

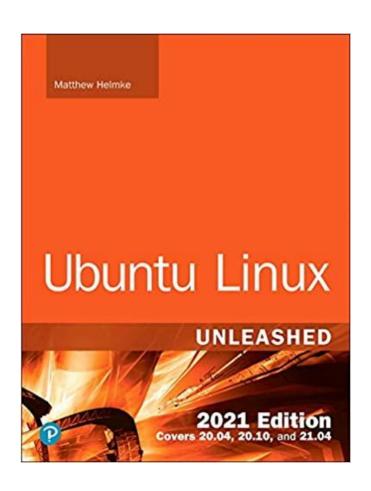
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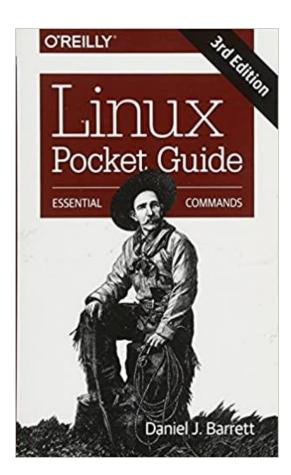
### CH3. COMMAND LINE



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## What is the command line?

- >GUI stands for Graphical User Interface.
- > CLI stands for Command Line Interface.
  - Sometimes things go wrong, and you might not have the luxury of a graphical interface to work with. In such situations, a fundamental understanding of the command line and its uses can be a real lifesaver.
  - Some basic commands:
    - Routine tasks: Log in, log out, changing passwords, etc.
    - Basic file management: Create file and folder, copy, paste, rename, etc.
    - *Basic system management:* shutting down, rebooting, file permissions, etc.



## Accessing the Command Line

From GUI, run *gnome-terminal* by press Ctrl + Alt + T

```
subadmin@vkuclt01:~

Subadmin@vkuclt01:~

pwd
/home/subadmin
subadmin@vkuclt01:~

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```

- *subadmin* is the user who is logged in the system.
- *The tilde* (~) as shorthand for the home directory, which would usually be something like /home/subadmin.
- The command *pwd* (*print working directory*) is used to get the full path of your location.



## Accessing the Command Line

- > Logging out
  - Use the *exit* or *logout* command or press Ctrl + D to exit your session.
- ➤ Logging In and Out from a Remote Computer
  - You can log in to your computer via a network connection from a remote computer.
  - The best and most secure way to log in to a remote Linux computer is to use *ssh*.

```
matthew@seymour:-$ ssh 192.168.0.41

The authenticity of host '192.168.0.41 (192.168.0.41)' can't be established.

RSA key fingerprint is el:db:6c:da:3f:fc:56:lb:52:f9:94:e0:d1:1d:31:50.

Are you sure you want to continue connecting (yes/no)?

yes

Warning: Permanently added '192.168.0.41' (RSA) \ matthew@babbage-$ logout to the list of known hosts.

matthew@192.168.0.41's password:

matthew@192.168.0.41's password:
```



## User Accounts

- ➤ User Account = system users + human users
- ➤ Human users = regular users + super user privileges
  - Regular user can change anything that is specific to their accounts, such as the wallpaper on the desktop, their personal preferences, and the configuration for a program when it is run by them using their account.
  - Super user privileges can access to the entire system and can carry out any task even destructive tasks.
    - To use super user privileges, you use *sudo* followed by a space and the command you want to run.



## User Accounts

- Super user privileges
  - *sudo rm -rf /*, which would erase everything on your hard drive if it did not require appending *--no-preserve-root* to work. Do not try this particular command as a test.
  - root is a super user account.
  - In Ubuntu the root account is disabled by default because forcing regular users with super user privileges to type a specific command every time they want to execute a command as a super user.

```
root@vkuclt01:/home/subadmin Q = - □ &

subadmin@vkuclt01:~$ sudo passwd root — Create password for root account

[sudo] password for subadmin: — Confirm subadmin password

New password:
Retype new password: — Create root password

passwd: password updated successfully

subadmin@vkuclt01:~$ su root — Log in root account

Password:
root@vkuclt01:/home/subadmin#

root prompt
```



## User Accounts

- Super user privileges
  - An alternative way of getting a root prompt, without having to enable the root account, is to issue the command *sudo -i*.
  - After entering your password, you find yourself at a root prompt (#).
  - Do what you need to do, and when you are finished, type *exit* and press Enter to return to your usual prompt.

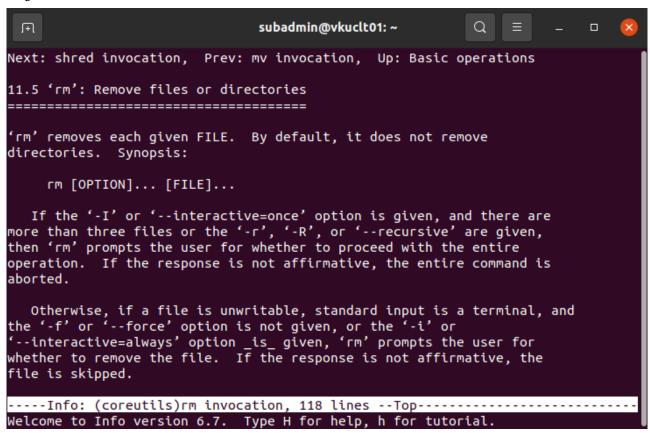


- ➤ Using Man pages
  - To learn more about a command or program, use the *man* command followed by the name of the command.
  - Man pages are stored in places like /usr/share/man and /usr/local/share/man
    - \$man rm

```
subadmin@vkuclt01: ~
RM(1)
                                   User Commands
       rm - remove files or directories
SYNOPSIS
       rm [OPTION]... [FILE]...
       This manual page documents the GNU version of rm. rm removes each
       specified file. By default, it does not remove directories.
       If the -I or --interactive=once option is given, and there are more
       than three files or the \underline{-r}, \underline{-R}, or \underline{--recursive} are given, then rm
       prompts the user for whether to proceed with the entire operation. If
       the response is not affirmative, the entire command is aborted.
       Otherwise, if a file is unwritable, standard input is a terminal, and
       the \underline{f} or \underline{--force} option is not given, or the \underline{-i} or \underline{--interactive=al-}
       ways option is given, rm prompts the user for whether to remove the
       file. If the response is not affirmative, the file is skipped.
Manual page rm(1) line 1 (press h for help or q to quit)
```



- ➤ Using Man pages
  - Another way to get help is used *info* command.
    - \$info rm





### ➤ Using *apropos*

- You can use the apropos to get help
  - *\$apropos partition* is used to find commands related to partitioning.

```
subadmin@vkuclt01: ~
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subadmin@vkuclt01:~$ apropos partition
addpart (8)
                    - tell the kernel about the existence of a partition

    display or manipulate a disk partition table

cfdisk (8)
codisk (8)
                    - Curses-based GUID partition table (GPT) manipulator
delpart (8)
                    - tell the kernel to forget about a partition
fdisk (8)
                    - manipulate disk partition table
fixparts (8)
                    - MBR partition table repair utility
                    - Interactive GUID partition table (GPT) manipulator
gdisk (8)
mpartition (1)
                    - partition an MSDOS hard disk
parted (8)
                    - a partition manipulation program
                    - inform the OS of partition table changes
partprobe (8)
                    - tell the kernel about the presence and numbering of on...
partx (8)
resizepart (8)
                    - tell the kernel about the new size of a partition
                    - display or manipulate a disk partition table
sfdisk (8)
sqdisk (8)
                    - Command-line GUID partition table (GPT) manipulator fo...
systemd-gpt-auto-generator (8) - Generator for automatically discovering and ...
subadmin@vkuclt01:~$
```



### ➤ Using whereis

- To find a command and its documentation, you can use the *whereis* command.
- For example:

```
subadmin@vkuclt01:~

subadmin@vkuclt01:~

subadmin@vkuclt01:~

fdisk: /usr/sbin/fdisk /usr/share/man/man8/fdisk.8.gz

subadmin@vkuclt01:~

whereis rm

rm: /usr/bin/rm /usr/share/man/man1/rm.1.gz

subadmin@vkuclt01:~

$

subadmin@vkuclt01:~
$
```



## Excercise

- 1. Read document for *useradd* command
- 2. Create a new user name as your name (or ID) using *useradd* with a password for log-in
- 3. Log-out and log-in with new created user and check log file of system, auth log in /var/log
- 4. Check home directory of the log-on user
- 5. Change password of the user
- 6. Change password of the root user



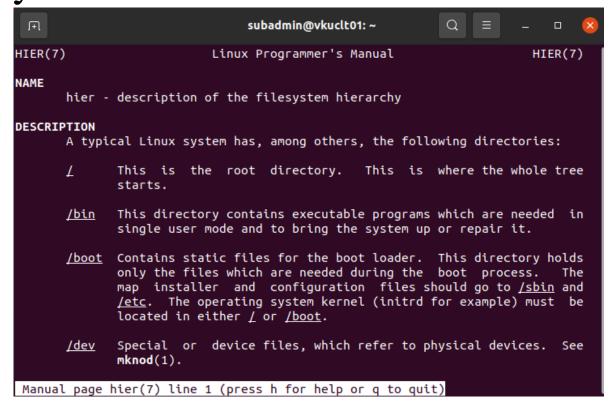
# Linux has inherited from UNIX a well-planned hierarchy for organizing things.

Table 10.1 Basic Linux Directories

Directory	Description
/	The root directory
/bin	Essential commands
/boot	Boot loader files, Linux kernel
/dev	Device files
/etc	System configuration files
/home	User home directories
/lib	Shared libraries, kernel modules
/lost+found	Recovered files (if found after a file system check)
/media	Mount point for removable media, such as DVDs and floppy disks
/mnt	Usual mount point for local, remote file systems, file systems that are additional to the standard, such as a DVD-ROM or another HDD
/opt	Add-on software packages
/proc	Kernel information, process control
/root	Super user (root) home
/sbin	System commands (mostly root only)
/sys	Real-time information on devices used by the kernel
/tmp	Temporary files
/usr	Software not essential for system operation, such as applications
/var	Variable files relating to services that run on the system, but whose contents are expected to change regularly during normal operation



➤ Using \$man hier to show Linux File system hierarchy



Note: list the current file system: Using tree command



#### **Essential commands** in */bin* and */sbin*

- The /bin directory contains essential commands used by the system for running and booting the system.
- The /sbin directory is used by root operators

#### **➤** Configuration Files in /etc

- *fstab* the file system table is a text file that lists each hard drive, CD-ROM, or other storage device attached to your PC.
- *modprobe.d/* This folder holds all the instructions to load kernel modules that are required as part of system startup.
- *passwd* This file holds the list of users for the system.
- sudoers This file holds a list of users or user groups with super user access.



- ➤ User Directories: /home
  - User directories are named by default according to account usernames.
  - For example, if you have an account named *matthew*, your home directory would generally be found in */home/matthew*.
- ➤ Using the Contents of the /proc directory to interact with or obtain information from the Kernel
  - The contents of /proc directory are created from memory and exit only while Linux is running.
  - For example, the *free* command obtains its information from a file named *meminfo*:





- ➤ Using the Contents of the /proc directory to interact with or obtain information from the Kernel
  - To see the contents of the *meminfo* file:

```
subadmin@vkuclt01: ~
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subadmin@vkuclt01:~$ cat /proc/meminfo
MemTotal:
                3984952 kB
MemFree:
                410324 kB
MemAvailable:
                1733716 kB
Buffers:
                  74952 kB
Cached:
                1427052 kB
SwapCached:
                17800 kB
Active:
                1009688 kB
Inactive:
                1792196 kB
Active(anon): 223664 kB
Inactive(anon): 1148460 kB
Active(file):
                786024 kB
Inactive(file):
                 643736 kB
Unevictable:
                     32 kB
Mlocked:
                     32 kB
SwapTotal:
                1918356 kB
SwapFree:
                1621404 kB
Dirtv:
                     28 kB
Writeback:
                      0 kB
```



- ➤ Using the Contents of the /proc directory to interact with or obtain information from the Kernel
  - Getting CPU information, such as the family, type, and speed from /proc/cpuinfo

```
subadmin@vkuclt01: ~
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subadmin@vkuclt01:~$ cat /proc/cpuinfo
processor
vendor id
                : GenuineIntel
cpu family
                : 6
model
                : 158
                : Intel(R) Core(TM) i5-7400 CPU @ 3.00GHz
model name
stepping
                : 9
microcode
                : 0xb4
                : 3000.005
CDU MHZ
cache size
                : 6144 KB
```

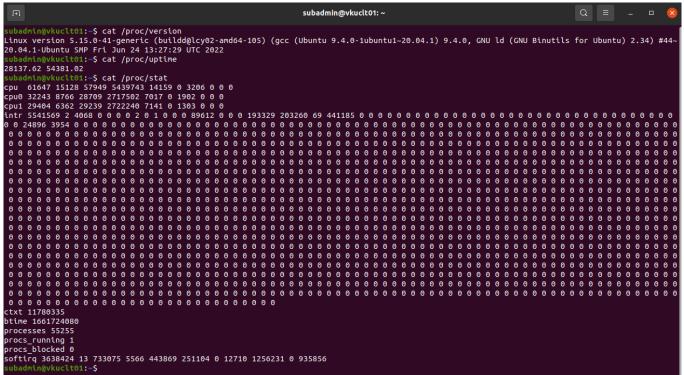


- ➤ Using the Contents of the /proc directory to interact with or obtain information from the Kernel
  - Viewing important networking information under /proc/net,
     /proc/net/dev, routing information in /proc/net/route and network statistics in /proc/net/netstat





- ➤ Using the Contents of the /proc directory to interact with or obtain information from the Kernel
  - Getting the kernel version in /proc/version
  - Performance information uptime in /proc/uptime
  - Show statistics such as CPU load, swap file usage, and processes in /proc/stat.

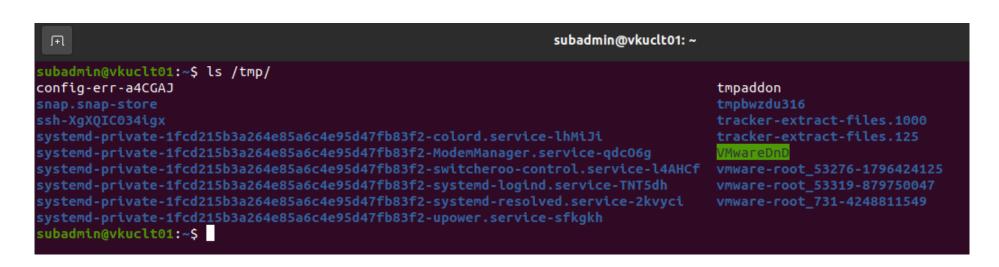




- ➤ Working with Shared Data in the /usr directory
  - The /usr directory contains software applications, libraries, and other types of shared data for use by anyone on the system.
    - /usr/share/man: manual pages.
    - /usr/share/name\_of\_package: Software package shared files.
    - /usr/share/doc: Software package documentation.
    - /usr/local: Locally built and installed software



- Temporary File Storage in the /tmp directory
  - The /tmp directory is used for temporary file storage.
  - Files in this directory are cleared daily by a *cron* job and every time the system is booted.





- > Accessing Variable Data Files in the /var Directory
  - The /var directory contains subdirectories used by various system services for spooling and logging.

```
ubuntu@ubuntu-virtual-machine:~$ tail -f /var/log/syslog
Sep 14 19:08:46 ubuntu-virtual-machine whoopsie[945]: [19:08:46] online
Sep 14 19:08:53 ubuntu-virtual-machine systemd[1457]: tracker-extract.service: Succeeded.
Sep 14 19:08:57 ubuntu-virtual-machine systemd[1]: NetworkManager-dispatcher.service: Succeeded.
Sep 14 19:09:13 ubuntu-virtual-machine tracker-store[3789]: OK
Sep 14 19:09:13 ubuntu-virtual-machine systemd[1457]: tracker-store.service: Succeeded.
Sep 14 19:11:19 ubuntu-virtual-machine cron[4092]: (CRON) DEATH (can't open or create /var/run/crond.pid: Permission deni ed)
Sep 14 19:11:23 ubuntu-virtual-machine cron[4095]: (CRON) DEATH (can't lock /var/run/crond.pid, otherpid may be 759: Reso urce temporarily unavailable)
Sep 14 19:13:46 ubuntu-virtual-machine PackageKit: daemon quit
Sep 14 19:13:46 ubuntu-virtual-machine systemd[1]: packagekit.service: Succeeded.
Sep 14 19:17:01 ubuntu-virtual-machine CRON[4120]: (root) CMD ( cd / && run-parts --report /etc/cron.hourly)
```

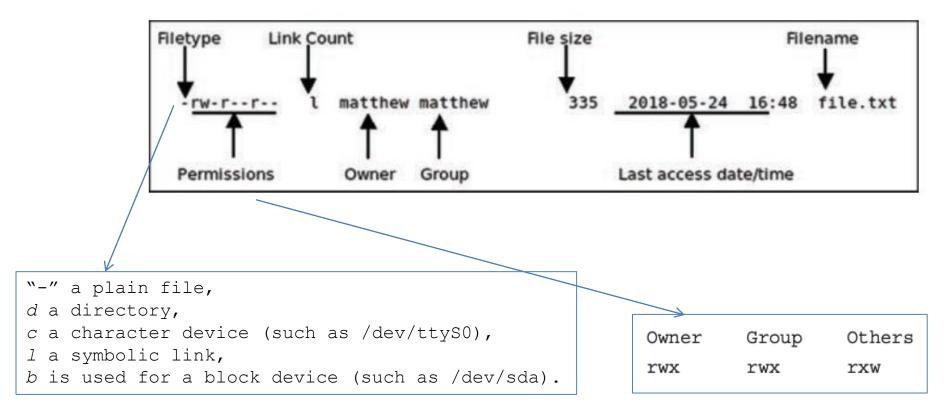
# Exercise

- List all folder in the Ubuntu and provide comparison with the Windows file system
  - Tip: using *tree* command
- Check the file system of Ubuntu in *etc/fstab* file
  - Explain each file system
- ➤ Check the information of Version, CPU, Mem, Uptime in /proc
- Check the transmitted, received packets in the /proc/net/dev



## Navigating the Linux File System

 $\triangleright$  List the contents of a directory: ls - l



> See more detail in page 117, chapter 10



#### Working with Permissions

- > \$chmod command to alter file permissions
  - \$ chmod u+rw readme.txt
  - \$ chmod 666 readme.txt
     (666 is default for file and 777 is defaults for folder)
     4 read, 2 write, 1 execute
- ▶ u—Adds or removes user (owner) read, write, or execute permission
- ▶ g—Adds or removes group read, write, or execute permission
- ▶ o—Adds or removes read, write, or execute permission for others not in a file's group
- ▶ a—Adds or removes read, write, or execute permission for all users
- ▶ r—Adds or removes read permission
- ▶ w—Adds or removes write permission
- x—Adds or removes execution permission
- > See more detail in page 120, chapter 10



## Working with Files

- touch, rm, mv, cp, cat, less, more
- >mkdir, rmdir

> See more detail in page 128, chapter 10



# Working as Root

- > sudo
- >#

> See more detail in page 133, chapter 10



# Using basic commands

#### Why Use the Command Line?

Moving from the GUI to the command line is a conscious choice for most people, although it is increasingly rare that it is an absolute choice accompanied by complete abandonment of GUIs.

Reasons for using the command line include the following:

- You want to chain together two or more commands.
- You want to use a command or parameter available only on the shell.
- You are working on a text-only system.
- You have used it for a long time and feel comfortable there.
- You want to automate a task.



### Using basic commands

- cat—Prints the contents of a file
- ▶ cd—Changes directories
- ▶ chmod—Changes file access permissions
- ▶ cp—Copies files
- du—Prints disk usage
- emacs—Edits text files
- ▶ find—Finds files by searching
- ▶ grep—Searches for a string in input or files
- ▶ head—Prints the first lines of a file
- ▶ less—Displays files or input interactively
- ▶ ln—Creates links between files
- ▶ locate—Finds files from an index
- ▶ 1s—Lists files in the current directory



# Using basic commands

- make—Compiles and installs programs
- ▶ man—Displays manual pages for reading
- mkdir—Makes directories
- mv—Moves files
- ▶ nano—Edits text files
- ▶ rm—Deletes files and directories
- sort—Takes a text file as input and outputs the contents of the file in the order you specify
- ▶ ssh—Connects to other machines using a secure shell connection
- ▶ tail—Prints the last lines of a file
- vim—Edits text files
- ▶ which—Prints the location of a command
- > See more detail in page 143, chapter 11



## Using advanced commands

- > \$ diff file1 file2: differences between two files
- > \$ comm file1 file2: common between two files
- > \$cat /proc/cpuinfo > file.txt
- > \$cat < file.txt

Stream	Abbreviation	Number	
Standard input	stdin	0	
Standard output	stdout	1	
Standard error, or error stream	stderr	2	



## Using advanced commands

- ➤ It also looks at the three most popular **Linux text editors**: *vim, emacs*, and *nano*, as well as the *sed* and *awk* tools.
  - ▶ emacs—The comprehensive GNU emacs editing environment, which is much more than an editor; see the section "Working with emacs," later in this chapter
  - ▶ nano—A simple text editor similar to the classic pico text editor that was included with the once-common pine email program
  - ▶ vim—An improved compatible version of the vi text editor (which we call vi in the rest of this chapter because it has a symbolic link named vi and a symbolically linked manual page)
- ➤ Graphical text editors
  - gedit—A GUI text editor for GNOME, which is installed by default with Ubuntu
  - ▶ kate—A simple KDE text editor
  - ▶ kedit—Another simple KDE text editor
- > See more detail in page 185, chapter 12



# Redirecting Output and Input

matthew@seymour:~\$ cat /proc/cpuinfo > file.txt

matthew@seymour:~\$ cat < file.txt

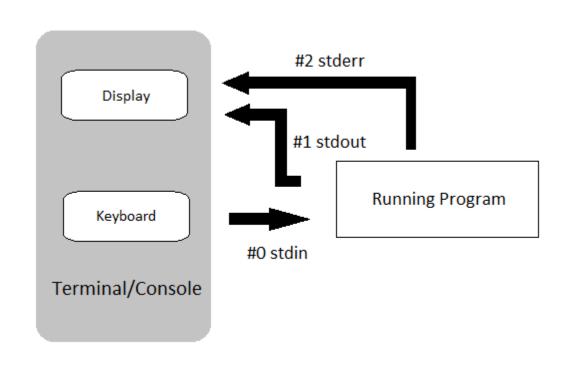
matthew@seymour:~\$ sudo dpkg --get-selections > pkg.list

matthew@seymour:~\$ sudo dpkg --set-selections < pkg.list

matthew@seymour:~\$ echo ''This is a new line being added.'' >> file.txt



# stdin, stdout, stderr, and Redirection



Stream	Abbreviation	Number
Standard input	stdin	0
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## stdin, stdout, stderr, and Redirection

matthew@seymour:~\$ *program* 2> error.log

matthew@seymour:~\$ *program &> filename* matthew@seymour:~\$ *program >> filename 2>&1* 

matthew@seymour:~\$ program 2>&1



# Comparing Files

Finding Differences in Files with **diff** 

matthew@seymour:~\$ diff file1 file2

Finding Similarities in Files with **comm** 

matthew@seymour:~\$ comm file1 file2



## Limiting Resource Use and Job Control

Listing Processes with **ps** 

matthew@seymour:~\$ ps -aux -sort=%cpu

sort by: command, %cpu, pid, and user

Listing Jobs with **jobs** 

matthew@seymour:~\$ jobs

> Running One or More Tasks in the Background

matthew@seymour:~\$ command & [1] 11423



## Limiting Resource Use and Job Control

## ➤ Printing Resource Usage with **top**

```
top - 18:10:40 up 48 min, 2 users, load average: 0.73, 0.83, 0.49
Tasks: 135 total, 1 running, 134 sleeping,
                                           0 stopped,
                                                       0 zombie
Cpu(s): 0.3%us, 0.3%sy, 0.0%ni, 99.0%id, 0.0%wa, 0.0%hi, 0.3%si, 0.0%st
       508488k total, 393612k used, 114876k free,
                                                     54008k buffers
Swap:
      916476k total,
                           Ok used,
                                     916476k free,
                                                    180944k cached
 PID USER
              PR NI VIRT
                           RES
                                                 TIME+ COMMAND
                               SHR S %CPU %MEM
 1027 root
                           21m 7960 S 0.3 4.4
                                                 0:18.07 Xorg
 1371 root
              20
                  0 5808 2868 2332 5 0.3 0.6
                                                0:05.74 vmtoolsd
 1764 matthew
                 0 46564 20m 16m S 0.3 4.1
                                                0:13.12 vmware-user-loa
2916 matthew
              20
                   0 61572 13m 10m S 0.3 2.7
                                                0:00.45 gnome-terminal
2941 matthew
              20
                   0 2624 1116 840 R 0.3 0.2
                                                0:00.20 top
              20
                      2868 1700 1224 S 0.0 0.3
                                                0:01.45 init
   1 root
                                                0:00.00 kthreadd
   2 root
              20
                                     0.0 0.0
              20
                                  0 5 0.0 0.0
                                                0:00.16 ksoftirgd/0
   3 root
              RT 0
                                  0 5 0.0 0.0
                                                0:00.00 migration/0
   4 root
              RT 0
                                 0 5 0.0 0.0
   5 root
                                                0:00.00 watchdog/0
                                 0 5 0.0 0.0
   6 root
              20
                                                0:00.12 events/0
   7 root
              20 0
                                 0 S 0.0 0.0 0:00.00 cpuset
              20
                                  0 5 0.0 0.0
                                                0:00.00 khelper
   8 root
   9 root
              20
                                  0 5 0.0 0.0
                                                0:00.00 netns
                                                0:00.00 async/mgr
  10 root
```

### ➤ Setting Process Priority with **nice**

matthew@seymour:~\$ sudo nice -n 19 tar czf compressedfilename.tgz directoryname



# Combining Commands

## > Pipes

matthew@seymour:~\$ ps aux | grep nethack

```
matthew@seymour:~$ ps aux | grep nethack | wc —l matthew@seymour:~$ ps aux --sort=-%cpu | grep -v `whoami`
```

matthew@seymour:~\$ dpkg --get-selections | grep ftp | sort



## Combining Commands

## ➤ Combining Commands with Boolean Operators

• The && operator, when added to the end of a command, reads that exit status and confirms its value as 0 for true before allowing the next command to be run

matthew@seymour:~\$ i && k

• The operator ||, which runs the following command only if the first one returns an exit status of 1 for false

matthew@seymour:~\$ m || n



## Combining Commands

- ➤ Process Substitution
  - the output of one or more commands is precisely what you want to use as the input to another command

matthew@seymour:~\$ more <(|s -al)

No space

matthew@seymour:~\$ **diff** <(**ls** *firstdirectory*) <(**ls** *seconddirectory*)



## Using Environment Variables

- > PWD—Provides the full path to your current working directory, used by the pwd command, such as /home/matthew/Documents
- ➤ USER—Declares the user's name, such as matthew
- ➤ LANG—Sets the default language, such as English
- > SHELL—Declares the name and location of the current shell, such as /bin/bash
- > PATH—Sets the default locations of executable files, such as /bin, /usr/bin, and so on
- > TERM—Sets the type of terminal in use, such as vt100, which can be important when using screen-oriented programs, such as text editors
- **>** .....

You can print the current value of any environment variable by using matthew@seymour:~\$ echo \$VARIABLENAME

You can use the **env** or **printenv** command to display all environment variables

# Exercise

- ➤ Download and install **Eclipse** on Ubuntu
  - Check for Java installed,
  - Check OS type (64/32bit)
  - Download Eclipse tarball file from
    - <a href="https://www.eclipse.org/downloads/eclipse-packages/">https://www.eclipse.org/downloads/eclipse-packages/</a>
  - Extract and install
    - tar –xf <tarball file.gz>
  - Run Eclipse
  - Set PATH to run from \$HOME directory
    - PATH = \$PATH:\$HOME/<install directory>

Note: to permanently set PATH env, edit file \$HOME/.profile



# QUESTION & ANSWER