

# Linux for Beginners

## 3CPG Workshop

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[http://cbsu.tc.cornell.edu/lab/doc/linux\\_workshop.pdf](http://cbsu.tc.cornell.edu/lab/doc/linux_workshop.pdf)

# Topics

- Reserving time on lab workstations
- Logging in to a workstation
- Terminal window and tricks
- Directory structure
- Working with files
- Transferring files to/from workstations
- Running applications
- Basics of shell scripting
- Trying it

# Reserving time

- From any computer on the network, go to <http://cbsu.tc.cornell.edu>.
- Click on **CBSU/3CPG BioHPC Lab** tab -> **Reservations**
  - Also check out other links under this tab, like **Software, User's Guide, Forum**
- Log in with your user name (typically same as NetID) and the lab password
  - Initial lab password is sent to you in a “welcome e-mail” upon account creation
- Make a reservation
  - Note that only cbsuwrkst2, cbsuwrkst3, and cbsuwrkst4 are Linux machines, cbsuwrkst1 is running Windows.
  - If your reservation ends while you are still logged in, you may continue working. However, you will be disconnected once another user with valid reservation attempts to log in. To prevent this, go to the reservation page and extend the reservation, if possible.
  - Cancel reservations you no longer need (click on “X” near your reservation)

# Logging in

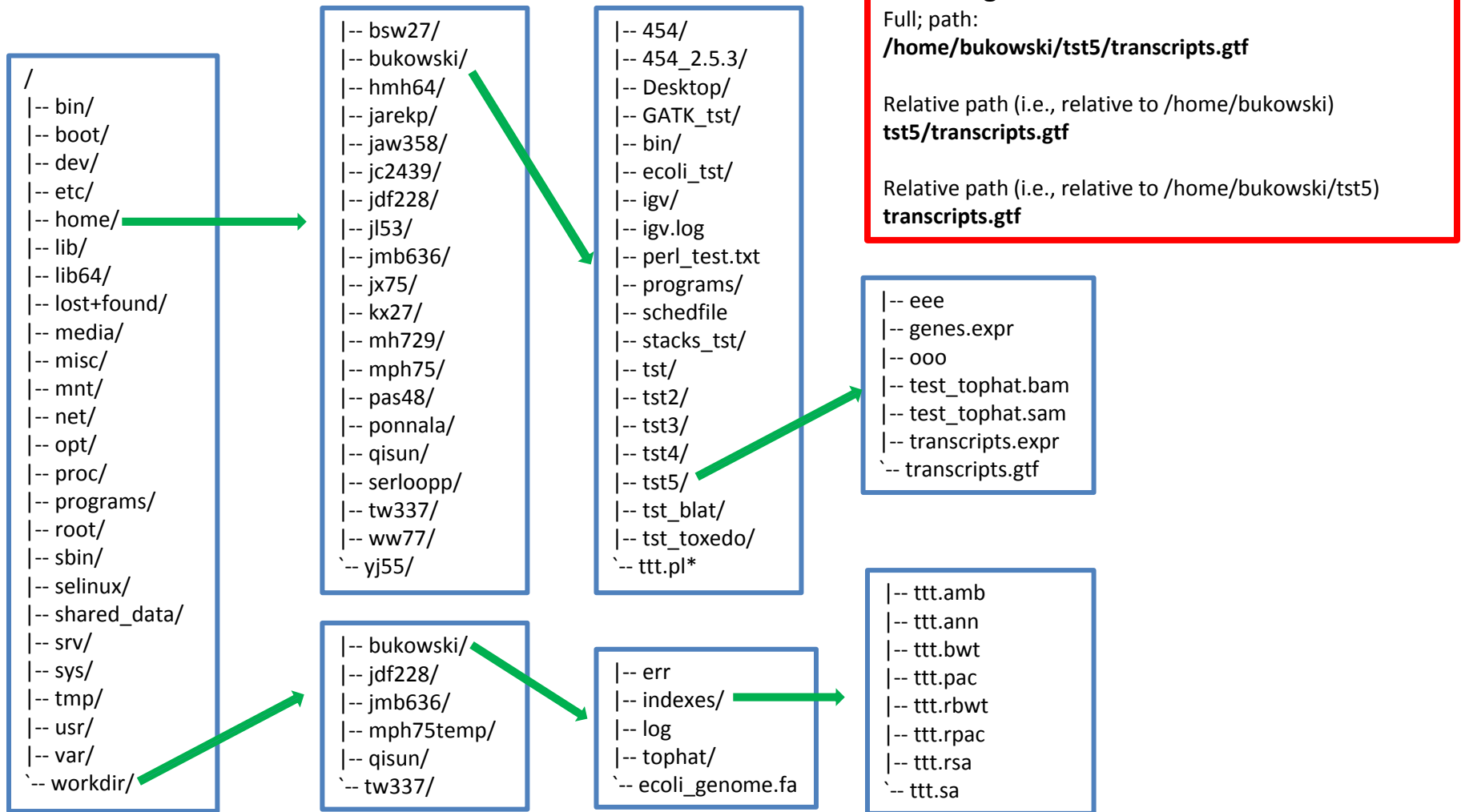
- From the console in 625 Rhodes
  - Turn on the monitor, then log in using the login screen
  - Right-click anywhere on the desktop, then select “Open terminal” – a terminal window will open
  - You can open additional terminals window the same way
- Remotely from a PC or Mac
  - Remote connection is through **ssh** (secure shell) – need a client
  - Install and configure remote access software. For details, consult [http://cbsu.tc.cornell.edu/lab/doc/Remote\\_access.pdf](http://cbsu.tc.cornell.edu/lab/doc/Remote_access.pdf)
  - On Windows, use **PuTTY** to open a terminal window using ssh protocol; start **Xming** if you intend to run any graphical applications on a workstation (iAssembler, Firefox, IGV,...)
  - On Mac, Launch the Mac’s terminal window. Type **ssh cbsuwrkstX.tc.cornell.edu** (replace the “X” with the workstation that you just reserved). Enter the lab user name and password when prompted.
  - You may open several terminal windows, if needed.

# Terminal window

- User communicates with the machine via **commands** typed in the terminal window
  - Typically, each command is typed in one line and “entered” by hitting the “Enter” key on the keyboard.
  - Commands may request information (e.g., list user’s files), launch a simple task (e.g., rename a file), or start an application (e.g., Firefox web browser, BWA aligner, IGV viewer, ...)
- Helpful tricks to avoid excessive command typing
  - Use copy/paste. Any text “mouse-selected” while holding the left mouse button is copied to clipboard. It may then be pasted, e.g., into a command, by clicking the right mouse button.
  - Use Up/Down Arrow keys – this will cycle through recently executed commands.
  - Use the TAB key – this will often present you with a list of choices after typing a part of a command – no need to remember everything.

# Directory structure

(example)



# Working with Directories

Right after logging in or opening a terminal window, you are in your **home directory** (e.g., /home/bukowski).

**pwd**

*(print **w**orking **d**irectory) – show the current directory*

**cd**

*Change (current) **d**irectory; without additional arguments, this command will take you to your **home directory***

**cd ./**

*Change (current) **d**irectory to the same one (i.e., do nothing). Note: **./** refers to the current directory.*

**cd /workdir/bukowski/indexes**

*Change (current) **d**irectory from wherever to /workdir/bukowski/indexes.*

**cd indexes**

*Change (current) **d**irectory to indexes (will work if the current directory contains “indexes”)*

**cd ../**

*Change (current) **d**irectory one level back (closer to the root)*

**cd ../../../**

*Change (current) **d**irectory three levels back (closer to the root)*

**mkdir /home/bukowski/my\_new\_dir**

*Make a new **d**irectory called “my\_new\_dir” in /home/bukowski*

**mkdir my\_new\_dir**

*Make a new **d**irectory called “my\_new\_dir” in the current directory*

**rm -Rf /home/bukowski/my\_new\_dir**

*Remove directory called “my\_new\_dir” in /home/bukowski with all its content (i.e. all files and subdirectories will be gone)*

**rm -Rf my\_new\_dir**

*Remove directory called “my\_new\_dir” in current directory with all its content (i.e. all files and subdirectories will be gone)*

# Listing content (files and subdirectories) of a directory

**ls**  
(list)

**ls -al**

*List **all** files and directories in current directory in **long** format*

**ls -al /home/bukowski/tst**

*List content of /home/bukowski/tst (which does not have to be the current directory)*

**ls -alt**

*Lists content of the current directory sorted according to modification time (use **ls -altr** to sort / reverse)*

**ls -alS**

*Lists content of the current directory sorted according to size (use **ls -alSr** to sort in reverse)*

**ls -al | more**

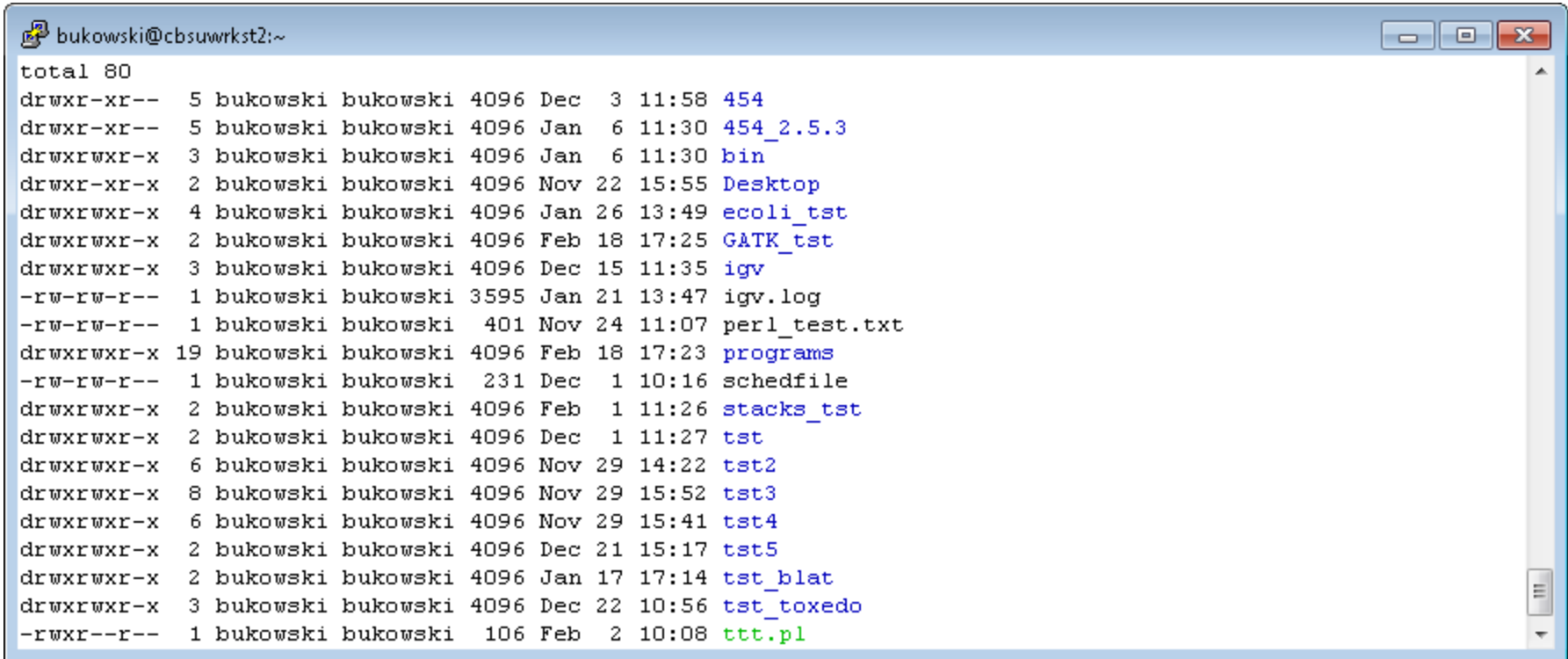
*Lists content of the current directory using pagination – useful if the file list is long (SPACE bar will take you to the next page)*

LOTS more options for ls – try **man ls** to see them all (may be intimidating).



# Listing content of a directory

ls -al



```
bukowski@cbsuwrkst2:~  
total 80  
drwxr-xr--  5 bukowski bukowski 4096 Dec  3 11:58 454  
drwxr-xr--  5 bukowski bukowski 4096 Jan  6 11:30 454_2.5.3  
drwxrwxr-x  3 bukowski bukowski 4096 Jan  6 11:30 bin  
drwxr-xr-x  2 bukowski bukowski 4096 Nov 22 15:55 Desktop  
drwxrwxr-x  4 bukowski bukowski 4096 Jan 26 13:49 ecoli_tst  
drwxrwxr-x  2 bukowski bukowski 4096 Feb 18 17:25 GATK_tst  
drwxrwxr-x  3 bukowski bukowski 4096 Dec 15 11:35 igv  
-rw-rw-r--  1 bukowski bukowski 3595 Jan 21 13:47 igv.log  
-rw-rw-r--  1 bukowski bukowski  401 Nov 24 11:07 perl_test.txt  
drwxrwxr-x 19 bukowski bukowski 4096 Feb 18 17:23 programs  
-rw-rw-r--  1 bukowski bukowski  231 Dec  1 10:16 schedfile  
drwxrwxr-x  2 bukowski bukowski 4096 Feb  1 11:26 stacks_tst  
drwxrwxr-x  2 bukowski bukowski 4096 Dec  1 11:27 tst  
drwxrwxr-x  6 bukowski bukowski 4096 Nov 29 14:22 tst2  
drwxrwxr-x  8 bukowski bukowski 4096 Nov 29 15:52 tst3  
drwxrwxr-x  6 bukowski bukowski 4096 Nov 29 15:41 tst4  
drwxrwxr-x  2 bukowski bukowski 4096 Dec 21 15:17 tst5  
drwxrwxr-x  2 bukowski bukowski 4096 Jan 17 17:14 tst_blat  
drwxrwxr-x  3 bukowski bukowski 4096 Dec 22 10:56 tst_toxedo  
-rwxr--r--  1 bukowski bukowski  106 Feb  2 10:08 ttt.pl
```

↑  
File permissions  
("d" means this is  
a directory)

↑  
Owner and group

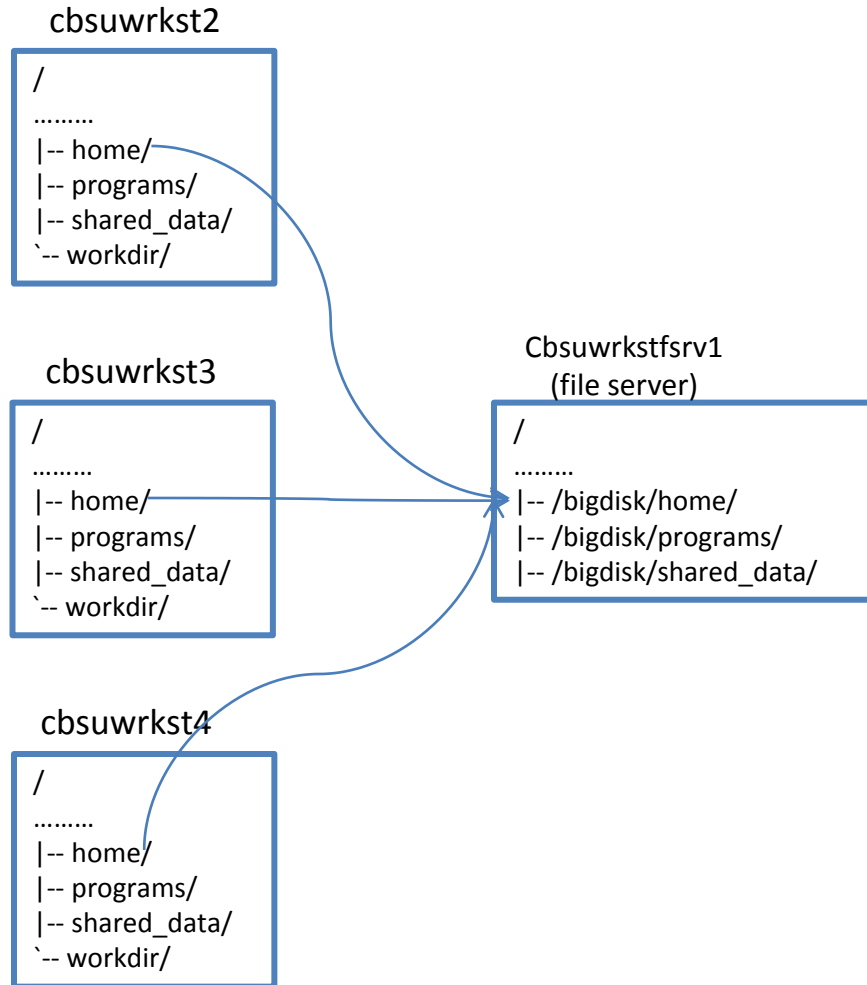
↑  
Size (in bytes)

↑ ↑ ↑ ↑  
Last modification time

File name (directories in blue, executable  
files in green)

# Local vs. network directories

(3CPG LAB – specific)



## Network directories

**/home, /programs, /shared\_data**  
(with all subdirectories)

- Physically located on the file server
- Visible from all workstations
- Relatively SLOW access – DO NOT run any calculations there, avoid transferring large files there

## Local directories:

**/workdir** (with all subdirectories), all other directories

- Physically attached to “its own” workstation
- Not visible from other workstations
- Fast access – all calculations should be run in **/workdir**

# Working with files

## File names

- Use only letters (upper- and lower-case), numbers from 0 to 9, a dot (.), and an underscore (\_).
- Avoid other characters, as they may have special meaning to either Linux, or to the application you are trying to run.
- Use of special characters in file names is possible if absolutely necessary, but will lead to problems if done incorrectly.
- Extensions (like “.zip”, “.gz”, “.ps”,...) are commonly used to denote the type of file, but are not necessary to “open” a file. While working in command line terminal you always explicitly specify a program which is supposed to work with this file.
- The dot (.) does not have any special meaning in Linux file names.

# Working with files

There are many types of files. Here are the most important:

- Binary files (cannot be viewed using a text editor)
  - Executables (e.g., samtools, bwa, bowtie)
  - Data in binary format (e.g., BAM files, index files for BWA or Bowtie, formatted BLAST databases)
  - Compressed files (usually \*.gz, \*.zip, \*.bz2,..., but extensions not necessary)
- Text files (can be viewed and modified using a text editor)
  - Text documents (e.g., README files)
  - Data in text format (e.g., FASTA, FASTQ, VCF, ...)
  - Scripts:
    - Shell scripts (usually \*.sh or \*.csh)
    - Perl scripts (usually \*.pl)
    - Python scripts (usually \*.py)
    - ...
- Symbolic links: pointers to other files or directories. In the example below, file /programs/bin/samtools/samtools is a symbolic link to /programs/samtools-0.1.11/samtools. Note the “l” character in the first column of output from “ls -al”.

```
$ cd /programs/bin/samtools
```

```
$ ls -al samtools
```

```
lrwxrwxrwx 1 root root 30 Nov 23 13:44 samtools -> ../../samtools-0.1.11/samtools
```

# Working with files

## Copying a file

**cp** <source\_file> <destination\_file>

Examples:

- **cp sample\_data.fa /workdir/bukowski/sample.fa** *(copy file sample\_data.fa from the current directory to /workdir/bukowski and give the copy a name sample.fa; destination directory must exist)*
- **cp /workdir/bukowski/my\_script.sh .** *(copy file myscript.sh from /workdir/bukowski to the current directory under the same file name)*
- **cp /home/bukowski/\*.fastq /workdir/bukowski** *(copy all files with file names ending with ".fastq" from /home/bukowski to /workdir/bukowski; destination directory must exist)*
- **cp -R /workdir/bukowski/tst5 /home/bukowski** *(if tst5 is a directory, it will be copied with all its files and subdirectories to directory /home/bukowski/tst5; if /home/bukowski/tst5 did not exist, it will be created).*
- Try **man cp** for all options to the **cp** command.

# Working with files

## Moving and renaming files

**mv <source\_file> <destination\_file>**

Examples:

- **mv my\_file\_one my\_file\_two** (*change the name of the file my\_file\_one in the current directory*)
- **mv my\_file\_one /workdir/bukowski** (*move the file my\_file\_one from the current directory to /workdir/bukowski without changing file name; the file will be removed from the current directory*)
- **mv /workdir/bukowski/my\_file\_two ./my\_file\_three** (*move the file my\_file\_two from /workdir/bukowski to the current directory changing the name to my\_file\_three; the file will be removed from /workdir/bukowski*)
- Try **man mv** for all options to the **mv** command....

## Removing (deleting) files

**rm <file\_name>**

Examples:

- **rm my\_file\_one** (*delete file my\_file\_one from the current directory*)
- **rm /workdir/bukowski/my\_file\_two** (*delete file my\_file\_two from directory /workdir/bukowski*)
- **rm -R ./tst5** (*if tst5 is a subdirectory in the current directory, it will be removed with all its files and directories*)
- Try **man rm** for all options to the **rm** command....

# Working with files

Since there are no strict naming conventions for various file types, it is not always clear what kind of file we deal with. When in doubt, use the **file** command:

```
cd /programs/samtools-0.1.11
```

```
file samtools
```

```
samtools: ELF 64-bit LSB executable, AMD x86-64, version 1 (SYSV), for GNU/Linux 2.6.9,  
dynamically linked (uses shared libs), for GNU/Linux 2.6.9, not stripped
```

# Working with files

To save disk space, we can compress large files if we do not intend to use them for a while. A lot of files downloaded from the web are compressed and need to be uncompressed before any processing can take place.

Common compressed formats:

- **gzip (gz)**
  - **gzip my\_file** (*compresses file my\_file, producing its compressed version, my\_file.gz*)
  - **gzip -d my\_file.gz** (*decompress my\_file.gz, producing its original version my\_file*)
- **bzip2**
  - **bzip2 my\_file** (*compresses file my\_file, producing its compressed version, my\_file.bz2*)
  - **bunzip2 my\_file.bz2** (*decompress my\_file.bz2, producing its original version my\_file*)



# Working with files

Common compressed formats (continued):

- **zip**
  - **zip my\_file.zip my\_file1 my\_file2 my\_file3** *(create a compressed archive called my\_files.zip, containing three files: my\_file1, my\_file2, my\_file3)*
  - **zip -r my\_file.zip my\_file1 my\_dir** *(if my\_dir is a directory, create an archive my\_file.zip containing the file my\_file1 and the directory my\_dir with all its content)*
  - **zip -l my\_file.zip** *(list contents of the zip archive my\_file.zip)*
  - **unzip my\_files.zip** *(decompress the archive into the constituent files and directories)*
- **tar**
  - **tar -cvf my\_file.tar my\_file1 my\_file2 my\_dir** *(create a compressed archive called my\_files.tar, containing files my\_file1, my\_file2 and the directory my\_dir with all its content)*
  - **tar -tvf my\_file.tar** *(list contents of the tar archive my\_file.tar)*
  - **tar -xvf my\_files.tar** *(decompress the archive into the constituent files and directories)*

# Working with files

Common compressed formats (continued):

- **tgz** (also, **tar.gz** – essentially a combo of “tar” and “gzip”)
  - **tar -czvf my\_file.tgz my\_file1 my\_file2 my\_dir** *(create a compressed archive called my\_files.tgz, containing files my\_file1, my\_file2 and the directory my\_dir with all its content)*
  - **tar -tzvf my\_file.tgz** *(list contents of the tar archive my\_file.tar)*
  - **tar -xzvf my\_files.tgz** *(decompress the archive into the constituent files and directories)*

Compression works best (i.e., saves most disk space) for text files (e.g., large FASTQ files).

Getting help about compression tools:

- **gzip -h, bzip2 --help, zip, tar --help**
- **man gzip, man bzip2, man zip, man tar** (may be intimidating...)

# Working with text files

## Viewing text files

### Examples:

- **more README.txt** *(display the content of the file README.txt in the current directory dividing the file into pages; press SPACE bar to go to the next page)*
- **head -100 my\_reads.fastq** *(display first 100 lines of the file my\_reads.fastq in the current directory)*
- **tail -100 my\_reads.fastq** *(display last 100 lines of the file my\_reads.fastq in the current directory)*
- **tail -1000 my\_eads.fastq | more** *(extract the last 1000 lines of the file my\_reads.fastq and display them page by page)*
- **head -1000 my\_reads.fastq | tail -100** *(display lines 901 through 1000 of the file my\_reads.fastq)*
- **cat my\_reads.fastq** *(print the file on screen – good for small files)*
- **wc my\_reads.fastq** *(display the number of lines, words, and characters in a file)*

## Looking for a string in a group of text files:

- **grep "Error: lane" \*.out** *(display all files \*.out from the current directory which contain the string "Error: lane"; also display the lines containing that string)*

# Editing text files

## **vi**

- Available on all UNIX-like systems (Linux included), i.e., also on lab workstations
- Free Windows implementation available (once you learn vi, you can just use one editor everywhere)
- User interface rather peculiar (no nice buttons to click, need to remember quite a few keyboard commands instead)
- Some love it, some hate it

**gedit** (installed on lab workstations; just type “gedit” to invoke)

- X-windows application – need to have X-ming running on client PC.
- May be slow on slow networks...

**edit+** (<http://www.editplus.com/>)

- Commercial product
- Runs on a local machine (laptop) and transfers data to/from Linux workstation as needed
- Can browse Linux directories in a Windows-like file explorer
- May be slow on slow networks
- Some people swear by it

# vi basics

Opening a file:

**vi my\_reads.fastq** (open the file my\_reads.fastq in the current directory for editing; if the file does not exist, it will be created)

**Command mode:** typing will issue commands to the editor (rather than change text itself)

**Edit mode:** typing will enter/change text in the document

**<Esc>** exit edit mode and enter command mode (this is the most important key – use it whenever you are lost)

The following commands will **take you to edit mode**:

|          |  |
|----------|--|
| <b>i</b> | enter insert mode                              |
| <b>r</b> | single replace                                 |
| <b>R</b> | multiple replace                               |
| <b>a</b> | move one character right and enter insert mode |
| <b>o</b> | start a new line under current line            |
| <b>O</b> | start a new line above the current line        |

The following commands **operate in command mode (hit <Esc> before using them)**

|             |   |
|-------------|---|
| <b>x</b>    | delete one character at cursor position |
| <b>dd</b>   | delete the current line                 |
| <b>G</b>    | go to end of file                       |
| <b>1G</b>   | go to beginning of file                 |
| <b>154G</b> | go to line 154                          |
| <b>\$</b>   | go to end of line                       |
| <b>1</b>    | go to beginning of line                 |
| <b>:q!</b>  | exit without saving                     |
| <b>:w</b>   | save (but not exit)                     |
| <b>:wq!</b> | save and exit                           |

**Arrow keys:** move cursor around (in both modes)

# Disk usage guidelines

(3CPG lab specific)

Your home directory (e.g., /home/bukowski)

- Is network-mounted and therefore access to it is slow
- Visible from each workstation – no matter which one you log in to
- 200 GB quota will be imposed (may change depending on conditions)
- Use it to store files which you use frequently (reference genomes, index files) or which are small and hard to replace (scripts and executables)
- Never run any disk intensive applications (all Next-Gen tools are disk intensive) with your home directory (or any of its subdirectories) as the “current directory”. Work on **/workdir** instead.

The **/workdir** directory

- Is local to its workstation (located on disks physically attached to the machine’s controller)
- Not visible from other workstations
- Temporary – the content of /workdir may be erased after you log out. When you log in again, your files may be no longer there
- After you log in, create your own subdirectory in /workdir (if not already there)
- All the files to be used in processing have to be moved to that subdirectory
- Applications have to be started in that subdirectory
- Important output files have to be copied back to the home directory or (better yet) out of the machine.

# Checking disk space

How much disk space is taken by my files?


**du -hs .** *(displays combined size of all files in the current directory and recursively in all its subdirectories)*

**du -h --max-depth=1 .** *(as above, but sizes of each subdirectory are also displayed)*

How much disk space is available?

**df -h**

| Filesystem   | Size | Used | Avail | Use% | Mounted on   |
|--|------|------|-------|------|--------------|
| /dev/mapper/VolGroup00-LogVol100                   | 3.6T | 236G | 3.1T  | 7%   | /            |
| /dev/sda1  | 99M  | 19M  | 75M   | 21%  | /boot        |
| tmpfs  | 12G  | 0    | 12G   | 0%   | /dev/shm     |
| cbsuwrkstfsrv1.tc.cornell.edu:/bigdisk/home        | 6.9T | 246G | 6.3T  | 4%   | /home        |
| cbsuwrkstfsrv1.tc.cornell.edu:/bigdisk/programs    | 6.9T | 246G | 6.3T  | 4%   | /programs    |
| cbsuwrkstfsrv1.tc.cornell.edu:/bigdisk/shared_data | 6.9T | 246G | 6.3T  | 4%   | /shared_data |

 **/workdir is a part of it**

# File transfer

between PC or Mac and a lab workstation

On Windows PC: install and use your favorite **sftp client** program, such as

- **winscp**: <http://winscp.net/eng/index.php>
- **CoreFTP LE**: <http://www.coreftp.com/>
- **FileZilla** (client): <http://filezilla-project.org/>
- ... others...
- When connecting to Lab workstations from a client, use the **sftp** protocol. You will be asked for your user name and password (the same you use to log in to the lab workstations).
- Transfer text file in text mode, binary files in binary mode (the “default” not always right).
- All clients feature
  - File explorer-like graphical interface to files on both the PC and on the Linux machine
  - Drag-and-drop functionality

On a Mac: recommended file transfer program is **fetch** (recommended by Cornell CIT)

- [http://www2.cit.cornell.edu/services/systems\\_support/filefetch.html#fetchinst](http://www2.cit.cornell.edu/services/systems_support/filefetch.html#fetchinst)
- graphical user interface
- Drag-and-drop functionality

Large files (> 0.5 GB) should be transferred to your subdirectory under /workdir (e.g., /workdir/bukowski). Avoid storing and processing such files in your home directory.



# File transfer

fixing Windows/Mac – Linux text file conversion problems

**unix2dos my\_file** (convert a text file in linux format my\_file to Windows/Mac format, i.e., change line endings)

**dos2unix my\_file** (convert a text file my\_file in Windows/Mac format to Linux format, i.e., change line endings)

# File transfer

between a lab workstation and another Linux machine

Suppose we want to transfer a file from **cbsuss04.tc.cornell.edu** (another Linux machine; substitute “your” Linux machine here) and **cbsuwrkst2** lab workstation.

Option 1: when logged in to **cbsuwrkst2**, sftp to **cbsuss04** by running the following commands:

```
cd /workdir/bukowski (this is where we want the file to be on cbsuwrkst2)
sftp bukowski@cbsuss04.tc.cornell.edu (instead of “bukowski”, use your own  

user name on cbsuss04; you will be asked for password)
cd /data/bukowski/reads (on cbsuss04, go to the directory where the file is)
get my_read.fastq (transfer, or “get” the file from cbsuss04)
quit (exit sftp client and disconnect from cbsuss04 – we are back on  

cbsuwrkst2)
```

Option 2: when logged in to **cbsuss04**, sftp to **cbsuwrkst2** by running the following commands:

```
cd /data/bukowski/reads (this is where the file is on cbsuss04)
sftp bukowski@cbsuwrkst2.tc.cornell.edu (instead of “bukowski”, use your  

own user name on cbsuss04; you will be asked your lab password)
cd /workdir/bukowski (on cbsuwrkst2, go to the directory where the file is  

supposed to be stored)
put my_read.fastq (transfer, or “put” the file on cbsuwrkst2)
quit (exit sftp client and disconnect from cbsuwrkst2– we are back on  

cbsuss04)
```

# File transfer

from web- and ftp sites to lab workstations

Option 1: download using a web browser on workstation. While logged in to the workstation, execute the following:

- **firefox** (*this will start the Firefox browser on the workstation*)
  - *If you are working remotely from a PC, you will need to have Xming running. Note: Firefox browser you just started is **running on Linux workstation**, your PC is just displaying the browser's window. May be slow on slow networks...*
- Navigate to the site you want to download the file from, click on download link. The browser will ask for destination directory (on the workstation !) to put the file in. Select a directory (should be in /workdir if the file is large) and let the browser complete the download.
- Close Firefox browser if no longer needed.

Option 2: run **wget** command on the workstation (if you know the URL of the file)

- **wget ftp://ftp.ncbi.nih.gov/blast/matrices/BLOSUM100** (*will download the file BLOSUM100 from the NCBI FTP site and deposit it in the current directory under the name BLOSUM100*)
- **wget -O e\_coli\_1000\_1.fq**  
"http://cbsuapps.tc.cornell.edu/Sequencing/showseqfile.aspx?cntrl=646698859&laneid=487&mode=http&file=e\_coli\_1000\_1.fq"
- (*the command above can be used to download files given by complicated URLs; note the "" marks around the link and the -O option which specifies the name you want to give the downloaded file*)

# More about commands

- Each command is, in fact, an executable program stored somewhere on disk, usually in places like **/bin**, **/usr/bin**, or **/usr/local/bin**
  - **which mv** (*tells us where on disk the command mv is located*)
- Why can we just use **mv** rather than the full name **/bin/mv** ? Because of the search path environment variable which is defined for everybody. The you type **mv**, the system tries each directory on the search path one by one until it finds the corresponding executable.
  - **echo \$PATH** (*displays the search path*)
  - Note: the current directory **./** is NOT in the search path. If you need to run a program located, say in your home directory, you need to precede it with **./**, for example, **./my\_program**
- The next-gen analysis applications installed on the workstations are also in your \$PATH. Thus, you can launch them using just the name rather than the full path:
  - Example: command **/programs/bin/samtools/samtools** is equivalent to **samtools**

# Running applications

**<path\_to\_application\_executable> <options>**

Example: generate BWA index for the D.melanogaster genome

- Study the BWA manual (<http://bio-bwa.sourceforge.net/bwa.shtml>) to learn what **<options>** are available, what they do, and how to accomplish the task at hand.
- For this example:
  - We will run the program in directory under **/workdir/bukowski/d\_melanogaster**
  - We need the FASTA file with the genome, *flygenome.fa*, in that directory
  - We want the index files to end up in **/workdir/bukowski/d\_melanogaster/bwaindex** and we want their names to start with “drosophila”

```
cd /workdir/bukowski/d_melanogaster
```

```
mkdir bwaindex
```

```
bwa index -p bwaindex/drosophila flygenome.fa
```



Path to  
application  
executable



Program options

```
bwa index -p bwaindex/drosophila flygenome.fa 1> run.log 2> run.err
```



Redirect screen  
output

```
bwa index -p bwaindex/drosophila flygenome.fa 1> run.log 2> run.err &
```



Run in the  
background

# Running applications

Checking on your application: the **top** command

To exit – just type **q**

```
top - 17:13:49 up 81 days,  2:13,  3 users,  load average: 0.81, 0.27, 0.09
Tasks: 136 total,   2 running, 134 sleeping,   0 stopped,   0 zombie
Cpu(s): 25.0%us,  0.1%sy,  0.0%ni, 75.0%id,  0.0%wa,  0.0%hi,  0.0%si,  0.0%st
Mem:   24692152k total, 24528008k used,   164144k free,   182100k buffers
Swap: 26738680k total,   192k used, 26738488k free, 22737208k cached
```

| PID  | USER     | PR | NI | VIRT  | RES  | SHR | S | %CPU  | %MEM | TIME+   | COMMAND     |
|------|----------|----|----|-------|------|-----|---|-------|------|---------|-------------|
| 3108 | bukowski | 25 | 0  | 815m  | 805m | 608 | R | 100.2 | 3.3  | 1:14.91 | bwa         |
| 1    | root     | 15 | 0  | 10352 | 704  | 588 | S | 0.0   | 0.0  | 0:02.95 | init        |
| 2    | root     | RT | -5 | 0     | 0    | 0   | S | 0.0   | 0.0  | 0:00.00 | migration/0 |
| 3    | root     | 34 | 19 | 0     | 0    | 0   | S | 0.0   | 0.0  | 0:00.07 | ksoftirqd/0 |
| 4    | root     | RT | -5 | 0     | 0    | 0   | S | 0.0   | 0.0  | 0:00.00 | watchdog/0  |
| 5    | root     | RT | -5 | 0     | 0    | 0   | S | 0.0   | 0.0  | 0:00.00 | migration/1 |
| 6    | root     | 34 | 19 | 0     | 0    | 0   | S | 0.0   | 0.0  | 0:59.15 | ksoftirqd/1 |
| 7    | root     | RT | -5 | 0     | 0    | 0   | S | 0.0   | 0.0  | 0:00.00 | watchdog/1  |
| 8    | root     | RT | -5 | 0     | 0    | 0   | S | 0.0   | 0.0  | 0:00.00 | migration/2 |
| 9    | root     | 34 | 19 | 0     | 0    | 0   | S | 0.0   | 0.0  | 0:24.62 | ksoftirqd/2 |
| 10   | root     | RT | -5 | 0     | 0    | 0   | S | 0.0   | 0.0  | 0:00.00 | watchdog/2  |
| 11   | root     | RT | -5 | 0     | 0    | 0   | S | 0.0   | 0.0  | 0:00.00 | migration/3 |
| 12   | root     | 34 | 19 | 0     | 0    | 0   | S | 0.0   | 0.0  | 0:00.16 | ksoftirqd/3 |
| 13   | root     | RT | -5 | 0     | 0    | 0   | S | 0.0   | 0.0  | 0:00.00 | watchdog/3  |
| 14   | root     | 10 | -5 | 0     | 0    | 0   | S | 0.0   | 0.0  | 0:00.33 | events/0    |
| 15   | root     | 10 | -5 | 0     | 0    | 0   | S | 0.0   | 0.0  | 1:28.92 | events/1    |
| 16   | root     | 10 | -5 | 0     | 0    | 0   | S | 0.0   | 0.0  | 3:25.27 | events/2    |
| 17   | root     | 10 | -5 | 0     | 0    | 0   | S | 0.0   | 0.0  | 1:15.45 | events/3    |
| 18   | root     | 10 | -5 | 0     | 0    | 0   | S | 0.0   | 0.0  | 0:00.00 | khelper     |
| 214  | root     | 10 | -5 | 0     | 0    | 0   | S | 0.0   | 0.0  | 0:00.01 | kthread     |
| 221  | root     | 10 | -5 | 0     | 0    | 0   | S | 0.0   | 0.0  | 0:00.01 | kblockd/0   |

# Running applications

Checking on your application:

the **ps** command – display info about all your processes – one of them should be **bwa**

**ps -ef | grep bukowski**

```
bukowski 3159 14936 99 17:26 pts/1 00:00:25 bwa index -p bwaindex/drosophila flygeom-  
.fa  
bukowski 3162 14936 0 17:26 pts/1 00:00:00 ps -ef  
bukowski 3163 14936 0 17:26 pts/1 00:00:00 grep bukowski  
root 14769 3484 0 Feb18 ? 00:00:00 sshd: bukowski [priv]  
bukowski 14771 14769 0 Feb18 ? 00:00:00 sshd: bukowski@notty  
bukowski 14772 14771 0 Feb18 ? 00:00:00 /usr/libexec/openssh/sftp-server  
root 14933 3484 0 Feb18 ? 00:00:00 sshd: bukowski [priv]  
bukowski 14935 14933 0 Feb18 ? 00:00:01 sshd: bukowski@pts/1  
bukowski 14936 14935 0 Feb18 pts/1 00:00:00 -bash  
[bukowski@chsuwrkst2 d_melanogaster]$
```

Process ID (PID)

Running time

Try **man ps** for more info about the **ps** command.

# Running applications

## Stopping applications

- If the application is running in the foreground (i.e., without “&”), it can be stopped with Ctrl-C (press and hold the Ctrl key, then press the “C” key) issued from the window (terminal) it is running in.
- If the application is running in the background (i.e., with “&”), it can be stopped with the **kill** command

**kill -9 <PID>**

Where <PID> is the process id obtained from the **ps** command. For example, to terminate the bwa process from the previous slide, we would use

**kill -9 3159**

Try **man kill** for more info about the **kill** command.



# Running applications

## basic shell scripting

Typically, data processing requires a “pipeline” – several commands run in succession, so that output from one command is input to the next one.

### Example:

Aligning Illumina reads to a genome using BWA and storing the alignment in BAM format requires three steps:

```
bwa aln bwaindex/drosophila short_read.fastq 1> aln.sai 2> log
```

```
bwa samse bwaindex/drosophila aln.sai short_read.fastq 1> aln.sam 2>> log
```

```
samtools view -bS -o aln.bam aln.sam 2>> log
```

The three commands above may be put in a text file, e.g., **bwascript.sh**, created with a text editor. The script may then be executed:

- **chmod u+x bwascript.sh** (*make the file executable; needs to be done only once*)
- **./bwascript.sh 1> script.log 2> script.err &** (*run script in the background*)

Note: use “&” for the whole script rather than in each command (why?)

# Running applications

basic shell scripting

Slightly more complicated (and more useful) script

```
#!/bin/bash

INFILE=$1

# Run alignment
bwa aln bwaindex/drosophila ${INFILE} 1> aln.sai 2> log
# Produce alignment in SAM format
bwa samse bwaindex/drosophila aln.sai ${INFILE} 1> aln.sam 2>> log
# Remove the intermediate sai file to save space
rm aln.sai
# Run samtools to generate the BAM file, name it after the input file
samtools view -bS -o ${INFILE}_aln.bam aln.sam 2>> log
# Remove the SAM file to save space
rm aln.sam
```

Run the script with the following command:

```
./bwascript.sh short_read.fastq 1> script.log 2> script.err &
```

# More about scripting

Multiple scripting tools available

- shell (bash, tcsh)
- perl (probably the most popular in biology)
- python
- awk (mostly text parsing and processing)
- sed (mostly text parsing and processing)

A separate course on scripting is planned.

# Try it

## Option 1: 3CPG lab workstations

- Reserve time, log in, practice Linux

## Option 2: we set up a student account on one of our older (but still functional) Linux systems, **cbsuss02.tc.cornell.edu**

- ssh to the machine with loginID **cbsuguest** and password **CBSU4ever!**
  - Windows users: use PuTTY
  - Mac users: open terminal window and run  
**ssh -X cbsuguest@cbsuss02.tc.cornell.edu**
- Create your own subdirectory under /home/cbsuguest and “cd” to it
  - **mkdir /home/cbsuguest/bukowski**
  - **cd /home/cbsuguest/bukowski**
- Try working with Linux commands, files, editors, etc. Note: Next-Gen applications are not available on cbsuss02 – this machine is only for basic Linux training