

Computing Environment Shell Commands

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Unix

- Generic name for a type of operating system(OS)
- First version in 1969 by Ken Thompson by AT&T Bell Laboratories
- Multi-user and interactive; progressive for its time
- Is written mostly in 'C', and a little bit in assembly
- Has been ported to many different processors
- Two basic versions have evolved
 - derived from Unix System V (owned by AT&T)
 - derived from Berkeley Software Distribution, or BSD
- In 1980's, SunOS branched out from BSD
- Recent 64-bit versions of SunOS are called Solaris™

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Linux

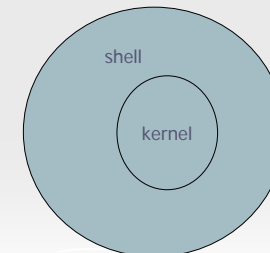
- Linux (a.k.a GNU) is similar to Unix
- However it is not proprietary OS like Windows or Solaris
- Users can obtain it freely, modify it and redistribute freely
 - Open Source
- Most non-windows labs in CIS are Linux

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Shell

- Shell provides user interface between OS and user
- Thus Unix/Linux is *command* driven
 - Graphical User Interface also exist e.g. KDE



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Shell (contd..)

- several different shells exist
- bash* is popular w/ Linux
 - we will not be using *bash* in this course
 - However, default shell upon login in Linux machines is *bash* shell
- we will use *cs*h (pronounced "sea shell")
 - Command interpreter with syntax similar to C language
 - Enhanced version is **tcsh** (t = tenex)
 - allows step up/down through history list using arrow keys
 - Completes file/directory search with 'tab' key
 - To switch from *bash* mode to *cs*h/*tcsh*: type "**cs**h/**tcsh**" at prompt

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Login In

- Your accounts are on ENIAC server
- ENIAC account is also mounted on Linux PC's
- From an existing shell, log into ENIAC using the current username
 - % ssh eniac.seas.upenn.edu**
- To open a new shell with a different user name on the same system
 - % su - username**

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File Permissions

- After entering: `ls`
- Desktop mail Maildir public_html
- html Mail
- After entering: `ls -l`
- `drwxr-xr-x 2 username username 4096 2007-09-11 06:51 html`
- `lrwxrwxrwx 1 username username 4 2006-08-30 09:21 mail -> Mail`
- `drwxr-xr-x 3 username username 4096 2007-09-10 06:50 Mail`
- `drwxrwx--- 2 username username 4096 2007-09-10 09:21 Maildir`
- `lrwxrwxrwx 1 username username 4 2007-09-08 09:21 public_html -> html`

"d" =
directory/folder

size

Date & Time

Directory /File name

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File Permissions(contd..)

- After entering `ls -l` in my home directory, I see:

```
drwxr-xr-x 2 faa faa 4096 2007-09-11 06:51 html
drwxr-x--- 10 faa faa 4096 2007-09-14 00:36 HW
lrwxrwxrwx 1 faa faa 4 2006-09-08 09:21 mail -> Mail
drwxr-xr-x 3 faa faa 4096 2007-09-10 06:50 Mail
lrwxrwxrwx 1 faa faa 4 2006-09-08 09:21 public_html -> html
```

↓
user

↓
group

↓
world

r = read permission
w = write permission
x = execute permission

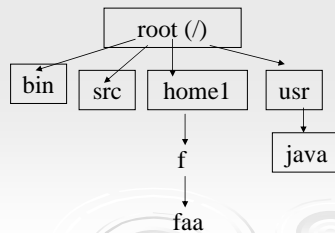
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File System

- ☞ In UNIX-based systems, files are organized into a 'tree' structure.
- ☞ In this tree, there is a 'root,' which is a directory that contains every other directory on the system.
- ☞ Other directories, which are 'branches' of the tree.



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File and Directory Navigation

- `cd /`
change to the root directory (from where ever you are)
- `cd $HOME`
change to your home directory (from where ever you are)
- `pwd`
print working directory (shows where you currently are)
- `cd ..`
go up one directory (from where ever you are)
- `cd ../../`
go up two directories (from where ever you are)
- `cd ../progs`
go up one directory, then from there go down into the **progs** dir
- `cd /newdir`
change directory to **/newdir** (underneath root directory /)

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More File Commands

- `mv filename directory`
change a file's directory, you can also change the filename by specifying a second filename instead of a directory.
- `cp oldfilename newfilename`
make a new copy of a file
- `rm filename`
delete **filename** (be *very careful* before using **this**)
- `rm *`
WARNING: removes all files lacking an extension
- `rm *.*`
WARNING: removes all files having an extension

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More Commands

- `cd .`
change to the current directory (doesn't really do anything)
- `cd ~`
change to your home directory (on some systems, but not on all)
- `tput clear(or just clear)`
clears console screen ("terminal put" clear)
- `cat filename`
list file contents on screen (file must contain only text chars)

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About Files

text files

- can be displayed, edited or printed
- contain only ASCII characters up to 127₁₀, including a few *allowed* control chars (e.g. !, & etc.)
- divided into lines; end of line marked by a control character
- a C source file is an example of a text file

binary files

contain arbitrary bit patterns; do not print or display!

executable file

a binary file; cannot be displayed or printed by the usual means

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shell commands for handling files

file *filename*

attempts to report on whether the file is text or binary

cat *filename*

- not useful for binary files
- attempts to display the file on the terminal
- if file is longer than 25 lines, top part may scroll off

cat *filename* | more

- display a text file (piped through the pager program, **more**)
- this shows you 25 lines at a time press any key to get more line
- **od - x filename** displays a file (text or binary) as hex byte values

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tar command

UNIX archive file commands:

- Extract: tar xvf tarfile.tar
- Compress: tar cvf tarfile.tar sourceDir
 - You can also specific files instead of an entire directory
- View: tar tvf tarfile.tar
 - Shows the table of contents of the tar file

v=verbose, x=extract, f=file, t=table of contents

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pipe and redirect

% command1 | command2

a pipe can be placed between any two shell commands

- it funnels the output of the 1st command to the 2nd one
- EXAMPLE: **cat collatz.c | more**
displays file collatz.c in paged mode

% command > filename

redirects the output of command to a new copy of filename

- EXAMPLE: **ls -al > all_files.txt**

% command >> filename

redirects the output of command to the *end* of filename (appends)

- EXAMPLE: **ls -al >> all_files.txt**

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More enquiries

whoami

displays the current user's login name

whereis *command*

displays the directory where *command* is stored, if found

man *command*

displays the online documentation for *command*, if found

hostname or uname -n

displays the fully qualified name of this UNIX host

uname -X

displays version info on the operating system

isalist

lists the instruction set architectures (ISA's) of this host

fpversion

displays the floating point unit and other hardware for this host

finger

displays info about users currently logged on

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Calendar Command

```
faa@minus:~> cal
```

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September 2007
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Su Mo Tu We Th Fr Sa
```

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1
```

```
2 3 4 5 6 7 8
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9 10 11 12 13 14 15
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16 17 18 19 20 21 22
```

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23 24 25 26 27 28 29
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Text Editors

- Become expert in either one of the following
- *emacs* (very popular)
 - Has menu bar like MS word along with keyboard shortcuts
 - <http://www.ucc.ie/doc/editing/emacs.html>
- *vi* (less commonly used)
 - *vim* is a more robust version
 - <http://www.linux.org/lessons/beginner/15/lesson5c.html>

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Emacs

- To start Emacs at the command prompt:
 - `faa@minus:~> emacs &`
- To open a file with Emacs from the command prompt:
 - `faa@minus:~> emacs filename &`
- ** the "&" tells emacs to run as a background process
- The Options menu allow you to personalize the environment:
 - Syntax highlighting
 - Parentheses matching
- Some versions of Emacs do not have save and open file icons:
 - Use shortcut `ctrl+x+s` to save
 - Use shortcut `ctrl+x+f` to open a file

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Remote Access

Windows:

- Secure CRT
- Filezilla

Mac OS X:

- DataComet-Secure
- Fetch