I really enjoyed this week’s assigned paper: The Evolution of Unix. It offered a point of view on the emergence of UNIX in a story – like mode, instead of the monotonous tone of the research papers and textbooks before. It also gave good insight in the specifics of Unix's evolution, including commands and events. I really like the way it made the Unix system sound like it's own story with its own struggle and how people were trying hard to create it. The article provided to us that compared the PDP-7 file system with modern Unix file systems was pretty eye - opening. It seems obvious in retrospect, but I was surprised that Bell's early Unix systems were single - program. How did they get anything done? There would have to be a ton of software trickery behind the scenes to get things rolling with a single-program system. Another surprising fact about early Unix was that it was word - based, which means the programmers had to pad out all of the files with null bytes, since they would be ignored on a PDP-7 system. Thompson and Ritchie are something of legends in the Computer Science community, having won Turing Awards (regarded by many as The Nobel Prize of Computing) in 1983 for their work on the Unix system. Moreover, I like how the paper covered not only the technical aspects of the evolution of Unix, but also many of the obstacles they faced—technical, funding etc. Those details, often left out of more technical publications, can be some of the most interesting, since as students we can learn about problem solving in computer science, which often entails more than mere programing errors. Essays that based on readings of articles like this are much better than readings based on textbook, which is quite frustrating to make a writing from them. I hope that there would be more of this kind of essay in the incoming weeks.