CSc 3320: Systems Programming

Fall 2021

Midterm 1: Total points = 100

Submission instructions:

- 1. Create a Google doc for your submission.
- 2. Start your responses from page 2 of the document and copy these instructions on page 1.
- 3. Fill in your name, campus ID and panther # in the fields provided. If this information is missing TWO POINTS WILL BE DEDUCTED.
- 4. Keep this page 1 intact. If this *submissions instructions* page is missing in your submission TWO POINTS WILL BE DEDUCTED.
- 5. Start your responses to each QUESTION on a new page.
- 6. If you are being asked to write code copy the code into a separate txt file and submit that as well. The code should be executable. E.g. if asked for a C program then provide myfile.c so that we can execute that script. In your answer to the specific question, provide the steps on how to execute your file (like a ReadMe).
- 7. If you are being asked to test code or run specific commands or scripts, provide the evidence of your outputs through a screenshot and/or screen video-recordings and copy the same into the document.
- 8. Upon completion, download a .PDF version of the google doc document and submit the same along with all the supplementary files (videos, pictures, scripts etc).
- 9. Scripts/Code without proper comments, indentation and titles (must have the name of the program, and name & email of the programmer on top the script).

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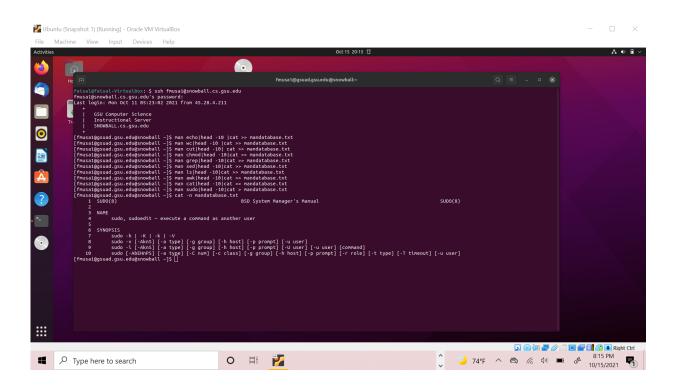
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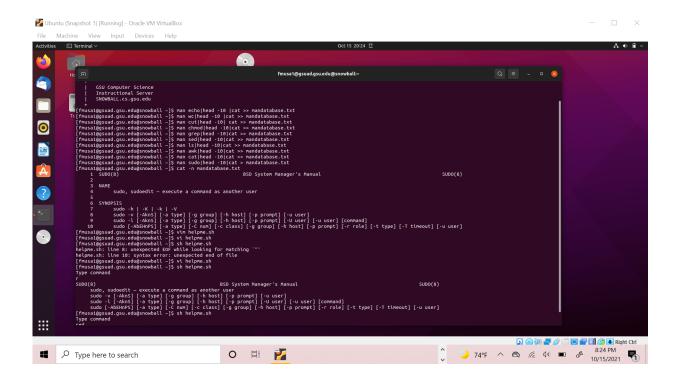
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Questions 1-5 are 20pts each

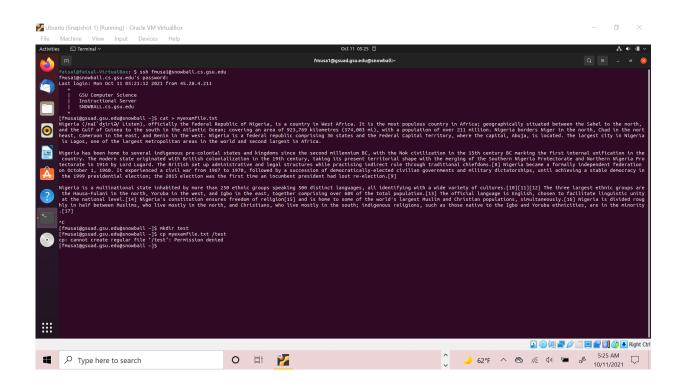
1. (20 pts) Pick any of your 10 favourite unix commands. For each command run the *man* command and copy the text that is printed into a mandatabase.txt. Write a shell script *helpme.sh* that will ask the user to type in a command and then print the manual's text associated with that corresponding command. If the command the user types is not in the database then the script must print *sorry, I cannot help you*

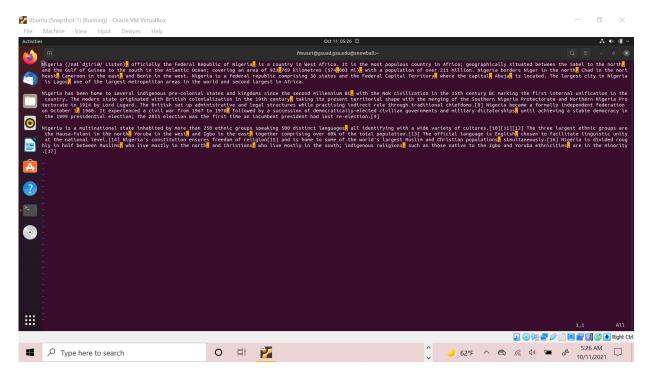
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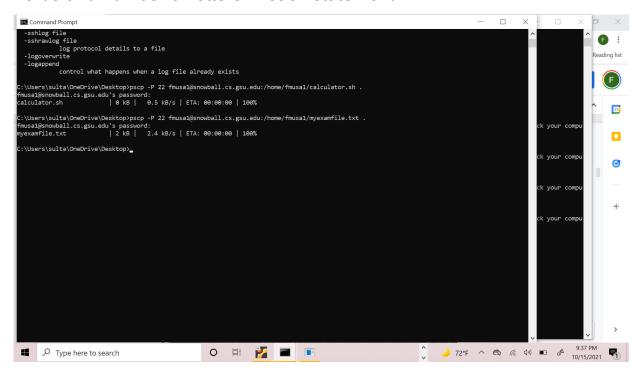


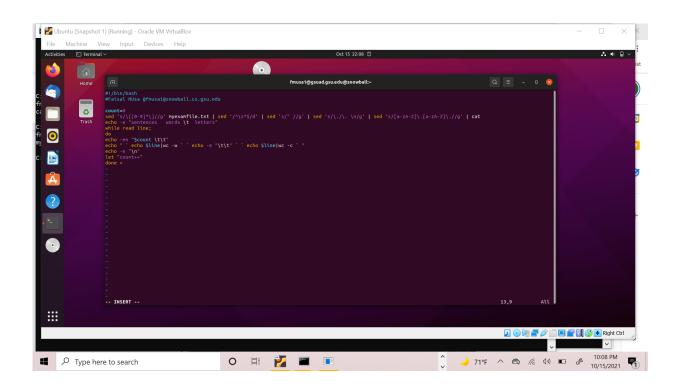
- 2. (10pts each) On your computer open your favourite Wikipedia page. Copy the text from that page into a text file myexamfile.txt and then copy that file to a directory named midterm (use mkdir to create the directory if it doesn't exist) in your snowball server home directory (use any FTP tool such as Putty or Filezilla to copy the file from your computer to the remote snowball server machine: see Lab 6).
- a. Write a shell script that will find the number of statements in the text. A statement is defined as the collection of text between two periods (full-stops).

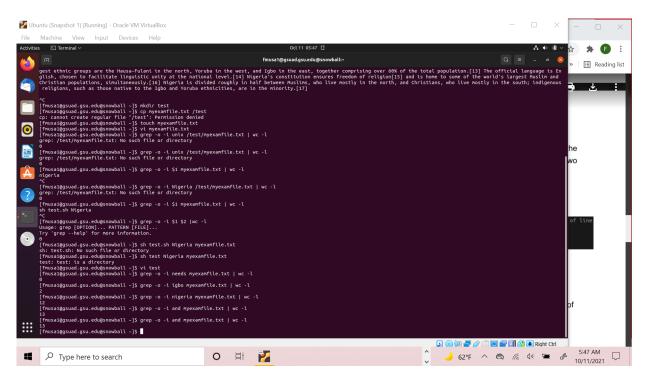




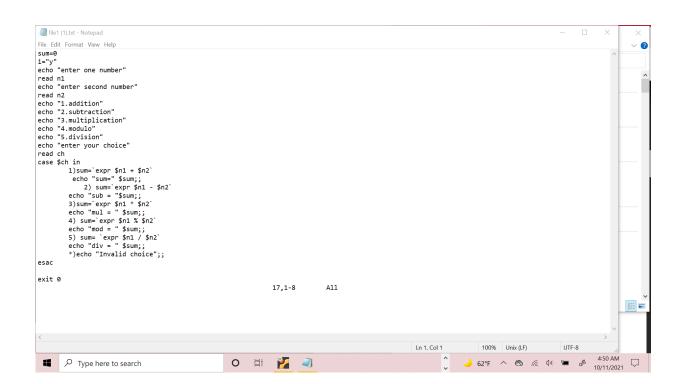
b. Update the script to present a tabular list that shows the number of words and number of letters in each statement.

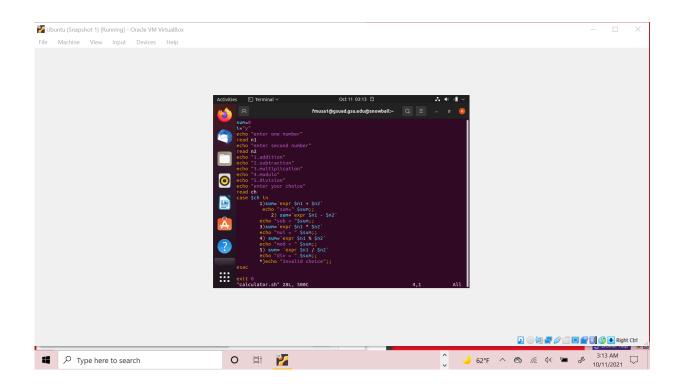




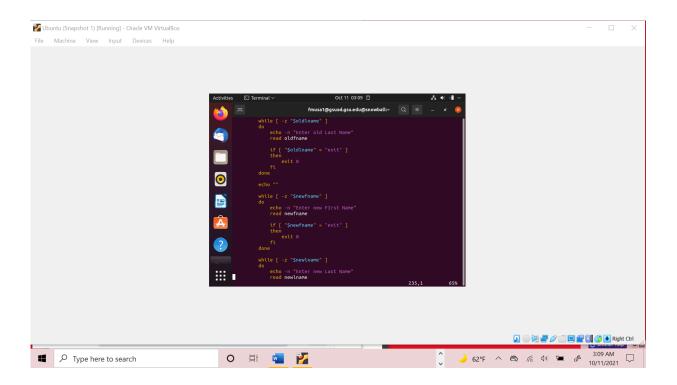


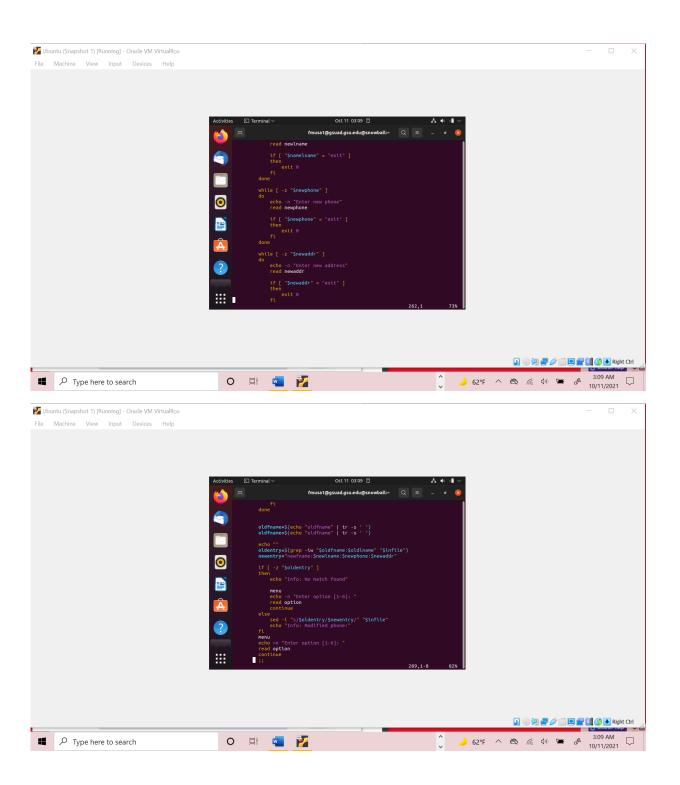
- 3. (20pts) Design a calculator using a shell script using regular expressions. The calculator, at the minimum, must be able to process addition, subtraction, multiplication, division and modulo operations. It must also have cancel and clear features.
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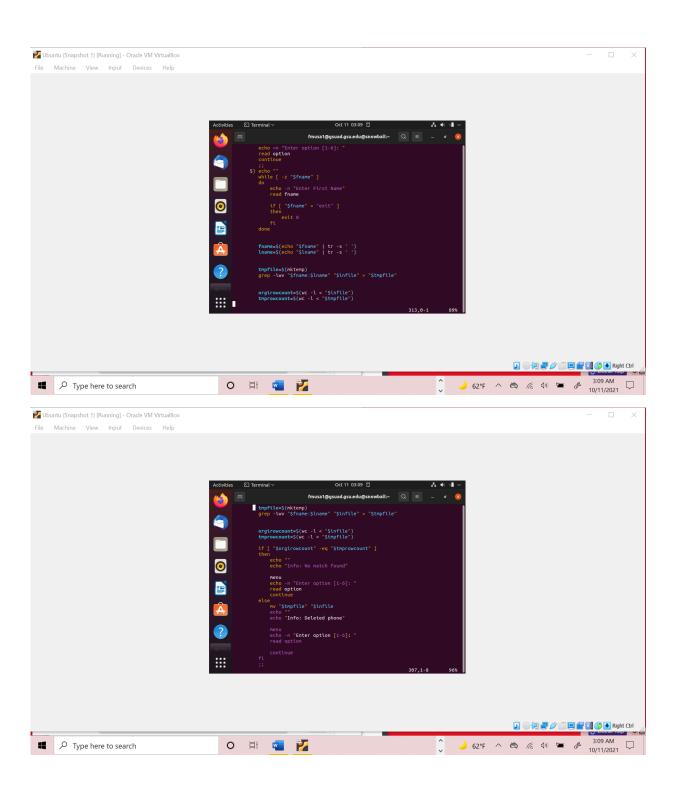


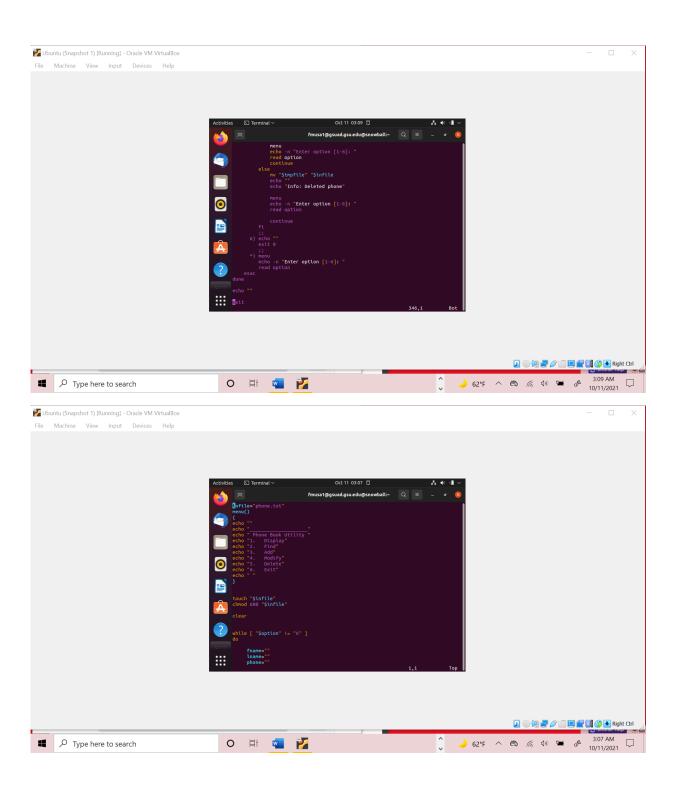


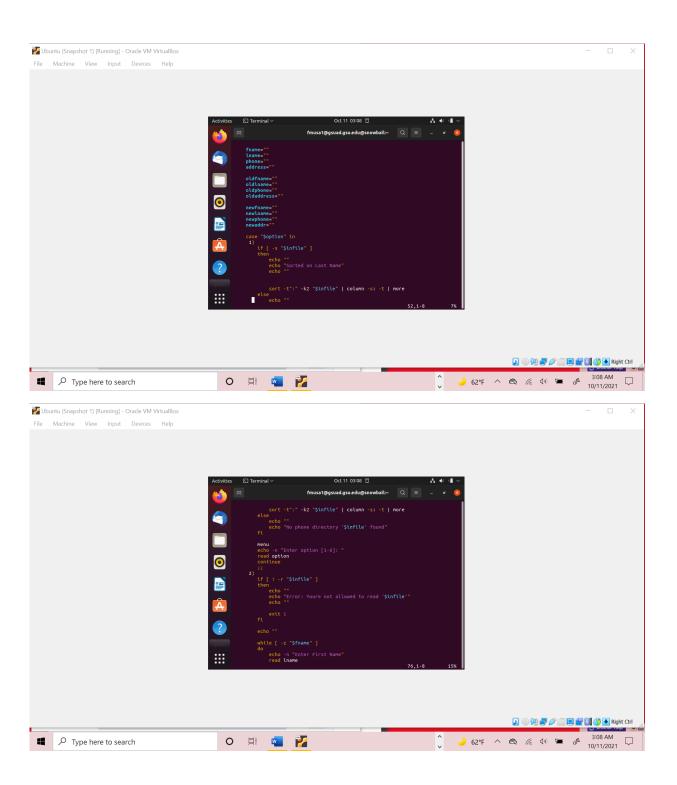
4. (20pts) Build a phone-book utility that allows you to access and modify an alphabetical list of names, addresses and telephone numbers. Use utilities such as awk and sed, to maintain and edit the file of phone-book information. The user (in this case, you) must be able to read, edit, and delete the phone book contents. The permissions for the phone book database must be such that it is inaccessible to anybody other than you (the user).

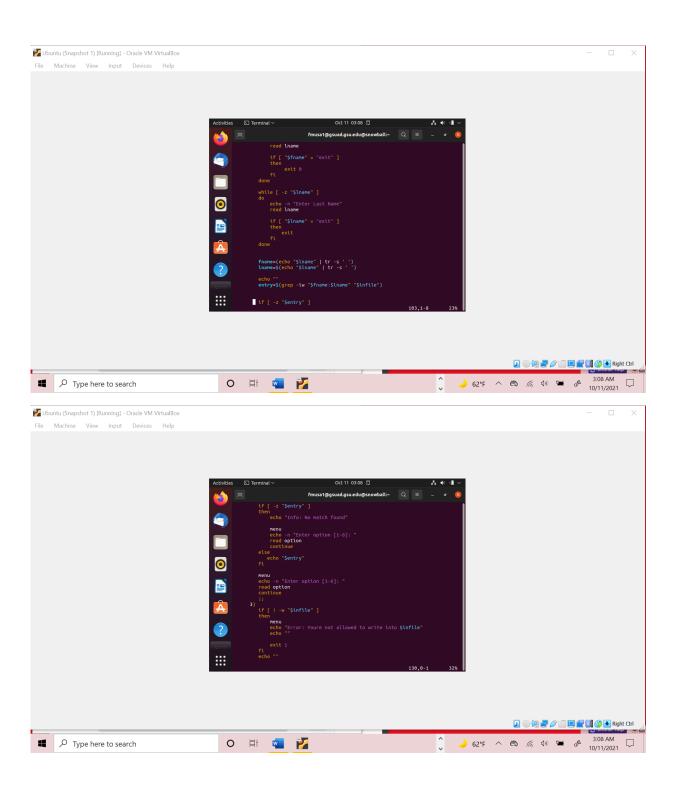


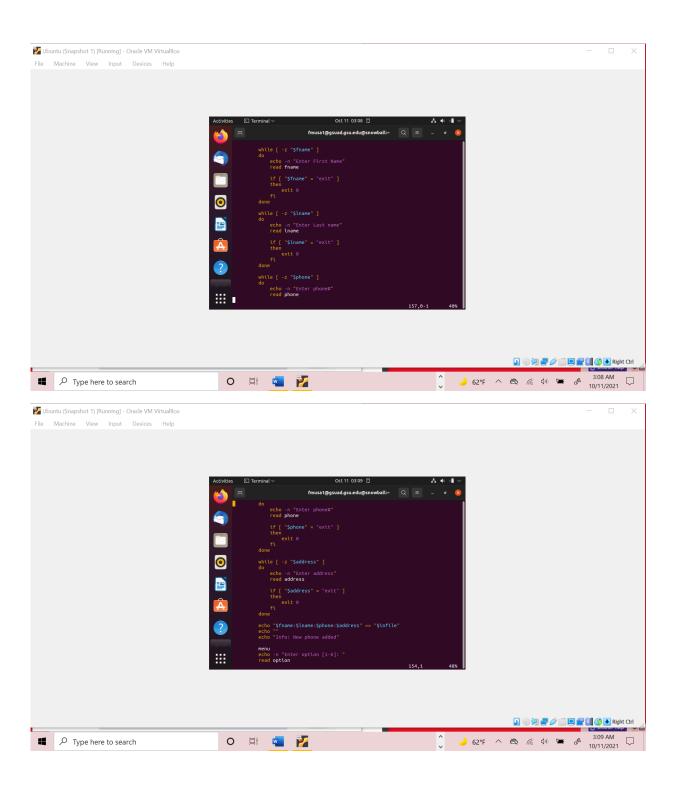


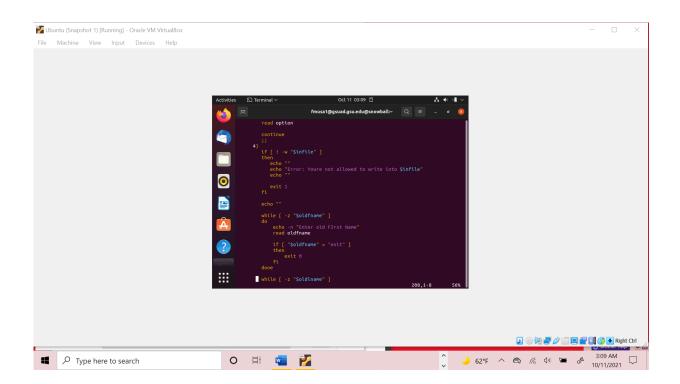












5. (4 pts each) Give brief answers with examples, wherever relevant

A. What is the use of a shell?

Shell is a CLI (Command Line Interface) and it is between the users and the kernel and it interprets your commands and accepts it. A shell lets you run programs, build pipelines of processes, save output to files, and run more than one program at the same time. A shell executes all of the commands that you enter.

- B. Is there any difference between the shell that you see on your PC versus that you see on the snowball server upon login. If yes, what are they? Provide screenshots for examples.
- Each shell has its own programming language. I currently have a macbook which uses the Mac OS X and comes with the Bourne Again Shell (a.k.a Bash). In Linux we use the Bash or Bourne Again Shell. Theyre both using the same shell and you can compile all the same programs and utilities with no noticeable difference. but there are differences in user interfaces and with mac not having many open source applications built on open source libraries.
- C. What are the elements in a computer (software and hardware) that enable the understanding and interpretation of a C program?
- C is a compiled language with 2 parts compiling and linking and there is a compiler program that translates the C code inot machine instructions. C is not an interpreted language.
- When you run a file the OS takes the file and puts the code and data segments into necessary locations in the memory RAM and tells the processor to run the code from a new memory location all while pulling the data from the assigned location.
- D. The "printf()" C command is used for printing anything on the screen. In bash we use the command "echo". What is the difference (if any) in terms of how the computer interprets and executes these commands?

- The prinff() command in C is uses the header library to print things on the screen for example, printf("Hello World") would print out Hello World. The echo command is used to output a line of text on the screen just like in C and can also be used to declare a variable. In C with printf when a function is called arguments are passed on the stack.....
- E. What do these shell commands do? "ssh", "scp" and "wget". Describe briefly using an example that you have executed using the snowball server.
- -Ssh (secure shell) is a network protocol used to securely communicate between computers, and transfers inputs from the client to the host and relays back the output

Ssh fmusa1@snowball.cs.qsu.edu

-scp (secure copy) is used to copy files between servers securely between two remote hosts and uses same security as ssh protocol.

Scp file.txt fmusa1@remotehost:/tmp/

-wget is a command-line utility used for downloading files from the web and you can download files using HTTP,HTTPS, FTP protocols and such. And by using wget it gives you a number of options that allows you to download multiple files.

wget [options] [url]