## TD3/9: Work with text manipulation tools in Linux

## Exercise 1: Grep and awk on tabular data

- 1. Display the list of files and folders at the root using ls-l
- 2. In a pipeline (using |), append a **grep** instruction to only display informations of bin
- 3. Append an **awk** instruction to only display the size of bin
- 4. Now rather extract the month, day and year of creation of the folder bin
- 5. Now rearrange the instruction to get the following output format: 2020-Oct-26 (from original data: Oct 26 2020)

## Exercise 2: Grep with Regex, and sed on unstructured data

- 1. Run the following command: curl https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List\_of\_cyberattacks > cyberattacks.txt
- 2. Use grep to extract all the lines that contain the keyword "meta"
- 3. Now only extract "meta" and the first following word. You might use grep options to enable the use of regex (Regular Expressions) <sup>1</sup>
- 4. Only extract the following word (but not the keyword "meta")
- 5. Let's now try more interesting (yet complex) patterns. You might use vim to open the file and look for useful patterns. Let's extract the introduction
  - We could ask grep to catch the paragraph corresponding to a sentence that is only present in the introduction. Try to run the following command cat cyberattacks.txt | grep -P 'A cyberattack is'
  - This does not work since the source code is here different from what is visible on the web page. Now try the following: cat cyberattacks.txt / grep -P 'A <a href="/wiki/Cyberattack" title="Cyberattack">cyberattack</a>is any type'
  - It is now working, but what if the text evolves over time? Try the following instead: cat cyberattacks.txt | grep -A1 'mw-content-text' | grep -v 'mw-content-text'. This is based on the text above that seems to be more stable.
- 6. Your turn
  - Extract the tab title
  - Make a list of cyber attacks based on section titles

 $<sup>1.\ \,</sup> https://regexr.com/2tr5t$