

## Coursework support

- it is probably sensible to read these complete notes before entering any commands
- you need to explore the program `mr`
- the [coursework description](http://floppsie.comp.glam.ac.uk/Southwales/gaius/os-year2/mancw.pdf) `<http://floppsie.comp.glam.ac.uk/Southwales/gaius/os-year2/mancw.pdf>`
- this support sheet will deal with step 4 only
  - steps 1, 2 and 3 will be handled during tutorials
  - as will step 4

## Creating a man page

- it might be useful to download this <http://floppsie.comp.glam.ac.uk/download/targz/os-man.tar.gz> and extract it via:

```
$ wget http://floppsie.comp.glam.ac.uk/download/targz/os-man.tar.gz  
$ tar zxvf os-man.tar.gz
```

- you will see the following files appear

```
mrun.X
```

- the file `mrun.X` is a template file, and it needs to be renamed to have the correct manual page extension.

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- once you have done this, then you should run the following command
  - let us assume that you chose the file extension `.Y` then you should type:

```
$ preview-postscript groff -man mrun.Y &  
$ gedit mrun.Y &
```

- do not forget the `&` character
- the `preview-postscript` program will update the preview output every time you save the file `mrun.Y` from `gedit`

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- you should read the information about manual page creation on the following sites:
  - `<http://liw.fi/manpages>`
  - `<http://www.schweikhardt.net/man\_page\_howto.html>`