Regular expressions, command grep.

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- Create alias 1ss, which prints names of files in the working directory sorted by file size.
- Create shell script that prints names of the 10 largest files (including their sizes), which are in your home directory and in its direct subdirectories.

- Patching of source code
 - Create directory with at least 5 files. (e.g. C project: files *.c, *.h, Makefile, ...)
 - Fill the files with some text (e.g. output of command 1s, date, man, ...).
 - Create copy of this directory.
 - Modify some files in new directory. Remove/create some old/new one.
 - Use command diff to compare both directories.
 - Save the output of command diff to the file.
 - Use the previous file in program patch to create from old directory structure new directory structure.

Grep – options

- What is the default behaviour of the command grep?
- What is the meaning of the following options?
 - -V
 - -C
 - -i

Grep – options

- What is the meaning of the following options?
 - -I
 - -n

grep - regular expression

• What is the meaning of the following symbols in RE?

```
• ^ (caret/hat)
```

- \$
- \<
- \>
- •
- [a-d] or [abcd]
- [^a-d] or [^abcd]
- •
- $\{n\}$
- $\setminus \{n, \setminus \}$
- \{,n\}
- $\setminus \{m, n \setminus \}$

grep – regular expression

- What is the meaning of the following symbols in RE?
 - \(\)
 - \bullet \n

grep - regular expression

• Try the following commands and explain the output.

```
cd /usr/dict # on server fray1.fit.cvut.cz
grep o words
grep oo words
grep oo$ words
grep ^oo words
grep o.o words
grep 'o.*o' words
grep '^o.*o$' words
```

grep - regular expression

• What is the difference between the following commands?

```
grep 'o*' words
grep 'oo*' words
grep '[^o]' words
grep -v o words
grep '^a.*a$' words
grep '^\(a\).*\1$' words
grep '^\(.\).*\1$' words
```

grep – regular expression

- Use the output of the command ps -ef. How to print the number of processes running under the identity of the user root?
 Hint: try to find the correct solution for both Linux and Solaris.
- Use the output of the command ps -eo pid, user, comm on the server fray1.fit.cvut.cz. How to determine how many times the program sshd is running on this server?

grep – table

- Use the output of the command ps -eo pid, user, comm on the server fray1.fit.cvut.cz. How to determine how many times the program sshd is running under the identity of the user root on this server?
- Use the output of the command getent passwd on the server fray1.fit.cvut.cz. How to determine how many students have the account on this server?
 Hint: student's account has the flag student at the end of the fifth column.

grep - file

Assume that the variable file is defined as follows

file=/home/courses/BIPS1/public/07/NAMES.TXT

Use the output of the command getent passwd on the server fray1.fit.cvut.cz. How to find account info about users whose names are in the file NAMES.TXT?

egrep/grep – extended regular expression (ERE)

- What regular expressions are not accepted by command egrep?
- What is the meaning of the following symbols in RE accepeted by egrep?
 - +
 - ?
 - |
 - ()

egrep/grep – extended regular expression (ERE)

 How to print names of the days of the week from file /usr/dict/words on the server fray1.fit.cvut.cz?

```
M o n day
T u e s day
W e d nes day
T h u rs day
F r i day
S a t ur day
S u n day
```

Homework

 How to print lines containing the same character at the beginning and at the end of line.

```
Hint: use man -s 5 regexp and find meaning of symbols \n, \( ( and \) in the section 2.6 on server fray1.fit.cvut.cz.
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• How to print all palindromes of length 2, 3, 4 and 5 characters from the file /usr/dict/words on server fray1.fit.cvut.cz.