Intro to Linux & Command Line

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Lecture summary

- Unix and Linux operating system
 - You will not be tested
 - Just to help you understand what the environment is
- Introduction to Bash shell (command line)

Operating systems

• What is an OS? Why have one?

Ever heard any of these words? Linux, Unix, GNU

Linux

- Linux: An OS framework
 - Almost every server on the internet
 - Every Android phone
- GNU: A bunch of small tools
- Distribution (distro): Different Linux types
 - e.g. Ubuntu, Debian, Raspbian
- Key features of Linux:
 - open source software: source can be downloaded
 - free to use
 - constantly being improved/updated by the community

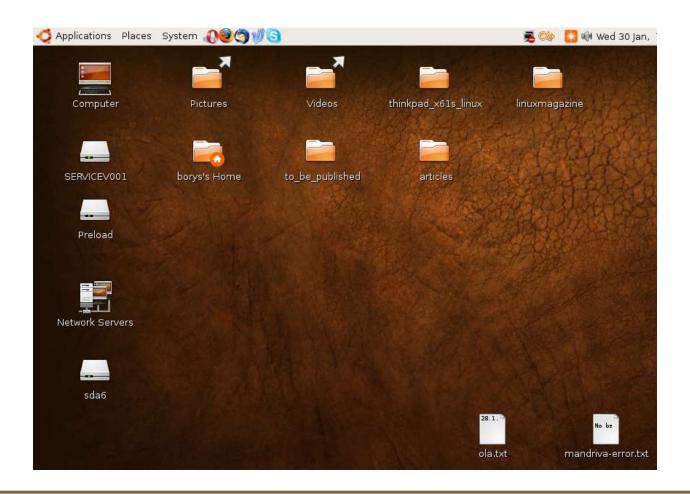


Linux vs Unix

- What the heck is a Unix?
 - Early OS, the progenitor of Linux
 - Nobody really uses Unix anymore
- Many people use them interchangeably
 - http://unix.stackexchange.com
- Don't worry about it

Linux Desktop

Very similar to navigating Windows or OS X

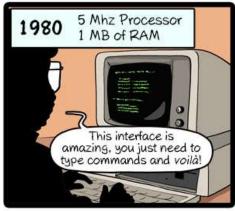


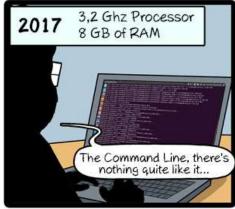
Things you can do in Linux

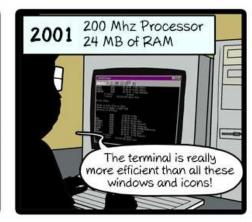
- Browse the internet
- Install and play games
- Play Music and Videos
- IM, Skype
- Basically: <u>Everything</u>

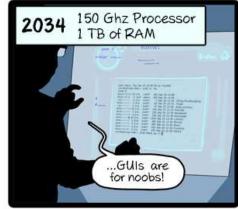
Command Line











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Shell

- **shell**: uses user input to manage the execution of other programs.
 - Runs in a text window
 - User types commands, the shell runs the commands
- We will use Bash
 - Most commonly used shell on Linux
- Why should I learn to use a shell when GUIs exist?

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Git Bash: /d/Projects/avladov/idea-vue-templates
Angel@ANGEL-W ~
$ cd /d/Projects/
Angel@ANGEL-W /d/Projects
 gulp watch
[00:34:23] Local gulp not found in D:\Projects
[00:34:23] Try running: npm install gulp
Angel@ANGEL-W /d/Projects
$ cd avladov
Angel@ANGEL-W /d/Projects/avladov
$ cd idea-vue-templates/
Angel@ANGEL-W /d/Projects/avladov/idea-vue-templates (master)
$ 1s
README.md build.bat extract.bat settings/ settings.jar src/
Angel@ANGEL-W /d/Projects/avladov/idea-vue-templates (master)
$ build
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Why use a shell?

- Why should I learn to use a shell when GUIs exist?
 - faster
 - work remotely
 - programmable
 - customizable
 - repeatable

Navigating the file system

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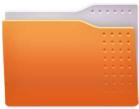
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Relative directories

directory	description
•	the directory you are in ("working directory")
• •	the parent of the working directory (/ is grandparent, etc.)
*	Everything in a directory
[string]*[string]	Everything in a directory that starts and ends with the specified strings
~	your

Directory commands

command	description
ls [-1]	list files in a directory
pwd	p rint the current w orking d irectory
cd [dir]	<u>c</u> hanges the working <u>d</u> irectory
mkdir [dir]	create a new directory
rmdir [dir]	delete a directory (must be empty)

- some commands (cd, exit) are part of the shell ("builtins")
- others (ls, mkdir) are separate programs the shell runs

File commands

command	description
cat [file]	print out the contents of file (named for con <u>cat</u> enate)
pico [file]	edit a file in the working directory
(while running) CTRL+C	stops the currently running program
wget [url]	download a file from the internet
alias short='long'	create a short version of a long command

- CTRL is often written as ^
 - CTRL+C would be ^C

Shell commands

- many accept arguments or parameters
 - example: cp (copy) accepts a source and destination file path

- a program uses 3 streams of information
 - input: comes from user's keyboard
 - output: goes to console
 - errors can also be printed (by default, sent to console like output)
- parameters vs. input
 - parameters: before Enter is pressed; sent in by shell
 - input: after Enter is pressed; sent in by user



Command-line arguments

- most options are a followed by a letter such as -c
 - some are longer words preceded by two signs, such as --count
- options can be combined: ls -l -a -r can be ls -lar
- many programs accept a --help or -help option to give more information about that command (in addition to man pages)
 - or if you run the program with no arguments, it may print help info
- for many commands that accept a file name argument, if you omit the parameter, it will read from standard input (your keyboard)

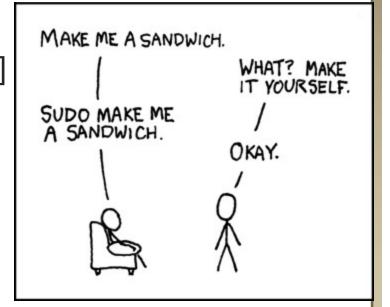
File commands

command	description
ср	copy a file
mv	move or rename a file
rm	delete a file
rm -r [DIR]	delete a directory and all of its contents
touch	create a new empty file, or update its last-modified time stamp

- Use "-i" (interactive) to force confirmation
 - * \$ rm -r -i *
 remove file 'bitcoinwallet.key'? no
- touch prog.java -t 149204010000
 - -t [[CC]YY]MMDDhhmm

SUDO

- <u>s</u>uper <u>u</u>ser <u>do</u>
 - Pronounced like "sue-dough" or "pseudo"
- Similar to "execute as Admin" in Windows
- sudo apt-get install [package]
- sudo apt-get update
- sudo rm [someone else's file]



Vi / Vim

- Powerful command line text editor
- Notoriously infuriating

https://stackoverflow.blog/2017/05/23/stack-overflow-helping-

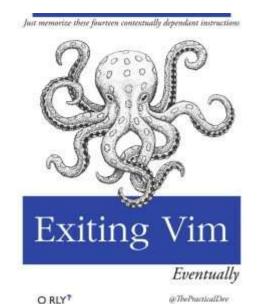
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I've been using Vim for about 2 years now, mostly because I can't figure out how to exit it.



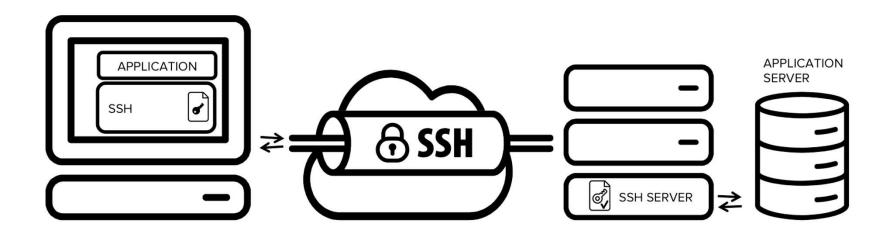


Basic Vim Commands

command	description
: W	Write changes to the file
:x	Write and quit
:q!	Quit without saving
i or a	Enter Insert mode (AKA normal typing mode)
V	Enter Visual mode (AKA select mode)
ESC	Exit Insert or Visual mode

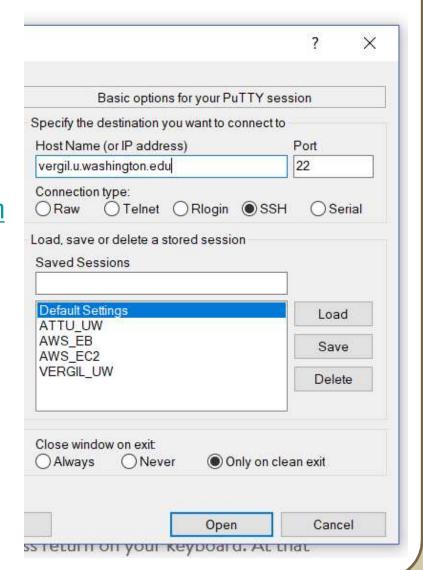
SSH

- Secure Shell
- Control a computer remotely, through a shell
- Do work from the comfort of your personal computer



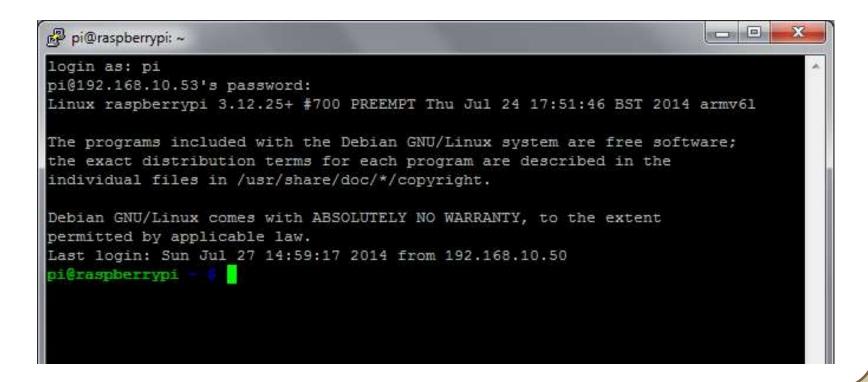
SSH Clients

- Windows: PuTTY
 - type in server URL
- Mac: Built in shell client
 - just type ssh <u>user@example.com</u>
- Port should be 22



Using SSH

- Shell interface
- This is why it's important to know how to use command line!

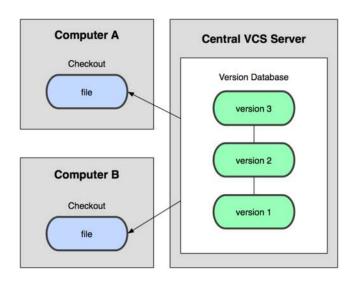


Version Control

- When you work on a group project, how do you share files?
 - Google Docs, OneDrive, Dropbox
 - These are examples of real-time centralized version control
- What happens when two people try to edit the same line?
- What happens when somebody deletes everything?
- How do you know who made what changes?

Real-Time Centralized VC

- You're probably very familiar with using a real-time centralized
 Version Control System
 - E.g. Google Docs, OneDrive, Dropbox
- Pros
 - Easy to set up, use, and share
 - Instant feedback from other editors
- Cons
 - Can't really resolve conflicts
 - Other editors "stepping on your toes"
 - You don't know who, when, or what each change was





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print("The meaning of life is...");
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print("The meaning of life is that it ends");
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OR
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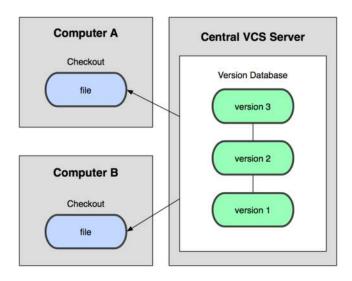
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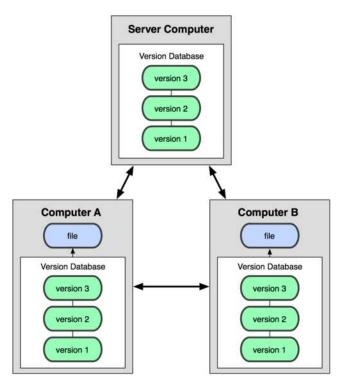


Distributed VCS

Centralized Model

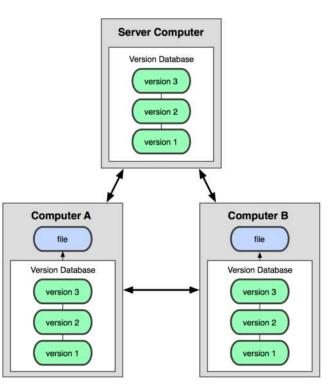


Distributed Model



Distributed VCS

- A distributed VCS lets each user have their own copy of the database
- Users can send their versions to each other
 - If there is a conflict, the sender decides which version to use
- Pros
 - Each user has their own copy
 - User can choose how to resolve conflicts
 - Detailed log of every change ever
- Cons
 - More difficult to set up and use

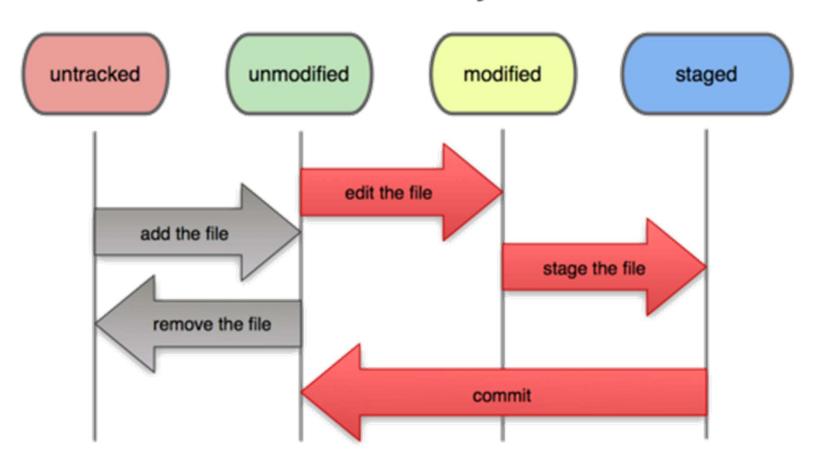


Git

- Git is a distributed VCS
- Most commonly used VCS
- Created by Linus Torvalds to support the development of Linux

Git on your local machine

File Status Lifecycle



Basic Workflow

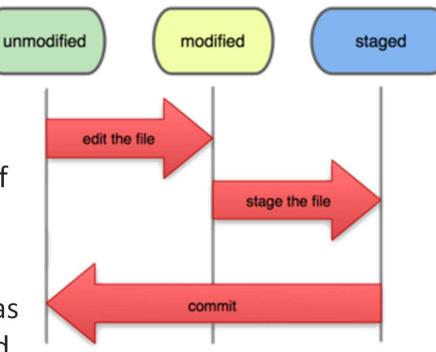
Basic Git workflow:

Edit files in your working directory

2. Stage files, adding snapshots of them to your staging area

3. Commit, which takes the files as they are in the staging area and stores that snapshot permanently

File Status Lifecycle



Use Good Commit Messages

COMMENT	DATE
O CREATED MAIN LOOP & TIMING CONTROL	
O ENABLED CONFIG FILE PARSING	9 HOURS AGO
MISC BUGFIXES	5 HOURS AGO
CODE ADDITIONS/EDITS	4 HOURS AGO
O MORE CODE	4 HOURS AGO
O HERE HAVE CODE	4 HOURS AGO
O ARARARA	3 HOURS AGO
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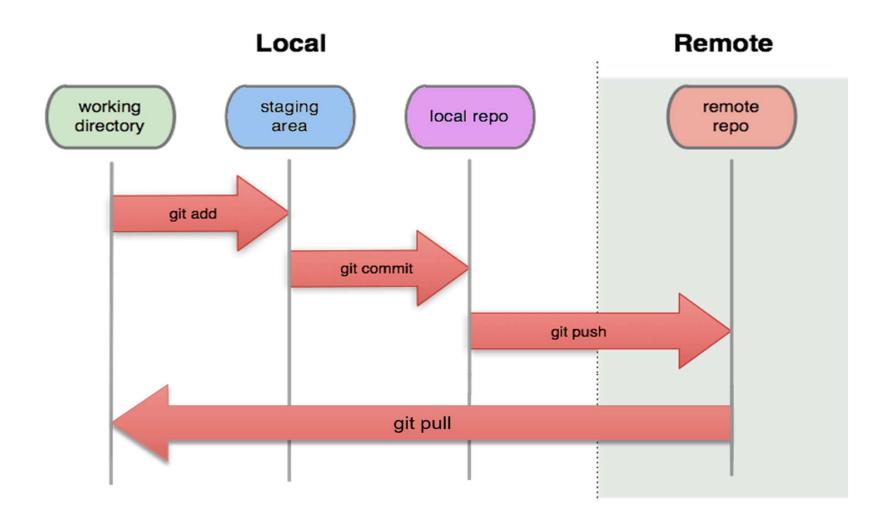
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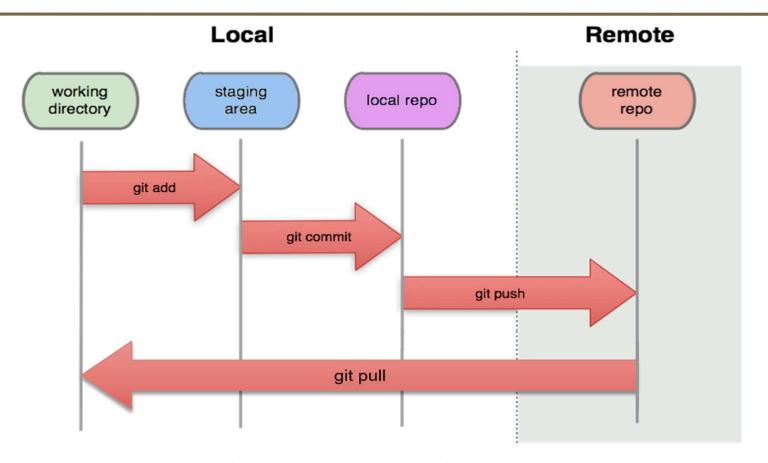
Commit message style

- Start your commit message with either +,-,=
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 - when functionality was taken away
 - = for small edits that don't change the functionality
- Keep it less than one sentence
- Use multiple commits when necessary
 - If you added two separate features, make two separate commits!

Git with a remote server



Basic Workflow



- Push commits to the server to publish your commits
- Pull from the server to get other users' commits

Git commands

command	description
git status	See which files are/need to be staged
git add [-a] [file]	Add [file] to the staging area
git commit -m [mssg]	Commit these changes and label [mssg]
git push origin master	Send your commits to the server
git pull	Download updates from the server

