

Lecture 1

Tuesday, September 8th, 2020

Unix

Last Time

- Course introduction / policies
- Unix and Linux terminology
- The `ls` command

Today

- More on Unix / Linux
 - Unix commands
 - Interacting with the shell
 - File attributes
 - Text editors

After this lecture, you will know more about working with Unix and how to edit files.

Unix Commands

Basic Unix Commands

UNIX / LINUX CHEAT SHEET



FILE SYSTEM

ls — list items in current directory
ls -l — list items in current directory and show in long format to see permissions, size, and modification date
ls -a — list all items in current directory, including hidden files
ls -F — list all items in current directory and show directories with a slash and executables with a star
ls dir — list all items in directory dir
cd dir — change directory to dir
cd .. — go up one directory
cd / — go to the root directory
cd ~ — go to your home directory
cd - — go to the last directory you were just in
pwd — show present working directory
mkdir dir — make directory dir
rm file — remove file
rm -r dir — remove directory dir recursively
cp file1 file2 — copy file1 to file2
cp -r dir1 dir2 — copy directory dir1 to dir2 recursively
mv file1 file2 — move (rename) file1 to file2
ln -s file link — create symbolic link to file
touch file — create or update file
cat file — output the contents of file
less file — view file with page navigation
head file — output the first 10 lines of file
tail file — output the last 10 lines of file
tail -f file — output the contents of file as it grows, starting with the last 10 lines
vim file — edit file
alias name 'command' — create an alias for a command

SYSTEM

shutdown — shut down machine
reboot — restart machine
date — show the current date and time
whoami — who you are logged in as
finger user — display information about user
man command — show the manual for command
df — show disk usage
du — show directory space usage
free — show memory and swap usage
whereis app — show possible locations of app
which app — show which app will be run by default

COMPRESSION

tar cf file.tar files — create a tar named file.tar containing files
tar xf file.tar — extract the files from file.tar
tar czf file.tar.gz files — create a tar with Gzip compression
tar xzf file.tar.gz — extract a tar using Gzip
gzip file — compresses file and renames it to file.gz
gzip -d file.gz — decompresses file.gz back to file

PROCESS MANAGEMENT

ps — display your currently active processes
top — display all running processes
kill pid — kill process id pid
kill -9 pid — force kill process id pid

SEARCHING

grep pattern files — search for pattern in files
grep -r pattern dir — search recursively for pattern in dir
grep -rn pattern dir — search recursively for pattern in dir and show the line number found
grep -r pattern dir --include='*.ext' — search recursively for pattern in dir and only search in files with .ext extension
command | grep pattern — search for pattern in the output of command
find file — find all instances of file in real system
locate file — find all instances of file using indexed database built from the updatedb command. Much faster than find
sed -i 's/day/night/g' file — find all occurrences of day in a file and replace them with night - s means substitute and g means global - sed also supports regular expressions

PERMISSIONS

ls -l — list items in current directory and show permissions
chmod ugo file — change permissions of file to ugo - u is the user's permissions, g is the group's permissions, and o is everyone else's permissions. The values of u, g, and o can be any number between 0 and 7.
7 — full permissions
6 — read and write only
5 — read and execute only
4 — read only
3 — write and execute only
2 — write only
1 — execute only
0 — no permissions
chmod 600 file — you can read and write - good for files
chmod 700 file — you can read, write, and execute - good for scripts
chmod 644 file — you can read and write, and everyone else can only read - good for web pages
chmod 755 file — you can read, write, and execute, and everyone else can read and execute - good for programs that you want to share

NETWORKING

wget file — download a file
curl file — download a file
scp user@host:file dir — secure copy a file from remote server to the dir directory on your machine
scp file user@host:dir — secure copy a file from your machine to the dir directory on a remote server
scp -r user@host:dir dir — secure copy the directory dir from remote server to the directory dir on your machine
ssh user@host — connect to host as user
ssh -p port user@host — connect to host on port as user
ssh-copy-id user@host — add your key to host for user to enable a keyed or passwordless login
ping host — ping host and output results
whois domain — get information for domain
dig domain — get DNS information for domain
dig -x host — reverse lookup host
lsof -i tcp:1337 — list all processes running on port 1337

SHORTCUTS

ctrl+a — move cursor to beginning of line
ctrl+f — move cursor to end of line
alt+f — move cursor forward 1 word
alt+b — move cursor backward 1 word

Absolutely Essential Commands

These commands should be at your fingertips at all times

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man and More Information

- **man pages** (manual pages) provide extensive documentation
- The Unix command to display a manual page is `man`
- Man pages are split into 8 numbered sections
 - 1. General commands
 - 2. System calls
 - 3. C library functions
 - 4. Special files (usually devices found in `/dev`)
 - 5. File formats and conventions
 - 6. Games
 - 7. Miscellaneous
 - 8. Sys admin commands and daemons
- You can request pages from specific sections, e.g.
 - `man 3 printf` (shows man page for C library function)

Breakout Room

- Figure out who is at the most northern latitude in your group.
- Choose one of the Unix commands from the cheatsheet. Read about it using `man`. Try it out a bit as a group. Make sure you can all provide a short summary of what it does. What is one interesting option that this command provides?

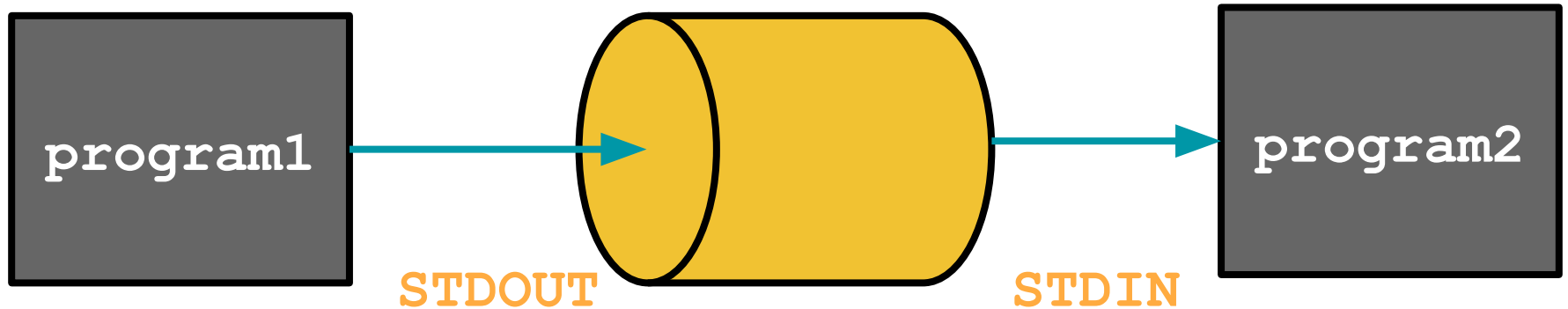
Interacting with the Shell

Running a Unix Program

- Type in the name of a program and some command line options
- The shell reads this line, finds the program, and runs it feeding it the options you specified
- The shell establishes three I/O streams:
 - 1. Standard input
 - 2. Standard output
 - 3. Standard error
- File descriptors associated with each stream:
 - 0 = STDIN (standard input)
 - 1 = STDOUT (standard output)
 - 2 = STDERR (standard error)

Unix Pipes

- A pipe is a holder for a stream of data
- A Unix **pipeline** is a set of processes chained by their standard streams
 - The output of each process (`stdout`) feeds directly as input (`stdin`) to the next one
- Very useful for using multiple Unix commands together to perform a task



Building Commands

- More complicated commands can be built up by using one or more pipes
- The | character is used to *pipe* two commands together
- The shell does the rest for you!

```
(base) dsondak:~/Teaching/Harvard/CS107/2020-CS107/content/lectures/Lecture1
$ cat readings.md
<!-- Title: Lecture 1
Category: lectures
Date: 2020-07-31
Slug: lecture1
Author: David Sondak
Tags: Unix, Linux, Shells, Text Editors

* Unix and Linux
* Unix commands
* Regular expressions
* Interacting with the shell
* Text editors
* Shell customization

### Introduction Slides
- [Lecture 1 Slides]({attach}presentation/lecture2.pdf)

### Data
- [dogs.txt]({attach}data/dogs.txt)

### Pair Programming Week 2
- [Exercise Notebook]({filename}../../exercises/pair-programming-wk2/notebook/exercises.ipynb)-->
```

```
(base) dsondak:~/Teaching/Harvard/CS107/2020-CS107/content/lectures/Lecture1
$ cat readings.md | wc
    22    59   511
```

```
(base) SEAS-:2020-CS107 $ echo hi
hi
(base) SEAS-:2020-CS107 $ echo hi | wc
    1     1     3
(base) SEAS-:2020-CS107 $ echo -n hi
hi%
(base) SEAS-:2020-CS107 $ echo -n hi | wc
    0     1     2
```

- Note: `wc` prints the number of newlines, words, and bytes in a file

More Unix Commands: `find`

- `find` searches the filesystem for files whose name matches a specific pattern
- It can do much more than this and is one of the most useful commands in Unix
 - e.g. It can find files and then perform operations on them
- Example:

```
(base) SEAS-:2020-CS107 $ find . -name presentation
./content/lectures/lecture2/presentation
./content/lectures/lecture3/presentation
./content/lectures/lecture1/presentation
./content/lectures/lecture0/presentation
```

find

- `find` can also scan for certain file types:
 - Find directories with `find . -type d`
 - Find files with `find . -type f`
- The `exec` option can be used to make very powerful commands on files
 - `find . -type f -exec wc -l {} \;`
- What does this command do?
- Find files (`-type f`) in the current directory (`.`) and execute (`-exec`) the word count command (`wc`) on them with the line count option (`-l`).
 - The current file gets put into the `{}`
 - The `;` is used to terminate the command invoked by `-exec`
 - Need the `\` in front of `;` to tell the shell to interpret `;` correctly

The Famous `grep`

- “*Global regular expression print*”
- `grep` extracts lines from a file that match a given string or pattern
- `grep` can also use a *regular expression* for the pattern search

```
(base) dsondak:~/Teaching/Harvard/CS107/2020-CS107/content/lectures/Lecture1
$ grep -r "grep" presentation
presentation/lecture2.tex: \begin{frame}{The Famous \texttt{grep}}
presentation/lecture2.tex: \item \texttt{grep} extracts lines from a file that match a given string or pattern \\[0.5em]
presentation/lecture2.tex: \includegraphics[width=0.9\textwidth]{grep_example.png}
presentation/lecture2.tex: \item \texttt{grep} can also use a regular expression for the pattern search
presentation/lecture2.tex: \item \texttt{grep} isn't the only Unix command that supports regular expressions \\[0.25em]
presentation/lecture2.tex: You are given a text file called \texttt{dogs.txt} that contains names, ages, and breeds of dogs. Use \texttt{grep} and
presentation/lecture2.tex:\texttt{grep} useful \\[1.0em]
presentation/lecture2.tex: \item \textbf{Note:} The extended regex \texttt{grep} option (\texttt{-E}) is not needed here \\[1.0em]
```

- `grep` isn't the only Unix command that supports regular expressions
 - `sed`
 - `awk`
 - `perl`

Regular Expressions

- General search pattern characters
 - Any character
 - `.` matches any character except a newline
 - `*` matches zero or more occurrences of the single preceding character
 - `+` matches one or more of the preceding character
 - `?` matches zero or one of the preceding character
- More special characters
 - `()` are used to quantify a sequence of characters
 - `|` functions as an OR operator
 - `{ }` are used to indicate ranges in the number of occurrences

More on Regular Expressions

- To match a special character, you should use the backslash `\`
 - To match a period do `\.`
 - `a\.b` matches `a.b` because `.` is special
- A *character class* (a.k.a. character set) can be used to match *only one* out of several characters
- Place the characters you want to match between square brackets `[]`
- A hyphen can be used to specify a range of characters
- A caret, `^`, after the opening square bracket will negate the class
 - The result is that the character will match any character that is **not** in the character class
- Examples
 - `[abc]` matches a single `a`, `b`, `c`
 - `[0-9]` matches a single digit between `0` and `9`
 - `[^A-Za-z]` matches a single character as long as it's not a letter

Regular Expressions Continued

- Some shorthand character classes are available for convenience
 - `\d` a digit, e.g. `[0-9]`
 - `\D` a non-digit, e.g. `[^0-9]`
 - `\w` a word character, matches letters and digits
 - `\W` a non-word character
 - `\s` a whitespace character
 - `\S` a non-whitespace character
- Some shorthand classes are available for matching boundaries
 - `^` the beginning of a line
 - `$` the end of a line
 - `\b` a word boundary
 - `\B` a non-word boundary
- Some references
 - <https://regexone.com/>
 - [Mastering Regular Expressions, 3rd Edition \[Book\]](#)

File Attributes

File Attributes

Every file has a specific list of attributes:

- Access times
 - when the file was created
 - when the file was last changed
 - when the file was last read
- Size
- Owners
 - user (remember `UID`?)
 - group (remember `GID`?)
- Permissions

Quick Examples

For example, time attributes access with `ls`

- `ls -l` shows when the file was last changed
- `ls -lc` shows when the file was created
- `ls -lu` shows when the file was last accessed

File Permissions

- Each file has a set of permissions that control who can access the file
- There are three different types of permissions:
 - read, abbreviated `r`
 - write, abbreviated `w`
 - execute, abbreviated `x`
- In Unix, there are permission levels associated with three types of people that might access a file:
 - owner (you)
 - group (a group of other users that you set up)
 - world (anyone else browsing around on the file system)

File Permissions Display Format

— **rwx** **rwx** **rwx**
Owner Group Others

- The first entry specifies the type of file:
 - **-** is a plain file
 - **d** is a directory
 - **c** is a character device
 - **b** is a block device
 - **l** is a symbolic link
- Meaning for files
 - **r** - allowed to read
 - **w** - allowed to write
 - **x** - allowed to execute
- Meaning for directories
 - **r** - allowed to see the names of files
 - **w** - allowed to add and remove files
 - **x** - allowed to enter the directory

Changing File Permissions

- The `chmod` command changes the permissions associated with a file or directory
- Basic syntax: `chmod <mode> <file>`
- The `<mode>` can be specified in two ways:
 - Symbolic representation
 - [Octal](#) number
- It's up to you which method you use
- Multiple symbolic operations can be given, separated by commas

Symbolic Representation

- Symbolic representation has the following form
 - [ugoa] [+ -=] [rwxX]
- u=user g=group o=other a=all
- + add permission - remove permission = set permission
- r=read w=write x=execute
- X sets to execute only if the file is a directory or already has execute permission
 - Very useful when using recursively

Symbolic Representation Examples

```
(base) SEAS-:notes $ ls -al
total 4
drwxr-xr-x 5 dsondak staff 160 Sep  7 11:16 .
drwxr-xr-x 7 dsondak staff 224 Sep  5 15:51 ..
-rwxr-xr-x 1 dsondak staff  0 Jul  2 13:32 README.md
-rw-r--r-- 1 dsondak staff  0 Sep  7 11:16 foo
-rwxr-xr-x 1 dsondak staff 31 Aug 11 17:23 hello.sh
```

```
(base) SEAS-:notes $ chmod g=rw foo
(base) SEAS-:notes $ ls -al
total 4
drwxr-xr-x 5 dsondak staff 160 Sep  7 11:16 .
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```
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Octal Representation

- Octal mode uses a single-argument string which describes the permissions for a file (3 digits)
- Each digit is a code for each of the three permission levels
- Permissions are set according to the following numbers:
 - `read=4` `write=2` `execute=1`
- Sum the individual permissions to get the desired combination

0 = no permission at all

1 = execute only

2 = write only

3 = write and execute (1+2)

4 = read only

5 = read and execute (4+1)

6 = read and write (4+2)

7 = read, write and execute (4+2+1)

Octal Representation Examples

```
(base) SEAS-:notes $ ls -al
total 4
drwxr-xr-x 6 dsondak staff 192 Sep  7 11:24 .
drwxr-xr-x 7 dsondak staff 224 Sep  5 15:51 ..
-rwxr-xr-x 1 dsondak staff   0 Jul  2 13:32 README.md
-rw-r--r-- 1 dsondak staff   0 Sep  7 11:24 bar
-r--rwx--x 1 dsondak staff   0 Sep  7 11:16 foo
-rwxr-xr-x 1 dsondak staff  31 Aug 11 17:23 hello.sh
```

```
(base) SEAS-:notes $ chmod 660 bar
(base) SEAS-:notes $ ls -al
total 4
drwxr-xr-x 6 dsondak staff 192 Sep  7 11:24 .
drwxr-xr-x 7 dsondak staff 224 Sep  5 15:51 ..
-rwxr-xr-x 1 dsondak staff   0 Jul  2 13:32 README.md
-rw-rw---- 1 dsondak staff   0 Sep  7 11:24 bar
-r--rwx--x 1 dsondak staff   0 Sep  7 11:16 foo
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```
(base) SEAS-:notes $ chmod 417 bar
(base) SEAS-:notes $ ls -al
total 4
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drwxr-xr-x 7 dsondak staff 224 Sep  5 15:51 ..
-rwxr-xr-x 1 dsondak staff   0 Jul  2 13:32 README.md
-r----xrx 1 dsondak staff   0 Sep  7 11:24 bar
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Breakout Room

- Figure out who is in the most southern latitude.
- What does `chmod 777` do? Discuss some of the repercussions.

Text Editors

Text Editors

- We need to make use of available Unix text editors for programming and changing of various text files
- Two of the most popular and available text editors are [vi](#) and [emacs](#)
- You should familiarize yourself with at least one of the two
 - [Editor Wars](#)
- We will have very short introductions to each

A Brief Text Editor History

- `ed`: line mode editor
- `ex`: extended version of `ed`
- `vi`: full screen version of `ex`
- `vim`: Vi IMproved
- `emacs`: another *very* popular editor (but it's more than that...)

`ed/ex/vi` share lots of syntax, which can be found in `sed/awk` --- useful to know

vi overview

- The big thing to remember about `vi` is that it has two different modes of operation
 - 1.) Insert mode
 - 2.) Command mode
- The insert mode puts anything typed on the keyboard into the current file
- The command mode allows the entry of command to manipulate text
- Note that `vi` starts out in command mode by default

vim Quickstart Commands

- `vim <filename>`
- Press `i` to enable insert mode
- Type text (use arrow keys to move around)
- Press `ESC` to enable command mode
- Press `:w` (followed by `return`) to save the file
- Press `:q` (followed by `return`) to exit `vim`

This may feel strange at first, but you have to start somewhere. You'll quickly learn to love it.

Useful `vim` commands

- `:q!` - exit without saving the document. Very handy for beginners!
- `:wq` - save and exit
- `/ <string>` - search within the document for text.
 - `n` goes to the next result
- `dd` - delete the current line
- `yy` - copy the current line
- `p` - past the last cut/deleted line
- `:1` - goto first line in the file
- `:$` - goto last line in the file
- `$` - end of current line
- `^` - beginning of line
- `%` - show matching brace, bracket, parentheses

Useful `vim` resources

[Vim Cheat Sheet](#)

[Other Vim Cheat Sheets](#)

[vimtutor](#)

[VIM Adventures: Learn VIM while playing a game](#)

A Note on IDEs

Many people use Interactive Development Environments (IDEs)

Examples include:

- Spyder
- Eclipse
- PyCharm

These can be very convenient and powerful, but they can also be rather bulky.

A lightweight text editor like `vim` (also `nano`, `atom`, etc) is quick and easy to use.

`vim` has the additional advantage of being available on almost any system by default.

Recap

Now you can:

- Learn even more Unix commands and really start using them
- Interact with the shell by searching for files and patterns
- Change file permissions and access
- Start editing files!