan for directions to move a file from Linux to your computer so it can be uploaded to Canvas.