





# Development in Linux

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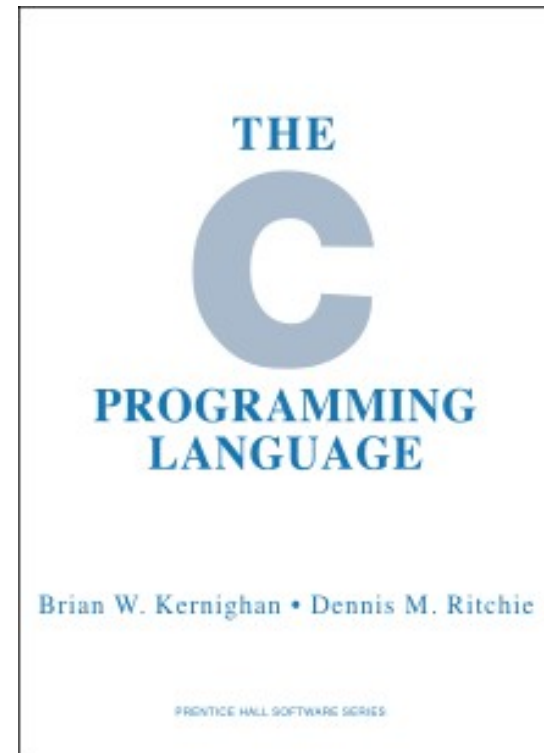


# History of Unix

- In the beginning, every computer manufacturer made their own OS.
- **Multics** was an experimental time-sharing mainframe OS. It was very influential but unwieldy
- **Unix** was developed at **Bell Labs** to correct issues with Multics and was introduced in 1973.
- Bell could not sell Unix due to an anti-trust case, so they gave it away.

# C and Unix

- The **C** language was developed for Unix, and Unix was developed with C.
- Two developers Kernighan and Ritchie, along with many others, developed Unix and C simultaneously.
- Many commercial and open-source version of Unix exist.





# Linux

- In 1991 a Finnish developer named Linus Torvald created his own version of the MINIX operating system, which came from Unix.
- Many distributions of Linux exist, most are free.
- Linux is highly customizable, and offers a similar graphic interface to Windows and MacOS.
- Very popular with developers.

# The Linux Shell

- The human interface of an operating system is called a “shell”
  - GUI: graphic user interface
  - CLI: command line interface
- CLIs have their own language and syntax:
  - Bourne Again SHell (most common)
  - C Shell (C-like syntax)
  - Friendly Interactive Shell (friendly)

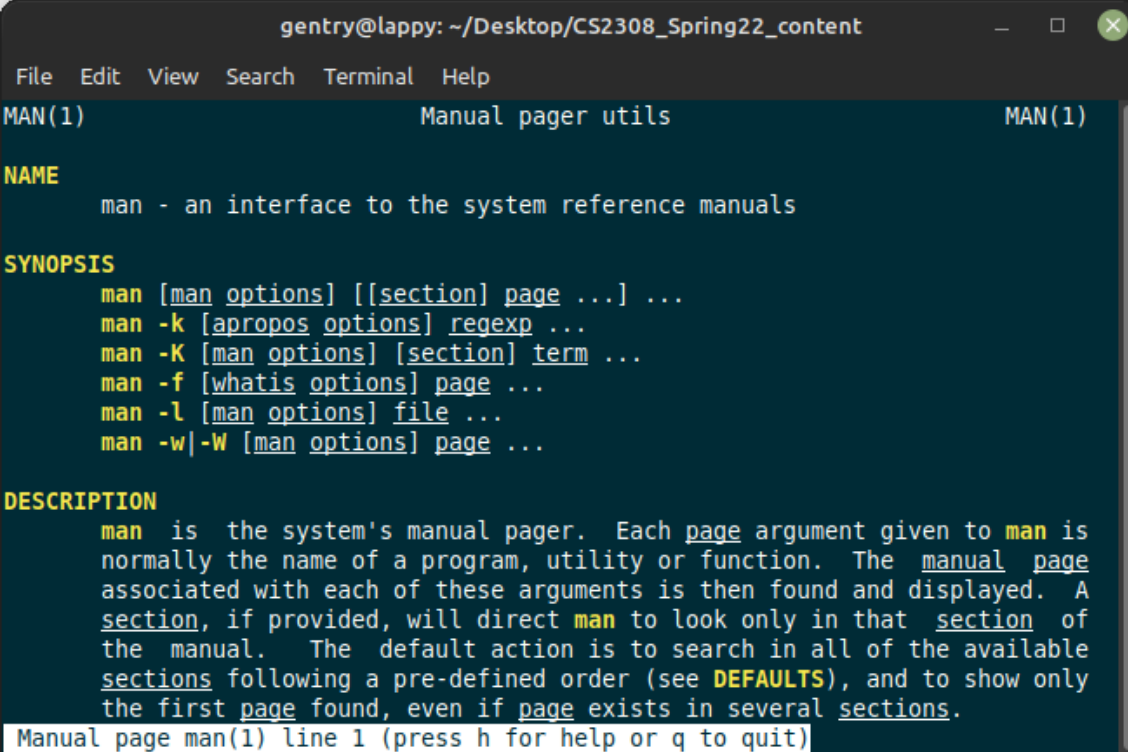


# Using the CLI

- The command is always the first word in an instruction to the shell.
- Some commands take “arguments” (like functions do), usually the name of a file or directory.
- Switches are options for changing the behavior of a command, always preceded by a dash -
- Argument files can be relative to the system root or relative to the directory you are “in”

# man Pages

- “man” (short for manual) is a command-line tool for retrieving information about other tools.
- Type **man** followed by another word



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MAN(1) Manual pager utils MAN(1)

NAME
  man - an interface to the system reference manuals

SYNOPSIS
  man [man options] [[section] page ...] ...
  man -k [apropos options] regexp ...
  man -K [man options] [section] term ...
  man -f [whatis options] page ...
  man -l [man options] file ...
  man -w|-W [man options] page ...

DESCRIPTION
  man is the system's manual pager. Each page argument given to man is normally the name of a program, utility or function. The manual page associated with each of these arguments is then found and displayed. A section, if provided, will direct man to look only in that section of the manual. The default action is to search in all of the available sections following a pre-defined order (see DEFAULTS), and to show only the first page found, even if page exists in several sections.

Manual page man(1) line 1 (press h for help or q to quit)
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# ls

- The ls command is used to list the files in a directory.
- Possible arguments: the name of a directory.
- Possible switches:
  - **-a** show hidden files too
  - **-s** show the size of each file
  - **-f** unsorted

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gentry@lappy:~/Desktop/CS2308_Spring22_content$ ls
2308-share_metsis      In_class_solution_tracker.xlsx  'Reading Lists'
a.out                  junk                             README.md
'Coding Projects'      junk.cpp                        style_guide.odt
CS2308-Spr2021_seaman  Lectures                       style_guide.pdf
imgs                   Memes                           syllabus
'In Class'              names_for_projects.txt
```

gentry@lappy:~/Desktop/CS2308\_Spring22\_content\$

# pwd

- Used to print the working directory. Shows the directory you are currently in.
- Takes no arguments.
- Can take switches, but none that are easy to explain.

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gentry@lappy:~/Desktop/CS2308_Spring22_content$ pwd
/home/gentry/Desktop/CS2308_Spring22_content
gentry@lappy:~/Desktop/CS2308_Spring22_content$
```

# mkdir

- Make a new directory.
- Mandatory argument, the name of the new file.
- Optional switches:
  - **-m** set access permission (mode) of the file.

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gentry@lappy:~/Desktop/CS2308_Spring22_content$ mkdir test
gentry@lappy:~/Desktop/CS2308_Spring22_content$ ls
2308-share_metsis      junk                README.md
'Coding Projects'      junk.cpp            style_guide.odt
CS2308-Spr2021_seaman  Lectures            style_guide.pdf
imgs                   Memes               syllabus
'In Class'             names_for_projects.txt test
In_class_solution_tracker.xlsx 'Reading Lists'
```

# rm and rmdir

- Remove (delete) a file or directory.
- Mandatory argument, the name of a file or directory.
  - \* can be used for “everything”
- Switches:
  - **-r** recursive, delete files inside the deleted directory.
  - **-f** force, make it happen

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gentry@lappy:~/Desktop/CS2308_Spring22_content$ rmdir test
gentry@lappy:~/Desktop/CS2308_Spring22_content$ ls
2308-share_metsis      junk                README.md
'Coding Projects'      junk.cpp            style_guide.odt
CS2308-Spr2021_seaman  Lectures            style_guide.pdf
imgs                   Memes                syllabus
'In Class'             names_for_projects.txt
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# cp and mv

- Copy or move a file. Similar to copy-paste and cut-paste.
- Mandatory arguments: old file name and then the new file name. In that order.
- Switches:
  - **-f** force the action

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gentry@lappy:~/Desktop/CS2308_Spring22_content/test$ ls
old.txt
gentry@lappy:~/Desktop/CS2308_Spring22_content/test$ mv old.txt new.txt
gentry@lappy:~/Desktop/CS2308_Spring22_content/test$ ls
new.txt
gentry@lappy:~/Desktop/CS2308_Spring22_content/test$
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# cat

- Prints the contents of a file.
- Mandatory argument, the name of a file.
- Switches:
  - **-n** numbers output lines

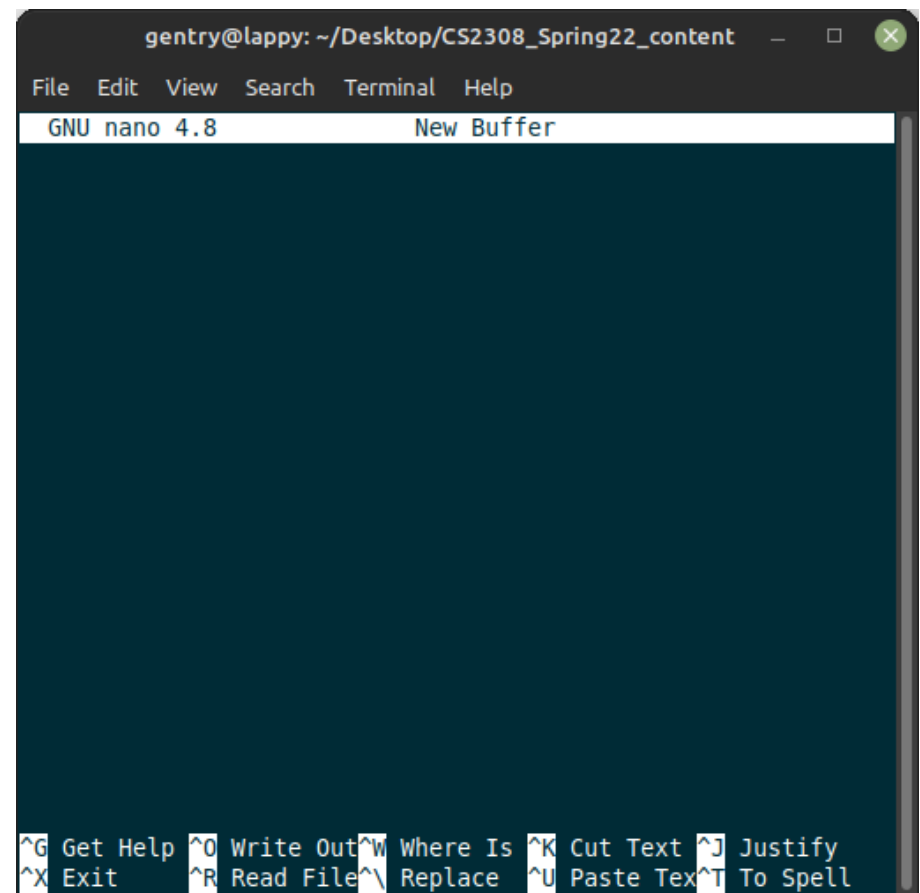
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gentry@lappy:~/Desktop/CS2308_Spring22_content$ cat junk.cpp
#include<iostream>

using namespace std;

struct Dish{
    string name, ingredients;
    float price;
};
```

# nano

- Launch the nano text editor.
- Optional argument, the name of file to edit.
- Switches:
  - **-B** backup old versions
  - **-D** bold text
- Other tools are listed in the editor.

A screenshot of the nano text editor running in a terminal window. The window title is 'gentry@lappy: ~/Desktop/CS2308\_Spring22\_content'. The nano interface shows a menu bar with 'File', 'Edit', 'View', 'Search', 'Terminal', and 'Help'. Below the menu bar, it says 'GNU nano 4.8' and 'New Buffer'. The main editing area is empty. At the bottom, there is a status bar with various keyboard shortcuts: '^G Get Help', '^O Write Out', '^W Where Is', '^K Cut Text', '^J Justify', '^X Exit', '^R Read File', '^\_ Replace', '^U Paste Text', and '^T To Spell'.

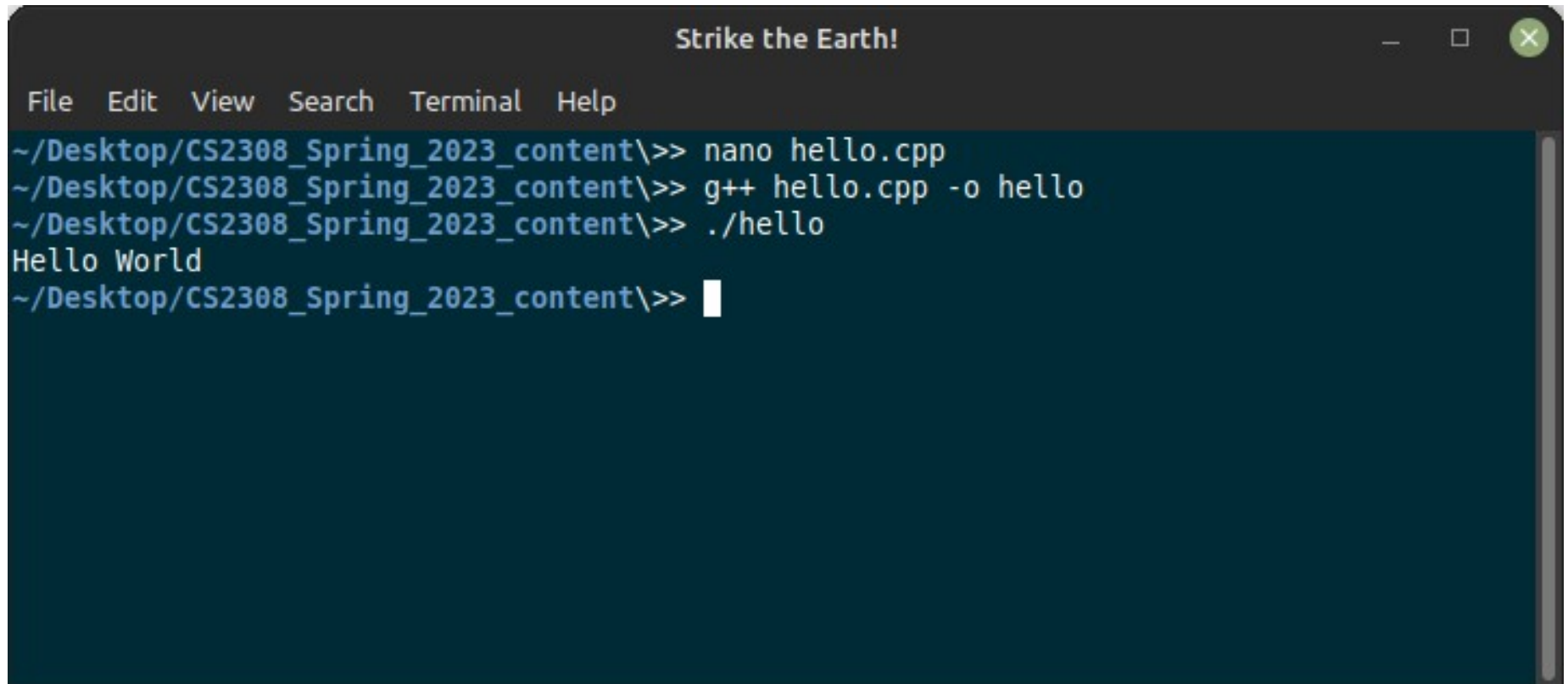


# g++

- Runs the GNU C Compiler (gcc) on a C++ file.
- Mandatory argument, a file to compile.
- Switches:
  - **-o** names the output (executable) file
  - many, many more.
- Outputs a program called **a.out** if the -o switch is not used.



# g++



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~/Desktop/CS2308_Spring_2023_content\>> nano hello.cpp
~/Desktop/CS2308_Spring_2023_content\>> g++ hello.cpp -o hello
~/Desktop/CS2308_Spring_2023_content\>> ./hello
Hello World
~/Desktop/CS2308_Spring_2023_content\>> 
```



# Linux File System

- The file system is a tree that branches upwards from the root: /
- Each user has a **home** which is referenced using a ~
- . is the current directory
- .. is the parent of the current directory
- ./program runs a program in the current directory.

# Our Linux servers

- Use **putty** from Windows or the **ssh** command line tool on Mac or Linux.
- Connect to:
  - netID@zeus.cs.txstate.edu OR
  - netID@eros.cs.txstate.edu
- Type your password when prompted. You will not see the input (not even \*\*\*\*\*).
- <https://cs.txstate.edu/resources/labs/accounts/linux/>

# Successful Connection

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gentry@lappy:~/Desktop/CS2308_Spring22_content/test$ ssh gma23@zeus.cs.txstate.edu
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Computer Science Department,  
Texas State University-San Marcos
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Use of Computer and network facilities  
requires prior authorization. Unauthorized  
access is prohibited. Usage may be subject  
to security testing and monitoring. Abuse is  
subject to criminal prosecution. Use of  
these facilities implies agreement to comply  
with these policies of Texas State  
University and Computer Science Department.
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gma23@zeus.cs.txstate.edu's password: █
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# Questions or Comments?