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Preface

This document is a compilation of useful programming formulations, definitions, constants, and general information used throughout my own schooling and research as a reference while furthering education. It's purpose is to provide a complete 'encyclopedia' per say of various codes, syntax and significant ideas used often. The idea and motivation behind it is to be a quick reference providing easily accessible access to necessary information for either double checking or recalling proper formulations or algorithms for use in various situations due to my own shortcomings in matters of memorization. All the material in this document was either directly copied from one of the references listed at the end or derived from scratch. On occasion typos may exist due to human error but will be corrected when discovered.

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Introduction

This document is still under the initial formatting stages and useful information will be added soon. When it has sufficient information to be ready for distribution the version will be updated to 1.000.

Linux

Linux is a broad subcategory that encompass a large family of free and open sourced operating systems. Installing, setting up, and using a linux based operating system is the perfect way for anyone to gain knowledge, understanding, and practice of how a computer system truly works. Unlike the end user experience with Windows and Mac OS, linux has a much higher capability for customization and a higher degree of freedom. With that said, linux is not necessarily more user friendly to the new or average computer user, however it is free in most cases!

2.1 System Related Commands

Retreive information and valid arguments for a command.

```
COMMAND — help # COMMAND must be a valid command such as cd, ls, etc...
```

Changing directory via terminal

```
cd /directory # Changes the directory to the subdirectory /directory
cd .. # Goes back one directory
```

How to display the processes that are currently running.

```
ps aux
```

To search the results of a command for a string of characters one can use the grep command. For example:

```
ps aux | grep "firefox"
```

Restore power/battery icon if it disappears.

```
/usr/lib/x86_64-linux-gnu/indicator-power/indicator-power-service &disown
```

Restore volume icon/control button if it disappears.

```
gsettings set com.canonical.indicator.sound visible true
```

Reset wifi services in case the connection gets lost.

```
sudo systemctl restart network-manager.service
```

Turn off LCD display.

```
xset dpms force off //turns off display.
```

Change or view the host name of a computer with the hostname file.

```
sudo nano /etc/hostname # Opens this file using nano for editing.
hostname # Command to see what the current hostname is.
```

Make a file executable and execute a file

```
chmod a+x /location/of/FILE # Makes a file executable
./FILE # Executes a file.
```

2.2 Files and Storage

Copy a file or directory to a different computer

```
# To copy a file.

scp -v <File Path> username@computer:"<path to copy to>"

# To copy a directory.

scp -rv <File Path> username@computer:"<path to copy to>"
```

Show information about the file system on which each FILE resides, or all file systems by default.

df

List information about File(s) (in the current directory by default).

```
ls # list all items in a directory
ls -1 # list all items in a directory (one item per line)
ls -lh # list all items in a directory with size, owner, and date modified
```

List all of the block devices (hence partitions) detected by the machine

lsblk

Mount and unmount a partition

```
sudo mount <DEVICE TO MOUNT> <MOUNT POINT>
sudo mount /dev/sdb1/ /mnt/  # example of mounting
sudo umount <DEVICE TO MOUNT> <MOUNT POINT>
sudo umount /dev/sdb1/ /mnt/  # example of mounting
```

2.3 Users and Groups

Create a new user

```
sudo useradd [options] <USERNAME> #Creates a user
sudo useradd -e 2016-02-05 <NAME> #Creates a user that expites on a day.
sudo useradd <USERNAME> -G <GROUPNAME> #Adds a user to a group upon creation.
useradd --help #See full useradd options.
```

Change a users password

```
passwd <USERNAME>
```

Change the user in terminal

```
su - <USERNAME>
```

Add a user to the sudoers group

```
usermod −aG sudo <USERNAME>
```

2.4 Networking

The **ifconfig** command is for viewing IP configuration information and configuring network interface parameters.

```
ifconfig
```

The **traceroute** command is for printing the route that packets take to a network host.

```
traceroute
```

The **Domain Information Groper** is used to perform DNS lookups and display answers returned from the DNS servers.

dig

The **telnet** command connects the destination host:port via the telnet protocal. An established connection means connectivity between two hosts is properly working.

telnet

The **nslookup** command is for querying Internet domain name servers.

nslookup

The **netstat** command is used to review open network connections and open sockets.

netstar

The **nmap** command is used to check for opened ports on a server

nmap <SERVER NAME>

The **ifup** and **ifdown** commands are used to disable network interfaces.

```
# enables an ethernet parameter
ifup <ETHERNET INTERFACE PARAMETER>
ifup eth0 # example: enables 'eth0'

# disables an ethernet parameter
ifdown <ETHERNET INTERFACE PARAMETER>
ifdown eth0 # example: disables 'eth0'
```

Enable/Disable IPv6. This is only a temporary solution as it may turn itself back on after some time.

```
#Use these two commands to disable IPv6
sudo sysctl -w net.ipv6.conf.all.disable_ipv6=1
sudo sysctl -w net.ipv6.conf.default.disable_ipv6=1

#Use these two commands to re-enable IPv6
sudo sysctl -w net.ipv6.conf.all.disable_ipv6=0
sudo sysctl -w net.ipv6.conf.default.disable_ipv6=0
```

2.5 Shell Scripting

To create a shell script you must create a new text file and save it as a '.sh' file. The file should start with the directory to the proper shell which is generally the default below. The first line (starting with '#!') is not a comment, but instead is treated by Unix as "which shell do I use to run this code." In our case, the Bourne shell will be used [3].

```
#!/bin/sh
# This is a comment!
```

To print text one can use the **echo** command as follows.

```
#!/bin/sh
echo Hello World
echo "Hello World"
```

To make a file executable, the **chmod** command can be used and is typically used as follows.

```
chmod a+rx <SCRIPTNAME>.sh
```

Shell script **variables** are created by use of the equal sign. spaces in lines containing variables need to be avoided. To reference a variable, the '\$' character is used. Quotations are used to avoid ambiguities with spaces.

```
#!/bin/sh
MY_VARIABLE="Hello World"  # Creates a variable.
echo $MY_VARIABLE  # Prints the variable.
```

The **touch** command can be used to create a new empty file.

```
#!/bin/sh
echo "What is your name?"
read USER_NAME
echo "Hello $USER_NAME"
echo "I will create you a file called ${USER_NAME}_file"

# The quotations prevent multiple files from being called to touch.
touch "${USER_NAME}_file"
```

Windows

3.1: Windows Key Combinations

Windows has various key combinations. These are used to do different things. For the purposes of this chart, the windows key will be represented by \boxplus .

Key combination	Descriptions
$\boxplus + R$	Opens a run window.
$\boxplus + m$	Minimize all open windows.
$\boxplus + \mathrm{E}$	Opens the explorer window.
$\boxplus + \mathrm{UP}$	Minimize the currently opened window.
$\boxplus + F$	Opens search for searching files and folders.
Alt + Tab	Change between open windows.
CTRL + ALT + Delete	Provides user options such as changing password.
CTRL + SHIFT + ESC	Opens Windows Task Manager.

To access the Windows 7 "God Mode" which is essentially a collection of administrator and troubleshooting features, create a folder with the following name:

```
{\tt GodMode.\{ED7BA470-8E54-465E-825C-99712043E01C\}}
```

To view system information, including RAM installed, graphics processor and more, run the following command

dxdiag

Mac

4.2: Mac Startup Options

Mac has various startup features. To use them, hold the following keys down simultaneously upon startup as soon as you hear the startup chime:

Startup Keys	Descriptions
Command, R	Boot into OS X Recovery mode.
\mathbf{C}	Boot to external device such as CD, DVD, or USB.
N	Netboot.
Shift	Safe Boot.
Command, V	Boot using verbose mode for comprehensive boot details.
Command, S	Single user mode.
Command, Option, P, R	Resetting the PRAM during boot.
${ m T}$	Enable target disk mode.

C++

5.1 Basic Input and Output

To output text via a terminal you can use:

```
std::string text = "Hello World!";
std::cout << text << std::endl; //std::endl is equivalent to the new-line character.</pre>
```

To get input as a user in the type of a std::string, you can use:

```
std::string input = "";
std::cout << "Enter some text: ";
std::getline(std::cin, input);</pre>
```

5.1.1 Simulate Key Strokes (Windows Only)

First the correct files must be included and an event must be setup.

```
#define WINVER 0x0500
#include <windows.h>
INPUT ip;

ip.type = INPUT.KEYBOARD; // Set up a generic keyboard event.
ip.ki.wScan = 0; // hardware scan code for key
ip.ki.time = 0;
ip.ki.dwExtraInfo = 0;
```

After this, functions can be setup to simulate various keys based on the specific key codes, two examples of such are

```
void space(){
   // Press the "space" key.
  ip.ki.wVk = VK.SPACE; // virtual-key code for the "space" key.
   ip.ki.dwFlags = 0; // 0 for key press
   SendInput(1, &ip, sizeof(INPUT));
   // Release the "space" key
   ip.ki.wVk = VK_SPACE; // virtual-key code for the "space" key.
   ip.ki.dwFlags = KEYEVENTFKEYUP; // KEYEVENTFKEYUP for key release
   SendInput(1, &ip, sizeof(INPUT));
   Sleep (50);
void one(){
  // Press the "1" key.
  ip.ki.wVk = 0x31; // virtual-key code for the "1" key.
   ip.ki.dwFlags = 0; // 0 for key press
   SendInput(1, \&ip, sizeof(INPUT));
   // Release the "1" key.
   ip.ki.wVk = 0x31; // virtual-key code for the "1" key.
   ip.ki.dwFlags = KEYEVENTF-KEYUP; // KEYEVENTF-KEYUP for key release.
   SendInput(1, \&ip, sizeof(INPUT));
   Sleep (50);
```

A similar method can be used to simulate mouse clicks. And example for left click follows

```
void leftclick(){
    INPUT ip={0};
    // left down
    ip.type = INPUT_MOUSE;
    ip.mi.dwFlags = MOUSEEVENTFLEFTDOWN;
    SendInput(1,&Input, sizeof(INPUT));

    // left up
    ZeroMemory(&Input, sizeof(INPUT));
    ip.type = INPUT_MOUSE;
    ip.mi.dwFlags = MOUSEEVENTFLEFTUP;
    SendInput(1,&Input, sizeof(INPUT));
    Sleep(50);
}
```

5.2 Variable Types

Creating and using a vector.

```
#include <vector>
int size1 = 5;
int size2 = 6;

//Creates a vector named V1 containing int's with a size of 5 and sets each element to 0.
std::vector<int> V1(size1, 0);

//Creates a 2-D vector (vector containing vectors) of size 5x6 named V2 containing doubles;
std::vector< std::vector<double>> V2(size1, std::vector<double>(size2, 0));

V1[0] = 8; //Sets the first element in V1 to 8.
V2[0][3] = 3.1415; //Sets the 4th element in the first row of V2 to 3.1415.
```

5.2.1 Converting Between Types

std::string to int

To convert a string to an integer you can use the **stoi** function:

```
std::string text = "31415";
int number = std::stoi(text);
```

std::string to double

To convert a string to a double you can use the **stod** function:

```
std::string text = "3.1415";
double number = std::stof(text);
```

std::string to const char*

To convert a string to a const char* you can use the **c_str()** function:

```
std::string str = "3.1415";

const char* chr = str.c_str();
```

5.3 Mathematical Commands

Prime Number

A simple brute for method to determines if a number of type long is prime or not.

Trigonometric Identities

To perform calculations using trigonometric identities, you first must include cmath and then do so as follows. These trigonometric functions from cmath can be used as floats, doubles, or long doubles.

```
#include <cmath> // Needed at start of file.

float num = 0.05; // creating a number.

float numS = std::sin(num); // Calculates the sin of the number

float numC = std::cos(num); // Calculates the cos of the number

float numT = std::tan(num); // Calculates the tan of the number
```

5.4 System Commands

Sleep

Make the thread sleep for some amount of time using the std::chrono to determine the duration [1].

```
#include <thread>
#include <chrono>

std::this_thread::sleep_for(std::chrono::milliseconds(50)); //Makes the system sleep for 50
    milliseconds.

std::this_thread::sleep_for(std::chrono::seconds(50)); //Makes the system sleep for 50
    seconds.
```

On a Windows specific program this can be simplified by including the windows.h header

```
#include <windows.h>
Sleep(50); //Makes the system sleep for 50 milliseconds.
Sleep(5000); //Makes the system sleep for 50 seconds.
```

On a Windows specific program one can run a command directly from command prompt using the system function. The input variable to system is const char*.

```
#include <windows.h>
//system(const char* input)
system("DATE"); // Runs the DATE command from windows command prompt.
```

ROOT

Formatting a TString can be simplified by use of the Form function.

```
const char *someText = "Hello World!";
int someInt = 2314;

//%s corresponts to a const char*
//%d corresponds to an integer
TString output = Form("I want to say %s a total of %d times", someText, someInt);

//This will output "I want to say Hello World! a total of 2314 times"
std::cout << output;</pre>
```

C#

The language C# is very similar to C++ and Java. All programming snippets listed in this section were tested and from a program created in Visual Studio 2013. Many of the functions written in this section depend on the Windows .Net application framework and may not function without that.

7.1 Useful Application Functions

Exit a program.

```
//These are needed at the beginning of the file.
using System;
using System.Windows.Forms;

//This exits the program
public static void exitLOLA(){
   if (System.Windows.Forms.Application.MessageLoop){
      System.Windows.Forms.Application.Exit(); // WinForms app
   } else {
      System.Environment.Exit(1); // Console app
   }
}
```

The following will return the current Epoch time in seconds. This is useful for version control, random number generation, and more. Also, a demonstration of how ot set the current date as a string.

```
//Sets the current date as a string.
private static string today = System.DateTime.Today.ToString("d");

//Returns the current epoch time in seconds (time passed since January 1, 1970).
public static long getEpochTime(){
  var epoch = (DateTime.UtcNow - new DateTime(1970, 1, 1, 0, 0, 0, DateTimeKind.Utc)).
      TotalSeconds;
  return (long)epoch;
}
```

The following can be used to increase the size of a terminal window for a terminal application make in Visual Studio.

```
//Doubles the length of the output terminal window if the resolution on the computer permits
   it.
//Otherwise leaves it as the default.
public static void setScreenSize_double(){
    //determines the screen resolution to then determine the size of the output window.
   int origWidth = Console.WindowWidth;
   int origHeight = Console.WindowHeight;
   int height;
   int screenHeight = Screen.PrimaryScreen.Bounds.Height;

if (screenHeight < 1080){
    height = origHeight;
   } else {
    height = origHeight * 2;
   }

   //int height = origHeight;
   Console.SetWindowSize(origWidth, height);
}</pre>
```

Get the directory path that the executable file is located in.

```
//returns the path that the program executable file is in.
public static string getProgramPath(){
    string path = System.IO.Path.GetDirectoryName(Assembly.GetEntryAssembly().Location);
    return path;
}
```

7.2 Getting Windows System Information

Return the system name

```
//Returns the user defined system name.
public static string getSystemName() {
   systemName = Environment.MachineName;
   return systemName;
}
```

Determines and returns whether a processor is 32 or 64 bits and returns the number of bits as an int.

```
//Returns twhether the processor is 32 or 64-bit.
public static int getBits() {
  bool bitOS = Environment.Is64BitOperatingSystem;
  if (bitOS) {
    bits = 64;
    return bits;
  } else {
    bits = 32;
    return bits;
  }
}
```

Returns the Full Operating System Name. Then, an alternate function to format the operating system name in a friendly manner.

```
public static string getOSFullName() {
    return new Microsoft.VisualBasic.Devices.ComputerInfo().OSFullName.ToString();
}

//Returns a 'friendly' string with the OS listed.
public static string getFriendlyOS() {
    OSversion = getOSFullName() + " " + getBits() + "-bit";
    return OSversion;
}
```

Returns the IPv4 address of a machine.

```
//Returns the IPv4 that the user is using.
public static string getIPv4address(){
   if (IPv4address != null){
      return IPv4address;
   }
   IPAddress[] ipv4Addresses = Array.FindAll(Dns.GetHostEntry(string.Empty).AddressList, a
      => a.AddressFamily == AddressFamily.InterNetwork);
   int i = 1;
   try{
      IPv4address = ipv4Addresses[i].ToString();
   }
   catch (System.IndexOutOfRangeException){
      i = 0;
```

```
IPv4address = ipv4Addresses[i].ToString();
}
return IPv4address;
}
```

Determines CPU specs for a machine.

```
//Sets the CPU specs for the machine.
ManagementObject Mo = new ManagementObject("Win32_Processor.DeviceID='CPU0'");
uint speed = (uint)(Mo["CurrentClockSpeed"]);
string name = Mo["Name"]. ToString();
Mo. Dispose();
int CPUspeed = Convert.ToInt32(speed);
string CPUmodel = name;
```

Determines the model of a PC.

Returns the installed RAM in a machine. Multiple methods are listed which give varied results depending on the environment.

```
//This returns an estimate of the ram installed on a machine.
//It is keyed to take the total bytes of RAM and cnovert them to the nearest 2 n value.
//This is the old function to determine RAM capacity. getInstalledRAM() returns a more
   accurate value.
public static ulong getTotalPhysicalMemoryInBytes() {
   return new Microsoft. VisualBasic. Devices. ComputerInfo(). TotalPhysicalMemory;
public static ulong getTotalVirtualMemoryInBytes(){
   return new Microsoft. Visual Basic. Devices. ComputerInfo(). Total Virtual Memory;
//Returns the physically installed RAM.
public static ulong getInstalledRAM(){
   string Query = "SELECT Capacity FROM Win32_PhysicalMemory";
   ManagementObjectSearcher searcher = new ManagementObjectSearcher(Query);
   UInt64 Capacity = 0;
   foreach (ManagementObject WniPART in searcher.Get()) {
      Capacity += Convert. ToUInt64 (WniPART. Properties ["Capacity"]. Value);
   return Capacity;
```

Python

The official python documentation can be found at the following links

```
# Documentation for version 3+
https://docs.python.org/3/
# Documentation for version 2+
https://docs.python.org/2/
```

Import floating point division which allows python 2 compatibility when using division with doubles. Include this at the beginning of the script.

```
from __future__ import division
```

8.1 Plotting and Graphs

A nicely formatted plot with a legend using the pylab package.

```
import pylab as plt #Imports the correct packages for plotting.

plt.title('Contamination & Beam Health % vs Time') # Creates a title.

plt.plot(t, Contamination, '-b', label='Contamination') #Plots Contamination in blue.
plt.plot(t, Beam_loss, '-r', label='Beam Loss') #Plots Beam_loss in red.
plt.plot(t, Beam_health, '-g', label='Beam Health') #Plots Beam_health in green.

#plt.plot(x,y,'-color', label='Legend Label') #Template

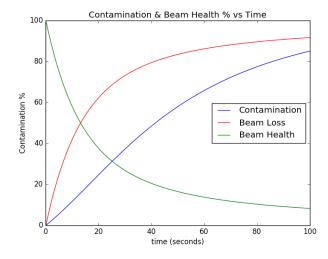
plt.xlabel("time (seconds)") #Creates a x-axis label
plt.ylabel("Contamination %") #Creates a y-axis label

plt.legend(loc='center right') #Creates a legend with the labels set above.

#Other locations include upper/lower/center left/right

plt.show() #Displays plot.
```

This code would display a graph such as the one below such that the proper values are input.



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