

Introduction to UNIX

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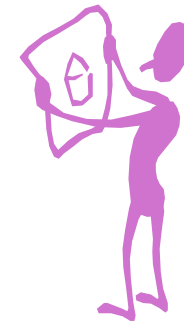
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1. Background on UNIX

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1.1. What is UNIX?

- The UNIX Operating System (OS) is a large program (mostly coded in C) that turns the computer into a useable machine.
- It provides a number of facilities:
 - management of hardware resources
 - directory and file system
 - loading / execution / suspension of programs

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1.2. Brief History

- 1969 First UNIX at Bell Labs
- 1975 Bell Labs makes UNIX freeware
- 1970's Berkeley UNIX (BSD)
- 1980's TCP/IP
MIT X-Windows
- 1990's The Web,
LINUX
(e.g. RedHat 9.0, 红旗 5.0)

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1.3. Why Use UNIX?

- multi-tasking / multi-user
- lots of software
- networking capability
- graphical (with command line)
- easy to program
- portable (PCs, mainframes, super-computers)



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- free! (LINUX, FreeBSD)
- popular
- not tied to one company
- active community



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2. Starting / Finishing

2.1. Your Account

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2.1. Your Account

- Each user has their own space, called their *account*.
- Type your login ID and password to enter your account.
- Only if the login ID and password match will you be let in.

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2.2. Login to your Account

<code>login: ad</code>	You type your ID and <code>RETURN</code> .
<code>Password:</code>	You type your password and <code>RETURN</code> . It does not appear.
<code>\$</code>	The UNIX prompt (or similar). You can now enter commands.
<code>Access denied</code>	
<code>Password:</code>	Login ID and password not match

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2.3. Password Tips

- **NEVER** tell anyone your password.
- Don't write it down.
- A good password is:
 - 8 (or more) characters long
 - uses a mix of uppercase and lowercase letters, numbers, and symbols (e.g. #, %).
- You can change your password with the `passwd` command (see later).

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2.4. Logout from your Account

`logout`

or

`^D`

Press CONTROL and D
together

or

`exit`

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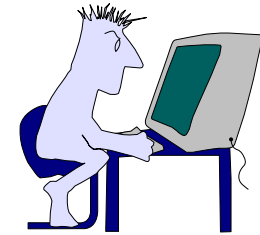
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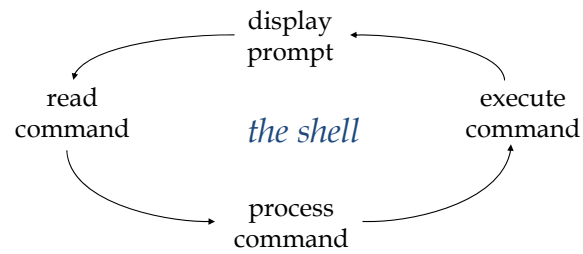
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3.1. The Shell

- The UNIX user interface is called the *shell*.
- The shell does 4 jobs repeatedly:



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3.2. Typing Commands

- Try these:

```
date
cal 3 1997
who
ls
ifconfig
man cal

clear
```

Press enter for next line;
Press spacebar for next page;
`^C` or `q` to stop

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3.3. Control Characters

- Erasing characters

<code>DELETE</code>	delete last character
<code>^H</code>	delete last character (press CONTROL and H together).
<code>^W</code>	delete last word
<code>^U</code>	delete the line

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- Very useful control characters

<code>^C</code>	terminate command
<code>^S</code>	suspend output
<code>^Q</code>	resume output

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Special Characters can be Altered

- Show current settings:

```
stty -a
```

- Change a setting:

```
stty erase ^?
```

Type ^ and ?.

- Reset:

```
stty sane
```

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3.4. Changing your Password

- The command is:

```
passwd
```

- It will ask you for the new password twice.

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4. Command to Use Right Away

4.1. Date Commands

4.2. You and the System

4.3. Calculators



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4.1. Date Commands

- `date` Gives time and date
- `cal` Calendar
 - `cal`
 - `cal 1997`
 - `cal 3`
 - `cal 7 1962`
 - `cal 9 1752` Not a mistake. Why?

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4.2. You and the System

- `uptime` Machine's 'up' time
- `hostname` Name of the machine
- `whoami` Your account name

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4.3. Calculators

- `xcalc` Requires X-Windows
- `expr e` Simple arithmetic
 - `expr 3 + 5 + 7`
- `bc` Programmable Calculator

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Using bc

- `bc`
`3 + 5 + 7`
`17` Output
`^D`
- `bc -l` Use Maths library
`scale=3` Set display to 3 dp
`150/60`
`l(30)` natural log function
`^D`

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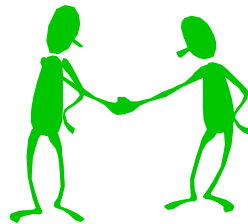
- `bc`
`obase=2` Output base
`ibase=16` Input base
`FFC1`
`^D`

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5. UNIX Help

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5.2. UNIX books



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5.1. On-line Help

- `man` Manual pages
`man cal`
`man man`
- `apropos topic` Lists commands related to topic
`apropos game`
`apropos help`

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`man -k topic`

Same as `apropos`

`whatis cmd`

One-line description

`whatis find`

`where cmd`

Location of command

`which cmd`

Location

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- `locate cmd` List files with `cmd` in their name (or path)

`locate game`

- Output of these commands can be very long.

See one screenful at a time with: `| more`

`locate game | more`

`apropos print | more`

- Press enter/spacebar to go on; `^C/q` to stop.

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5.3. UNIX Books

- *A Student's Guide to UNIX*, Harley Hahn, McGraw-Hill, 1993.
- *A Practical Guide to the UNIX System*, Mark G. Sobell, Benjamin-Cummings, 3rd Edition, 1995.
- *An Introduction to Berkeley UNIX*, Paul Wang, Wadsworth, 1992.
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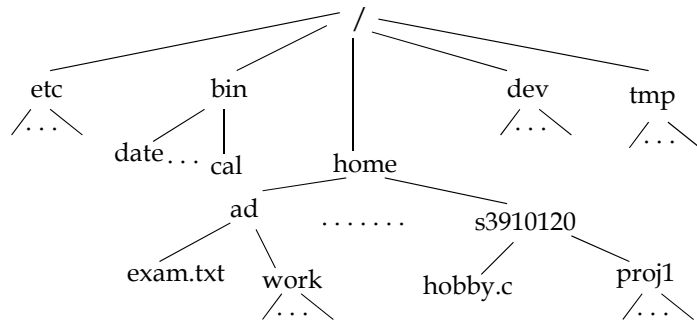
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6.1. An upside-down Tree

- A simplified UNIX directory/file system:



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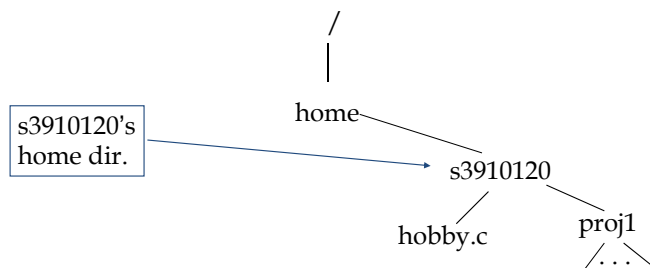
6.2. Some System Directories

- `/` *root* directory
- `/bin` commands
- `/etc` system data files
(e.g. `/etc/passwd`)
- `/dev` files representing I/O devices

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6.3. Where do you login?

- Your *home directory*, which is named after your login ID.



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6.4. Pathnames

- A *pathname* is a sequence of directory names (separated by `/`'s) which identifies the location of a directory.
- There are two sorts of pathnames
 - absolute pathnames
 - relative pathname

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Absolute Pathnames

- The sequence of directory names between the top of the tree (the *root*) and the directory of interest.
- For example:
 - `/bin`
 - `/etc/terminfo`
 - `/export/user/home/ad`
 - `/export/user/home/s3910120/proj1`

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Relative Pathnames

- The sequence of directory names **below** the directory where you are now to the directory of interest.
- If you are interested in the directory `proj1`:

<code>proj1</code>	if you are in <code>s3910120</code>
<code>s3910120/proj1</code>	if you are in <code>home</code>

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6.5. Commands and Pathnames

- Commands often use pathnames.
- For example:

`cat /etc/passwd` List the password file

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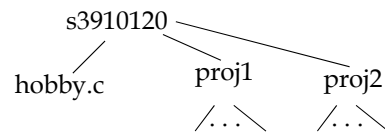
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7.1. Moving between Directories

- s3910120's home directory:



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- If you are in directory s3910120 how do you move to directory proj1?

```
cd proj1
```

- You are now in proj1. This is called the *current working directory*.

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- `pwd` Print name of current working directory
- Move back to directory s3910120 (the parent directory):

```
cd ..
```

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- When in proj1, move to proj2 with one command:

```
cd ../proj2
```

- `../proj2` is a *relative* pathname

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7.2. Special Directory Names

- `/` The root directory
- `.` The current working directory
- `..` The parent directory (of your current directory)
- `~` Your home directory
- `~user` Home directory of `user`

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Examples

- `cd /` Change to root directory
- `cd ~` Change to home directory
- `cd` (Special case; means `cd ~`)
- `cd ~ad` Change to ad's home dir.
- `cd ../..` Go up two levels.

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7.3. Investigate the System

- Use `cd`
- `cat file` List `file`
`cd /etc`
`cat passwd`
- `ls` Directory listing
`ls` List current dir.
`ls /etc` List `/etc`
`ls -F` -F option shows types
`a.tcl*` `ns-allinone-2.29/`

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7.4. Making / Deleting / Renaming Directories

- Usually, you can only create directories (or delete or rename them) in your home directory or directories below it.

- `mkdir` Make a directory
- `rmdir` Delete a directory
- `mv` Rename a directory

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- Create a `lab` directory in your home directory:

```
cd ~
mkdir lab
```

- Create two directories inside the `lab` directory:

```
cd lab
mkdir week1
mkdir week2
```

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- Delete the `week1` directory:

```
rmdir week1
```

- Change the name of `week2` to `all-weeks`

```
mv week2 all-weeks
```

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8. Working with Files

8.1. Creating a Text File

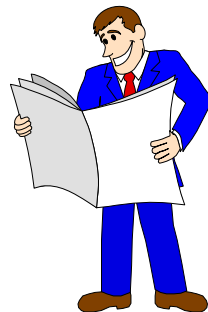
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8.1. Creating a Text File

- A quick way:

```
cat > file
```

- This will feed the text you type at the keyboard into `file` until you type `^D` (CONTROL and a D together).

- A more powerful way is to use `vi`, a full screen editor (see later).

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8.2. Listing Files

- **cat** file List the file
 cat hobby.c
 cat /etc/passwd
- **more** file List the file a screen at a time. Type spacebar to go on; ^C to stop

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- **less** file Like *more* but more powerful
- **head** file List the *first* few lines
- **tail** file List the *last* few lines

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8.3. Filename Conventions

- Many files have a name and an extension:
 file.c A C program
 file.cpp A C++ program
 file.txt A text file
- However, you can call a file *anything*. It doesn't have to have an extension.

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8.4. Other Basic Commands

- **cp** file1 file2 Copy file1, making file2
- **mv** file1 file2 Rename file1 as file2
- **rm** file Delete file
 rm -i file check first

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- `wc` file Counts the lines, words, characters in file
- `grep` string file Search file for string
e.g., `grep abc test`

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- List lines containing 'Andrew' in `/etc/passwd`
`grep Andrew /etc/passwd`
- Lines containing 'printf(' in `hobby.c`
`grep 'printf(' hobby.c`
- Lines starting with 'loca' in `/usr/dict/words`
`grep ^loca /usr/dict/words`

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8.5. Printing

- `lpr` file Print file
- `lpq` List the print queue.
Each print job has a number.
- `lprm` job-number Remove that print job

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- You may have to name the printer with the `-P` option:
`lpr -Plj5 hobby.c`
- `lpq` and `lprm` understand the `-P` option

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8.6. I/O Redirection

- Most commands output to the screen

```
ls
```

- Output can be *redirected* to a file with '>':

```
ls > dir.txt
cal 1997 > year1997
```

- Output can be *appended* to a file with '>>'

```
cal 1997 > years
cal 1998 >> years
```

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- Concatenate two files:

```
cat f1 f2 > fs
```

- Input redirection (less common) uses '<'

```
wc < years
```

- Combine input and output redirection:

```
wc < years > year-counts
```

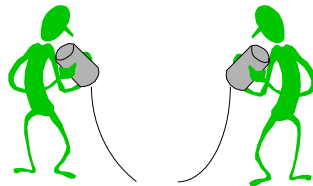
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9.1. Information on Others

- **users** Who else is logged on?
- **who** Information on current users
- **ps** What are people doing?

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- **w** What are people doing?
w -sh A shorter report
- **Examine password info:**
more /etc/passwd
grep s38 /etc/passwd

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9.2. Fingering People

- **finger** Info. on current users
`finger -l` Longer information
- `finger user` Information on user
(need not be logged in)
`finger ad`

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- `finger @machine-name` User info. for that machine
- ```
finger @catsix
finger @ratree.psu.ac.th
```
- **ping** machine-name Is machine alive (on)?
- ```
ping catsix
```
- (^C to stop)

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Your Finger Information

- `chfn` Change your finger entry
- `finger` also prints the contents of the `.plan` and `.project` files in your home directory.
List `'` files with:
`ls -a`

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9.3. Talking

- `talk user` Talk to user
 (on any machine)
- `talk ad`
- `talk bill-gates@ratree.psu.ac.th`

Get out by typing `^C`

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Access to remote machines

- Using root account
 `sudo -i`
- Make sure you have installed SSH server
 `ps -ef | grep sshd`
 If not, install SSH server
 `apt-get install openssh-server`
- Access to remote machine
 `ssh bupt@210.25.132.137` (password: bupt)

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10. Editor - vi

- Text editor
- Insert mode
- Override mode
- Use sub-commands
- Tradition tools and others

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The `vi` command

- `vi` is a text editor.
- `vi` shows you part of your file and allows you to enter commands that change something (add new stuff, delete a char or line, etc).

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vi modes

vi has a couple of *modes*:

- **command mode**: move the cursor around, move to a different part of the file, issue editing commands, switch to insert mode.
 - The command will not be displayed in screen
 - ENTER is not needed
- **insert mode**: whatever you type is put in the file (not interpreted as commands).

when you first start vi you will be in command mode.

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Cursor Movement Commands

(only in command mode!)

- h** move left one position
- l** move right one position or space bar
- j** move down one line
- k** move up one line

Your arrow keys might work (depends on the version of vi and your terminal)

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More Cursor Movement Commands

- \$** move to the end of the line
- G** move to the end of the file
- w** move forward one word
- b** move backward one word
- e** move to the end of the word
-)** move to beginning of next sentence
- (** move to beginning of current sentence

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Scrolling Commands

- CTRL-F** scroll forward one screen
- CTRL-B** scroll backward one screen
- CTRL-D** scroll forward 1/2 screen
- CTRL-U** scroll backward 1/2 screen

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Command that delete stuff

- x** delete character (the one at the cursor)
- X** delete back one character (backspace)
- dw** delete word
- dd** delete line

- 3x** delete 3 characters (any number works)
- 5dd** delete 5 lines (any number works)

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Changing Text

- cw** change word (end with Esc)
- cc** change line (end with Esc)
- C** change rest of the line
- rx** replace character with 'x' (could be anything, not just 'x')

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Insert Mode

- In insert mode whatever you type goes in to the file. There are many ways to get in to insert mode:
- i** insert before current position
- a** append (insert starting after cursor)
- A** append at end of line
- R** begin overwriting text
- o** insert text in a new line below the current line
- O** insert text in a new line above the current line

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Copy & Paste

- **P** paste text last copied to the right of the cursor
- **p** paste text last copied to the left of the cursor
- **yy** copy current line
- **ye** copy from the cursor to the end of the word

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Ending Insert Mode

- To get out of insert mode (back to command mode) you press "Esc" (the escape key).
- There is a status line (bottom of screen) that tells you what mode/command you are in.

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Saving and Exiting

- ZZ** save if changes were made, and quit.
- :wq** Write file and quit
- :w** Write file
- :w *file*** Write to file named *file*
- :q** Quit
- :q!** Really quit (discard edits)

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Searching and Replacing

- /text** search forward for text
- ?text** search backward for text
- n** repeat previous search
- N** repeat search in opposite direction
- :s/findtext/** replace the first occurrence of findtext
- :%s/findtext/** replace all occurrences of findtext

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version 1.1
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vi / vim graphical cheat sheet

Esc normal mode	toggle case	external filter	@> play macro	# prev ident	\$ eol	% goto match	^ "soft" bol	& repeat :s	% next ident	(begin sentence)) end sentence	"soft" bol down	+ next line
~	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	0	"hard" bol	- prev line	= auto-format
Q ex mode	W next WORD	E end WORD	R replace mode	T back till	Y yank line	U undo line	I insert at bol	O open above	P paste before	{ begin parag.	}	end parag.	
q record macro	w next word	e end word	r replace char	t 'till	y yank	u undo	i insert mode	o open below	p paste after	[misc]	misc	
A append at eol	S subst line	D delete to eol	F "back" find ch	G goto ln	H screen top	J join lines	K help	L screen bottom	.	ex cmd line	" reg. 1	hol/ goto col	
a append	s subst char	d delete	f find char	g extra cmds	h	j	k	l	.	repeat	' goto mk. bol	\ not used!	
Z quit	X back-space	C change to eol	V visual lines	B prev WORD	N prev (find)	M screen mid1	< un-indent	> indent	?	find (rev.)			
Z extra cmds	x delete char	c change	v visual mode	b prev word	n (find)	m mark	;	repeat cmd	/	find			

motion moves the cursor, or defines the range for an operator
command direct action command, if red, it enters insert mode
operator requires a motion afterwards, operates between cursor & destination
extra special functions, requires extra input
Q commands with a dot need a char argument afterwards
 bol = beginning of line, eol = end of line,
 mk = mark, yank = copy
 words: `quux(foo, bar, baz)`
 WORDS: `quux(foo, bar, baz)`

Main command line commands ('ex'):
 :w (save), :q (quit), :q! (quit w/o saving)
 :e f (open file f),
 :s/s1/s2/ (replace 's1' by 's2' filewide),
 :h (help in vim), :new (new file in vim).

Other important commands:
 CTRL-R: redo (vim),
 CTRL-F/B: page up/down,
 CTRL-E/Y: scroll line up/down,
 CTRL-V: block-visual mode (vim only)

Visual mode:
 Move around and type operator to act on selected region (vim only)

Notes:
 (1) use "x before a yank/paste/del command to use that register ('clipboard') (x=a,z,z") (e.g.: "ay\$ to copy rest of line to reg 'a')
 (2) type in a number before any action to repeat it that number of times (e.g.: 2p, daw, 5l, d4j)
 (3) duplicate operator to act on current line (dd = delete line, >> = indent line)
 (4) ZZ to save & quit, ZQ to quit w/o saving
 (5) Zt: scroll cursor to top, zb: bottom, zz: center
 (6) gg: top of file (vim only), gG: open file under cursor (vim only)

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For a graphical vi/vim tutorial & more tips, go to www.viemu.com - home of ViEmu, vi/vim emulation for Microsoft Visual Studio



- netstat
- arp
- ping
- traceroute
- ftp
- ps
- top
- df
- w
- last
- history
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- **chmod** change the access permission of reading, writing and executing for file or directory
- `chmod [who][op][mode] filename`
`chmod [who][op][mode] directory`
- Two manners: **symbolic** and **numerical**

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- Symbolic manner
who:
 - u-user, g-group, O-other, A-all
 op:
 - + - Adding the access permission defined
by [mode]
 - - Deleting the access permission defined
by [mode]
 - = - Assigning the access permission
defined by [mode]
 mode:
 - r-read, w-write, x-execute
- Examples


```
$ chmod a+rx test.txt
$ chmod go-rx filename
```

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-rw-rw-r--

Chmod a+x test.txt

Chmod a=x test.txt

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Change File Access Permissions

- Numerical manner
 - Three octal numbers are used to describe the access mode
 - Three numbers for user, group, other
 - Examples:

```
$ chmod 741 test.txt
```

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Change File Owner and Group

- **chown** change the owner of the file or directory
 chown username filename
 chown -R username directory
- Only the owner and the root user can change the owner of the file

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Search for a File

- **find** find the files in the given directory according to the given expression
 find pathname [option] expression

- option

-name	file name
-user	user name
-group	group name
-mtime n	files modified in n days
-newer fn	files modified later than fn

- Examples

```
$ find . -name test
$ find . -name '*abc*'
```

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Locate a Command

- **Whereis** locate the binary, source and manual of the given command
whereis command
- Examples
\$ whereis ls

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Compiler for C in Linux

- **gcc**
- pre-process and compile
gcc -c hello.c
hello.o is created
- **link**
gcc -o hello hello.o
hello is created
- Execute (the absolute or relative path is needed)
./hello
- **Compile and link can be done in one step**
gcc -o he hello.c

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Interactive debugging in Linux

- **GDB (The GNU Project Debugger)**
 - r run;
 - b breakpoint;
 - p print;
 - n next;
 - s step into;
- **Usage**
gcc -g -o hi hello.c
gdb ./hi

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Off-line debugging in Linux

- **Coredump**
 - Recorded state of a program's working memory when it crashed.
 - Used to capture memory status during dynamic memory allocation
 - Good at tracking a bug difficult to reappear
- **Usage**
 - gcc -g -o hi hello.c
 - ulimit -c unlimited
 - ./hi (segment fault)
 - gdb ./hi core.222

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Profile tools in linux

- gprof
 - display call graph profile data
 - calculates the amount of time spent in each routine
- usage
 - `$ gcc -pg -o hello hello.c`
 - `$./hello`
 - `$ gprof hello | more`

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