Unix command line; editors

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Windows vs. Mac OSX vs. Linux

Remote vs. Not

If you use Windows...

Consider Git Bash (or Cygwin)
or turn on the Windows subsystem for linux

If you use a Mac...

Consider Homebrew and iTerm2

Also the XCode command line tools

The command line is your friend

▶ Don't touch that mouse!

▶ Scriptable

► Flexible

The shell

```
3. bash
Last login: Wed Jan 29 10:57:07 on ttys003
kbroman@fig ~ $
```

Options: tcsh, bash, zsh

Basics

► Directory structure
Absolute vs. relative paths
1s -1 ~/Figs ../Rawdata/

Creating, removing, changing directories

```
mkdir
rmdir
cd
cd -
```

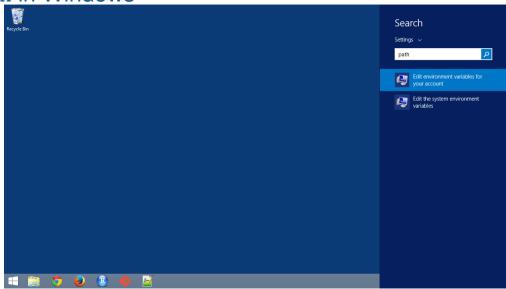
► Moving, copying, removing files

```
mv
cp
rm -i
```

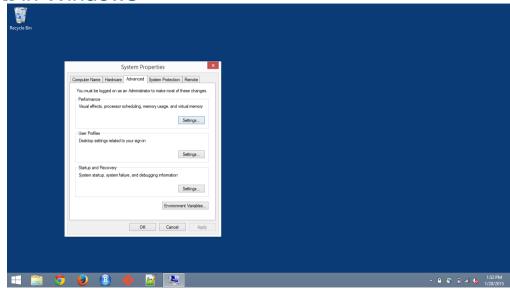
~/.bash_profile

```
export PATH=.:/usr/local/bin:$PATH
export LD LIBRARY PATH=/usr/local/lib
noclobber=1 # prevent overwriting of files
IGNOREEOF=1 # disable Ctrl-D as a way to exit
HISTCONTROL=ignoredups
alias rm='rm -i'
alias mv='mv -i'
alias cp='cp -i'
alias ls='ls -GF'
alias '1.'='ls -d .[a-zA-Z]*'
alias ll='ls -lh'
alias md='mkdir'
alias rd='rmdir'
alias Rh='R CMD build --force --resave-data'
alias Ri='R CMD INSTALL --library=/Users/kbroman/Rlibs'
alias Rc='R CMD check --library=/Users/kbroman/Rlibs'
alias Rcc='R CMD check --as-cran --library=/Users/kbroman/Rlibs'
```

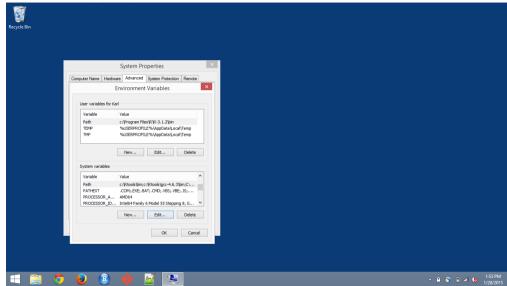
PATH in Windows



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Redirection and pipes

```
$ curl -L http://bit.ly/hamlet_txt > hamlet.txt
$ wc -1 hamlet.txt
$ grep Ham hamlet.txt > tmp.txt
$ wc -1 tmp.txt
$ grep Ham hamlet.txt | wc -1
$ grep Ham hamlet.txt | less
$ cat file1.txt file2.txt > combined.txt
$ cat file3.txt >> combined.txt
```

Wild cards

```
$ grep blah *.txt
$ ls blah.???
$ ls [a-z]*
$ ls /usr/bin/[auz]*
$ ls /usr/bin/[auz]*.*
$ ls -1 *.txt | wc -1
$ wc -l *.txt | grep total
```

Suspend/foreground/background

```
$ R CMD BATCH input.R output.txt &

$ R CMD BATCH input.R output.txt
[ctr1-Z]
$ bg

$ emacs afile.txt
[ctr1-Z]
$ fg
```

Moving around the command line

```
ctrl-f, ctrl-b move forward and back
ctrl-a, ctrl-e move to beginning and end of line
                 delete rest of line, or to the start
ctrl-k. ctrl-u
                 clear the screen
ctrl-l
                 cancel what you've typed
ctrl-c
                 autocomplete command or file
tab
ctrl-p, ctrl-n forward and backward in history
                 search for a previous command
ctrl-r
```

How to solve computing problems

- ► Try stuff!
- man pages and help files
- ▶ blah -h or blah --help
- Google
- Stackoverflow and other StackExchange sites
- ► Google with site:stackoverflow.com
- email lists and google groups
- friends or colleagues
- ► Twitter
- ► Buy a book. Buy all of the books.

Examples

- ► How do you suppress warnings in knitr?
- ► What symbol corresponds to the unicode \u00B1?
- ▶ What's the difference between curl and wget?
- ► What does "502 Bad Gateway" mean?
- ▶ "To open gs you need to install X11"
- mclapply isn't working in Windows
- ► How to ping a server in Python?
- ► Font shape `EU1/pplx/m/n' undefined
- ▶ except KeyError, k: raise AttributeError, k

Important principle

Learn to code by looking at good code.

Choose a good editor

- ► Emacs
- ► VIM
- ► RStudio
- ► Textwrangler
- ▶ Notepad++
- ► Sublime Text
- ► Atom

A good editor

- ▶ Doesn't require pointing-and-clicking
- ► Easy to get code between R and a script
- Syntax highlighting of code
- ► Automatic indentation
- Close parentheses/brackets/braces
- ► Browse code across files
- ► Integrated with other tools (e.g., version control)

Other useful tools

```
$ find . -name *.py
$ locate article.cls
$ ps ux
$ top
$ df -hk
$ du -h
$ du -hd2
$ ln -s ~/Projects/SomeFriend/Data
$ ln -s ~/Projects/SomeFriend/Data SomeFriend_Data
$ tar xzvf qtl_1.29-2.tar.gz
$ tar czvf blah.tgz Blah/
$ tar tzvf blah.tgz
```

Further useful tools

```
$ whereis bash
$ type rm
$ type emacs
$ pwd
$ head afile.txt
$ tail afile.txt
$ head -n20 afile.txt
$ man head
$ kill 8453
$ kill -9 8453
$ history
$!-2
$ !503
$ ping www.google.com
$ ispell afile.txt
```

Opening a file from the command line

Windows:

```
$ start mypaper.pdf
$ start http://google.com
```

Mac:

```
$ open mypaper.pdf
$ open http://google.com
```

File modes

```
3. bash
kbroman@fig ~/Teaching/Tools4RR/Lectures (master) $ 11
total 8
drwxr-xr-x 27 kbroman staff 918B Jan 27 11:35 01 Intro/
          30 kbroman staff
                              1.0K Jan 29 11:38 02 Unix/
drwxr-xr-x
drwxr-xr-x 2 kbroman staff
                               68B Jan 14 06:28 03 KnitrMarkdown/
drwxr-xr-x 37 kbroman staff
                              1.2K Jan 20 23:05 04 Git/
drwxr-xr-x 2 kbroman staff
                               68B Jan 14 06:28 05 Organization/
drwxr-xr-x 2 kbroman staff
                               68B Jan 14 06:28 06 EDA/
drwxr-xr-x 2 kbroman staff
                               68B Jan 14 06:28 07 ClearCode/
drwxr-xr-x 2 kbroman staff
                               68B Jan 14 06:28 08_Rpack/
drwxr-xr-x 2 kbroman staff
                               68B Jan 14 06:29 09_TestingDebugging/
                               68B Jan 14 06:29 10 BigJobs/
drwxr-xr-x 2 kbroman staff
drwxr-xr-x 2 kbroman staff
                               68B Jan 14 06:29 11 KnitrPapers/
drwxr-xr-x
          2 kbroman staff
                               68B Jan 14 06:29 12 KnitrTalks/
drwxr-xr-x
          2 kbroman staff
                               68B Jan 14 06:29 13 KnitrPosters/
drwxr-xr-x
          2 kbroman staff
                               68B Jan 14 06:29 14 Python/
            2 kbroman staff
                               68B Jan 14 06:29 15 Licenses/
drwxr-xr-x
            1 kbroman staff
                              488B Oct 23 16:18 createVersionWithNotes.rb*
-rwxr-xr-x
kbroman@fig ~/Teaching/Tools4RR/Lectures (master) $
```

File modes/owner/group

```
sudo chown kbroman .
chgrp -R staff .
chmod +x createVersionWithNotes.rb
chmod 755 02_Unix
chmod 644 02_Unix/02_unix.tex
chmod 700 Private_stuff
```

Don't forget to look at the resources page

kbroman.org/AdvData/resources