Standard Input/Output, UNIX filters.

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Standard Input/Output

- Where are the standard I/O of process connected by default?
 - Standard input from keyboard.
 - Standard output and standard error output to terminal.
- How to redirect the standard I/O?
 - By symbols: <, <<, >, >>, 2>, 2>>, n>&m, and |.
- What is the meaning of file descriptors: 0, 1, and 2?
 - 0 = stdin (standard input).
 - 1 = stdout (standard output).
 - 2 = sterr (standard error output).
- Is the order of redirection important?

```
ls ~ foo 2>&1 >f1
ls ~ foo >f1 2>&1
```

- Yes.
- How to discard the command error output?
 - ls . foo 2>/dev/null

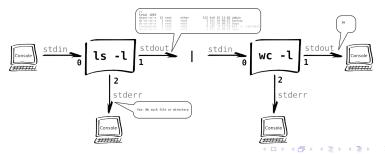
Standard Input/Output

• Is the following redirection valid for more lines?

```
ls ~ foo >std.out 2>std.err
ls ~ foo
```

- No.
- Permanent redirection can be made by command exec

• What is the pipe?



Standard Input/Output

How to redirect the standard output to the file out.txt and the standard error output to the file err.txt for the following command?

```
ls -la / foo
```

- ls -la / foo >out.txt 2>err.txt
- How to append the standard output and the standard error output to the file out.txt for the following command?

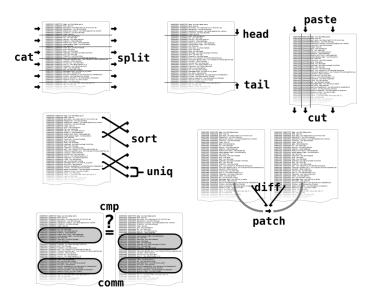
```
ls -la / foo
```

- ls -la / foo >>out.txt 2>&1
- How to count the number of lines written on the standard output by the command find /ect?
 - find /etc | wc -l
- How to discard the error mesages from the previous solution?
 - find /etc 2>/dev/null | wc -l

UNIX filters – overview

- What is the meaning of the following filters?
 - tee,
 - split, cat,
 - head, tail,
 - cut, paste,
 - sort, uniq,
 - diff, patch,
 - cmp, comm.

UNIX filters – overview



• How to number all lines of manual page of the command bash?

```
man bash | cat -n
man bash | nl -ba
```

How to number all lines of output of the command /usr/sbin/useradd?

```
/usr/sbin/useradd 2>&1 | cat -n
```

 How to number all lines of manual page of the command bash and print only lines from 100 to 105 to the standard output?

```
man bash | cat -n | tail -n+100 | head -6  # Linux man bash | cat -n | tail +100 | head -6  # Solaris
```

```
man bash | cat -n | head -105 | tail -6
```

How to print only the number of lines of the file /etc/passwd?

```
wc -l </etc/passwd
```

```
wc -l /etc/passwd | cut -d' ' -f1
```

• How to print the number of users currently logged in to the current host?

Hints:

- Use command finger to get info about users currently logged.
- Use command users to get info about users currently logged.

Solutions:

- finger | tail -n+2 | wc -l # Linux
 finger -f | wc -l # Solaris
- 2 users | wc -w

 How to modify the previous solution so, that every user is counted only one times?

```
finger | tail -n+2 | cut -d' ' -f1 | \
sort -u | wc -1 # Linux
```

```
users | tr ' ' '\n' | sort -u | wc -l
```

 How to create alias load, which prints the number of users currently logged in to the current host (the previous solutions) and the output should have the following format:

```
User<sub>□</sub>load:<sub>□□</sub>13
```

- 1 alias load='echo "User load: \$(finger | \
 tail -n+2 | cut -d" " -f1 | sort -u | wc -l | \
 tr -d " ")"'
- 2 alias load='echo "User load: \$(users | \
 tr " " \n" | sort -u | wc -l | tr -d " ")"'

How to print the number of users, that have account on the local host?

Hint: Use command getent passwd to get info about user accounts.

- getent passwd | wc -1
- How to save the sorted list of login names of users that have account on the local host to the file list.txt and at the same time to print the number of these names to standard output?

```
e getent passwd | cut -d':' -f1 | sort | \
tee list.txt | wc -l
```

- How to print only a name (the 5th column) of the user, that has the highest user ID (the 3rd column)?
 - e getent passwd | sort -t3 -k3,3n | tail -1 | \
 cut -d':' -f5

 How to print a frequency table "The number of processes per user", where the first column is the number of processes running by the user and the second column is the user name. The table should be sorted by the number of processes in descending order.

Hint: Use command ps -eo user to get info about running processes on the current host.

- ps -eo user | tail -n+2 | sort | uniq -c | \
 sort -k1,1nr # Linux
- How to print only names of the 3 largest items in the directory /usr/bin?
 - ls -l /usr/bin | tail -n+2 | sort -k5,5n | \
 tail -10 | tr -s ' ' | cut -d' ' -f9- # Linux
 - ls -Sr /usr/bin | tail -3



 How to print a frequency table "The number of directories per group" of directory /etc (not recursively), where the first column is the number of directories owned by the group and the second column is the group name. The table should be sorted by the number of directories in ascending order.

Hint: Use command 1s -ld to get info about the content of directory (the 4th column is the group name).

- ls -ld /etc/*/ | tr -s ' ' | cut -d' ' -f4 | \
 sort | uniq -c | sort -k1,1n
- stat --printf="%G\n" /etc/*/ | \
 sort | uniq -c | sort -k1,1n

 How to copy files and directories, that are listed in the shell variable LIST, to the directory, which name is saved in the file Backup.txt (you must create this directory first).

The shell variable LIST contains filenames separated by colon (e.g. /tmp/a:/etc:/usr/bin:...) and filenames don't contain spaces and special characters. There are no aliases in the shell.

```
mkdir "$(cat Backup.txt)"
```

```
e cp -r $(echo $LIST | tr ':' '') \
"$(cat Backup.txt)"
```

 The file List.txt contains the list of directories and it has the following structure:

```
Directory
-----
/etc/ssh
/bin
/usr/bin
```

How to create the file Top.txt, that contains names of the 5 largest directories from List.txt?

- o du -s \$(cat List.txt | tail -n+3) | \
 sort -k1,1nr | head -5 | \
 cut -d'TAB' -f2 >Top.txt
- To enter character TAB in bash, press CTRL+V and TAB (see man bash).

Homework

 Create alias 1ss, which prints names of files in the working directory sorted by file size.

```
alias lss='ls -al . | tail -n +2 | sort -k5,5n | \
tr -s " " | cut -d" " -f9 '
```