Unix-like Operating Systems

Command line interface.

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Discussion of homework

- Read info about Secure Shell (ssh) and Public-key cryptography
- Set SSH login without password
 - Create private and public keys.

```
ssh-keygen
```

Ocpy the public key to remote-host under user with the login name USER.

```
ssh-copy-id -i ~/.ssh/id_rsa.pub USER@fray1.fit.cvut.cz
```

3 Verify the login to remote-host without entering the password.

```
ssh USER@fray1.fit.cvut.cz
```

• Will the following command work now? Why yes or no?

```
ssh USER@fray1.fit.cvut.cz
```

Discussion of homework

• Use only one command date to print the current date and the current time on the standard output (terminal) in the following format:

```
Today is Thursday, 05.10.2017 (week 40). The time is 14:13:57 [CEST].
```

Hint

- man date
- export LC_ALL=C

Command-line parsing order

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Command-line parsing order – quoting

- What is quoting and which characters represent quoting?
- How do you print the following information on the standard output (terminal)? Try to find more correct solutions.

```
Value_{\sqcup}of_{\sqcup}variable_{\sqcup}$HOME:_{\sqcup\sqcup\sqcup\sqcup\sqcup}/home/ps1
```

Command-line parsing order – quoting

How do you print the following information on the standard output?
 Try to find more correct solutions.

```
Output_{\square}of_{\square}command_{\square}pwd:_{\square\square\square\square\square\square}/etc

Value_{\square}of_{\square}variable_{\square}$PWD:______/etc
```

Command-line parsing order – comments

• What character represents a comment in the shell?

Command-line parsing order – lists, pipelines

- Which characters can separate commands in the shell and what is their meaning?
- Run the following commands sequentially (one by one):
 sleep 10, date, hostname.
- Run the following commands in parallel: sleep 10, date, hostname.
- Run a web browser in background.
- Print the output of command "ls -lR /" by command less.

- What special characters do you know?
- Tilde expansion ~
 - Print the path to your home directory on standard output.
 - Print the path to the home directory of the user muzikar on standard output.

- Command substitution ' or \$() (newer syntax)
 - Save the kernel name and the kernel release to the shell variable OS.
 Hint: use command uname.
 - Can we omit the double quotes in the previous example?
 - Save the number of processes running on the system to the shell variable LOAD. Hint: use pipe of command ps, tail, and wc.
 - Can we omit the double quotes in the previous example?

- Parameter (Variable) expansion \$
 - Print the contents of the variables OS and LOAD from the previous slide on the standard output by one command and one variable per one line.
 - Can we omit the double quotes in the previous example?
 - Use the command mkdir to create a subdirectory bin in your home directory.
 - Add path to this directory to the shell variable PATH.
 - Can we omit the double quotes in the previous example?

- Arithmetic expansion \$(())
 - Create a command that 5 hours after execution writes a message "Hello word" on standard output. Hint: use command sleep and arithmetic expansion for timeout.
- \bullet Brace expansion $\{\ \ ,\ \ \}$
 - Brace expansion is a mechanism by which arbitrary strings may be generated.
 - Create (set modify time to) the following files by command touch: f1, f1.txt, f1.c, f2, f2.txt, f2.c, f3, f3.txt, f3.c
 - Print all integer numbers from 1 to 100 on the standard output.

Command-line parsing order – word splitting

- The shell treats each character of shell variable IFS (Internal Field Separator) as a delimiter, and splits the results of the other expansions into words on these characters.
- The default value of IFS is space, tab, newline.
- Try the following commands and explain their different bahavior.

```
echo $(ls -1)
echo "$(ls -1)"
```

Command-line parsing order – pathname expansion

- Which characters represent pathname expansion and what is their meaning?
- Explain the behavior of the following commands?

```
cd /usr/bin
ls *q
ls q*
ls *q*
ls */*
ls ?
ls ??
```

Command-line parsing order – pathname expansion

• Explain the behaviour of the following commands?

Command-line parsing order -1/0 redirection

- Which characters represent I/O redirection and what is their meaning?
- Explain the following commands?

```
wc -1 /etc/group
wc -1 < /etc/group
ls -l > f1 ; cat f1
date > f1 : cat f1
date >> f1; cat f1
cat <<END >f1
Current date: $(date) in directory $PWD.
Login name: $USER
END
```

Command-line parsing order – command execution

- If the command name contains no slashes (only name, no path).
 How can the shell locate it?
- The following commands can be used to see how each command name would be interpreted by the shell.

```
type ls
type -p ls
/usr/ucb/whereis ls
/usr/bin/which ls
echo $PATH
```

Homework

• Try the following commands and explain their behaviour.

```
echo PWD is $PWD

echo PWD\ is\ \ $PWD

echo "PWD is $PWD"

echo "\$PWD is $PWD"

echo '\$PWD is $PWD'
```

Homework

• Try the following commands and explain their behaviour.

```
cmd = who
echo cmd
echo $cmd
echo "$cmd"
echo '$cmd'
echo $($cmd)
$cmd
```

• How can we protect output format of the command who?