

CSCI 315: Data Structures

Basic Unix Commands

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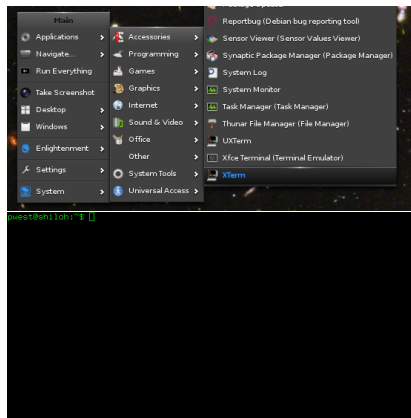
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- Although modern Linux is equipped with a *fancy schmancy* Graphical User Interface (GUI), for system administrators (and **real** programmers), shell is the best tool to handle everything.
- In GUI mode, you can activate our shell by opening a terminal window.
- The terminal window is your control panel for the system.

Opening a terminal

- Terminal window shows a standard prompt
- Prompts displays all kinds of information, but they are not part of the commands you are giving to your system.



Dev Environment:

1 Your own box (Ubuntu, Bash/Ubuntu on Windows):

- To install the basic packages for our course:
\$ sudo apt install g++ make vim-gtk valgrind gnuplot

2 SSH over to Zion:

- An alternative to all of this is to SSH (putty) over to Zion.
- Zion is a machine running on the CSU network.
- To SSH over:
 - Linux: \$ ssh -p 2222 coins.csuniv.edu
 - Windows: Download putty and enter coins.csuniv.edu with port 2222
 - For either OS, use your CS CSU username and password.
- All packages should be installed.
- Keep in mind that the system does go down from time to time, but should remain up.

Choosing a Text Editor

- Do take some time to choose a good text editor.
 - You will be using it a lot.
- Most Windows/OSX editors have a clone in Linux.
- Linux has numerous choices.
- Be aware that text editors can become a religious affair. . .

vi

- dd to delete a line
- / text search
- same on every machine
- Look in cheat-sheets for more info



emacs

- Lots of features – tons of capabilities
- LISP
- Your hand may be warpped from all the hotkeys
- Not always the same on every machine



nano

- simple!
- commands are at the bottom of your screen
- same on every machine

```
GNU nano 2.2.6      File: data1.txt
Hello World!!!
This is a test

[ Read 2 lines ]
^G Get Help  ^O WriteOut  ^R Read File  ^Y Prev Page  ^K Cut Text   ^C Cur Pos
^X Exit      ^J Justify   ^W Where Is   ^V Next Page ^U UnCut Text ^T To Spell
```


Graphical Text Editors

- gvim: graphical vim
- xemacs: graphical emacs
- gedit: like MS wordpad/notepad
- atom: more advance text editor
- sublime: newer, very powerful
- kate: KDE text editor
- tea: Minimal QT text editor
- jed: Very basic. Essentiall nano++

ls

- ls (list)
 - displays a list of files in the current working directory, like dir in DOS
- -a
 - display hidden (start with a '.') files
- -A
 - Do not display '.' and '..'
 - '.' means current directory
 - '..' means upper layer directory
- -l
 - display file lists with long format
- -s
 - display file size
- -h
 - display sizes in a more human readable format

cd

- change directory
- `cd /usr/bin`
 - Change directory to `/usr/bin` directory
- `cd ..`
 - Change to upper layer directory
- `cd /`
 - Change to root directory
- `cd`
 - Change to user home directory

Directory Operations

- mkdir
 - Make directory
 - mkdir temp
 - mkdir temp2
 - mkdir temp/insideTemp
- rmdir
 - remove directory
 - rmdir temp2

File Operations: cp

- copy
- `cp data1.txt data2.txt`
- `cp data3.txt temp`
 - `-i`
- ask before overwrite
 - `-v`
- display copying process
 - `-R`
- recursive copy, including sub-directories
- `cp -R * backup`

File Operations: rm

- rm
 - remove file or directory
 - rm data1.txt
 - rm *
 - -f
 - force remove files
 - rm -f *.txt
 - -r
 - recursive remove files, including sub-directories
 - rm -r *
 - -V
 - display removing process

Directory Usage

- Any command that accepts a file as a parameter assumes that file is in the present (current) working directory (pwd) unless told otherwise.
- Use relative or absolute paths to indicate where a file is.
- Absolute paths start with a / and the path begins from the highest level
- Relative paths NEVER start with a / and are how to get to the file from the pwd
- .. Is your parent directory, useful in relative paths

More File Operations

- mv
 - move files or rename a file
 - mv data1.txt ..
 - mv data1.txt data4.txt
- pwd
 - print (present) working directory
- file
 - display file type
 - file filename
 - file *

Even More File Operations

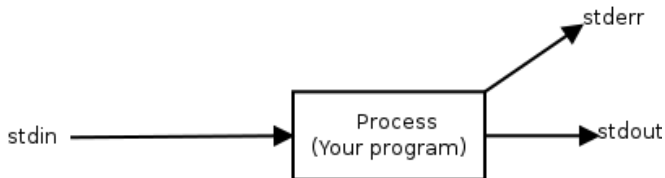
- head
 - head shows the first few lines of a file
 - head data1.txt shows first 10 lines of data1.txt
 - head -20 data1.txt shows first 20 lines
- tail
 - tail shows the last few lines of a file
 - tail data1.txt shows last 10 lines of data1.txt
 - -r : show content in reverse order
- wc
 - word count
 - 1st column -> number of lines
 - 2nd column -> number of unique words
 - 3rd column -> total word counts

Yes, Even More File Operations

- find
 - -name filename you are looking for
 - -print output results
 - find /usr -name compress -print
- grep
 - To search specified texts and display them
 - grep text files
 - more later
- ln
 - To link a file
 - ln -s data4.txt test
 - More later on linking

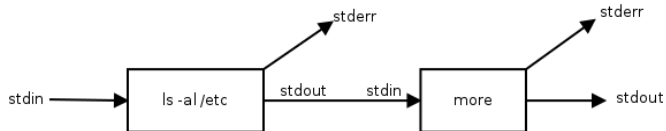
Input/Output (I/O)

- Three standard input/output devices
 - *stdin* <- keyboard input
 - *stdout* <- Monitor output
 - *stderr* <- Error output device



PIPE

- Redirect output of one program to another
- EX:
ls -al /etc | more



- This can continue on...
- What Data Structure does this look like?

I/O Redirect to Files

- Use `<` and `>` to redirect I/Os
- `cat > output.dat`
- Use Ctrl-d to quit
- `cat » output.dat`
 - This will attach new texts to the end of output.dat (append)
- `cat !> output.dat`
 - will force overwrite output.dat

Hey Look, Even *More* File Operations!

- more
 - pausing output
 - `ls -al | more`
- less
 - hmmm, what does less do?
- cat (concatenate)
 - display file contents or concatenate a file to another
 - `cat data1.txt | more`
 - `cat data1.txt » data2.txt`
 - `cat data1.txt data2.txt » data3.txt`
- tac
 - hmmm, what does tac do?

Misc Commands

- passwd (password)
 - Change the password for the current user
- man (manual pages)
 - man ls
- info (information of a command)
 - info ls
- --help (how to use a command)
 - ls --help

Universal Characters

- * - all possible combination(s)
 - des* - desk, desktop, description, ...
- ? - match exact position
 - des? - desk, des9, ...
- ls -al *.ps
- cat ??go
- more *a*b?
- [] - symbols in the quote
 - ls -al [ms]oon means to list files of moon and soon
 - more [a-p]ount means to list files of aount, bount, count, ..., pount

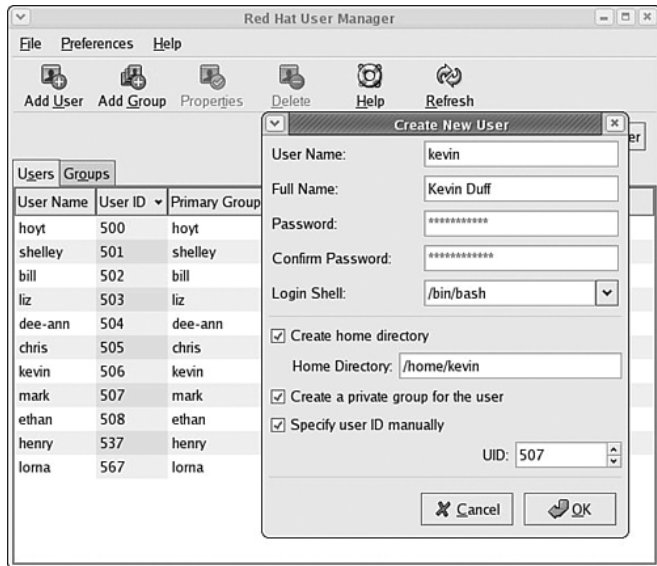
Management Tools

- User Management Tools
- useradd- This command is used to add a new user account to the system. Its options permit the sysadmin to specify the user's home directory and initial group or to create the user with the default home directory and group assignments.
- useradd -D- This command displays default settings for new users
- useradd -G- This command sets the system defaults for creating the users' home directory, account expiration date, default group, and command shell. See the specific options in man useradd. Used without any arguments, it displays the defaults for the system. The default set of files for a user are found in /etc/skel.
- # ls -al /etc/skel

User Management Tools

- **userdel**- This command will completely remove a user's account (thereby eliminating that user's home directory and all files it contains).
- **passwd**- This command updates the “authentication tokens” used by the password management system.
- **usermod**- This command changes several user attributes. The most commonly used arguments are -s to change the shell and -u to change the UID. No changes can be made while the user is logged in or running a process.
- **chsh**- This command changes the user's default shell. For Fedora Core Linux, the default shell is /bin/bash, known as the Bash, or Bourne Again Shell.

- # useradd kevin -p gu1tarplayeR -s /bin/zsh -u 507



Group Hug

- Why group?
 - Groups establish relationships among users in which they share a common set of permissions
- All the groups are listed in `/etc/group` file.
- Group Management Tools:
 - Add a new group with the `groupadd` command.
 - `# groupadd cdrw`
 - Change the group ownership of the device to the new group with the `chgrp` command.
 - `# chgrp cdrw /dev/scd0`
 - Add the approved user to the group with the `usermod` command.
 - `# usermod -G cdrw shelley`
 - Make user shelley the group administrator with the `gpasswd` command so that she can add new users to the group.
 - `# gpasswd -A shelley`
- There is a GUI for group management as well.

User Accounts

- Most Linuxes use the `/etc/passwd` file to hold user account information. Each user, regardless of type, will have a one-line entry of account information stored in the `/etc/passwd` text file.
- The superuser is also known by the name `root`.
- User IDs and Group IDs
- File Permissions
 - `chgrp`- Changes the group ownership of a file or directory.
 - `chown`- Changes the owner of a file or directory.
 - `chmod`- Changes the access permissions of a file or directory.

chmod

● Try “ls -l”

```
- rwx r-xr-x  joe  acctg  archive.sh
- rw- rw-r--  joe  acctg  orgchart.gif
- rw- rw-r--  joe  acctg  personnel.txt
- r-- rw-r--  joe  acctg  publicity.html
d rwx r-xr-x  joe  acctg  sales
- rw- r----- joe  acctg  topsecret.inf
- rwx r-xr-x  joe  acctg  wordmatic
```

The first set three letters after the file type tell what you, the owner of the file, have permission to do.

An r in the first position means you are permitted to read the file. A w in the second position means you may write the file. This includes the ability to delete a file. An x in the third position means you may execute the file.

A hyphen in any position means that you don't have that particular permission.

- The best way to use chmod is with numbers. Each permission is assigned a value
r = 4, w = 2, x = 1, Therefore:

- 0: Means no permission
- 4: Read only
- 5: Read & Execute
- 6: Read & Write
- 7: Full permission

Using chmod

With chmod you have three numbers: first for the owner, second for group, third for everyone else.

Lets do some examples.

Before:	-rwxr-xr-x archive.sh
Command:	chmod 754 archive.sh
After:	-rwxr-xr- archive.sh

Before:	-rw-r-r- topsecret.txt
Command:	chmod 600 topsecret.txt
After:	-rw----- topsecret.txt

Before:	-rw----- publicity.html
Command:	chmod 665 publicity
After:	-rw-rw-r- publicity.html

- The password file is `/etc/passwd`, and it is the database file for all users on the system. The format of each line is as follows:

username:password:uid:gid:gecos:homedir:shell

- Example:
 - `sshd:x:74:74:Privilege-separated SSH:/var/empty/sshd:/sbin/nologin`
 - `rpc:x:32:32:Portmapper RPC user:/:/sbin/nologin`
 - `rpcuser:x:29:29:RPC Service User:/var/lib/nfs:/sbin/nologin`
 - `nfsnobody:x:65534:65534:Anonymous NFS User:/var/lib/nfs:/sbin/nologin`
 - `mailnull:x:47:47:/var/spool/mqueue:/sbin/nologin`

Become Root!

- Temporarily Changing User Identity with the su Command
\$ su - root

- Yes, this is graded.
- Follow the instructions for lab 01