

**ATMS 305: Computing and Analysis**  
Module 1: Introduction to Unix & Shell Scripting  
Due: September 5, 2017

**Basic Unix Commands**

To complete the Module 1 lab exercise, you will need to open a terminal window in cocalc.com using by selecting the **+Create** button or the **+New** tab, followed by the **>\_Terminal** button. You may name your terminal by the date or by whatever convention you choose. [50 pts]

**1. Directory Navigation**

For each of the following directives, make note of the terminal response or output. You will hand in your notes as the first assignment. [20 pts]

- (a) Determine your current working directory. What is it?

```
~$ pwd      \  
end{verbatim}
```

\item List the contents of the current directory in long format. What additional informat  
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```
~$ ls -l
```

- (b) List the contents of the current directory in long format with hidden files revealed. What additional files/directories are present in your home directory?

```
~$ ls -al
```

- (c) Create a direct

```
~$ mkdir test
```

- (d) Change the current working directory to the new *test* directory.

```
~$ cd test && ls -l
```

What does the symbol && do?

- (e) Change the working directory back to your home directory.

```
~$ cd ..
```

What do the two periods accomplish? To discover for yourself, you may wish to create a directory beneath test and move to this new directory. Use cd with the periods, and use cd alone. What is the difference?

- (f) Write a new function called cd to combine the operations cd and ls as follows. Be careful with your syntax.

```
function cd() {
    new_directory="$*";
    if [ $# -eq 0 ]; then
        new_directory=${HOME};
    fi;
    builtin cd "${new_directory}" && ls
}
```

Describe what happens each time the builtin command `cd` is used? If you are annoyed by this feature, you may enter the function again as it appears above but omitting the `&& ls` portion of the final line.

- (g) Within the directory *test*, make a new file with the command:

```
~$ echo this\ is\ my\ first\ file > test.txt
```

Why do we use the backslash (also called an escape)? How can you verify your file has been created?

- (h) Read your file with the following command.

```
~$ more test.txt
```

What happens?

- (i) We can add a second line as follows:

```
~$ echo this\ is\ the\ second\ line >> test.txt
```

How does this command differ from your previous version?

- (j) When using `more filename`, you can search for a particular string by selecting the forward slash key, typing the string, and pressing enter. However, if you want to look for a string in multiple files, then the command `grep` is a better option. Type the following:

```
~$ grep second test.txt
```

Notice the syntax: `$ grep string filename`. What is the output?

- (k) Move to your top directory and remove your *test* directory with the following command.

```
~$ rmdir test
```

Has your file been removed? How can you verify that your directory has been removed?

- (l) If your file has not been removed, try typing

```
~$ man rmdir
```

This is the builtin documentation. Why does this command not work?

- (m) Try removing the *test* directory by using the following:

```
~$ rm -rf test
```

What is the primary difference between *rm* and *rmdir*? What do the options *-rf* mean?

- (a) Display the current file permissions on the file *monthly\_in\_situ\_co2\_mlo.csv*. What are they? (**N.B.** You can type the beginning of a filename to the point of it being a unique filename and then use *tab* to autocomplete the filename.)

```
~$ ls -l monthly_in_situ_co2_mlo.csv
```

- (b) Restrict access to the file *questions* by removing read permissions for group and other.

```
~$ chmod go-r monthly_in_situ_co2_mlo.csv
```

- (c) Display the

```
~$ ls -l questions
```

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\item \textbf{ Viewing Files }\\

For each of the following directives make note of the response or output of your terminal

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\item List your files.

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```
~$ ls
```

- (d) View the file history using either *less* or *more*.

```
~$ more monthly_
```

Using *more*, you will see a prompt at the bottom of your screen which looks something like :

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- (e) Type the Return key a few of times to see one new line of text displayed on the screen each time. Note how the percentage in the prompt changes. Press space onType b to go back one full page in the file.

Type q to quit the pager and return to the system prompt.

- (f) Now that

```
~$ history
```

## 2. Manipulating Files

Upon completion

- (a) List the

```
~$ ls
```

Note that the file `old` is one of the files in your home directory.

- (b) Copy `ol`

```
cpoldnew ls
```

- (c) Rename the file `old` to `ancient`. List your files to confirm that `ancient` and `new` exist.

```
~$ mv old anc
```

```
~$ ls
```

- (d) Remove the file `ancient` and then list your files to ensure it has been removed.

```
~$ rm ancient
```

```
~$ ls
```

- (e) Create a directory called `myfolder`. List your files to ensure that `myfolder` was created.

```
~$ mkdir myfolder
```

```
~$ ls
```

- (f) Set your current working directory to `myfolder`. Do not, however, type in the entire name of the directory. Instead type the first two letters and use Tab completion to fill in the rest of the file name.

```
~$ cd my<Tab> (Press the Tab key)
```

- (g) Copy the file `new` from your home directory to `myfolder`.

```
~$ cp ~/new new
```

- (h) Using a wildcard, list all of the files that begin with the letter `n`.

```
~$ ls n*
```

- (i) Return to your home directory.

```
~$ cd
```

- (j) Remove the directory called myfolder and all of its contents. List your files to ensure that it was removed.

```
~$ rm -r myfolder  
~$ ls
```