

The Linux Command Line Notes

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Ch. 6. Redirection

```
ls -l /bin/usr 2> ls-error.txt    ls -l /bin/usr > ls-output.txt 2>&1    ls -l /bin/usr &>
ls-output.txt ls -l /bin/usr &>> ls-output.txt ls /usr/bin | tee ls.txt | grep zip
```

Ch. 7. Seeing the world as the shell sees it

Expansion

we had pathname: `ls .[!..]* echo .[!..]*`

tilde, `ls ~`

arithmetic `echo $(((5**2)) * 3))` Can group with parentheses eliminating need for inner expression
`echo $((5**2 * 3))`

brace `..`, comma separated lists, cartesian products when multiple or nested brace expansions are used), parameter, and command expansion.

```
echo Front-{A,B,C}-Back echo {001..15} echo a{A{1,2},B{3,4}}b mkdir {2007..2009}-{01..12}
```

parameter `echo $USER`

can get variables with `printenv | less`

command `echo $USER ls -l $(which cp)` can also use backtics for command substitution

Quoting

Double Quotes

- word splitting (suppression of extra spaces/new lines), pathname expansion (ie with wildcards), tilde expansion, and brace expansion are suppressed;
 - none of these use the dollar sign
 - Can escape the dollar sign in double quotes with a backslash
 - can also use backtick
- but we can do command substitution (which itself can have expansion), arithmetic expansion, and parameter expansion
 - all of these use the dollar sign followed by parentheses
 - Can escape the dollar sign in double quotes with a backslash

note the interesting example of `echo` not outputting some intended line breaks/etc due to word splitting. get around this with double quotes. example of this is `echo $(cal)` vs `echo "$(cal)"`

Single Quotes Single quotes suppress all expansions.

backslash Can use it to escape characters, including special characters in file names.

for example:

```
sleep 10; echo -e "Time's up\a"
```

We could also do this:

```
sleep 10; echo "Time's up" $'\a'
```

Ch. 15. Storage Media

there is the `mount` command to see the mounted systems

look in `\etc\fstab`

`journalctl -f`, it can also be `sudo tail -f /var/log/messages` on some systems.

```
ls /dev
```

codes are: `fd*` for floppy disks. `hd*` for motherboard storage; alternating `m*ster` and `sl*ve`. Number for partition.

`lp*` for printer

`sd*` for storage devices like usb drives.

`sr*` for optical drives. can also see symlinks to device files

there is also `lsblk`

```
Bus 001 Device 004: ID 1e4e:0102 Cubeternet GL-UPC822 UVC WebCam
```

`fuser /dev/video0` corresponds to `/dev/bus/usb/001/004`

there is `mount -t iso9660 /dev/sdc /mnt/cdrom` to actually mount something

ther is also `lsuf` and `fuser`

Creating File Systems

```
sudo umount /dev/sdb1
```

```
sudo fdisk /dev/sdb
```

then there are several options

then use `mkfs` to make a new file system. for example `sudo mkfs -t ext4 /dev/sdb1`

`fsck` can check/repair a file system

`dd` can do a direct copy of data between media.

can be used for `iso` files.

there is also `genisoimage` which can be used to generate iso image from files gathered into a directory.

can mount iso images that are still on your hard drive:

```
mount -t iso9660 -o loop image.iso /mnt/iso_image
```

there is also `wodim` to blank, and to write too.

there is the `dd` command `genisoimage` for creating something from a collection of files

Ch 16. Networking

```
ping nsa.gov
```

these trace packets across networks

```
traceroute
traceroute -TI
tracepath
```

internal network configuration to look at network configuration:

```
ip addr
to look at network configurations
# like ifconfig
netstat -ie
# show kernel internal network settings
netstat -r
```

transporting files across a network

ftp login to server (not secure). **lcd** changes directory on local machine. **get [file]** will start the file transfer. can type **help** to get more info.

lftp better than ftp; use this; but should be using sftp in general anyway.

wget

secure communication

ssh authenticates remote server, encrypts all data sent/received runs on port (have to learn about ports) 22.

more flexible than ftp or lftp

```
ssh user@remote_host
```

if there is a problem it will tell us what line the `~/.ssh/known_hosts` file has the outdated key

can run a single command

```
ssh remote-sys 'ls *' > dirlist.txt
```

to get the x system from remote server

```
ssh -X remote-sys #either X or Y depending on the system
```

```
ssh -Y remote-sys
```

scp and sftp

```
scp remote-sys:document.txt .
```

or if the remote hostname is different than the local hostname:

```
scp bob@remote-sys:document.txt .
```

```
sftp remote-sys
```

```
ls
```

```
lcd Desktop
```

```
get file.txt
```

```
bye
```

there is puTTY for windows but it might have something built-in now.

more reading: [Linux Network Administrator's Guide](#)

wikipedia articles for ip addresses, host names, URIs.

Ch. 17. Searching For Files

easy way with locate

locate finds things the easy way:

```
locate bin/zip
```

```
locate zip | grep bin
```

but I might have to do `sudo updatedb`. Might have to set a cron job.

hard way with find

```
find ~ -type d | wc -l
```

Tests

File	Type	Description
b		Block special device file
c		Character special device file
d		Directory
f		Regular file
l		Symbolic link

```
find ~ -type f -name "*.JPG" -size +1M | wc -l
```

The plus sign means ‘more than’. Minus sign means less than Available sizes are:

b 512-byte blocks. This is the default if no unit is specified.

c Bytes.

w 2-byte words.

k Kilobytes (units of 1024 bytes).

M Megabytes (units of 1048576 bytes).

G Gigabytes (units of 1073741824 bytes).

here are some more options (can use cmin in man page to find the rest)

`-cmin n`

Match files or directories whose content or attributes were last modified exactly `n` minutes ago. To specify less than `n` minutes ago, use `-n`, and to specify more than `n` minutes ago, use `+n`.

Numeric arguments above can take `+` and `-`.

operators can use `-and` `-or` `-not` and escaped parentheses.

for example:

```
find ~ \( -type f -not -perm 0600 \) -or \( -type d -not -perm 0700 \)
```

does logical short-circuiting

predifined actions can perform actions on the found files: `-delete -ls -print -quit` (more in man pages): `print` is used if nothing is specified

so `find ~` is the same as `find ~ -print`

we can also go

```
find ~ -type f -name '*.bak' -delete
```

the `and` is implied

the logical operators can be used to control the actions;

```
find ~ -type f -and -name '*.bak' -and -print
```

if we put the `print`-first it would be different; it would print before doing the tests.

user-defined actions instead of `-delete` we can go: `-exec rm '{}' ';'` Have to quote. Semicolon is necessary delimiter. Braces represent the filepath of the file found. Can use `-ok` rather than `-exec` to get confirmation for each action.

for example: `find ~ -type f -name 'foo*' -ok ls -l '{}' ';'`

impriving efficiency `-exec` uses a new instance of each command for each file found. we can use `xargs` or a certain feature of `find` itself to get thorough this.

the find way replace `';'` with `+` and it will execute on each file.

the xargs way

```
find ~ -type f -name `foo*` -print | xargs ls -l
```

if too many arguments are given it will start over with next argument after reaching end.

To deal with funny file names we can use the `-print0` which separates with null characters and the `--null` argument to `xargs`.

```
find ~ -iname '*.jpg' -print0 | xargs --null ls -l
```

return to playground

```
mkdir -p playground/dir{001..1000}
```

```
touch playground/dir-{001..100}/file-{A-Z}
```

```
find playground -type f -name 'file-A'
```

```
[me@linuxbox ~]$ find playground -type f -name 'file-B' -exec touch
```

```
find playground -type f -newer playground/timestamp
```

```
[me@linuxbox ~]$ find playground \( -type f -not -perm 0600 \) -or \( -type d -not -perm 0700 \)
```

```
[me@linuxbox ~]$ find playground \( -type f -not -perm 0600 -exec  
chmod 0600 '{}' ';' \) -or \( -type d -not -perm 0700 -exec chmod 0700 '{}' ';' \)
```

there are more options: `-depth` does depth first actions. `-maxdepth`, `-mindepth`, `-mount` (dont traverse directories on other file systems), `-noleaf` better to to use when using DOS -like file systems. #### Other options

`-depth`: process files before directory itself

`-maxdepth`, `-mindepth`: how deep to go before performing tests and actions `-mount` dont go down mounted file systems `-noleaf` don't perform optimizations based on the assumption that it is a unix file system

18. - Archiving and Backup

Compressing Files

gzip, gunzip (and associated options) zcat, zless

bzip2

tar

rsync

can just go

compressing

Option

Long Option

Description

-c

--stdout

--to-stdout

Write output to standard output and keep the original files.

-d

--decompress

--uncompress

Decompress. This causes gzip to act like gunzip.

-f

--force

Force compression even if a compressed version of the original file already exists.

-h

--help

Display usage information.

-l

--list

List compression statistics for each file compressed.

-r

--recursive

If one or more arguments on the command line is a directory, recursively compress files contained within them.

-t

--test

Test the integrity of a compressed file.

-v

--verbose

Display verbose messages while compressing.
-number

Set amount of compression. number is an integer in the range of 1 (fastest, least compression) to 9 (slowest, most compression). The values 1 and 9 may also be `gunzip foo.txt` leaving of the `.gz` because it is assumed.

`gzip` can use `stdio`

`zcat` uses `cat` on the zipped file. there is also `zless`

there is also `bzip` which is better. `bunzip bzip`

`bz2recover` for damaged `bz2` files.

archiving

remembering them for long term storage.

```
tar c path
```

these are modes, there are also options

c is for create x is for extract r is for append t is for list

[make playground]

```
tar cf playground.tar playground
```

```
tar tf playgorund.tar
```

```
tar tvf playground.tar # verbose
```

make directory, change into it

```
tar xf ../playground.tar
```

ownership is transferred to decompressor

funny pathnames

```
mkdir foo
```

```
cd ~
```

```
tar cf playground2.tar ~/playground
```

```
cd foo
```

```
tar xf ../playground2.tar
```

```
ls
```

output is `home` because of how the pathnames work.

can go

```
tar xf archive.tar pathname
```

or

```
tar xf ../playground2.tar --wildcards 'home/me/playground/dir-*/file-A'
```

only gets the specified files. the latter wildcards only work for `gnu TAR`.

can use it with `find`

```
[me@linuxbox ~]$ find playground -name 'file-A' -exec tar rf playground.tar '{}' '+'
```

recall that `+` makes it run only once.

can also make incremental backups; newer than last tar in append mode; look up more later?; good online documentation for this

can use stdin/stdout

```
[me@linuxbox ~]$ find playground -name 'file-A' | tar cf - --files-from=- | gzip > playground.tgz
```

- means stdin/out

can shorten it to this:

```
[me@linuxbox ~]$ find playground -name 'file-A' | tar czf playground.tgz -T -
```

If we had wanted to create a bzip2-compressed archive instead, we could have done this:

```
[me@linuxbox ~]$ find playground -name 'file-A' | tar cjf playground.tbz -T -
```

z for gzip.

tar over ssh

```
[me@linuxbox ~]$ mkdir remote-stuff
[me@linuxbox ~]$ cd remote-stuff
[me@linuxbox remote-stuff]$ ssh remote-sys 'tar cf - Documents' | tar xf -
me@remote-sys's password:
[me@linuxbox remote-stuff]$ ls
Documents
```

f sends tar to stdout, sx is for expand mode

zip

zip -r playground.zip playground # have to do -r to get contents

the zip program will update archives rather than replacing them

the -l option just lists.

unzip -l function just lists

can specify files

```
unzip -l ../playground.zip playground/dir-087/file-z
```

-v makes it more verbose.

can use stdio: in this case it was the -@ option that makes it take a list of file names

```
find playground -name "file-A" | zip -@ file-A.zip
```

can write to stdout but it's not that great. unzip doesn't accept stdin

can do more normal stdin:

```
ls -l /etc/ | zip ls-etc.zip -
```

unzip can be sent to stdout though

```
unzip -p ls-etc.zip | less
```

zip is mostly used for window systems

synchronizing files and directories

`rsync options source destination`

- local: local file
- remote: `[user@]host:path`
- rsync server: `rsync://[user@]host[:port]/path`

one must be local

`-a` is for archiving; recursion and preservation of file attributes to make a mirror of the playground directory

`-v` is for verbose output

```
rsync -av playground foo
```

it only does as much work as it needs to.

`rsync source destination`

copies source into destination

`rsync source/ destination`

copies contents of source into destination

imagine an external drive at `/media/BigDisk`

```
mkdir /media/BigDisk/backup
```

```
sudo rsync -av --delete /etc /home /usr/local /media/BigDisk/backup
```

delete option deletes files that are no longer there

could alias this whole command

rsync over a network

there is also an rsync server.

19 Regex:

`-i --ignore-case` Ignore case. Do not distinguish between uppercase and lowercase characters.

`-v --invert-match` Invert match. Normally, `grep` prints lines that contain a match. This option causes `grep`

`-c --count` Print the number of matches (or non-matches if the `-v` option is also specified) instead of the

`-l --files-with-matches` Print the name of each file that contains a match instead of the lines themselves

`-L --files-without-match` Like the `-l` option, but print only the names of files that do not contain matches

`-n --line-number`

Prefix each matching line with the number of the line within the file.

`-h --no-filename` For multi-file searches, suppress output of filenames

make directories

```
grep bzip dirlist*.txt
```

```
grep -l bzip dirlist*.txt # just list directories
```

```
grep -L bzip dirlist*.txt # just ones that don't have match
```

regex metacharacters include

`^ $. [] { } - ? * () | \`

`grep -h '.zip' dirlist*.txt`

here the `.` means any character.

the `^` and `$` sign only if the regex is at the beginning or ending of the line.

bracket expansions: `grep -h '[bg]zip' dirlist*.txt` bracket expansions (with netation): `grep -h '[^bg]zip' dirlist*.txt`

- in this case the caret is negation but only if it is the first one.
- there still has to be a character

character range:

`grep -h '[A-Z]' dirlist*.txt`

there can be multiple ranges

`grep -h '[A-Za-z0-9]' dirlist*.txt`

to actually match a dssh make it the first one `grep -h '[-AZ]' dirlist*.txt`

there is a whole list of printable characters classes.

useful because range in shell expansion (not regex) is based on dictionary collation order.

example: `[:digit:]`

basic vs extended regular expressions

use `--E` option for extended regex.

basic regex characters are `^ $. [] *`

extended regex characters are `() { } ? + |`

alternation

`echo "AAA" | grep -E 'AAA|BBB'` `echo "AAA" | grep -E 'AAA|BBB|ccc'` `grep -Eh '^(bz|gz|zip)' dirlist*.txt`

quantifiers

the `?` makes it optional here is a crazy regex for a phone number: `^\([0-9][0-9][0-9]\)?[0-9][0-9][0-9]-[0-9][0-9][0-9][0-9]$`

the parentheses are optional.

there is also the `*` which means match zero or more times, whereas `?` just matches once.

here is a crude way to match a sentence: `[[[:upper:]][:upper:][:lower:]]*`

+ matches one or more times

`^([[:alpha:]]+ ?)+$`

{ } match a specific number of times

`{n}`, `{n,m}` `{n,}` `{,m}`

so

`^\([0-9][0-9][0-9]\)?[0-9][0-9][0-9]-[0-9][0-9][0-9][0-9]$`

becomes

```
\(?:[0-9]{3}\)? [0-9]{3}-[0-9]{4}$
```

regex with find

grep wants lines that contain a match, find wants things that are exact match

```
find . -regex '.*[^\_\.\/0-9a-zA-Z].*'
```

will match messy file names

regex with locate

```
locate --regex 'bin/(bz|gz|zip)'
```

Ch. 20 Text Processing

cat

cat -A displays the control sequences. unix ends with linefeed (*ASCII 10*) while msdos use *ASCII 13*

there is dos2unix and unix2dos.

sort

sorts contents of standard input and sends results to standard output.

or gan go

```
sort file1.txt file2.txt file3.txt > final_sorted_list.txt
```

-b is ignore blanks. -f is ignore case. -n is numerics. -r is reverse. -m don't do sorting; it is merge. -o is --output-file -tfield separator.

```
ls -l /usr/bin | sort -nrk 5 | head
```

```
du -s /usr/share* | sort -nr | head
```

sort uses whitespace as delimiters by default.

can take multiple keys:

```
sort --key=1,1 --key=2n distros.txt
```

to include the malformed date:

```
sort -k 3.7nbr -k 3.7nbr -k 3.4nbr -k 3.4nbr distros.txt
```

b suppresses leading spaces. the dots specify the character to start at in a field, and b ignores leading spaces; apparently only one whitespace character is the delimiter.

/etc/passwd uses colons as delimeters.

can sort it with `sort -t ':' -k 7 /etc/passwd | head`

uniq

removes adjacent duplicate outputs.

-c output number of time line occurs -d output only the repeated ones -g n skip n fields but no option to change field from whitespacce -i ignorrecase -s n skip n characters -u onply print unique lines.

cut

get portions of each line: **-c** for characters, **-f** for fields, **-d** is delimiter, **--complement** to.

in my **distros.txt** is space delimited so we can go:

```
cut -f 3 -d " " distros.txt | cut -c 7-10
```

expand

converts tabs to appropriate number of spaces

25 Starting a Project

Anything you can output to a echo you can assign to a variable, with all the same expansion rules.

variables are created whenever they are used so we have to be careful when we are making something

can surround variables with braces, which disappear after expansion, so that only what is intended to be expanded is expanded.