

Using the UNIX Terminal

MakeOpenSource and CSE 220

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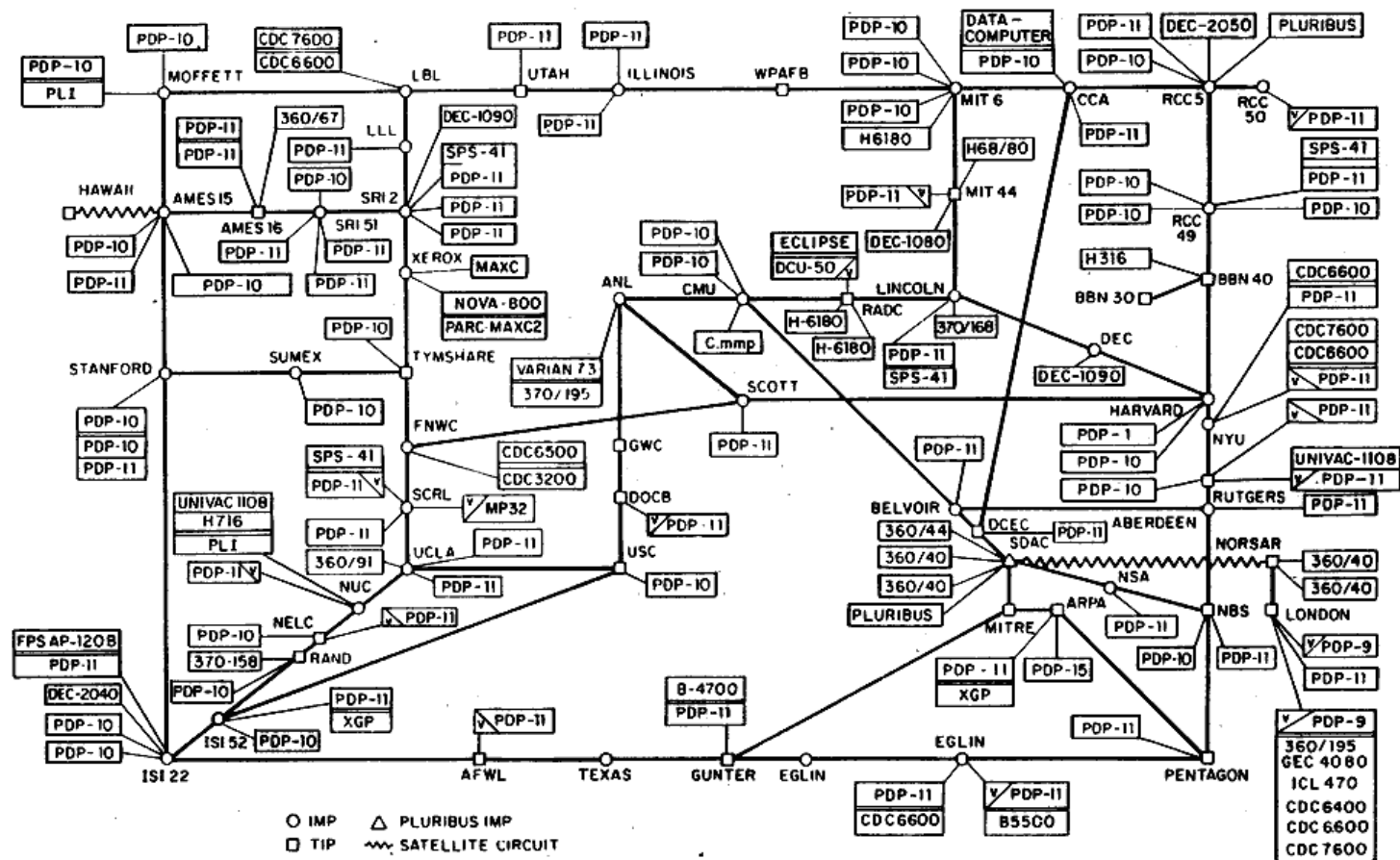
Agenda

1. Introduction (5m)
2. Components of the Terminal (10m)
3. Command-Line Demo (15m)
4. Workshop (15m)



1. Introduction

ARPANET LOGICAL MAP, MARCH 1977



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A photograph of an IBM 5150 personal computer. The system unit is black with the IBM logo at the top center. It features a monochrome monitor, three red indicator lights on the left, and a control panel on the right with buttons for Monitor, Test, and Alpha. The keyboard is white with black function keys on the left and right sides. A semi-transparent blue rectangle is overlaid across the middle of the image, containing the text "Quick Demo" in white.

Quick Demo



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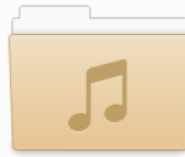
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Terminal - emil@email-virtual-machine: ~

File Edit View Terminal Tabs Help

To run a command as administrator (user "root"), use "sudo <command>".
See "man sudo_root" for details.

emil@email-virtual-machine:~\$



Terminal: The command-line "interface"

Shell: The language a terminal uses

Command-Line: The line where you enter a command

Directory: A "Folder"

2. Components of the Terminal

What is a Terminal?

- A **text-based interface** that a computer would boot up.
- Nowadays, computers use Graphical User Interfaces (GUIs), so actual terminals are rarer.
- Your "Terminal" application is most likely a **terminal emulator**
- A terminal emulator is an app that allows you to execute terminal commands from within a graphical interface.



What is the Shell?

- The language of the terminal
- The commands/syntax you enter to make the computer do stuff
- There are many, many shells, but the most popular ones are:
 - **Bash**
 - Zsh
 - Tcsh



What is the Command Line?

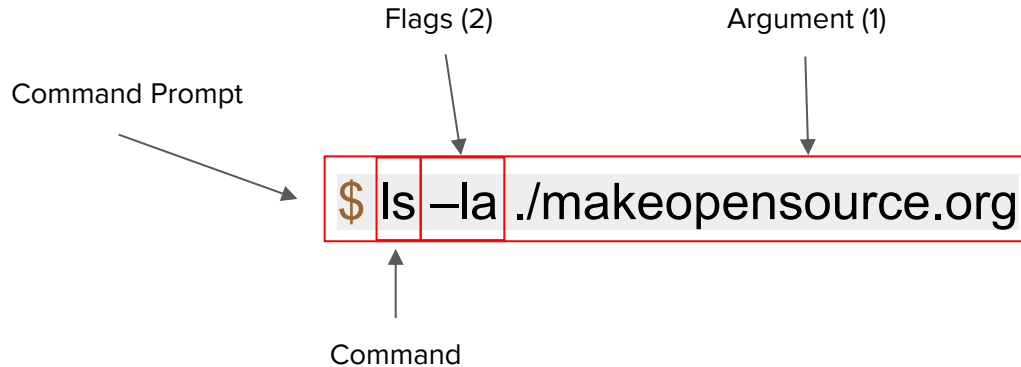
- The prompt where you enter a command!
- In the bash shell, the command line usually starts with "\$"



**A lot of this terminology is
often muddled in conversation**

3. Command Line Demo

Bash Command Structure



4. Workshop

Workshop Task

Go to <http://workshop.makeopensource.org/>

Part 1

1. List your current directory
2. Print the location of your working directory
3. Create a new directory called 'hello'
4. Enter the 'hello' directory

Part 2

1. Create a file 'about-me.txt'
2. Add your name to 'about-me.txt'
3. Append a fun fact about you (on a newline) in 'about-me.txt'
4. Print the contents of 'hello.txt'
5. Type the command

[curl -F data="@about-me.txt" http://workshop.makeopensource.org/](http://workshop.makeopensource.org/)

Terminal Install:
<https://hyper.is>

about-me.txt

Emil Kovacev
I like crocheting on my spare
time!

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Questions?

Thank you for coming!