

Operating System fundamentals

Finding an archiving files



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Finding files

Finding files with find

- find looks for files (not IN files)
- examples
 - **find / -name "host"**
 - **find / -name "host" 2>/dev/null**
 - **find / -name "*host" 2>/dev/null**
 - **find / -regex ".*host" 2>/dev/null**
- general (synopsis)
 - `find [start-dir] [select-options] [action]`

Select options

- type:
 - find ~ **-type f** -> look only for regular files
 - find ~ **-type d** -> look only for directories
- size:
 - find / **-size +100M** 2>/dev/null
 - find ~ **-size -1k**

Select options

1. group and user:

find /opt **-group** docker

-> look for files that belong to group acs10x

find /home **-user** andrew

-> look for files that belong to user andrew

Select options

mmin, mtime, amin, atime, cmin en ctime:

- (m = modify, a = access, c = create)
- (time=in days, min=in minutes)
- examples:
 - find / **-mmin 1** -> look for all files that were modified exactly 1 minute ago
 - find / **-amin -5** -> look for all files that were opened less than 5 minutes ago
 - find / **-ctime +3** -> look for all files that were created more than 3 days ago
 - find / **-mtime 7** -> look for all files that were modified exactly 7 days ago

Actions

- `find ~ -size +10M -exec mv {} ~/Desktop \;`

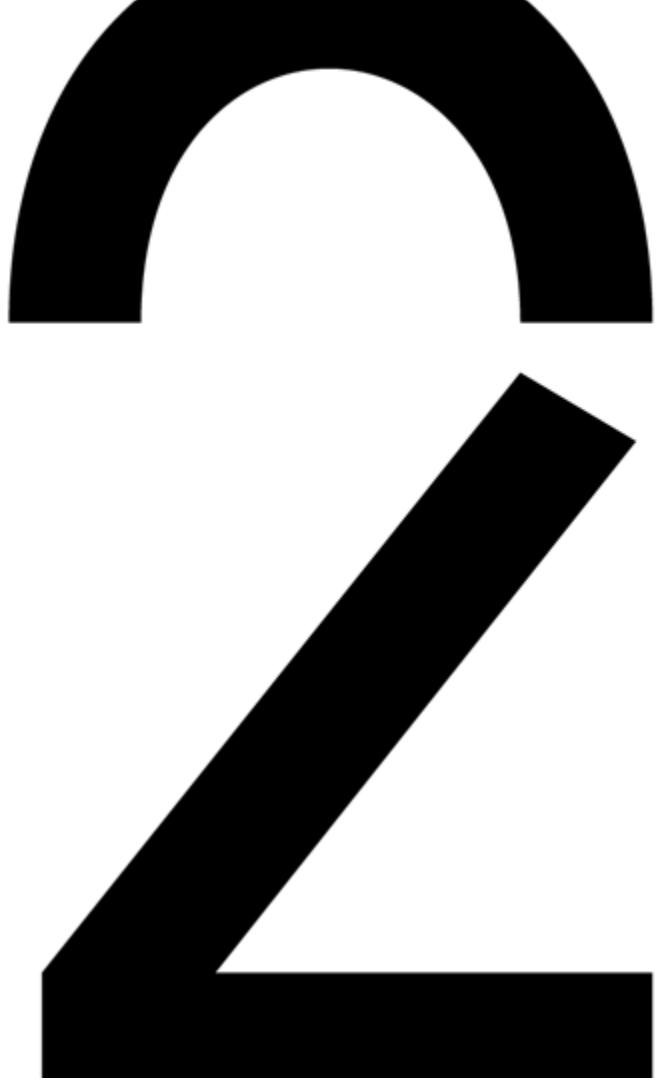
{} will be replaced with each found file
- `find / -user anita -exec mv {} /root/trash \;`
- `find / -user vbox -type f -exec grep -l 'Tania' {} \; 2>/dev/null`

Exercise

1. Find all **files** of user **root** that are in the directory **/var** and were modified within the last **24 hours**

How many did you find?

2. Find all **files** in **/var/log** that are larger than **512KiB** and write that list to a file “**big.list**” in your home directory
3. Find all files in **/opt/share** larger then **2MB** and copy them to your homefolder



Archiving files

The tar command

- Tape ARchiver
 - creates a kind of zip-file
 - standard not compressed
 - originally this file was written to tape
 - all meta-data of the files is preserved (owner permissions, create time, ...)

The tar command

- Main options:

`tar c` → create a tar file

`tar x` → extract a tar file

`tar t` → show contents of a tar file

Tar examples

- tar **-cf** /tmp/backup.tar /home /etc -> create file
- tar **-tf** /tmp/backup.tar
contents -> inspect
- tar **-tvf** /tmp/backup.tar
verbosity -> add option v for
- tar **-xf** /tmp/backup.tar -> extract
- tar **-zcf** /tmp/backup.tgz /home -> use gzip
- tar **-zcf** /tmp/backup.tar.gz /home -> also gzip
- tar **-jcf** /tmp/backup.tar.bz2 /home -> use bzip2
- tar **-Jcf** /tmp/backup.tar.xz /home -> use xz

Exercise

- Make a backup of your home folder and put that in /tmp folder in a file called \${USER}.tar using:
 - a uncompressed tar file
 - a compressed tar file (gzip)
 - a compressed tar file (bzip)
- Download the GNU "hello world" program
 - wget <https://ftp.gnu.org/gnu/hello/hello-2.12.tar.gz>
 - Create directory ~/hello
 - extract the tar file in the ~/hello directory
 - Run ./configure and make commands in the extracted folder
 - Run the ./hello program once it has been compiled

Exercise @home*, @in_your_virtual_machine

- Download the tor browser for Linux
 - look at the contents
 - extract the tar file in the ~/tor directory
 - start the browser

* KdG network admins don't allow you to surf there using the kdg network...

** You can only run this browser on a linux with a gui, such as alma in your virtualbox

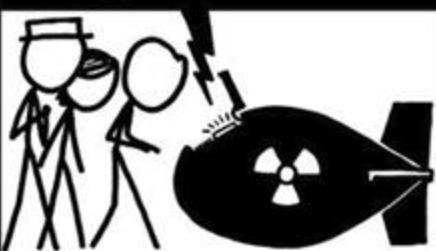
ROB!
YOU USE UNIX!

COME QUICK!



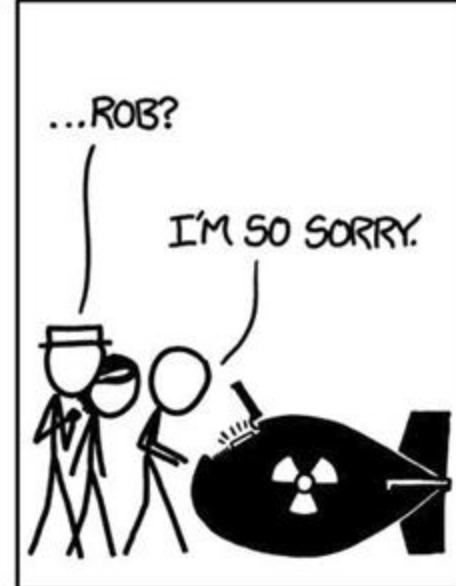
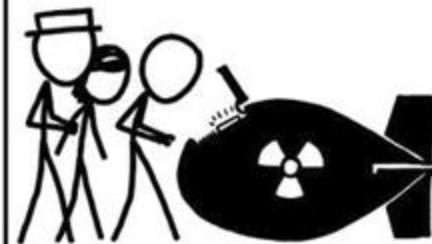
TO DISARM THE BOMB,
SIMPLY ENTER A VALID
tar COMMAND ON YOUR
FIRST TRY. NO GOGLING.
YOU HAVE **TEN** SECONDS.

~# _



...ROB?

I'M SO SORRY.



Transferring files

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Transferring files

A system administrator needs to move files between servers very regularly

Different possibilities:

- ftp
- sftp
- **scp**
- rsync
- nfs
- ...

Secure copy with scp

Uses the same protocol as ssh

- you can use the same username/password
- uses the same encryption

Secure copy with scp

- copy from local to remote:
 - `scp localfile username@host:path`
 - `scp backup.tgz backup@mybackup.server.kdg.be:~/backups`
- copy from remote to local:
 - `scp username@host:path localpath`
 - `scp root@files005.police.belgium.eu:/data/secure/criminal/records/NilsCant.tar.gz .`
- copy a directory
 - use the `-r` option to recursively copy directories
 - `scp -r root@files005.police.belgium.eu:/data/secure/criminal/records/ /tmp`

Exercise

A. log in on the KdG server

create a gzipped backup of your home directory in a tar file
transfer this tar file to your own computer

B. Select a picture on your pc, rename it to your username.

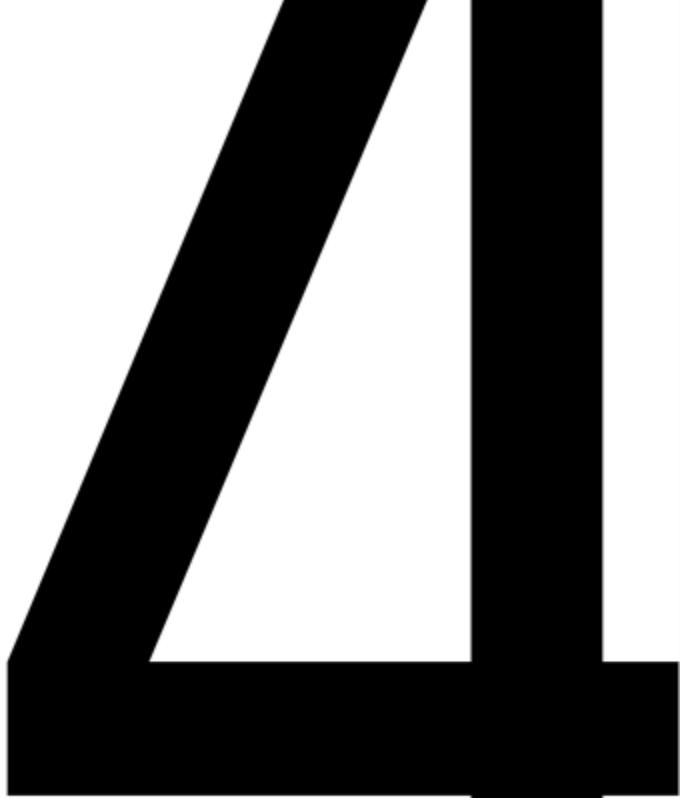
(Keep the file extension .jpg, .png, .gif, ... or whatever)

Copy this picture from your computer to the folder

/opt/share/images on your class server.

Verify that the picture has arrived by using a browser to go to
http://IP_address_class_server/images

Exercises



Exercises

- KdG
 - 7.1.4 Exercise 1, 2, 3, 4
 - 7.2.4 Exercise 1, 2, 3
 - 7.3.4 Exercise 1, 2
- RedHat
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