

Lab 2. UNIX commands.

Purpose and rationale

The purpose of this lab is to quickly get students up to speed with basic usage of the UNIX development environment, as a preparation for all future lab activities.

Lab environment

All work should be done on a machine in the department's Linux cluster. You can refer to **ssh** for more information on how to log into a remote machine. Also refer to our Lab1 directions.

You can use **atoz**, **sp1**, **sp2** or **sp3**.

sp1, sp2 and sp3 will require students to be on campus to use them directly **or**, from off-campus, they can use either VPN access or come in through Athena to get to them (ssh).

atoz can be accessed directly from either on campus or off.

[NOTE: I accessed all four by logging into "athena", typing "ssh atoz" or "spX", typing "yes", and re-entering my password.]

Part 1. Introductory UNIX lab2 (also known as *Give-Linux-some-time*):

1. Read/browse the **man** pages for the following Shell commands.
2. To view the manual for the command "script", type **man script**.
3. Use the space bar to scroll through the display from **man**.
4. Type **q** to quit each session.
5. **SEARCH**. Some of the commands below will show up as BASH_BUILTINS
 - a. In this mode, the needed information is somewhere in a big display.
 - b. Example: When doing a **man history**, you get more information that you expect.
 - i. Type **/history** to search for the word "history" and see occurrences of that word.
 - ii. Then typing an **n** will take you to the next occurrence.
6. Check out the "man" pages for the following two columns of commands.

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| script | cp |
| man (note the standard sections of the manual i.e 1, 2, 3 ...) | diff |
| who (also try w) | rm |
| gcc | history |
| touch | jobs |
| top | make |
| mkdir | ssh |
| ls | head |
| ps | tail |
| cd | logout |
| file | vi |
| cat | view (<i>This one is buried in the vi page...search for it.</i>) |
| wc | exit |
| grep | |

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Part 2. Prepare a script to show your work:

Run the script command to make typescript of your terminal session. At the prompt,

type: **script StudentName_lab2.txt**

Practice the above Shell commands using the below list.

- At the end of the practice session, please be sure to exit script session with **exit** command.
- You might run into **errors** while executing these examples. Take a look at the errors and see if they make sense. Correct the issues and rerun the commands.
- Follow the commands as listed below. The occasional extra command (like **ls** , **pwd**, or **cd**, for example) are just fine.

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| cd csc60 | Move to your directory for this class. |
| mkdir Lab2 | Make a directory named Lab2. |
| pwd | Print current working directory (Lab2). We will be moving back and forth between csc60, Lab2, and xyz. |
| mkdir xyz | Make a new directory xyz |
| cd xyz | Change current directory to xyz |
| pwd | Check that you moved from one directory to another. |
| cd .. | Change to upper directory |
| pwd | Print current working directory. You should be back in Lab2 |
| ls > file1 | List directory content and redirect output to a file called "file1" |
| cat file1 | Display text content in file1 |
| less file1 | Like cat but paginated |
| q | To quit the less command |
| file * | Check file types of all files |
| wc file1 | Word count the file1 |
| wc * | Word count all files in directory |
| grep lab file1 | Find word <i>lab</i> in file1. |
| cp file1 file2 | Copy file1 to a new file2 |
| ls | Check that you have both files |
| cd xyz | Move one directory below Lab2. |
| cp ../file1 . | Copy file1 from directory above to here. <i>Notice the dot at the end of command.</i> |
| ls | Check that you got file1 here. |
| mv file1 file2 | Rename file1 to file2 |
| ls | Check to see that file 1 changed to file 2 |
| mv ../file1 . | Move file1 from directory above to here |
| cd .. | Move up to Lab2 and see that the file moved up. |
| ls | Check that you now have file1 here. |
| cmp file1 file2 | Compare file1 with file2, show differences. Same file so no differences. |
| ls > xyzlist | Create a different file |
| cmp file1 xyzlist | Now compare two files known to be different |
| diff file1 xyzlist | Like cmp except shows more info |
| rm file1 | Remove file1. |
| ls | Verify its removal. |

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| ps -u | Show all user's running Process ID's |
| ps -l | Show processes (lower case L) (including Process ID Parent Process ID) |
| !! | Repeat previous command |
| history | A list of the commands you have done. |
| !3 | Repeat command number 3 from history |
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| [NOTE 1]: The above command might cause you to exit the script. To re-open the script and append to it, type: script -a StudentName_lab2.txt] | |
| cd .. | Move to the upper directory, csc60. |
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| [NOTE 2]: The commands below will require that you be on in the directory where lab1.c resides, so move to the directory where your lab1.c file resides, and then try these commands. | |
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| head lab1.c or head -20 lab1.c | List 1st 10 or 20 lines of code |
| tail lab1.c or tail -20 lab1.c | List last 10 or 20 lines of code |
| ls -al less | Directory listing (too long) 'piped' to 'less' for viewing |
| history | History of commands given |
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| Quit the script session | |
| [Note 3]: The script ends when the forked shell exits: (a control-D to exit the Bourne shell (sh(1)), and exit, logout or control-d (if ignoreeof is not set) for the C-shell , csh(1)). To determine what shell you are in, type: echo \$SHELL | |
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| exit | Exit your login on sp1, sp2, sp3, or atoz. |

Deliverables

Please upload your Lab 2 script file (**StudentName_lab2.txt**) to SacCT.

Note to folks with their own UNIX/Linux machines:

I expect you to do the above assignment. I expect to see the "history" command. If you feel it invades your privacy, then you have two choices:

- (1) Log off and back in to start a fresh new session;
- (2) or else do your work on *athena* like everyone else.