

Assignment 1

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1 Linux ssh login

Nothing to do here.

2 Getting to know the bash shell

2.1 Using ssh, log into the remote system titanic at quirin.is-a-geek.org

I logged into the remote system.

```
1 Linux titanic 4.19.118-v7l+ #1311 SMP Mon Apr 27 14:26:42 BST 2020
   armv7l
2
3 The programs included with the Debian GNU/Linux system are free
   software;
4 the exact distribution terms for each program are described in the
5 individual files in /usr/share/doc/*/copyright.
6
7 Debian GNU/Linux comes with ABSOLUTELY NO WARRANTY, to the extent
8 permitted by applicable law.
9 Last login: Mon Jun 29 15:57:20 2020 from 206.174.94.250
10 naalexeev@titanic:~ $
```

2.2 On that system find out

2.2.1 how many users are logged in concurrently with you

I ran users.

```
1 naalexeev@titanic:~ $ users
2 amwilliams24 enfasoformoso enfasoformoso jfrippe mddimatulac
   naalexeev
```

2.2.2 how long the system is already running since last rebooted

I used uptime.

```

1 naalexeev@titanic:~ $ uptime
2 11:18:10 up 5 days, 22:46, 6 users, load average: 0.08, 0.06,
0.01

```

2.2.3 what processors it has

I read the file /proc/cpuinfo. The server has a ARMv7 processor

```

1 naalexeev@titanic:~ $ cat /proc/cpuinfo
2 processor : 0
3 model name : ARMv7 Processor rev 3 (v7l)
4 BogoMIPS : 108.00
5 Features : half thumb fastmult vfp edsp neon vfpv3 tls vfpv4 idiva
idivt vfpd32 lpae evtstrm crc32
6 CPU implementer : 0x41
7 CPU architecture: 7
8 CPU variant : 0x0
9 CPU part : 0xd08
10 CPU revision : 3
11
12 processor : 1
13 model name : ARMv7 Processor rev 3 (v7l)
14 BogoMIPS : 108.00
15 Features : half thumb fastmult vfp edsp neon vfpv3 tls vfpv4 idiva
idivt vfpd32 lpae evtstrm crc32
16 CPU implementer : 0x41
17 CPU architecture: 7
18 CPU variant : 0x0
19 CPU part : 0xd08
20 CPU revision : 3
21
22 processor : 2
23 model name : ARMv7 Processor rev 3 (v7l)
24 BogoMIPS : 108.00
25 Features : half thumb fastmult vfp edsp neon vfpv3 tls vfpv4 idiva
idivt vfpd32 lpae evtstrm crc32
26 CPU implementer : 0x41
27 CPU architecture: 7
28 CPU variant : 0x0
29 CPU part : 0xd08
30 CPU revision : 3
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32 processor : 3
33 model name : ARMv7 Processor rev 3 (v7l)
34 BogoMIPS : 108.00
35 Features : half thumb fastmult vfp edsp neon vfpv3 tls vfpv4 idiva
idivt vfpd32 lpae evtstrm crc32
36 CPU implementer : 0x41
37 CPU architecture: 7
38 CPU variant : 0x0
39 CPU part : 0xd08
40 CPU revision : 3
41
42 Hardware : BCM2835
43 Revision : c03111
44 Serial : 10000000900d629c
45 Model : Raspberry Pi 4 Model B Rev 1.1

```

2.2.4 how much RAM is available

I ran the program `free`. The program has 2.5 Gibibytes free.

```
1 naalexeev@titanic:~ $ free -h
2               total          used          free          shared    buff/cache
3 Mem:           3.8Gi         299Mi         2.5Gi          128Mi          1.0Gi
4 Swap:           99Mi           0B           99Mi
```

2.3 Copy the file `nanpa`, found in the home directory of the `clauteruser`, to your account or use `scp` to copy the file back home onto your private computer.

I used `cp` to copy the file.

```
1 naalexeev@titanic:~ $ cp /home/clauter/nanpa ~/napa
```

2.4 On `titanic` or a private Linux installation, open the file `nanpa` using `less`. The file contains quite a comprehensive list of North American phone number prefixes (first 6 digits, excluding +1), followed by the location this phone number prefix is attached to. For example, for 907519, the location Anchorage AK is listed. Still inside `less`, find the entries for 907519,503526 and a couple of other phone numbers you know in the country, as such your home phone, your parents' phone, the phone of a loved one etc.

I used `/` to forward search for 907519, then `?` to backward search for 503526, then searched for a couple other phone number prefixes using `/` and `?` as needed.

```
1 907519Anchorage AK
2 503526Beaverton OR
3 907891Anchorage AK
4 508829Holden MA
```

2.5 Find out how many lines connecting prefixes to locations are contained in the file `nanpa`. Which Linux command line tool do you use to count lines?

I used `wc -l nanpa` to get the number of lines in `nanpa`

```
1 eshazelton@titanic:~ $ wc -l nanpa
2 166482 nanpa
```

2.6 List the first 17 lines of the nanpa file on command line. Also list the last 42 lines of the file. You can use the Linux tools head and tail for this task.

I used head nanpa -n 17 to get the first 17 lines in the file.

```
1 eshazelton@titanic:~ $ head nanpa -n 17
2 201200Jersey City NJ
3 201202Hackensack NJ
4 201203Hackensack NJ
5 201204Jersey City NJ
6 201205Jersey City NJ
7 201206Hackensack NJ
8 201207Newark NJ
9 201208Jersey City NJ
10 201209Jersey City NJ
11 201210Union City NJ
12 201212Hackensack NJ
13 201213Morristown NJ
14 201214Hackensack NJ
15 201215Bayonne NJ
16 201216Jersey City NJ
17 201217Jersey City NJ
18 201218Hackensack NJ
```

I used 'tail nanpa -n 42' to get the last 42 lines in the file.

```
1 eshazelton@titanic:~ $ tail nanpa -n 42
2 989921Saginaw MI
3 989922Bay City MI
4 989923Midland MI
5 989924Alma MI
6 989925Manistee Ri MI
7 989926Midland MI
8 989928Saginaw MI
9 989929Bay City MI
10 989932Durand MI
11 989934Rose City MI
12 989935Clare MI
13 989936Owosso MI
14 989938Grace Harbo MI
15 989939Chester MI
16 989941Midland MI
17 989942West Branch MI
18 989943Middleton MI
19 989944Mount Pleas MI
20 989945Ovid MI
21 989946Standish MI
22 989948Midland MI
23 989949McBrides MI
24 989953Mount Pleas MI
25 989954Mount Pleas MI
26 989956Mount Pleas MI
27 989962Minden City MI
28 989963Elkton MI
29 989964Saginaw MI
30 989965Gladwin MI
31 989966Vanderbilt MI
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32 989967Remus MI
33 989968Alma MI
34 989971Saginaw MI
35 989975Bad Axe MI
36 989977Sebewaing MI
37 989979St Johns MI
38 989980Saginaw MI
39 989981Hubbardston MI
40 989983Vanderbilt MI
41 989984East Tawas MI
42 989992Saginaw MI
43 989996Saginaw MI

```

2.7 Write a short bash script `findlocation` that takes a 6-digit prefix in argument and displays the corresponding location. If the script receives no argument or the argument is not a 6-digit prefix made only out of the digits 0 thru 9, the script must return an exit condition code signaling failure (e.g. by executing `exit 1`). If the script receives a correctly formatted argument but the prefix is not found in the `nanpa` file, the script must return an exit condition code signaling failure. Otherwise, the script must display the appropriate location (on `stdout`). The location must not be prefixed by the prefix nor followed by superfluous spaces. This means you have to format the line found in the `nanpa` file before displaying it. You may use `grep` and `sed` for this script.

See `findlocation.sh`

3 Rewrite head and tail

I rewrote `head` and `tail` using only direct syscalls. I first wrote a simple standard library and then used the standard library as a foundation for `head.c` and `tail.c`. A major pain point was manual memory management. The memory management was error prone and it required significant debugging. See `head.c`, `tail.c` and `my_stdlib.h` for the source code.

4 File Searching

I rewrote `findlocation` in `c`. The main difficulty was string manipulation. While using another programming language is not in the scope of the course if I were to write the program for a real world deployment I would use `rust` to write the

program because it would allow me to mix high level abstractions and low level concepts such as pointers. An improvement that could be incorporated easily is an argument parser that provides helpful error messages.