

Introduction to C and Unix

CS537 Section 304

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Overview

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3. Videos are useful
4. Start early
5. Mind your code quality

What is a pointer

1. For now, treat the memory as a giant array
2. Pointer is like an index
3. How can we know the size of the data?

Man

1. `man man`
2. An interface to the on-line reference manuals
3. We will mainly use `man 2` and `man 3`

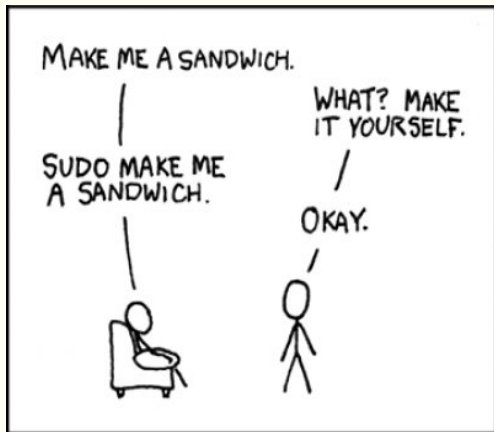
Demo

Get your weapon: shell

1. Linux: Ctrl-Alt-T
2. Mac OS: Cmd-Space, search “terminal”
3. Windows: Get a computer with 1 or 2

Shell: a servant

You write command, shell runs it for you.



A philosophical shell

Who am I ...

```
$ whoami  
chengsu
```

```
$ date  
Sat Sep 3 20:57:13 CDT 2016
```

```
$ pwd  
/home/chengsu
```

SSH

Login to a remote computer.

```
$ ssh remote_username@remote_host  
$ run-any-command-on-remote-computer  
$ exit
```

- ❖ Options: -X, etc.
 - ❖ open a game in /usr/games
- ❖ No hassle of password?
 - ❖ ssh keys
 - ❖ sshpass

GNU Compiler Collection.

1. ***preprocessing*** (C code)
2. compilation (assembly code)
3. assembly (binary code)
4. linking (executable binary code)

Make

Recipe to cook (build) programs.

```
target: prerequisite1 prerequisite2 ...  
    command1  
    command2  
    ...
```

- Efficiency (compare timestamps of *target* and *prereqs*)

 - ❖ make ; make

- Other usage (not serious)

 - ❖ workflow control:

 - <http://widgetsandshit.com/teddziuba/2011/02/stupid-unix-tricks-workflow-control-with-gnu-make.html>

Vi: text editor

Basic usage

- ❖ write code: i (insert mode)
- ❖ write command: <Esc> (command mode)
- ❖ go to a line: :12 (go to 12th line)
- ❖ copy a line: yy
- ❖ paste a line: p
- ❖ search a word: /dog (search word: dog)
- ❖ undo: u

How to learn Vi/Vim

- ❖ vimtutor
- ❖ <http://www.openvim.com>
- ❖ even a game to play: <http://vim-adventures.com>

Configure Vi

- ❖ dotfile: .vimrc (set indentation to 2 space)

Suggested Readings

❖ C

- ❖ The C Programming Language (Chapter 5, 8.7)
- ❖ Expert C Programming: Deep C Secrets (Chapter 1)

❖ Unix (Basic)

- ❖ Survival guide for Unix newbies
- ❖ Settling into Unix
- ❖ The Unix Programming Environment (Chapter 1)

❖ GCC, GDB and Make

- ❖ CS537 Lab Tutorial

❖ Our Material

- ❖ <https://github.com/c21/UWOS>