

Manipulating Text Files with Text Editors

In this lesson we will cover;

- Why should I use an editor?
- Which editor should I use?
- Using the Vim editor
- Using the nano editor

Why should I use an editor?

It is very important to be able to use at least one text mode editor. The first step toward independence is learning how to use an editor on your system.

We need to master an editor because we need it to edit files that affect our environment. You might want to start writing scripts, or books, creating websites or new programs as an advanced user. Mastering an editor will boost your productivity and your skills tremendously.

Which editor should I use?

Our focus for text editors is on the ones which can also be used in terminal windows and in systems without a graphical environment. The further advantage of mastering a text editor is its use on remote computers. Because you don't need to move the whole graphical environment over the network, working with text editors greatly enhances network speed.