A Brief Introduction to the AOS Classroom Computers and Linux/Unix – Oct 2022

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AOS classroom computers

- Dual boot – Windows 10 or CentOS 7 Linux – Linux is the default OS
- Please log off and be sure machines are back in Linux when you are done
- 15 machines in room 1411
  4 machines in room 1443
- JupyterHub server for remote python
  https://jupyterhub.aos.wisc.edu:1225

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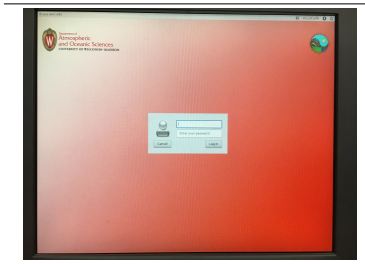
The Linux Login Screen



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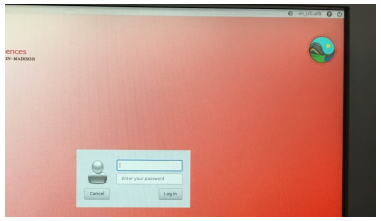

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To switch from Linux to Windows

Use the DOWN arrow to select Windows, then press <Enter>

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Windows Logon info

- Guest user is 'aos', password on the board
- aos account is local to each machine

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Software available under Windows in the 1411 lab

- Microsoft Office
- OpenOffice.org/LibraOffice
- Adobe Acrobat, Photoshop, Illustrator, Indesign
- Internet Explorer / Firefox / Chrome
- EdGCM, Hydra, miscellaneous others

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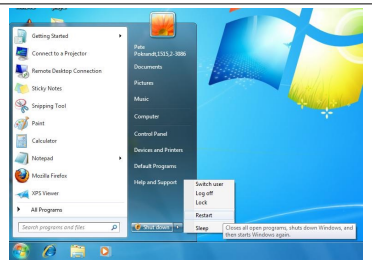
Reboot back to Linux



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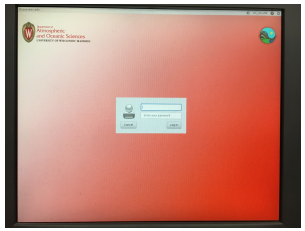

'aos' user works on linux also.

Only local to each machine

Use your username and password to log in – data on the server, common across all machines

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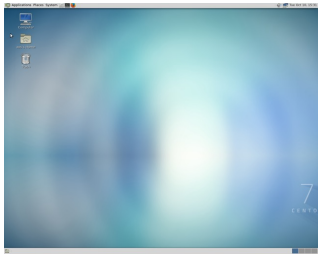
Linux desktop



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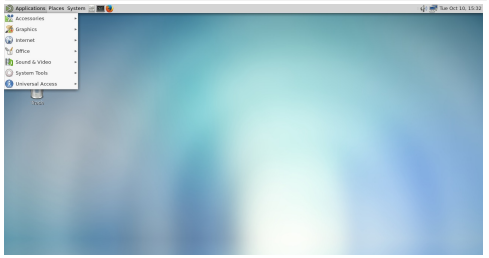

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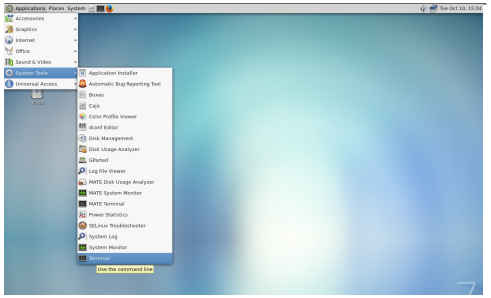
Linux – open a terminal window



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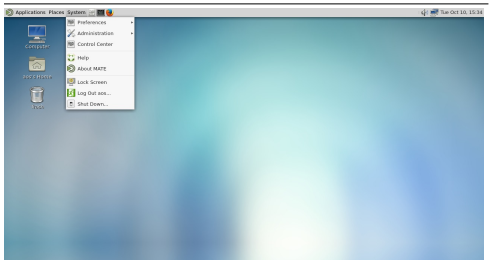
Linux – Logging off of the machine



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Brief Intro to Linux/Unix

- Operating Systems
- Brief History of Unix
- Basics of a Unix session
- The Unix File System
- Working with Files and Directories
- Your "Environment"
- Common Commands

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Brief Intro to Unix (cont'd)

- Compilers, Email, Text processing
- Image Processing

- The 'vi' editor

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Operating Systems

- The program that controls all other parts of a computer
- Familiar OS's: MS Windows
  Mac OSX
  Unix/Linux variations
  Novell, VMS, OS/2,
  iOS (phones
  Android and tablets)

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History of Unix

- Created in 1969 by Kenneth Thompson and Dennis Ritchie at AT&T
- Revised in-house until first public release 1977
- 1977 – UC-Berkeley – Berkeley Software Distribution (BSD)
- 1983 – Sun Workstations produced a Unix Workstation
- AT&T unix -> System V

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History of Unix

- Today – two main variants, but blended
- System V (Sun Solaris, SGI, Dec OSF1, AIX, linux)
- BSD (Old SunOS, linux, Mac OSX/MacOS)
- Linux distributions – RPM based (Red Hat, CentOS, Rocky) vs pkg based (Debian, Ubuntu, etc), many others

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History of Unix

- It's been around for a long time
- It was written by computer programmers for computer programmers
- Case sensitive, mostly lowercase abbreviations

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Basics of a Unix Login Session

- The Shell – the command line interface, where you enter commands, etc
  - Some common shells

Bourne Shell	(sh)
C Shell	(csh)
TC Shell	**(tcsh)**
Korn Shell	(ksh)
Bourne Again Shell	**(bash)** [OSX terminal]
Z shell	(zsh) [new OSX terminal]

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Basics of a Unix Login Session

- Features provided by the shell
  - Create an environment that meets your needs
  - Write shell scripts (batch files)
  - Define command aliases
  - Manipulate command history
  - Automatically complete the command line (tab)
  - Edit the command line (arrow keys in tcsh)

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Basics of a Unix Login Session

- Logging in to a unix session
  - login: username
  - password: tImpAw$
    (this Is my password At work $)
    OR
    IHateHaving2changeMypasswordevery3weeks!!!
    The password speech…
    DoIT Password guidelines:
    https://it.wisc.edu/guides/select-manage-protect-passwords
  - Can log in more than once, in several windows

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Basics of a Unix Login Session

- Logging in to a unix session
  - Many people can be logged in at the same time via the network
  - Remote login – secure shell [cat3/cat4/cat5.aos.wisc.edu]
  - Windows – SecureCRT or putty (Xming for graphics)

    `https://www.aos.wisc.edu/~poker/windows_xwindows/`
  - OSX/Linux – from Terminal window
    ssh username@remote.machine.edu –Y (or –X)
  - Starts in your home directory

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Basics of a Unix Login Session

- Logging off from a Unix session
  - logout, exit, ^d
  - For CentOS Linux, choose 'System/Log out'
  - In x-windows, click 'EXIT', right-click in background, select 'logout/exit', try various buttons in the background.
  - MAKE SURE you are logged out, or others can access your files, do things as you. Also, if the screen locks, others may not be able to use the machine

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Basics of a Unix Login Session

- Changing your password
  - passwd (will ask for your old password, then your new one, then new one again to confirm) – characters will not show on the screen
  - If you forget your password – see the systems administrator, they can change it for you.

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Basics of a Unix Login Session

- Who are you?
  - id
  - groups – what groups you belong to
  - root – the Superuser - administrator

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The Unix File System

- What is a file?
- Types of files
  - Ordinary Files (text, programs, images, etc)
  - Directories – Folders (file that holds other files, directories)
  - Special files (used to represent physical devices (printers, disks, etc)
  - Pipes (temporary file used to hold output from one command until it is ready to be read by another

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The Unix File System

- Types of files (cont'd)

  .. – A special directory that refers to the parent directory (the one above where you are now)

  . – A special directory that refers to the directory that you are in now

  All directories contain **.** and **..**

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The Unix File System

- Organized as a heirarchy of directories starting with '/' (the root directory)
- "/" is similar to the Windows 'My Computer', or the Mac Desktop/Finder.

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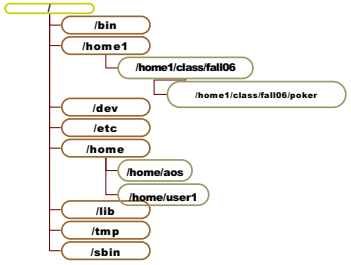
The Unix File System



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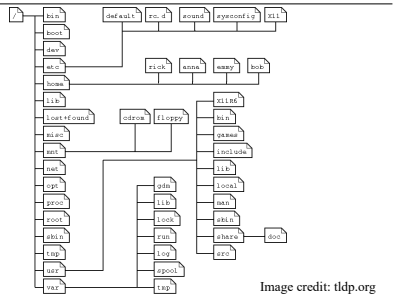

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The Unix File System

- Home Directory – where you are when you first log in (usually under /home - here, under /home1/class/fall18)
- Open Terminal starts in home or Desktop directory
- Current Working Directory (pwd)
- Absolute vs Relative Path Names
  - /home1/class/fall18/poker/dir1/file1
  - dir1/file1

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The Unix File System

- Change directory to dir1 (cd command)

  cd dir1

  Ways to refer to that same file

  /home1/class/fall18/poker/dir1/file1
  file1
  ../dir1/file1
  ./file1

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The Unix File System

- Common System Directories
  - / - root directory
  - /bin – common programs, shared by system/users
  - /boot – startup files, kernel, boot manager
  - /dev – references to peripheral hardware (disks, GPU)
  - /etc – administrative/configuration files/programs
  - /home – user home directories
  - /initrd – information for booting
  - /lib – libraries used by programs and languages

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The Unix File System

- Common System Directories
  - /lost+found – files saved during power failures, etc
  - /misc – for miscellaneous purpouses
  - /mnt – standard mount point for external file systems
  - /net – standard mount point for remote file systems
  - /opt – third party software
  - /proc – virtual file system with info about system resources
  - /root – administrative user home directory (different than 'root' /

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The Unix File System

- Common System Directories (cont'd)
  - /tmp – scratch area for temporary files
  - /usr – system files/directories shared by users
  - /var – variable/temp files (mail, printing, OS updates)
  - /usr/include – C include files
  - /home/aos– home directory for user 'aos'
  - /tornado/home1/class/fall06/poker – home directory for user 'poker'
  - /usr/local – locally added programs, libraries, etc
  - /usr/local/bin, /usr/local/lib, /usr/local/include, etc.

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Using Unix Commands

- Case Sensitive! (ls not the same as Ls or LS)
- The Prompt: where you enter your commands
  `agnes[poker] %1` (csh, tcsh)
  `agnes$` (sh, ksh, bash)
  `agnes$` (root/admin shell)
- General command syntax
  `command [-flags] arg1 arg2`…

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Using Unix Commands

- Use backspace or delete to correct errors
  `stty erase` [hit the key you want to use]
- Online manual pages for almost all commands
  `man man`
  `man passwd`
  `man -k compiler`

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Using Unix Commands

- Processes – unique process ID number for every process that is running
- Commands to identify processes
  - ps
  - ps –flu poker
  - ps –efl
  - ps –aux (bsd type systems)

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Using Unix Commands

- ps –flu poker

```
# ps -flu poker
 F S      UID   PID  PPID  C PRI NI     ADDR     SZ    WCHAN
STIME TTY      TIME CMD

8 S    poker  1047     1  0  99 20 70cb0ec0    155 70cb0f2c
   Jan 16 ?        0:00 /bin/sh

8 S    poker  1049  1048  0  40 20 70ccd5f0    269 7015587a
   Jan 16 ?        0:00 /var/tmp/lm_TMW12.ld

8 S    poker  1048  1047  0  41 20 70ccceb8    133 70641c1c
   Jan 16 ?        0:00 sh -c while read line;
```

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Using Unix Commands

- Jobs – per shell shortcut of programs running

```
agnes 27% jobs
[1] + Running          firefox
```

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Using Unix Commands

- Killing processes
  kill *pid*
  kill –STOP *pid*
  kill -9 *pid*
- Job Control
  ^Z – stop a running job
  jobs
  fg %1
  bg %1

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Using Unix Commands

- Typical command locations
  - /bin
  - /usr/bin
  - /usr/local/bin
  - /home1/class/fall06/poker/bin
  - /research/linux_bin

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Using Unix Commands

- PATH environment variable – where linux looks for progs

```
agnes 1% echo $PATH
/research/linux_grads/grads-1.9b4/bin:
/research/linux_bin:/research/linux_idv:
/research/linux_mcidas/bin:
/research/ncl/bin:
/usr/local/weather/bin:/usr/local/bin:
/bin:/usr/bin:/usr/bin/X11:.:
/research/linux_gempak/GEMPAK7/os/linux/bin

agnes 2% rehash

agnes 3% ./prog
```

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Using Unix Commands

- Locating Programs – whereis, which
  - **agnes 2% whereis pwd**
    pwd: /bin/pwd /usr/bin/pwd
  - **agnes 3% which pwd**
    /usr/pwd

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Using Unix Commands

- Several commands can be entered on one command line, separated by a ';'
  ls ; date
- Use output of one command as input to another – separate by a |
  ls -ltrF | tail
- Run a command in the background
  firefox &

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Using Unix Commands

- Command History (in C or TC shell)
  - history – list previous commands (numbered)
  - !! – repeat previous command
  - !str – repeat previous command beginning with 'str'
  - !*N* – repeat command number *N*
  - ^*old*^*new* – repeat previous command, replacing first occurrence of '*old*' with '*new*'

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Using Unix Commands

- Command History
  - tcsh/bash – arrow keys
  - up/down to cycle back/forward through command history
  - left/right to edit the command line
  - <ctrl>-a – beginning of line
  - <ctrl>-e – end of line
  - Don't need to move to end of line before running

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Using Unix Commands

- Standard input/output/error from commands
  - Input – usually the keyboard
  - Output – usually the screen
  - Error – usually the screen

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Using Unix Commands

- Redirecting standard input/output/error (csh/tcsh)

```
>   >>   >&   >>&   <   <<

ls > file       std output overwrites file
ls >> file      std output appends at end of file

ls >& file      std output/error into file
ls >>& file     std output/error appended to file

ls < file       std input from file
ls << WORD      std input until line identical to
                WORD [WORD must be first and only
                thing on the line, and unique]
```

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Using Unix Commands

- Pipes (the vertical bar |)

```
ls -ltrF | tail
```

- Aliases – roll your own commands

```
alias ll '/bin/ls -ltrF'
alias lt '/bin/ls -ltrF | tail'
alias arch 'cd /bigtemp/poker/archive'
```

- Line Continuation character - \

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Using Unix Commands

- Line Continuation character - \

```
/bin/rm -r \
file1 \
file2 \
file3 \
file4
```

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Using Unix Commands

- Shell Scripts – group of commands entered one by one in a file, executed as if you had typed them at the prompt

```
#!/bin/csh
echo 'Good Morning, Pete'
echo 'Today is ' `date`
echo 'Remember everything you need to do'
exit
```

- Used extensively for creating GEMPAK plots

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Working with Files and Directories

- Creating files
  - cat – concatenate files

```
cat > file1
this text will be put into file1
^D

cat file1 file2 file3 > file4

cat file1 file2 > file1
```

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Working with Files and Directories

- echo – echo commands to stdout (the screen?)

```
echo 'this text will be put into file1' >
file1

echo 'this text will be appended after
the last' >> file1
```

- touch – create an empty new file, or update modification time of an existing file

```
touch file
```

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Working with Files and Directories

- Editing files
  - What is a text editor compared to a word processor?
  - vi, nedit, gedit, nano, pico, emacs

```
vi file1
nedit file1 &
```

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Working with Files and Directories

- Text editors
  - vi(m) - cryptic text editor included with all unix
  - nedit - graphical editor simliar to notepad
  - gedit - another graphical editor
  - pico/nano - nicer character based text editor
  - emacs- powerful, customizable text editor

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Working with Files and Directories

- Displaying files
  - Cat – file scrolls up the screen
    `cat file1`
  - Pagers (more, less) – pause between screenfuls
    `less file1`
  - Text editors (vi, nedit, pico, emacs)
  - Head – displays the first 10 lines of a file
    `head -20 file` (first 20 lines)
  - Tail – displays the last 10 lines of a file
    `tail -f20 file` (the last 20 lines, then anything appended to file)

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Working with Files and Directories

- Listing files – ls

```
ls
   a     b     dir1  file1

ls -a
   .     ..    a     b     dir1  file1

ls -l file1
-rw-r--r--  1 poker user 203 Jan 13 16:39 file1
```

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Working with Files and Directories

- Copying files - cp
  - `cp file1 file2` copies file1 to file2
  - `cp file1 dir1` creates a copy of file1 in dir1
  - `cp file1 file2 file3 dir1` creates copies of all 3 files in dir1

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Working with Files and Directories

- Moving/renaming files - mv
  - `mv file1 file2` renames file1 to file2
  - `mv file1 dir1` moves file1 to dir1/file1
  - `mv file1 file2 file3 dir1` moves of all 3 files into dir1

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Working with Files and Directories

- Deleting files – rm

  `rm file1` deletes file1

  `rm –i file1 file2 file3` deletes file1, file2, file3, but asks you for confirmation first
- The –i flag works with cp and mv also

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Working with Files and Directories

- Comparing two files – diff

<file1> <file2>
Line one is the same Line one is the same
Line two is not the same Line two is different

```
diff file1 file2
  2c2
  < Line two is not the same
  ---
  > Line two is different
```

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Working with Files and Directories

- Searching the contents of files – grep

```
grep EXPRESSION file1 file2 file3
grep –i expression file1 file2 file3
```

- Sorting the contents of a file – sort

`sort file1` sorts contents of file1 in alpha order
`sort –n file1` sorts in numerical order
`sort –r file1` reverses order of sorting
`sort –nr file1` reverses numerical order

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Working with Files and Directories

- File permissions – controlling access to your files
  - chmod [ugoa] [+/-] [rwx] files
    u – user, g – group, o – others, a – all
    + - add access
    - - remove access
    r – read, w – write, x – execute

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Working with Files and Directories

- File permissions – controlling access to your files
  - chmod NNN files
    N = sum of read (4), write (2), execute (1)

    `chmod 761 file` results in
    `-rwxrw---x`

User	read, write, execute
Group	read, write
Other	execute

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Working with Files and Directories

- umask – default permission mask
  - A 3 digit number that is subtracted from
    666 for files
    777 for directories
    to get the default permissions
  - umask default is 022, resulting in default permissions of
    rwxr-xr-x (755)

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Working with Files and Directories

- Wildcard characters
  - * matches 0 or more of any characters
  - ? matches exactly one character
  - [Jj] matches exactly one J or j
  - [1-5] matches exactly one 1,2,3,4, or 5
  - ~ expands to full path to your home directory
  - ~poker expands to full path to poker's home dir

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Working with Files and Directories

- Determine file type – file

```
agnes 3% file 12z28_300.ps
12z28_300.ps:   PostScript document
```

- Finding/Searching for a file – find

```
find PATH -name "filename" -print
find /usr/people/poker -name "*.txt" -print
```

- Symbolic Link – a pointer to a file

```
ln -s original_file new_file
```

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Working with Files and Directories

- Printing files (cmd line) – lpr OR lp, lpq, lprm

```
lpr  -Psynoptic file_to_be_printed
lpq  -Psynoptic
lprm -Psynoptic idnum

lp -ddest file_to_be_printed
```

- Only text or postscript files – no GIF, JPG, PDF, .gz, etc – linux can handle them

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Working with Files and Directories

- If you print a file and it doesn't print…

```
lpq  -Psynoptic
   synoptic is not ready
   Rank OwnerJob  File(s)
   1st  poker359  evince-print
   2nd  aos       360  homework1.ps
   3rd  morgan    361  gpend.ps
```

- please let me know!!

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Working with Files and Directories

- Available printers in AOS:
  - gpend – b/w printer in back of 1411
    use if you are working in 1411
  - synoptic – b/w printer in room 1443
    use if you are not in 1411 or a class is in there
  - prism – color printer in room 1411 - COLOR ONLY please!!
  - chroma - color printer in room 1443 – COLOR ONLY please!!

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Working with Files and Directories

- Compressing files to save disk space
  - gzip –v filename
  - gunzip –v filename.gz
  - compress –v filename
  - uncompress –v filename.Z
  - pack filename
  - unpack filename.z
  - bzip2 (.bz)

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Working with Files and Directories

- Transferring files from one machine to another
  - ftp (only for anonymous ftp now..)

```
ftp machine.aos.wisc.edu
(user, password)
cd whateverdir
bin (or ascii)
put localfile remotefile
get remotefile localfile
bye  (or quit)
```

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Working with Files and Directories

- Transferring files from one machine to another
  - scp – secure copy

```
scp filename username@remote:/path/filename
scp username@remote:/path/filename .

scp "*.txt" username@remote:/path/filename
```

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Working with Files and Directories

- Transferring files from one machine to another
  - sftp – secure ftp (really sits on top of scp)

```
sftp username@remote.machine.name
```

  - Windows sftp clients:
    - ssh secure shell file transfer
    - winscp (winscp.net)
    - Software.wisc.edu / Campus Software Library - SecureFX (for windows)

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Working with Files and Directories

- Directories
  - mkdir – create a directory
  - mv – move or rename a directory
  - ls – list the contents of a directory
  - cp – copy a directory
    `cp -r dir1 dir2` copies all files/dirs in dir1 into dir2 if doesn't exist – copies dir1 and sub into dir2 if it does
  - rmdir (or rm –r) – remove a directory
    rmdir dirname – remove directory only if empty
    rm –r dir1 – recursively remove dir1 and all in it
  - pwd – display full path to current directory

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Your Environment

- Environment variables
  - echo $VAR
  - setenv VAR value (in csh)
  - VAR=value ; export VAR (in sh)
  - export VAR=value (in bash/ksh)
  - env [prints all environment variables]

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Your Environment

- Common Environment variables
  - DISPLAY for x-windows, the display location
  - EDITOR your default text editor for mail, etc
  - PAGER your default pager for man, etc
  - PATH the search path for programs
  - PRINTER the default printer
  - SHELL the name of the shell you are using
  - TERM the type of terminal you are using
  - TZ the local time zone

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Your Environment

- Common Environment variables
  - NETCDF directory for netCDF libraries, etc
  - LD_LIBRARY_PATH path to search for shared libraries
  - MATLABPATH – path for matlab files
  - NCARG_ROOT – path for NCAR graphics/ncl

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Your Environment

- Shell variables (tcsh)– usually lowercase
  - echo $var
  - set var = value (string value in csh/tcsh)
  - @ i = 5 (numeric value in csh/tcsh)
  - set var myvar (in bash)
  - set [prints all environment variables]

Usually used to set shell specific preferences or behavior – or in scripting

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Your Environment

- Startup files
  - Used to set aliases, environment variables, paths, etc. that you want set every time you log in
  - .cshrc – executed for all C shells
  - .tcshrc – executed for TC shell (.cshrc works too)
  - .login – only executed once at login time
  - .profile – executed for Bourne, K shells
  - .bashrc or .bash_profile – for bash

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Your Environment

- Startup files - .tcshrc

```
# .cshrc
…
switch ($TMP_OS)
case irix:
    # execute SGI stuff
Breaksw # end of SGI stuff
case sunos:
    # execute Solaris (Sun) stuff
Breaksw # end of Solaris stuff
case linux:
    # execute linux stuff
breaksw # end of linux stuff
```

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Your Environment

- Startup files - .tcshrc (cont' d)

```
umask 22
limit coredumpsize 0
set path=(/research/linux_grads/grads-1.9b4/bin \
/research/linux_bin \
/research/linux_idv \
…
/usr/X11R6/bin \
. )

setenv NCARG_ROOT /research/ncl
setenv GADDIR /research/solaris_grads/grads-1.9b4
```

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Your Environment

- Startup files - .tcshrc (cont' d)

```
# For Gempak
source /research/linux_gempak/NAWIPS/Gemenviron
if ($?prompt ) then
    set history=32
endif

alias ls 'ls -C'
alias ll 'ls -ltrF'
alias h history
set prompt="`uname -n` \!% "

breaksw # end linux stuff
```

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More commands

- clear - clear your screen
- df - display disk size, usage, amount free (512 byte blocks – use –k option to get kb, -h)
- du - display disk usage in 512 byte blocks (use –k option to get kb, -h to get Gb/Mb/Kb)

  du –sk * | sort –nr
  display disk usage in kb for each file, directory, sorted by size, largest first

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More Commands

- script - get a log of all commands entered and their output (typescript)
- source - execute the contents of a file as if they were typed in at the prompt
- tar - write one or more files/directories to tape or to an archive file, or extract from tape or archive file

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More commands

- ssh - connect to another machine over the network

  `ssh machine.domain.edu -l username`
  `ssh username@machine.domain.edu`

  `-X or -Y` to tunnel Xwindows traffic

- who/w - who is logged into this machine right now

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Even More commands

- awk - pattern scanning and processing language
- sed - stream editor
- cal - displays a calendar (cal 2001)
- date - sets or displays the date
- ed, ex - simple line-based text editors (vi is based on these)
- hostname - set or display the machine name
- od - dumps octal, decimal, hexadecimal or ascii representations of files

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Compilers/Programming languages

- cc/gcc C compiler
- CC/g++- C++ compiler
- f77/g77/pgf77/ifort - Fortran 77 compiler
- f90/g95/pgf90/ifort - Fortran 90/95 compiler
- gfortran Fortran compiler

`gcc file.c` - produces a.out

`gfortran –o exefile file.f` – creates exefile

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Compilers/Programming languages

- perl Perl interpreter
- python python interpreter

```
python file.py
jupyter notebook (web IDE)
```

- javac/java Java compiler/interpreter
- make maintain, update, regenerate programs and files

```
make
make –f Makefile
```

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Email

- mail – standard unix mail program

```
mail user@email.address
input text blah blah blah
.
```

- Mail – slightly more advanced
- elm
- Pine
- mozilla/thunderbird
- web email clients – in firefox/chrome

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Text Processing

- Postscript – file begins with !PS… preview with 'ggv, ghostview, gv' print using 'lpr'
- tex/latex – dvi files – xdvi, dvipdf, dvips
- nroff/troff – old, mostly unix man pages
- xpdf or evince – read pdf files (or in chrome/firefox)

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Image/movie processing

- pbmplus/netpbm- suite of image conversion progs
- ImageMagick - suite of image conversion progs (convert, display, identify, etc.)
- ffmpeg - movie creation/conversion
- xv - image viewer
- gimp - image prog similar to photoshop
- vlc - movie viewer
- xanim - animation/movie viewer

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Web browsing

- NO MS Internet Explorer / Edge / Safari
- Mozilla firefox
- Google chrome
- lynx - text based web browser
- links - text based web browser

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Weather data viewing/plotting/searching

- weather - text info
- GEMPAK - graphical plotting, analysis
- AWIPS - graphical plotting, analysis
- McIDAS - graphical plotting, analysis
- grads - graphical plotting, analysis
- vis5d - 3-d animation
- idv - graphical plotting, analysis

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A Sample GEMPAK script

- `cp /research/sample_gempak_script.csh ~`
- `chmod a+x ~/sample_gempak_script.csh`
- `./sample_gempak_script.csh`
- `Should create a map of 850 theta and MSLP named 850slp_170101012.gif (today's date)`

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Anaconda/Miniconda python

- `Get miniconda from http://conda.pydata.org/miniconda.html`
- `conda create --name aos330 python=3.10`
- `Must use bash (type bash to start)`
- `source activate aos330`
  `conda activate aos330`

  `conda deactivate`

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Anaconda/Miniconda python

- More detailed info about installing miniconda, using conda-forge and creating environments:

  `https://www.aos.wisc.edu/~poker/python_conda.html`

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The 'vi' text editor

- Two modes of keyboard input
  - Command mode – all keys used to move the cursor, yank/put lines, etc.
  - Input mode – all keys are used to input the characters that you would expect.

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The 'vi' text editor

- Starting vi
  - **`vi filename`**
  - If 'filename' did not already exist, you will see a blank screen with a bunch of tildes (~) down the left side. This lets you know that the file is empty (where the bottom is)
  - Vi starts in command mode; certain characters place it in insert mode

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The 'vi' text editor

- When in insert mode, vi does what you would expect:
  - Characters you type are inserted into the file
  - Backspace/delete erase characters
  - <esc> will get you back into command mode
- Typing <esc> a few times will always get you back to command mode

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The 'vi' text editor

- Command mode is where you do everything that isn't done in insert mode
- In command mode, all the keys that would normally insert characters into the file now have completely different functions

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The 'vi' text editor

- Some common keystrokes:
  - Moving the cursor around

    h – move cursor one character to the LEFT
    j – move cursor one line DOWN
    k – move cursor one line UP
    l – move cursor one character to the RIGHT

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The 'vi' text editor

- Some common keystrokes
  - Moving the cursor around

    0 – move cursor to BEGINNING of LINE
    $ – move cursor to the END of the LINE
    G – move the cursor to the END of the FILE
    1G – move cursor to the TOP of FILE

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The 'vi' text editor

- Some common keystrokes
  - Moving the cursor around

    <ctrl>-f – move forward (down) one full screen
    <ctrl>-b – move back (up) one full screen
    <ctrl>-d – move down (forward) one half screen
    <ctrl>-u – move up (back) one half screen

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The 'vi' text editor

- If you try to move somewhere that vi doesn't want you to move (press 'h' to go left when your cursor is already at the left-most column) vi will beep or flash your terminal.

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The 'vi' text editor

- Inserting text (entering insert mode)
  - i – insert text starting before cursor
  - I – insert text starting before first character on line
  - a – append text after cursor
  - A – append text after end of line
  - o – open a new line beneath the current line
  - O – open a new line above the current line

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The 'vi' text editor

- Deleting text:
  - x – delete the character that the cursor is on
  - dd – delete the line that the cursor is on

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The 'vi' text editor

- Saving and quitting
  - :w – write to disk
  - :wq – write to disk and exit (writes regardless of whether the file has changed or not)
  - ZZ – write to disk and exit (does not write if file has not changed)
  - :q! – exit without writing to disk

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The 'vi' text editor

- Copy, Delete, Move text:
  - *N*dd – delete *N* lines starting with the line the cursor is on. Those lines are placed in a storage area (buffer) that can be retrieved later on
  - *N*yy – yank *N* lines starting with the line the cursor is on. The lines are copied into a buffer; but also left intact.

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The 'vi' text editor

- Copy, Delete, Move text:
  - p – put the text from the buffer into the file starting with the line below the cursor
  - P – put the text from the buffer into the file starting with the line above the cursor

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The 'vi' text editor

- Marking lines
  - You can mark 26 locations in the file with an invisible marker (a-z)

    ma – marks the line as location 'a'
    'a – moves to the location marked as 'a'
    d'a – delete text from the line where the cursor is now, to the line marked with 'a'
    y'a – yank the text from the line where the cursor is now to the line marked with 'a'

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The 'vi' text editor

- Search and Replace:
  - /text – search forward for next occurance of 'text'
  - ?text – search backwards for next 'text'
  - n – repeat the previous search, same direction
  - N – repeat previous search, opposite direction

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The 'vi' text editor

- Search and Replace:
  - :s/search_string/replace_string/g
    replaces every 'search_string' on the current line with 'replace_string'
  - :s/search_string/replace_string/
    replaces only the first occurance on the line
  - :32,56s/search/replace/g
    replaces every 'search' occurring between lines 32 and 56 inclusive with 'replace

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The 'vi' text editor

- Search and Replace:
  - :.,$s/search/replace/g
    replace every 'search' between the current line (.) and the last line in the file ($) with 'replace'
  - :1,$s/search/replace/g
  - :%s/search/replace/g
    both these replace every 'search' in the entire file with 'replace'

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The 'vi' text editor

- Undo
  - u – undo the last command that you told vi to perform (usually limited to one command, vim under linux lets you undo many)
  - U – undo all of the changes made to the current line since you moved there
- Repeating commands:
  - . – repeat the last command given

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