A tiny bit extra bash

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Scripts

Specify that it is a shell script through adding the line #! /bin/sh

Shell scripts have the extention .sh (e.g. hello.sh)

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Example script (call it e.g. hello.sh) below:

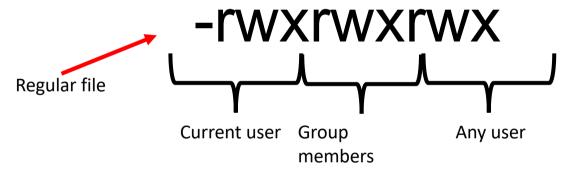
#! /bin/sh
echo "Hello world!"

Execute the script using sh:

sh hello.sh

Permissions

All files have a 10 character permission string



r = permission to read

w = permission to write/edit

x = permission to execute

Permissions

Here, you have read-write but not to execute

-rw-r-- r--

To change permissions, use chmod

chmod +x hello.sh

Now the permissions are -rwxr-- r--

Loops – for loops

Loops are used to perform actions on several lines/files

for i in 1 2 3 4 5
do
echo "Welcome \$i times"
done

Loops – for loops

For-loops can also be used on lists

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for i in $(cat number.list)
do
echo "Welcome $i times"
done
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Loops – while loops

while [condition]; do command1 command2 commandN;
done

The while syntax will execute while a condition is true

Loops – while loops

cat myfile.fna | while read line; do echo -n \$line | wc -c; done

Here we count the number of bases in the genome ## the -n flag avoids printing newlines, creating a file with one line

Downloading files from server

scp user@server:/path/to/remotefile.zip /Local/Destination

don't forget a colon btw username and path to file on server # there has to be a space between file on cluster and target folder on local # computer

scp user@server:/path/to/remotefile.zip .

here the point means "here"
(use if you are in the right folder only)

Some special characters

- # Comments, code after this won't run
- Shortcut to your home directory
- \ Continue on next line

Making your life easier

Tab completion! Use it!

Iterate history with up and down arrow

Search history with Control + R

Get to beginning of line with control + a

Get to end of line with control + e

Stopping and exciting

Ctrl + c - kills a job

exit:

q (man, less, more)

Ctrl + x (nano)

cd – gets you home if you are lost

Finding help

man COMMAND (exit: q)

Google

StackOverflow

After doing research: Ask a friend or teacher!