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Module 4 **Linux Essentials**

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Environment Variables and Shell Variables

In Linux and Unix based systems environment variables are a set of dynamic named values, stored within the system that are used by applications launched in shells or subshells. In simple words, an environment variable is a variable with a name and an associated value.

Environment variables allow you to customize how the system works and the behavior of the applications on the system. For example, the environment variable can store information about the default text editor or browser, the path to executable files, or the system locale and keyboard layout settings.

<https://linuxize.com/post/how-to-set-and-list-environment-variables-in-linux/>

Environment Variables and Shell Variables

Variables have the following format:

KEY=value

KEY="Some other value"

KEY=value1:value2

The names of the variables are case-sensitive. By convention, environment variables should have UPPER CASE names.

When assigning multiple values to the variable they must be separated by the colon : character.

There is no space around the equals = symbol.

Variables can be classified into two main categories, environment variables, and shell variables.

Environment variables are variables that are available system-wide and are inherited by all spawned child processes and shells.

Shell variables are variables that apply only to the current shell instance. Each shell such as zsh and bash, has its own set of internal shell variables.

Environment Variables and Shell Variables

There are several commands available that allow you to list and set environment variables in Linux:

env – The command allows you to run another program in a custom environment without modifying the current one. When used without an argument it will print a list of the current environment variables.

printenv – The command prints all or the specified environment variables.

set – The command sets or unsets shell variables. When used without an argument it will print a list of all variables including environment and shell variables, and shell functions.

unset – The command deletes shell and environment variables.

export – The command sets environment variable

```
MAIL=/var/mail/vagrant
PATH=/usr/local/sbin:/usr/local/bin:/usr/sbin:/usr/bin:/sbin:/bin:/usr/games:/usr/local/games
PWD=/home/vagrant
LANG=en_US.UTF-8
SHLVL=1
XDG_SEAT=seat0
HOME=/home/vagrant
LOGNAME=vagrant
LESSOPEN=| /usr/bin/lesspipe %s
XDG_RUNTIME_DIR=/run/user/1000
LESSCLOSE=/usr/bin/lesspipe %s %s
_=/usr/bin/printenv
vagrant@vagrant-ubuntu-trusty-64:~$ printe_
```

Host-specific system configuration

The /etc hierarchy contains configuration files. A "configuration file" is a local file used to control the operation of a program; it must be static and cannot be an executable binary.

It is recommended that files be stored in subdirectories of /etc rather than directly in /etc.

The following files, or symbolic links to files, must be in /etc if the corresponding subsystem is installed:

Host-specific system configuration

csh.login	Systemwide initialization file for C shell logins (optional)
exports	NFS filesystem access control list (optional)
fstab	Static information about filesystems (optional)
ftpusers	FTP daemon user access control list (optional)
gateways	File which lists gateways for routed (optional)
gettydefs	Speed and terminal settings used by getty (optional)
group	User group file (optional)
host.conf	Resolver configuration file (optional)
hosts	Static information about host names (optional)
hosts.allow	Host access file for TCP wrappers (optional)
hosts.deny	Host access file for TCP wrappers (optional)
hosts.equiv	List of trusted hosts for rlogin, rsh, rcp (optional)
hosts.lpd	List of trusted hosts for lpd (optional)
inetd.conf	Configuration file for inetd (optional)
inittab	Configuration file for init (optional)
issue	Pre-login message and identification file (optional)

Host-specific system configuration

ld.so.conf	List of extra directories to search for shared libraries (optional)
motd	Post-login message of the day file (optional)
mtab	Dynamic information about filesystems (optional)
mtools.conf	Configuration file for mtools (optional)
networks	Static information about network names (optional)
passwd	The password file (optional)
printcap	The lpd printer capability database (optional)
profile	Systemwide initialization file for sh shell logins (optional)
protocols	IP protocol listing (optional)
resolv.conf	Resolver configuration file (optional)
rpc	RPC protocol listing (optional)
securetty	TTY access control for root login (optional)
services	Port names for network services (optional)
shells	Pathnames of valid login shells (optional)
syslog.conf	Configuration file for syslogd (optional)

System commands

/usr/bin/lsc_release -ircd # Check the Linux distribution version;

uname -a # Show Linux kernel version;

uname -m # Display computer architecture;

hostname # Show the network name of the computer;

uptime # System uptime without rebooting or shutting down;

shutdown # Shutdown \ reboot:

- ***shutdown -r now*** # reboot;

- ***shutdown -h 20:00*** # Turn off the power at 20:00;

- ***shutdown -h now*** # Turn off the power now;

init 0 # Turn off the power;

init 6 # reboot;

halt # Turn off the power;

logout # Log out;

reboot # reboot;

\usr\share\doc

Left	File	Command	Options
<	/usr/share/doc/bash	.	[^]>
'n	Name	Size	Modify time
UP--DIR	UP--DIR	Mar 20	/usr/share/doc/bash/POSIX.gz 915/8192+
COMPAT.gz	7300	Feb 11	6.11 Bash POSIX Mode
INTRO.gz	2921	Feb 17	=====
NEWS.gz	24852	Feb 11	
POSIX.gz	3521	Feb 24	
RBASH	1705	May 16	Starting Bash with the '--posix' command-line option or executing 'set
README	3839	May 16	-o posix' while Bash is running will cause Bash to conform more closely
README.Debian.gz	1919	May 16	to the POSIX standard by changing the behavior to match that specified
README.abs-guide	1105	Oct 23	by POSIX in areas where the Bash default differs.
@README.b~tion.gz	28	May 11	
README.c~ands.gz	3021	Oct 23	
changelog~bian.gz	1737	May 16	When invoked as 'sh', Bash enters POSIX mode after reading the startup
copyright	10231	Mar 8	files.
inputrc.arrows	727	Oct 23	
UP--DIR	UP--DIR	366/396	

The following list is what's changed when 'POSIX mode' is in effect:

1. When a command in the hash table no longer exists, Bash will re-search '\$PATH' to find the new location. This is also available with 'shopt -s checkhash'.
2. The message printed by the job control code and builtins when a job exits with a non-zero status is 'Done(status)'.
3. The message printed by the job control code and builtins when a job is stopped is 'Stopped(SIGNAME)', where SIGNAME is, for example, 'SIGTSTP'.

File system usage monitoring

df (disk free)

The df command is the easiest way to get information about the used disk space.

```
$ df -H
```

Filesystem	Size	Used	Avail	Use%	Mounted on
dev	2.1G	0	2.1G	0%	/dev
run	2.1G	959k	2.1G	1%	/run
/dev/sda3	64G	24G	38G	38%	/
tmpfs	2.1G	0	2.1G	0%	/dev/shm
tmpfs	2.1G	0	2.1G	0%	/sys/fs/cgroup
tmpfs	2.1G	8.2k	2.1G	1%	/tmp
/dev/sda5	212G	189G	13G	94%	/home
/dev/sda6	160G	38G	115G	25%	/home/data
/dev/sda1	536M	131M	405M	25%	/boot
tmpfs	405M	4.1k	405M	1%	/run/user/1000

File system usage monitoring

du (disk usage)

The du command recursively displays the size of all directories in the specified (current) directory.

The -d parameter specifies the recursion depth.

```
$ du -h -d 1 /home
237M    /home/maxima
138G    /home/oleksii.fedorov
16K     /home/lost+found
14G     /home/doc
8.6G    /home/image
35G     /home/data
2.0G    /home/R
8.3G    /home/install
211G    /home
```

Types of Linux File Systems

A standard Linux Distribution provides the choice of partitioning disk with the file formats listed below, each of which has special meaning associated with it.

- 1.ext2
- 2.ext3
- 3.ext4
- 4.jfs
- 5.ReiserFS
- 6.XFS
- 7.Btrfs

Types of Linux File Systems

ext2, ext3, ext4

These are the progressive version of **Extended Filesystem (ext)**, which primarily was developed for **MINIX**. The second extended version (**ext2**) was an improved version. **Ext3** added performance improvement. **Ext4** was a performance improvement besides additional providing additional features.

Read Also:

JFS

The **Journaled File System (JFS)** was developed by IBM for AIX UNIX which was used as an alternative to system ext. JFS is an alternative to **ext4** currently and is used where stability is required with the use of very few resources. When CPU power is limited JFS comes handy.

ReiserFS

It was introduced as an alternative to **ext3** with improved performance and advanced features. There was a time when **SuSE Linux**'s default file format was **ReiserFS** but later Reiser went out of business and SuSe had no option other than to return back to **ext3**. ReiserFS supports file System Extension dynamically which was relatively an advanced feature but the file system lacked certain area of performance.

XFS

XFS was a high speed **JFS** which aimed at parallel **I/O** processing. NASA still usages this file system on their **300+** terabyte storage server.

Btrfs

B-Tree File System (Btrfs) focus on fault tolerance, fun administration, repair System, large storage configuration and is still under development. Btrfs is not recommended for Production System.

Types of Linux File Systems

A **clustered file system** is a file system which is shared by being simultaneously mounted on multiple servers. There are several approaches to clustering, most of which do not employ a clustered file system (only direct attached storage for each node). Clustered file systems can provide features like location-independent addressing and redundancy which improve reliability or reduce the complexity of the other parts of the cluster. Parallel file systems are a type of clustered file system that spread data across multiple storage nodes, usually for redundancy or performance

A **shared-disk file system** uses a storage area network (SAN) to allow multiple computers to gain direct disk access at the block level. Access control and translation from file-level operations that applications use to block-level operations used by the SAN must take place on the client node. The most common type of clustered file system, the shared-disk file system —by adding mechanisms for concurrency control—provides a consistent and serializable view of the file system, avoiding corruption and unintended data loss even when multiple clients try to access the same files at the same time. Shared-disk file-systems commonly employ some sort of fencing mechanism to prevent data corruption in case of node failures, because an unfenced device can cause data corruption if it loses communication with its sister nodes and tries to access the same information other nodes are accessing.

Distributed file systems do not share block level access to the same storage but use a network protocol.[3][4] These are commonly known as network file systems, even though they are not the only file systems that use the network to send data.[5] Distributed file systems can restrict access to the file system depending on access lists or capabilities on both the servers and the clients, depending on how the protocol is designed.

The difference between a distributed file system and a distributed data store is that a distributed file system allows files to be accessed using the same interfaces and semantics as local files – for example, mounting/unmounting, listing directories, read/write at byte boundaries, system's native permission model. Distributed data stores, by contrast, require using a different API or library and have different semantics (most often those of a database).

Search by pattern: grep

grep - used to search files for text by pattern:

\$ grep template [file ...]

When grep finds a match with a "pattern", it prints the line with the match. Patterns can include regular expressions (egrep).

```
serge@ubserge:~$ grep docker -R
.config/kded_device_automounterrc:LastNameSeen=docker_423.snap
f.txt:Usage:    docker run [OPTIONS] IMAGE [COMMAND] [ARG...]
Binary file nd.tar matches
grep: .bash_history: Permission denied
Binary file .local/share/baloo/index matches
f1.txt:Usage:    docker run [OPTIONS] IMAGE [COMMAND] [ARG...]
grep: .kube: Permission denied
a.txt:Usage:    docker run [OPTIONS] IMAGE [COMMAND] [ARG...]
f2.txt:Usage:    docker run [OPTIONS] IMAGE [COMMAND] [ARG...]
```


Globbering

Bash itself cannot recognize Regular Expressions. Inside scripts, it is commands and utilities -- such as sed and awk -- that interpret RE's.

Bash does carry out filename expansion -- a process known as globbing -- but this does not use the standard RE set. Instead, globbing recognizes and expands wild cards. Globbing interprets the standard wild card characters -- * and ?, character lists in square brackets, and certain other special characters (such as ^ for negating the sense of a match). There are important limitations on wild card characters in globbing, however. Strings containing * will not match filenames that start with a dot, as, for example, .bashrc. Likewise, the ? has a different meaning in globbing than as part of an RE.

ls -l t?.sh

ls -l [ab]*

ls -l [a-c]*

ls -l [^ab]*

Wildcards

- Another function provided by your shell (not your application)
- A quick way to be able to specify multiple related file paths in a single operation
- There are two main wildcards
 - * = Any number of any characters
 - ? = One of any character
- You can include them at any point in a file path and the shell will expand them before passing them on to the program
- Multiple wildcards can be in the same path.
- Command line completion won't work after the first wildcard

Wildcard examples

```
$ ls Monday/*txt
```

```
Monday/mon_1.txt  Monday/mon_2.txt  Monday/mon_3.txt  Monday/mon_500.txt
```

```
$ ls Monday/mon_?.txt
```

```
Monday/mon_1.txt  Monday/mon_2.txt  Monday/mon_3.txt
```

```
$ ls */*txt
```

```
Friday/fri_1.txt  Monday/mon_1.txt  Monday/mon_3.txt  Tuesday/tue_1.txt
```

```
Friday/fri_2.txt  Monday/mon_2.txt  Monday/mon_500.txt  Tuesday/tue_2.txt
```

```
$ ls */*1.txt
```

```
Friday/fri_1.txt  Monday/mon_1.txt  Tuesday/tue_1.txt
```

Archiving

File archiving and file compression are, by their very nature, different operations.

Archiving is the operation of combining multiple files (and directories) into one file in a special format called an archive. Due to the presence of service information in the archive, the size of the archive is larger than the sum of the sizes of the files included in it. Compression is the operation of reducing the size of a file using special algorithms. In UNIX, archiving and compression is usually done by different programs. Tar command is for creating archives in files.

Tar archive flag: file extension ".tar" or letter "t" in extension ".tgz".

Archiving

Archives created by tar command

\$tar

Действие	режим	файл
c – создать архив	v – расширенный режим	f – файл
t – вывести содержимое архива	w – интерактивный режим	
x – извлечь	z – режим сжатия	
u – добавляет только файлы, новее чем те, которые в архиве		
A – добавить файлы в существующий архив		
--delete – удалить из архива		
--remove-files – удалить выходные файлы		
--exclude=FILE – исключить файлы из обработки		

Archiving examples

create a.tar archive by placing the a.txt file and the Pictures directory with all its files and subdirectories into it:

```
serge@ubserge:~$ ls
Desktop  Downloads  Pictures  Templates  a.txt  f1.txt  nd.tar
Documents  Music      Public    Videos    f.txt  f2.txt  snap
serge@ubserge:~$ tar -cvf a.tar a.txt Pictures
a.txt
Pictures/
serge@ubserge:~$ ls
Desktop  Downloads  Pictures  Templates  a.tar  f.txt  f2.txt  snap
Documents  Music      Public    Videos    a.txt  f1.txt  nd.tar
serge@ubserge:~$
```

display the contents of the nd.tar archive with an extended presentation of information:

```
serge@ubserge:~$ tar -tvf nd.tar
drwxr-xr-x root/root      0 2020-03-31 20:51 12fd6c3c98e89adcffde66259a8e5e953cf4948a4d2aa537e6ceb0d21ced8a34/
-rw-r--r-- root/root       3 2020-03-31 20:51 12fd6c3c98e89adcffde66259a8e5e953cf4948a4d2aa537e6ceb0d21ced8a34/VERSION
-rw-r--r-- root/root    401 2020-03-31 20:51 12fd6c3c98e89adcffde66259a8e5e953cf4948a4d2aa537e6ceb0d21ced8a34/json
-rw-r--r-- root/root 119202816 2020-03-31 20:51 12fd6c3c98e89adcffde66259a8e5e953cf4948a4d2aa537e6ceb0d21ced8a34/layer.tar
-rw-r--r-- root/root    3427 2020-03-31 20:51 8c8c53c67b75fc265f44a8a9e74b62a06758f663041cbbf905e90dbfa8ef4cd1.json
drwxr-xr-x root/root      0 2020-03-31 20:51 96243fcfd5cf810ae11a00613082b0f6d14271e8d959aef1664c2b8a767140d0/
-rw-r--r-- root/root       3 2020-03-31 20:51 96243fcfd5cf810ae11a00613082b0f6d14271e8d959aef1664c2b8a767140d0/VERSION
-rw-r--r-- root/root    477 2020-03-31 20:51 96243fcfd5cf810ae11a00613082b0f6d14271e8d959aef1664c2b8a767140d0/json
-rw-r--r-- root/root 18655232 2020-03-31 20:51 96243fcfd5cf810ae11a00613082b0f6d14271e8d959aef1664c2b8a767140d0/layer.tar
```

Archiving examples

- extract the prog / scr.sh file from the arh2.tar archive (the prog directory is created if it was not there, and the scr.sh file is written to it from the archive):

```
$tar -xvf arh2.tar prog/scr.sh
```

- extract all files from archive arh2.tar :

```
$tar -xvf arh2.tar
```

- add echox file to archive:

```
$tar -uvf arh2.tar echox
```

tar parameters

The Linux 'tar' stands for tape archive, is used to create Archive and extract the Archive files. tar command in Linux is one of the important command which provides archiving functionality in Linux.

Syntax:

tar [options] [archive-file] [file or directory to be archived]

Options:

- c : Creates Archive
- x : Extract the archive
- f : creates archive with given filename
- t : displays or lists files in archived file
- u : archives and adds to an existing archive file
- v : Displays Verbose Information
- A : Concatenates the archive files
- z : zip, tells tar command that creates tar file using gzip
- j : filter archive tar file using tbzip
- W : Verify a archive file
- r : update or add file or directory in already existed .tar file

tar parameters

1. **Creating an uncompressed tar Archive using option -cvf** : This command creates a tar file called file.tar which is the Archive of all .c files in current directory.
2. **Extracting files from Archive using option -xvf** : This command extracts files from Archives.
3. **gzip compression on the tar Archive, using option -z** : This command creates a tar file called file.tar.gz which is the Archive of .c files
4. **Extracting a gzip tar Archive *.tar.gz using option -xvzf** : This command extracts files from tar archived file.tar.gz files.
5. **Creating compressed tar archive file in Linux using option -j** : This command compresses and creates archive file less than the size of the gzip. Both compress and decompress takes more time then gzip.
6. **Untar single tar file or specified directory in Linux** : This command will Untar a file in current directory or in a specified directory using -C option
7. **Untar multiple .tar, .tar.gz, .tar.tbz file in Linux** : This command will extract or untar multiple files from the tar, tar.gz and tar.bz2 archive file. For example the above command will extract “fileA” “fileB” from the archive files
8. **Check size of existing tar, tar.gz, tar.tbz file in Linux** : The above command will display the size of archive file in Kilobytes(KB)
9. **Update existing tar file in Linux** \$ tar rvf file.tar *.c

Compression

The most widely used file compressor under UNIX is the gzip utility (its reverse utility is gunzip). The attribute of a file compressed with gzip is the extension .gz or .tgz (tar + gzip).

- \$ gzip file
- \$ gunzip file.gz

When compressing (without additional keys) the original file is deleted, in its place a compressed file is formed, the name of which is equal to the name of the original file plus .gz.

During recovery, the opposite happens: the compressed file is deleted and the initial one is created. The standard compress (uncompress) compressor comes with UNIX.

Working with these utilities is similar to working with gzip (gunzip), but used extension .Z

For UNIX OS, there are also zip and unzip programs that work similarly to windows versions, including, in addition to compression, archiving and unpacking archives. But, these utilities are not necessarily included in the delivery of the operating system..

Compression

```
serge@ubserge:~$ tar -czf az.tgz a.txt Pictures
```

```
serge@ubserge:~$ ls -l
```

```
total 135844
```

```
drwxr-xr-x 2 serge serge      4096 Apr  9 21:26 Desktop
drwxr-xr-x 2 serge serge      4096 Apr  9 21:24 Documents
drwxr-xr-x 2 serge serge      4096 Apr  9 21:24 Downloads
drwxr-xr-x 2 serge serge      4096 Apr  9 21:24 Music
drwxr-xr-x 2 serge serge      4096 Apr  9 21:24 Pictures
drwxr-xr-x 2 serge serge      4096 Apr  9 21:24 Public
drwxr-xr-x 2 serge serge      4096 Apr  9 21:24 Templates
drwxr-xr-x 2 serge serge      4096 Apr  9 21:24 Videos
-rw-rw-r-- 1 serge serge    10240 Apr  9 23:38 a.tar
-rw-rw-r-- 3 serge serge      7528 Apr  6 19:24 a.txt
-rw-rw-r-- 1 serge serge      2472 Apr  9 23:53 az.tgz
```

```
serge@ubserge:~$ gzip a.tar
```

```
serge@ubserge:~$ ls
```

```
Desktop  Downloads  Pictures  Templates  a.tar.gz  az.tgz  f1.txt  nd.tar
Documents Music      Public    Videos    a.txt    f.txt  f2.txt  snap
```

```
serge@ubserge:~$ ls -l
```

```
total 135836
```

```
drwxr-xr-x 2 serge serge      4096 Apr  9 21:26 Desktop
drwxr-xr-x 2 serge serge      4096 Apr  9 21:24 Documents
drwxr-xr-x 2 serge serge      4096 Apr  9 21:24 Downloads
drwxr-xr-x 2 serge serge      4096 Apr  9 21:24 Music
drwxr-xr-x 2 serge serge      4096 Apr  9 21:24 Pictures
drwxr-xr-x 2 serge serge      4096 Apr  9 21:24 Public
drwxr-xr-x 2 serge serge      4096 Apr  9 21:24 Templates
drwxr-xr-x 2 serge serge      4096 Apr  9 21:24 Videos
-rw-rw-r-- 1 serge serge      2478 Apr  9 23:38 a.tar.gz
-rw-rw-r-- 3 serge serge      7528 Apr  6 19:24 a.txt
-rw-rw-r-- 1 serge serge      2472 Apr  9 23:53 az.tgz
```

semi-colon Operator (;)

The semi-colon operator makes it possible to run, several commands in a single go and the execution of command occurs sequentially.

apt-get update ; apt-get upgrade ; mkdir test

The above command combination will first execute update instruction, then upgrade instruction and finally will create a 'test' directory under the current working directory.

And and Or

AND Operator (&&)

The AND Operator (&&) would execute the second command only, if the execution of first command SUCCEEDS, i.e., the exit status of the first command is 0. This command is very useful in checking the execution status of last command.

For example, I want to visit website [tecmint.com](https://www.tecmint.com) using links command, in terminal but before that I need to check if the host is live or not.

ping -c3 www.tecmint.com && links www.tecmint.com

OR Operator (||)

The OR Operator (||) is much like an 'else' statement in programming. The above operator allow you to execute second command only if the execution of first command fails, i.e., the exit status of first command is '1'.

For example, I want to execute 'apt-get update' from non-root account and if the first command fails, then the second 'links www.tecmint.com' command will execute.

apt-get update || links tecmint.com

In the above command, since the user was not allowed to update system, it means that the exit status of first command is '1' and hence the last command 'links [tecmint.com](https://www.tecmint.com)' gets executed.

What if the first command is executed successfully, with an exit status '0'? Obviously! Second command won't execute.

mkdir test || links tecmint.com

Here, the user creates a folder 'test' in his home directory, for which user is permitted. The command executed successfully giving an exit status '0' and hence the last part of the command is not executed.

PIPE Operator (|)

This PIPE operator is very useful where the output of first command acts as an input to the second command. For example, pipeline the output of 'ls -l' to 'less' and see the output of the command.

ls -l | less

echo -e "apple\npear\nbanana"|sort

tee

The tee command reads from the standard input and writes to both standard output and one or more files at the same time. tee is mostly used in combination with other commands through piping.

tee Command Syntax

The syntax for the tee command is as follows:

tee [OPTIONS] [FILE]

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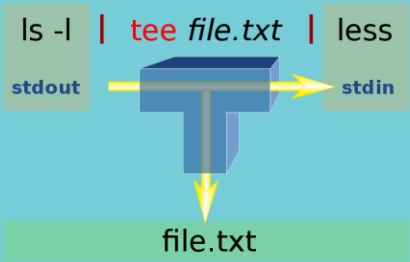
OPTIONS :

-a (--append) - Do not overwrite the files instead append to the given files.

-i (--ignore-interrupts) - Ignore interrupt signals.

Use tee --help to view all available options.

FILE_NAMES - One or more files. Each of which the output data is written to.



wc (Word Count)

The “wc” or the word count command in Bash is considered extremely useful as it helps in finding out various statistics of a file. This command can be used in multiple different variations. However, in this guide, we’re going to learn the basic usage of this command in Bash.

Displaying the Number of Lines, Words, Characters, and the Name of a File:

If you want to display the number of lines, words, characters, and the name of a file in Linux Mint 20, then you can run the “wc” command without any additional flags in this manner:

\$ wc File

Printing only the Number of Words and the Name of a File:

If you only want to print the total number of words in a file along with its name, then you can use the “wc” command with the “-w” flag.

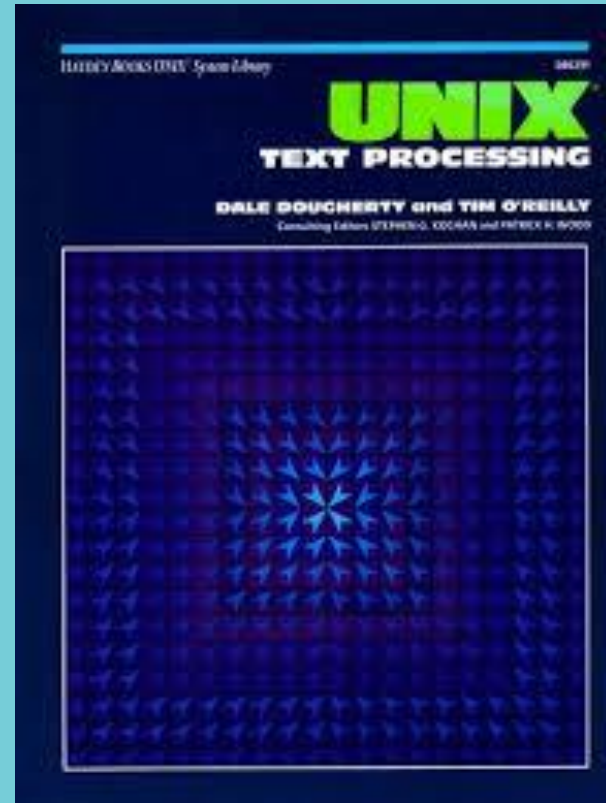
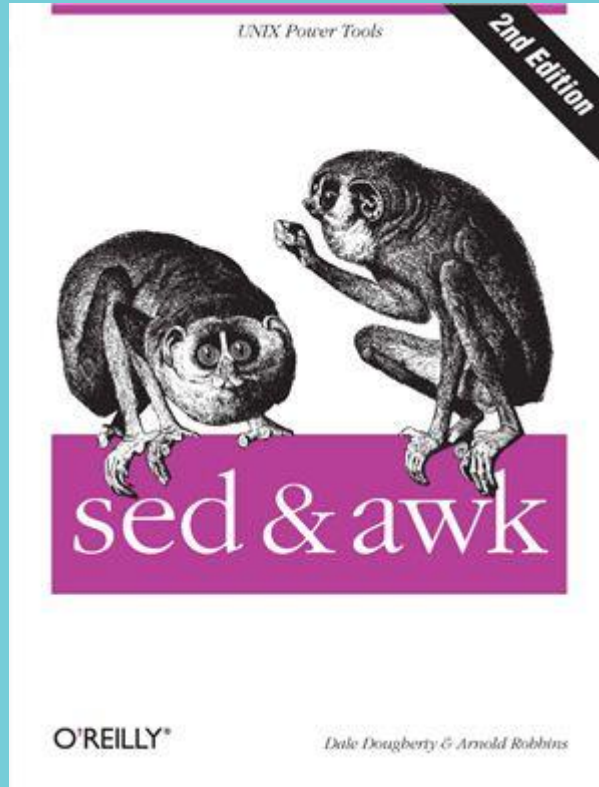
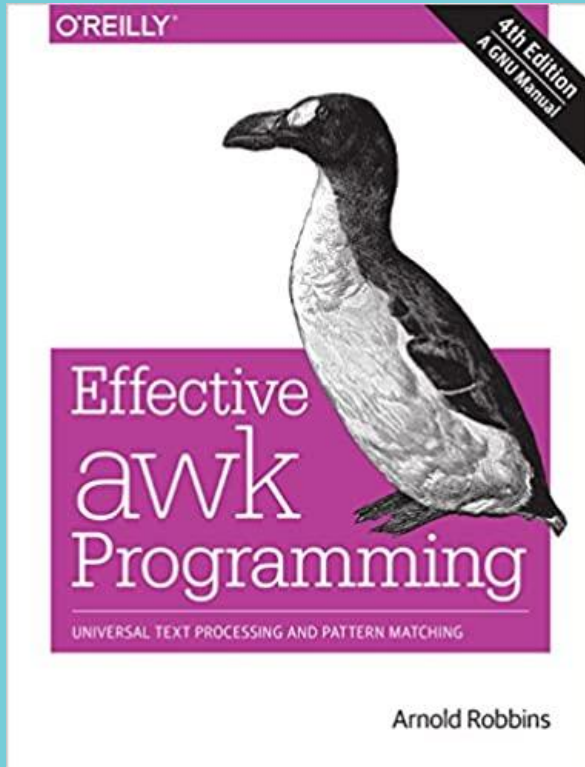
\$ wc -w File

Printing only the Length of the Longest Line (number of characters in the longest line) and the Name of a File:

If you just want to display the longest line length and name of a file, then you can use the “wc” command with the “-L” flag.

\$ wc -L File

awk



awk

awk is a utility / language for extracting data. Awk is often used in conjunction with sed to accomplish a variety of practical text-processing tasks. Like sed, awk reads one line at a time, performs certain actions based on the given options, and prints the result. One of the simplest and most popular uses for awk is to select a column from a text file or from the output of another command. When I installed Debian on my second workstation, I used awk to get a list of those installed on the first machine and feed it to aptitude. I did it using a command like:

```
$ dpkg -l | awk ' {print $2} ' > installed
```

awk: Base

As mentioned, actions performed by awk are enclosed in curly braces, and the entire command is enclosed in single quotes: **awk 'condition {action}'**. In our example, there are no conditions, but if we want, for example, to select only installed packages related to vim (yes, there is grep, but this is an example, besides, why use two utilities if you can use one), we could dial:

```
$ dpkg -l | awk ' /"vim"/ {print $2} '
```

This command will list all installed packages containing "vim" in their names. One of the reasons awk is recommended is because it is fast. If I replace "vim" with "lib", I have a list of over 1300 packages on my system.

awk: Base

There are several ways to run awk. If the program is short, then it is easier to run it from the command line.

awk PROGRAM inputfile(s)

If there are many changes, perhaps regularly and for many files, it is easier to put awk commands in a script. The reference to the script is as follows:

awk -f PROGRAM-FILE inputfile(s)

awk: Base

When awk reads a line in a file, it divides the line into fields; this is done using the input field separator specified in the FS variable, which is an awk variable (see the section entitled Output Separators). This variable is predefined and can store one or more space or tab characters.

The variables \$ 1, \$ 2, \$ 3, ..., \$ N store the values of the first, second, third, and so on up to the last field of the input string. The variable \$ 0 (zero) stores the value of the entire string. This is shown in the figure below, where we see six columns in the data returned by the df command:

```
$ df -l
Filesystem      1K-blocks    Used Available Use% Mounted on
udev             991052         0     991052   0% /dev
tmpfs            204132      1192     202940   1% /run
/dev/sda1       10253588 5063700    4649320  53% /
tmpfs            1020656         0     1020656   0% /dev/shm
tmpfs             5120          4         5116   1% /run/lock
tmpfs            1020656         0     1020656   0% /sys/fs/cgroup
tmpfs            204128         8       204120   1% /run/user/1000
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```

The awk print command prints the output from the input file.

The df -l command has nine columns. The print statement uses it like this:

```
[serge@localhost ~]$ df -l|awk '{print $6 " " " $4}'
Использовано%   Использовано
/dev  1995104
/dev/shm  2015316
/run  2014020
/  858624
/tmp  2015232
/boot  756948
/run/user/1000  392604
```

awk: Base

If you use only the output stream separator and do not use formatting, then the output will look rather sad. To make it look significantly better, insert some tabs and extra lines that indicate how to display the data:

```
kelly@octarine ~/test> ls -ldh * | grep -v total | \
awk '{ print "Size is " $5 " bytes for " $9 }'
```

Size is 160 bytes for orig
Size is 121 bytes for script.sed
Size is 120 bytes for temp_file
Size is 126 bytes for test
Size is 120 bytes for twolines
Size is 441 bytes for txt2html.sh

```
kelly@octarine ~/test>
```

Note the use of a backslash, which allows input to be wrapped to the next line and the shell does not interpret it as a separate command. Although the length of the command line you enter can be almost unlimited, your monitor screen is limited, and even more so as for the hard copy. Using a backslash will also allow the terminal window to copy and paste lines that are above the current line.

awk: Base

You can print any number of columns and even use them in reverse order. This is demonstrated below for an example of displaying data on the most important sections:

```
kelly@octarine ~-> df -h | sort -rnk 5 | head -3 | \  
awk '{ print "Partition " $6 "\t: " $5 " full!" }'
```

```
Partition /var : 86% full!  
Partition /usr : 85% full!  
Partition /home : 70% full!
```

Subsequence	Meaning
\a	Beep
\n	New line
\t	Tabulation

Print command and regular expressions

Regular expressions can be used as a pattern by enclosing them with slashes. After that, the regular expression will be checked for every entry in the entire text. The syntax is as follows:

```
awk 'EXPRESSION { PROGRAM }' file(s)
```


awk: Base

The following example displays information about local drives only, network filesystems are not shown:

```
kelly is in ~> df -h | awk '/devVhd/ { print $6 "\t: " $5 }'
```

```
/      : 46%  
/boot  : 10%  
/opt   : 84%  
/usr   : 97%  
/var   : 73%  
/.vol1 : 8%
```

Here's another example where we use regular expressions to search the /etc directory for files ending with ".conf" and starting with either "a" or "x":

```
kelly is in /etc> ls -l | awk '^(a|x).*\.conf$/ { print $9 }'
```

```
amd.conf  
antivir.conf  
xcdroast.conf  
xinetd.conf
```

This example illustrates a special property of the dot character used in regular expressions: the first dot indicates that we want to find any character after the first search string, for the second dot its special property is disabled because it is part of the search string (end of file name).

awk: Examples

Syntax	Description
<code>awk ' {print \$1,\$3} '</code>	Print only the first and third columns using stdin
<code>awk ' {print \$0} '</code>	Print all columns using stdin
<code>awk ' /pattern/ {print \$2} '</code>	Print only elements of the second column that match "pattern" using stdin
<code>awk -f script.awk inputfile</code>	Like sed, awk uses the -f switch to get instructions from a file, which is useful when there are a lot of them and it is impractical to enter them manually in a terminal.
<code>awk ' program ' inputfile</code>	Executes program using data from inputfile
<code>awk "BEGIN { print \"Hello, world!!\" }"</code>	Classical "Hello, world" by awk
<code>awk '{ print }'</code>	Prints whatever is entered from the command line until EOF is encountered
<code>#!/bin/awk -f BEGIN { print "Hello, world!" }</code>	Awk script for the classic "Hello, world!" (make it executable with chmod and run)

awk: Examples

```
# This is a program that prints \ "Hello,  
world!" # and exits
```

Comments in awk scripts

```
awk -F "" 'program' files
```

Defines the field separator to be null, as opposed to the default white space

```
awk -F "regex" 'program' files
```

The field separator can also be a regular expression

```
awk '{ if (length($0) > max) max = \  
length($0) } END { print max }' inputfile
```

Prints the length of the longest line

```
awk 'length($0) > 80' inputfile
```

Print all lines longer than 80 characters

```
awk 'NF > 0' data
```

Prints every line containing at least one field (NF stands for Number of Fields)

```
awk 'BEGIN { for (i = 1; i <= 7; i++) print  
int(101 * rand()) }'
```

Prints seven random numbers ranging from 0 to 100

```
ls -l . | awk '{ x += $5 } ; END \ { print  
"total bytes: " x }' total bytes: 7449362
```

Prints the total number of bytes used by files in the current directory

```
ls -l . | awk '{ x += $5 } ; END \ { print  
"total kilobytes: " (x + \ 1023)/1024 }' total  
kilobytes: 7275.85
```

Prints the total number of kilobytes used by files in the current directory

awk: Examples

<code>awk -F: '{ print \$1 }' /etc/passwd sort</code>	Prints a sorted list of usernames
<code>awk 'END { print NR }' inputfile</code>	Prints the number of lines in the file, NR stands for Number of Rows
<code>awk 'NR % 2 == 0' data</code>	Prints even lines of a file.
<code>ls -l awk '\$6 == "Nov" { sum += \$5 } END { print sum }'</code>	Prints the total number of bytes of the file that was last edited in November.
<code>awk '\$1 ~ /J/' inputfile</code>	Regular expression for all entries in the first field that start with a capital j.
<code>awk '\$1 !~ /J/' inputfile</code>	Regular expression for all entries in the first field that do not start with a capital j.
<code>awk 'BEGIN { print "He said \"hi!\" to her." }'</code>	Escaping double quotes in awk.
<code>echo aaaabcd awk '{ sub(/a+/, "<A>"); print }'</code>	Print "<A>bcd"
<code>awk '{ \$2 = \$2 - 10; print \$0 }' inventory</code>	Modifies inventory and prints it with the difference that the value of the second field will be decreased by 10.
<code>awk '{ \$6 = (\$5 + \$4 + \$3 + \$2); print \$6 }' inventory</code>	Even if field six does not exist in inventory, you can create it and assign a value, then output it.

awk: Examples

```
echo a b c d | awk '{ OFS = ":"; $2 = "" > print  
$0; print NF }'
```

OFS is the Output Field Separator and the command will print "a :: c: d" and "4" because although the second field is canceled, it still exists, so it can be counted.

```
echo a b c d | awk '{ OFS = ":"; \ $2 = ""; $6 =  
"new" > print $0; print NF }'
```

Another example of creating a field; as you can see, the field between \$ 4 (existing) and \$ 6 (created) will also be created (as empty \$ 5), so the output will look like "a :: c: d :: new" "6".

```
echo a b c d e f | awk '\ { print "NF =", NF; > NF  
= 3; print $0 }'
```

Dropping three fields (last) by changing the number of fields.

```
FS=[ ]
```

This is a regex to set space as field separator.

```
echo ' a b c d ' | awk 'BEGIN { FS = \ "[\t\n]+" } >  
{ print $2 }'
```

Only prints "a".

```
awk -n '/RE/{p;q;}' file.txt
```

Print only the first match of the regular expression.

```
awk -F\\ \ '...' inputfiles ...
```

Sets the field separator to \\

```
BEGIN { RS = "" ; FS = "\n" } { print "Name is:",  
$1 print "Address is:", $2 print "City and State  
are:", $3 print "" }
```

If we have an entry like "John Doe 1234 Unknown Ave. Doeville, MA", this script sets the field separator to a newline so that it can easily work with strings.

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If the file contains two fields, the records will be printed as:

```
awk 'BEGIN { OFS = ";"; ORS = "\n\n" } > { print $1, $2  
}' inputfile
```

```
"field1:field2  
field3:field4  
  
...;..."
```

since the output field separator is two new lines, and the field separator is ";".

```
awk 'BEGIN { > OFMT = "%.0f" # print numbers as \integers (rounds) > print 17.23, 17.54 }'
```

17 and 18 will be printed because the Output ForMaT is rounding floating point numbers to the nearest integer value.

```
awk 'BEGIN { > msg = "Dont Panic!" > printf "%s\n",  
msg > }'
```

You can use printf in much the same way as in C.

```
awk '{ printf "%-10s %s\n", $1, \ $2 }' inputfile
```

Prints the first field as a 10-character, left-justified string, followed by the second field as normal.

```
awk '{ print $2 > "phone-list" }' \inputfile
```

A simple example of data extraction where the second field is written under the name "phone-list".

```
awk '{ print $1 > "names.unsorted" command = "sort -r  
> names.sorted" print $1 | command }' inputfile
```

Writes the names contained in \$ 1 to a file, then sort and output the result to another file.

```
awk 'BEGIN { printf "%d, %d, %d\n", 011, 11, \ 0x11 }  
Will print 9, 11, 17 if (/foo/ || /bar/) print "Found!"
```

Simple search for foo or bar.

```
awk '{ sum = $2 + $3 + $4 ; avg = sum / 3 > print $1,  
avg }' grades
```

Simple arithmetic operations (most like C)

awk: Examples

```
awk '{ print "The square root of", \ $1, "is", sqrt($1)
}' 2 The square root of 2 is 1.41421 7 The square
    root of 7 is 2.64575
```

Simple extensible calculator

```
awk '$1 == "start", $1 == "stop"' inputfile
```

Prints each entry between start and stop.

```
awk ' > BEGIN { print "Analysis of \"foo\"" } > /foo/ {
++n } > END { print "\"foo\" appears", n, \"times.\" }'
    inputfile
```

The BEGIN and END rules are executed only once, before and after each processing of the record.

```
echo -n "Enter search pattern: " read pattern awk
"/$pattern/" "{ nmatches++ } END { print nmatches,
"found" }' inputfile Search using shell if (x % 2 == 0)
    print "x is even" else print "x is odd"
```

Simple condition. awk, like C, also supports the?: operators.

```
awk '{ i = 1 while (i <= 3) { print $i i++ } }' inputfile
```

Prints the first three fields of each record, one per line.

```
awk '{ for (i = 1; i <= 3; i++) print $i }'
```

Prints the first three fields of each record, one per line.

awk: Examples

```
BEGIN { if (("date" | getline date_now) <= 0) { print  
"Can't get system date" > \ "/dev/stderr" exit 1 } print  
"current date is", date_now close("date") }
```

Exiting with an error code other than 0 means something is wrong.

```
awk 'BEGIN { > for (i = 0; i < ARGC; i++) > print ARGV[i]  
> }' file1 file2
```

Prints awk file1 file2

```
for (i in frequencies) delete frequencies[i]
```

Removes elements in an array

```
foo[4] = "" if (4 in foo) print "This is printed, even though  
foo[4] \ is empty"
```

Check array elements

```
function ctime(ts, format) { format = "%a %b %d  
%H:%M:%S %Z %Y" if (ts == 0) ts = systime() # use  
current time as default return strftime(format, ts) }
```

The awk version of the ctime () function in C. This is how you can define your own functions in awk.

```
BEGIN { _cliff_seed = 0.1 } function cliff_rand() {  
_cliff_seed = (100 * log(_cliff_seed)) % 1 if (_cliff_seed <  
0) _cliff_seed = - _cliff_seed return _cliff_seed }
```

Cliff random number generator.

Sed

Sed is a non-interactive line editor. It takes text from either stdin or a text file, performs some string operations, and then prints the result to stdout or a file. Typically in scripts, sed is used in pipelining, along with other commands and utilities.

Sed determines, based on a given address space, on which lines to perform operations. The address space of lines is specified either by their ordinal numbers or by a pattern. For example, 3d command will cause sed to delete the third line, while / windows / d means that all lines containing windows should be deleted.

Of the whole variety of operations, we will focus on the three most commonly used. These are p for printing (to stdout), d for deleting, and s for replacing.

Sed

<code>[диапазон строк]/p</code>	<code>print</code>	Печать указанного [диапазона строк]
<code>[диапазон строк]/d</code>	<code>delete</code>	Удалить указанный [диапазон строк]
<code>s/pattern1/pattern2/</code>	<code>substitute</code>	Заменить первое встреченное соответствие шаблону <code>pattern1</code> , в строке, на <code>pattern2</code>
<code>[диапазон строк]/s/pattern1/pattern2/</code>	<code>substitute</code>	Заменить первое встреченное соответствие шаблону <code>pattern1</code> , на <code>pattern2</code> , в указанном диапазоне строк
<code>[диапазон строк]/y/pattern1/pattern2/</code>	<code>transform</code>	заменить любые символы из шаблона <code>pattern1</code> на соответствующие символы из <code>pattern2</code> , в указанном диапазоне строк (эквивалент команды <code>tr</code>)
<code>g</code>	<code>global</code>	Операция выполняется над всеми найденными соответствиями внутри каждой из заданных строк

Sed

Without the g (global) operator, the replacement operation will be performed only for the first match found with the given pattern on each line.

In some cases, sed operations must be enclosed in quotation marks.

sed -e '/^\$/d' \$filename

The -e switch indicates that a line follows that should be interpreted as a set of editing instructions. Strong quotation marks ('...') prevent the shell from interpreting regexp characters as special characters. Actions are performed on the lines contained in the file \$filename.

In some cases, editing commands do not work in single quotation marks.

filename=file1.txt

pattern=BEGIN

sed "/^\$pattern/d" "\$filename" # will delete all lines with BEGIN

sed '/^\$pattern/d' "\$filename"

gives a different result. In this case, in strong quotes ('...'), the value of the \$ pattern variable is not substituted.

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Sed uses the -e switch to determine that the next line is an editing instruction, or set of instructions.

If the statement is the only one, then the use of this key is optional.

sed -n '/xzy/p' \$filename

The -n switch forces sed to print only those lines that match the specified pattern. Otherwise (without the -n switch), all lines will be displayed. Here, the -e switch is optional, since there is only one command

Sed

8d	Удалить 8-ю строку.
/^\$/d	Удалить все пустые строки.
11,\$ d	Показать первые 10 строк.
1,/^\$/d	Удалить все строки до первой пустой строки, включительно.
/Jones/p	Вывести строки, содержащие "Jones" (с ключом -n).
s/Windows/Linux/	В каждой строке, заменить первое встретившееся слово Windows на слово Linux.
s/BSOD/stability/g	В каждой строке, заменить все встретившиеся слова BSOD на stability.
s/ *\$//	Удалить все пробелы в конце каждой строки.
s/00*/0/g	Заменить все последовательности ведущих нулей одним символом 0.
/GUI/d	Удалить все строки, содержащие GUI.
s/GUI//g	Удалить все найденные GUI, оставляя остальную часть строки без изменений.

Regular Expressions

An expression is a string of characters. Those characters having an interpretation above and beyond their literal meaning are called *metacharacters*. A quote symbol, for example, may denote speech by a person, *ditto*, or a meta-meaning for the symbols that follow. Regular Expressions are sets of characters and/or metacharacters that match (or specify) patterns.

A Regular Expression contains one or more of the following:

- *A character set*. These are the characters retaining their literal meaning. The simplest type of Regular Expression consists *only* of a character set, with no metacharacters.
- *An anchor*. These designate (*anchor*) the position in the line of text that the RE is to match. For example, ^, and \$ are anchors.
- *Modifiers*. These expand or narrow (*modify*) the range of text the RE is to match. Modifiers include the asterisk, brackets, and the backslash.

Regular Expressions

The main uses for Regular Expressions (REs) are text searches and string manipulation. An RE matches a single character or a set of characters -- a string or a part of a string.

The asterisk -- `*` -- matches any number of repeats of the character string or RE preceding it, including zero instances.

`"1133*"` matches 11 + one or more 3's: 113, 1133, 1133333, and so forth.

The dot -- `.` -- matches any one character, except a newline. [2]

`"13."` matches 13 + at least one of any character (including a space): 1133, 11333, but not 13 (additional character missing).

The caret -- `^` -- matches the beginning of a line, but sometimes, depending on context, negates the meaning of a set of characters in an RE.

The dollar sign -- `$` -- at the end of an RE matches the end of a line.

`"XXX$"` matches XXX at the end of a line.

`"^$"` matches blank lines.

Regular Expressions

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Brackets -- [...] -- enclose a set of characters to match in a single RE.

"[xyz]" matches any one of the characters x, y, or z.

"[c-n]" matches any one of the characters in the range c to n.

"[B-Pk-y]" matches any one of the characters in the ranges B to P and k to y.

"[a-z0-9]" matches any single lowercase letter or any digit.

"[^b-d]" matches any character except those in the range b to d. This is an instance of ^ negating or inverting the meaning of the following RE (taking on a role similar to ! in a different context).

Combined sequences of bracketed characters match common word patterns. "[Yy][Ee][Ss]" matches yes, Yes, YES, yEs, and so forth. "[0-9][0-9][0-9]-[0-9][0-9]-[0-9][0-9][0-9][0-9]" matches any Social Security number.

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The backslash -- \ -- escapes a special character, which means that character gets interpreted literally (and is therefore no longer special).

A "\\$" reverts back to its literal meaning of "\$", rather than its RE meaning of end-of-line.

Likewise a "\\" has the literal meaning of "\".

Escaped "angle brackets" -- \<...\> -- mark word boundaries.

The angle brackets must be escaped, since otherwise they have only their literal character meaning.

"\<the\>" matches the word "the," but not the words "them," "there," "other," etc.

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A world map with a light beige background and dark beige landmasses. The map is centered on the Atlantic Ocean. The text "THANK YOU!" is written in a black, serif, all-caps font, centered over the Atlantic Ocean.

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