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# Jurassic Park (1993)

*"It's a UNIX system! I know this."*

– Alexis “Lex” Murphy, Jurassic Park (1993)

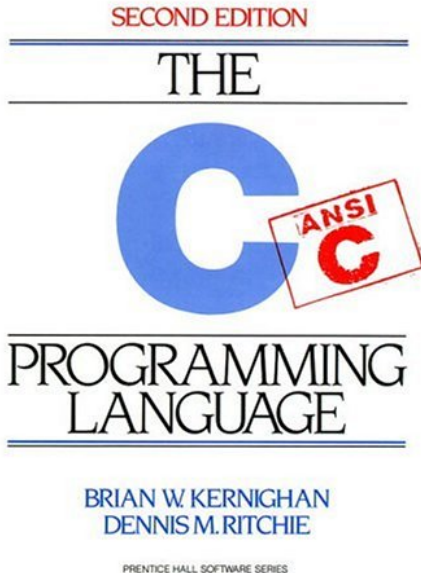
What do these sites have in common?

The Google logo, featuring the word "Google" in its signature multi-colored font (blue, red, yellow, blue, green, red) with a trademark symbol.The Facebook logo, consisting of the word "facebook" in white lowercase letters on a solid blue rectangular background.The YouTube logo, featuring the word "You" in black and "Tube" in white inside a red rounded rectangle.The Vimeo logo, featuring the word "vimeo" in a black, lowercase, sans-serif font.The FeedBurner logo, featuring a stylized flame icon in red and yellow to the left of the word "FeedBurner" in blue, with a trademark symbol.The Meemo logo, featuring the word "meemo" in a blue, lowercase, sans-serif font, with a small orange circle and two dots below the final 'o'.

67% of all web servers are running on UNIX<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup><http://w3techs.com>, August 2010

C was invented to write UNIX



# You will be programming in UNIX

- ▶ CS1010 - developing C programs in UNIX.
- ▶ CS1020 - developing Java programs in UNIX

# Activity: Login to NUSNET

1. Press Ctrl-Alt-Delete.



2. Type in your NUSNET user name, password and select the NUSSTU domain.



3. Click on the Ok button.

## Activity: Creating your UNIX account

<https://mysoc.nus.edu.sg/~newacct>

Login using your NUSNET user name and password.

# Modern UNIX



Figure: Modern UNIX-like operating systems (Linux, BSD, Solaris)

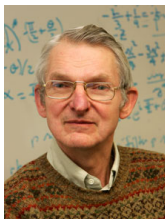


# The UNIX Philosophy

*Write programs that do one thing and do it well.*

*Write programs to work together.*

*Write programs to handle text streams, because that is a universal interface.*



– Douglas McIlroy

## sunfire server in the old Machine Room



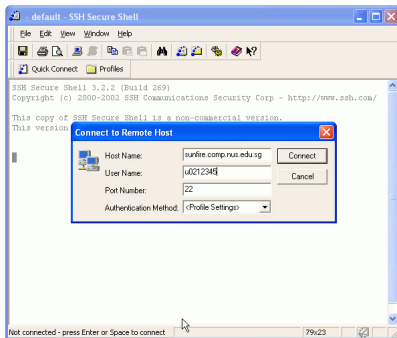
**Figure:** sunfire server located in the Machine Room with our Networks staff. Clockwise from top-left: Tan Chee Sin, Tan Kwang Pon, Budiman Tsjin (has since left SOC) and Lai Zit Seng.

## Activity: Connecting to sunfire

1. From the desktop, launch the SSH Secure Shell Client application.
2. Click on Quick Connect

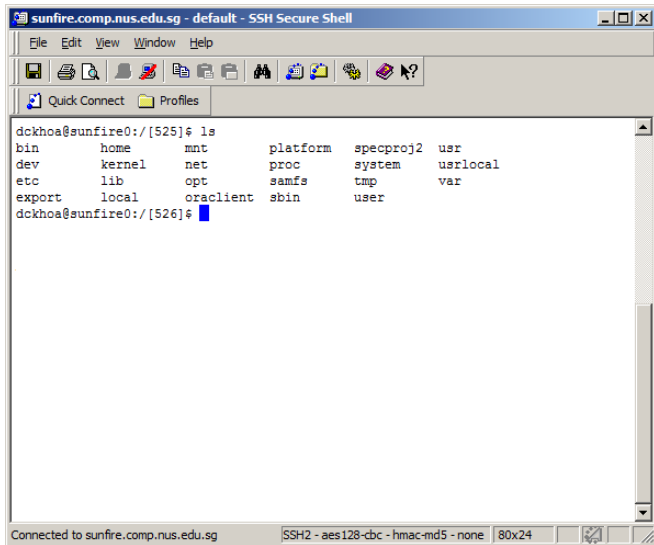
Host Name: sunfire.comp.nus.edu.sg

User Name: your UNIX user name



3. Click on Connect.
4. Click on "Yes" at the next dialog.
5. Enter your UNIX password in the password dialog.

# Command line interface

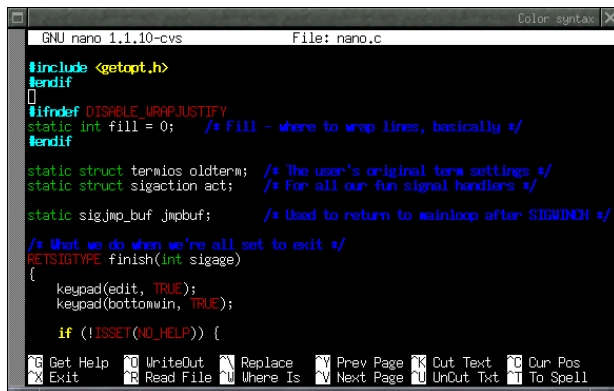


The image shows a terminal window titled "sunfire.comp.nus.edu.sg - default - SSH Secure Shell". The window has a menu bar with "File", "Edit", "View", "Window", and "Help". Below the menu bar is a toolbar with various icons for file operations and a "Quick Connect" button. The main area of the window displays a command prompt "dckhoa@sunfire0:/[525]\$ ls" followed by the output of the "ls" command, which is a directory listing. The listing shows a grid of directories: bin, home, mnt, platform, specproj2, usr, dev, kernel, net, proc, system, usrlocal, etc, lib, opt, samfs, tmp, var, export, local, oraclient, sbin, and user. The prompt "dckhoa@sunfire0:/[526]\$" is shown at the bottom of the terminal area. The status bar at the bottom of the window indicates "Connected to sunfire.comp.nus.edu.sg", "SSH2 - aes128-cbc - hmac-md5 - none", and "80x24".

```
sunfire.comp.nus.edu.sg - default - SSH Secure Shell
File Edit View Window Help
Quick Connect Profiles
dckhoa@sunfire0:/[525]$ ls
bin      home      mnt        platform  specproj2  usr
dev      kernel    net         proc       system     usrlocal
etc      lib       opt         samfs      tmp        var
export   local     oraclient  sbin       user
dckhoa@sunfire0:/[526]$
Connected to sunfire.comp.nus.edu.sg  SSH2 - aes128-cbc - hmac-md5 - none  80x24
```

# Text files are ubiquitous on UNIX

Program source code are stored as text files. A good text editor can dramatically improve your productivity.



```
GNU nano 1.1.10-cvs      File: nano.c

#include <getopt.h>
#endif
[]
#ifdef DISABLE_WRAPJUSTIFY
static int fill = 0; /* Fill - where to wrap lines, basically */
#endif

static struct termios oldterm; /* The user's original term settings */
static struct sigaction act; /* For all our fun signal handlers */

static sigjmp_buf jmpbuf; /* Used to return to mainloop after SIGWINCH */

/* What we do when we're all set to exit */
RETSIGTYPE finish(int sigage)
{
    keypad(edit, TRUE);
    keypad(bottomwin, TRUE);

    if (!ISSET(NO_HELP)) {
        Get Help      WriteOut  Replace  Prev Page  Cut Text  Cur Pos
        Exit          Read File  Where Is Next Page  UnCut Txt  To Spell
```

Figure: Screenshot of nano

## Activity: Text editing with nano

1. From the Secure Shell Client window start Vim and create a new file using the command  
`nano hello.txt`
2. Type the following paragraph as carefully as possible.
3. Save the file and exit nano by pressing  
`Ctrl-x`

## Activity: playing with diff and grep I

1. What is diff? – compare differences between files
2. Text editing usually leaves a lot of backup files ending with ~.  
One day you want to figure out the differences between a file  
text and its backup text~...

Open in two editors and then eye-ball?

```
diff firstFile secondFile
```

3. A quick how-to

## Activity: playing with diff and grep II

Let's see how text and text~ look like first

Output of cat text

```
same text
same text
Hello World!
still the same
still the same
```

Output of cat text~

```
same text
same text
Hello World~
still the same
still the same
```



## Activity: playing with diff and grep III

Output of `diff text text~` :

3c3

< Hello World!

---

> Hello World~

## Activity: playing with diff and grep IV

1. What is grep? \*– look for a pattern in file(s)  
`grep pattern file`
2. Sometimes it is useful to find the occurrences of some word in a (list of) file.  
Say you suspect a typo in you source code,  
open a text editor and 'Find'?
3. But what if you made the same typo in a lot of files?  
'grep' makes your life easier  
Let's find out how to 'grep'

## Activity: playing with diff and grep V

Sample output of `grep h1 a.html`:

```
grep h1 a.html
```

```
<h1>Hello World!</h1>
```

Contents of a.html

```
<html>
```

```
<body>
```

```
<h1>Hello World!</h1>
```

```
</body>
```

```
</html>
```

A bit too easy, isn't it? Ready to get nasty?

# Getting serious about grep

1. Output of `grep h1 a.html*`

```
a.html:<h1>Hello World!</h1>
```

```
a.html~:<h1>Hello World~</h1>
```

2. Output of `grep -n h1 a.html*`

```
a.html:3:<h1>Hello World!</h1>
```

```
a.html~:3:<h1>Hello World~</h1>
```

3. Output of `grep -n -i 'heLlO wORlD' a.html*`

```
a.html:3:<h1>Hello World!</h1>
```

```
a.html~:3:<h1>Hello World~</h1>
```

4. Find out more in `'man grep'` !

5. `grep` on Linux is more fun! :p

## Activity: SMS Word Count



Your friend from FASS is studying SMS language as part of a course project. She collected a number of SMS messages and would like to find out the frequency of each word.

## Activity: SMS Word Count

For example, given the following text file:

```
U wan 2 haf lunch i'm in da
canteen now.
Haf u found him? I feel so
stupid da v cam was working.
Where r we meeting?
I went to ur hon lab but no
one is there.
```

The desired output is:

```
.
.
.
1 we
1 went
1 Where
1 working.
2 da
2 I
```

## Activity: sort and uniq

Two UNIX utility programs are related to our task.

### sort

Input:		Output:
dog		bat
bat	→	cat
log		dog
cat		log

### uniq

Input:		Output:
dog		dog
dog	→	cat
cat		dog
cat		cat
dog		
cat		
cat		

## Activity: SMS Word Count I

1. Download the file containing sms messages from <http://uws.assembla.me/SMSwords.txt> using `wget`  
`wget http://uws.assembla.me/SMSwords.txt`
2. Sort the file.  
`sort SMSwords.txt`
3. Sort and remove duplicates.  
`sort SMSwords.txt | uniq`



## Activity: SMS Word Count II

4. We need to use a particular option of `uniq` which counts the number of duplicates, read the manual page for `uniq`. Press `q` to leave the manual page.

```
man uniq
```

5. Sort and count words,

```
sort SMSwords.txt | uniq -???
```

6. Sort by the frequency, so that more frequent words appear later,

```
sort SMSwords.txt | uniq -??? | sort -n
```

# Summary

## Activity: Logging out of sunfire

To log out of sunfire, use the logout command,  
logout

## Useful programs/websites

- ▶ KiTTY SSH client  
<http://www.9bis.net/kitty/>
- ▶ Computing facilities in SoC  
<http://docs.comp.nus.edu.sg/cf>
- ▶ mySoC (Web services)  
<https://mysoc.nus.edu.sg>