

vtop

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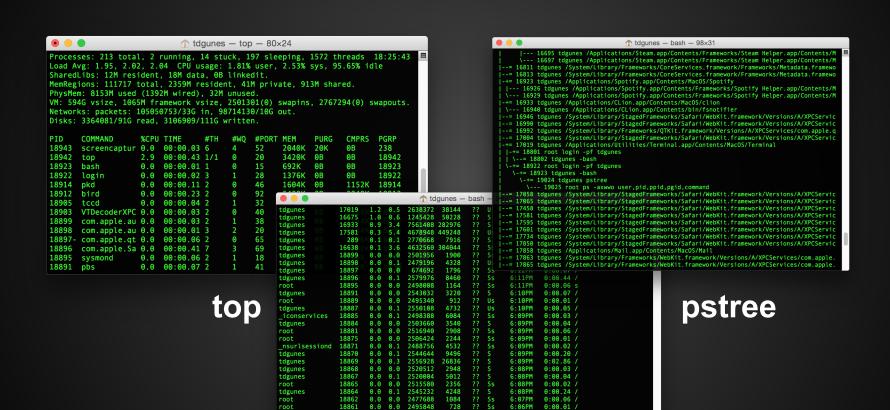
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Problem

- Viewing and killing processes is hard.
 - Traditionally super users can view processes and their PIDs by ps aux or top
 - Hard to deal with outputs of these commands.
 - Additional pipe is required to filter process. (grep)
 - For killing, user is required to write kill \$PID.
 - Later checking whether process is killed or not, user again required to write another command.
- Super users with lots of remote servers.
 - Hard to get all system information on one place.

Alternatives



ps aux

1960

6:06PM

6:06PM

6:06PM

0:00.25

0:00.30

0:00.24

0:00.01 /

0.0 0.1

0.0 0.0

0.0 0.0 2516348

0.0 0.0 2469252

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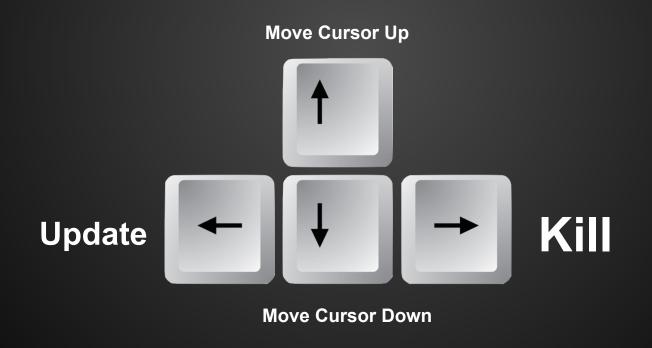
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Alternatives

- All of them require a learning curve:
 - o top
 - o kill
 - pstree
 - o ps
 - o killall
 - o pgrep
- Using one of them requires another one.
- Lack of BSD support.

Vtop will be published on Github

Simple terminal application to view system information and processes for BSD Systems.



vtop

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System Information:
Model: MacBookPro10.1
CPU: Intel(R) Core(TM) i7-3720QM CPU @ 2.60GHz
Boot Time: Thu, 14/05/2015 19:09:54
Physical Memory: 8 GB
      USER COMMAND
  PID
18856
      root diagnosticd
18855 nsurlstoraged nsurlstoraged
18853 tdgunes soagent
18851 tdgunes com.apple.CloudP
18844 tdgunes com.apple.qtkits
18834 tdgunes mdworker
18825 tdgunes Image Capture Ex
18819 tdgunes Preview
18802 tdgunes bash
18801
         root login
18238 tdgunes com.apple.WebKit
18233 tdgunes com.apple.WebKit
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System Calls

- sysctl.h
 - get or set kernel state for BSD System.
 - kern.boottime
 - o hw.model
 - machdep.cpu.brand_string
 - o hw.mem size
 - kinfo_proc
- malloc
- signal.h
 - for sending processes signals like SIGKILL

CMake

 CMake is an open-source build system that can be used to create cross-platform makefiles and package software.

 We have used CMake in case we might plan to port the application to other platforms, since CMake works independent from the platform.

ncurses

 ncurses is a library to design text-based UI for applications that work under a terminal or a shell.

 Since vtop is a terminal tool, we have decided to use ncurses to easily design a GUI.