

Advanced Unix/Linux and Shell Scripting

1. Redirection

- a. Redirecting the output of a command to a file can be extremely useful.
 - i. For instance, we can use **grep** and redirect the output to a new file.
 - 1. **grep** normally outputs to the screen.
 - ii. If we use the file "Sample_Data.csv" from last week, we can:
 - 1. Move the header to a new file:
 - a. **grep catalognumber Sample_Data.csv > Alaska_Samples.csv**
 - 2. Get all of the rows from Alaska and add them to the new file:
 - a. **grep Alaska Sample_Data.csv >> Alaska_Samples.csv**

2. Piping

- a. We can use piping to send the output from one program to another program.
 - i. The pipe operator is |.
 - ii. For example, say we want a list of the location where samples were collected from "Sample_Data.csv".
 - 1. We can use **cut** to get that column.
 - a. **cut -d "," -f 11 Sample_Data.csv**
 - 2. We can pipe it into **sort** to sort the column.
 - 3. We can pipe it into **uniq** to reduce it to the unique locations.
 - 4. We can use **tail** to get rid of the "stateprovince" from the header.
 - a. **tail -n +2 Sample_Data.csv | cut -d "," -f 11 | sort | uniq**
 - 5. Finally, we can redirect all of this into a file if we want.
 - a. Just add **> stateprovince.txt**

3. Other command-line utilities

- a. **cat**: concatenate and print files.
- b. **wc**: line, word, and byte count of a file.
- c. **sort**: sort the contents and print to screen.
- d. **uniq**: show only unique lines (has to be sorted first).
- e. **file**: use this to see if the file has Windows line breaks (CRLF).
- f. **cut**: extract columns from a file. Use -d to specify the delimiter and -f to specify the column numbers.
- g. **tr**: substitute characters in a text string. Ex: **echo "GATTCTC" | tr T U**
- h. **grep**: search for lines in a file that match a text query.
- i. **sed**: a very useful utility for manipulating text files (especially replacing characters).
- j. **awk**: another utility for searching and processing of text files.
- k. **gzip** and **gunzip**: Utilities for compressing and decompressing gz files.
- l. **tar**: Compress and decompress "tar" or "tar.gz" archives. Google it to see which arguments you should use.

4. Wildcards

- a. In Linux, the * will substitute for any other string of characters.
 - i. If you want to decompress all ".gz" files in a folder, for example, you could type:
gunzip *.gz

5. Basic scripts

- a. Just a list of commands in the order you would like to run them.

- b. This sort of script can be extremely valuable in automating tasks and in keeping a record of you work.
 - c. Your scripts might be made publicly available when you publish a paper.
- 6. Scripts for running jobs on a cluster
 - a. See this website https://hpc.uidaho.edu/general/Workshops/Cluster_computing.html.
 - b. Our computing cluster uses Slurm to schedule jobs.
- 7. Advanced shell scripting
 - a. A script can accept arguments.
 - b. A script can contain loops.
 - c. A script can use if statements.
 - d. Other programming techniques can also be used in scripts.
 - e. A good practice is to keep scripts simple and clear.
 - i. Use a more advanced programming language for the complicated stuff.
- 8. Some shell script examples.
 - a. See the next page.

Shell scripts:

How to write a shell script, examples:

A script that lists the files in the home directory:

```
#!/bin/bash  
ls ~/
```

Just a basic shell script that lists the fasta and fastq files in the current folder:

```
#!/bin/bash  
  
echo "Fasta Files:"  
ls *.fasta  
  
echo "Fastq Files:"  
ls *.fastq
```

A script to split a fasta file into individual records (assuming the fasta file has no line breaks in the sequences): [An example of using arguments]

```
#!/bin/bash  
  
# This script takes 1 fasta file and splits it into individual records.  
# This won't work if the sequences contain line breaks.  
# This takes 1 argument, the name of the fasta file.  
  
split -l 2 $1 out_fasta
```

Add a ".fasta" to each of these new files: [An example of a for loop]

```
#!/bin/bash  
  
for filename in $(ls $1*)  
do  
    echo $filename  
    cp $filename $filename.fasta  
done
```