



### Introduction to Linux

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- Today, Introduction to LINUX
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   Programming Workshop
- June 1-2,2016: Nvidia GPU Workshop
- June 15,2016: HPC User Environment 1
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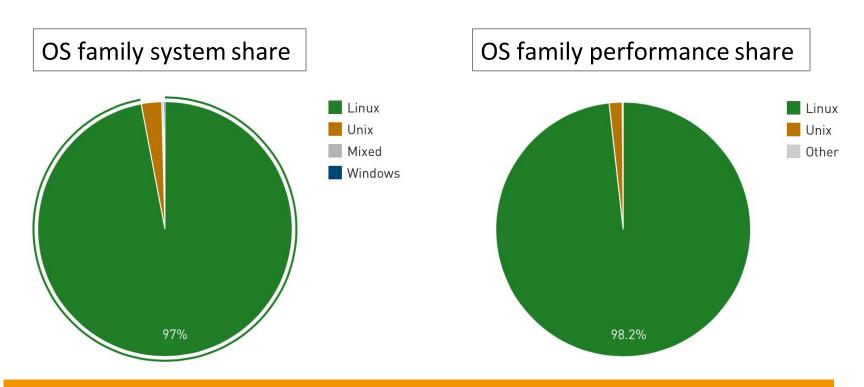
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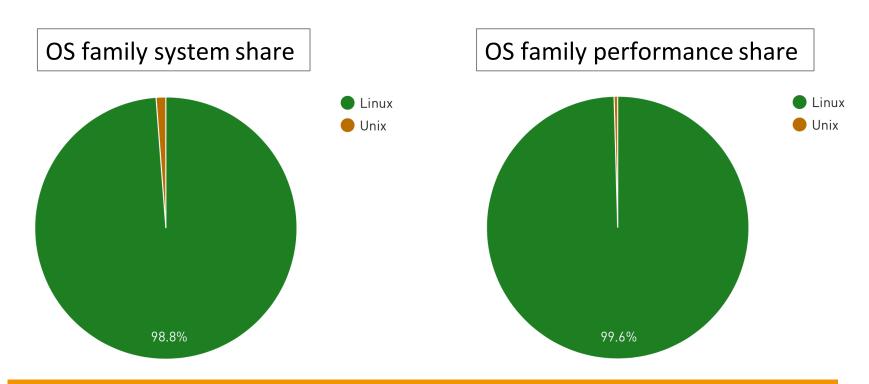
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# History of Linux

- Designed and implemented at AT&T Bell Labs in 1969 by Ken Thompson, Dennis Ritchie, Douglas McIlroy, and Joe Ossanna
- First released in 1971 and was written in assembler
- Re-written in C by Dennis Ritchie in 1973 (with exceptions to the kernel and I/O) for better portability
- The GNU Project by Richard Stallman started in 1983
  - Goal: create a "complete Unix-compatible software system" with entirely free software
- 386BSD released in 1992 and written by Berkeley alumni Lynne Jolitz and William Jolitz
  - FreeBSD, NetBSD, OpenBSD and NextStep (Mac OSX) descended from this





# History of Linux

- MINIX, an inexpensive minimal Unix-like operating system, was designed for education 1987 by Andrew S. Tanenbaum
- Linus Torvalds, a student at University of Helsinki began working on his own operating system, which became the "Linux Kernel", 1991
- Linus released his kernel for free download and helped further development





# History of Linux

- Linux was only a kernel, yet the application component was missing for the Linux OS
- The GNU Project by Richard Stallman started in 1983
   -Creating a "complete Unix-compatible software system" with entirely free software
- Birth of the new Operating System known as "GNU/Linux" (Linux) by combining Linux with free software from the GNU project
- GNU/Linux (Linux) released under the GNU Public License (GPL):
   Free to use, modify and re-distribute iff later distributions are also under GPL





### What is Linux

- Essential components: Linux kernel + GNU system utilities + installation scripts + management utilities etc.
- Many software vendors release their own packages, known as distributions
  - Debian, Ubuntu, Mint
  - Red Hat, Fedora, CentOS, Scientific Linux
  - Slackware, OpenSUSE, SLES, SLED
  - Gentoo
- Installation: from source or customized pacakges
  - deb: Debian based distros, e.g. Debian, Ubuntu, Mint
  - rpm: Red Hat based distros, Slackware based distros





# Linux Desktop Environment

Linux distributions offer a variety of desktop environment

Redhat, KDE, GNOME, XFCE, LXDE, Cinnamon, MATE





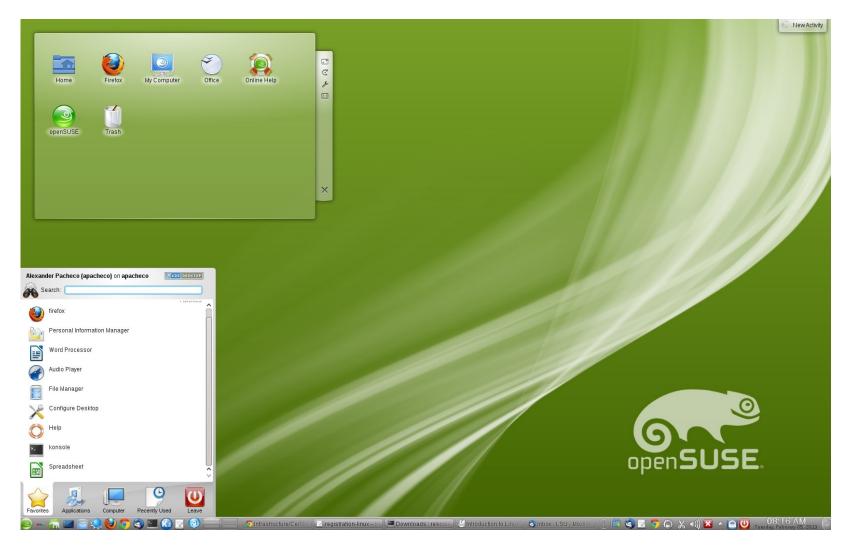
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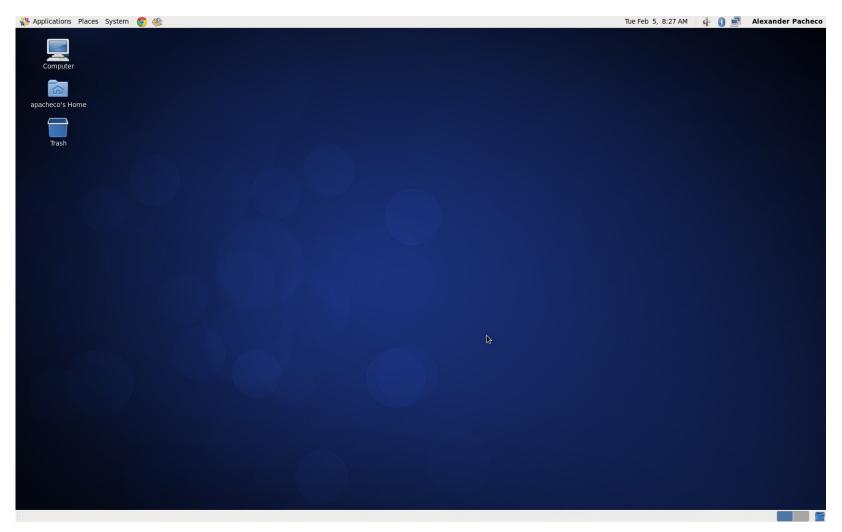
# openSUSE KDE Desktop







# CentOS GNOME Desktop







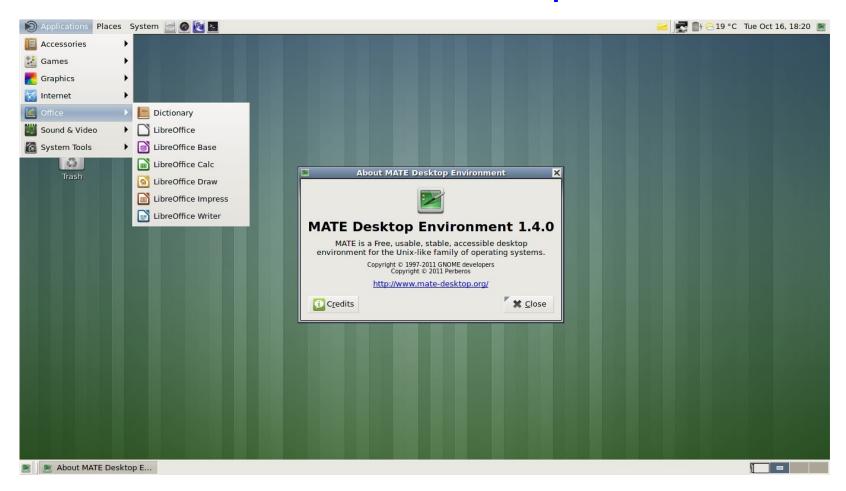
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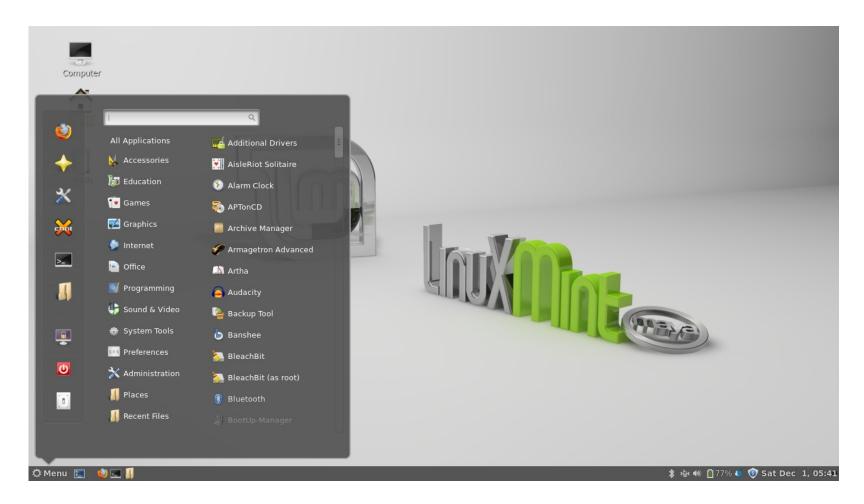
# Debian MATE Desktop







# **Linux Mint Cinnamon Desktop**







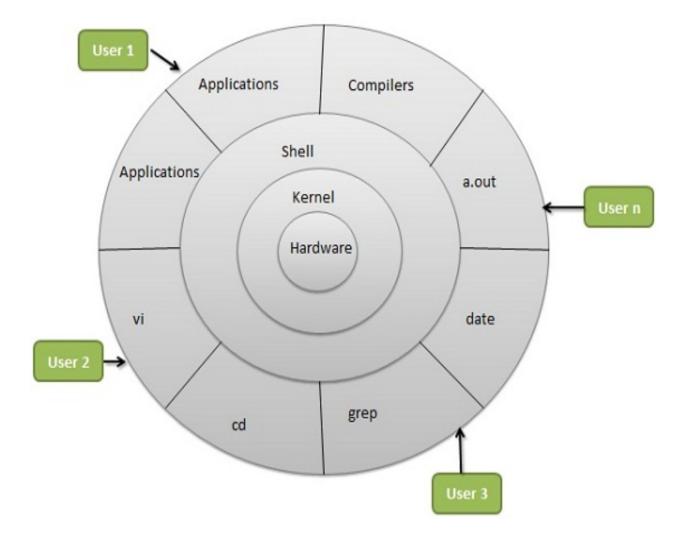
### **Linux Distributions**

- Linux distributions tailored to different requirements
  - Server
  - Desktop
  - Workstation
  - Router
  - Embedded devices
  - Mobile devices (Android is a Linux-based OS)
- Most software on Windows have equivalent software on Linux
  - Multiple versions and open source
  - http://wiki.linuxquestions.org/wiki/Linux-Windows\_Software\_Equivalents





# Linux System Architecture







# **Linux Components**

#### What is a Kernel

- The core component of OS
- Manage the system's resources, memory, file systems...
- Provide the lowest level abstraction layer to upper layer components
- Inter-process communications and system calls are used to make services available





# **Linux Components**

#### What is a Shell

- An application running on top of the kernel and provides a powerful interface to the system
- Process user's commands, gather input from user and execute programs
- Types of shell with varied features
  - sh
  - csh
  - ksh
  - bash
  - tcsh





# Shell Comparison

Software	sh	csh	ksh	bash	tcsh
Programming language	у	У	у	у	У
Shell variables	у	У	у	у	У
Command alias	n	У	у	У	У
Command history	n	У	у	у	У
Filename autocompletion	n	<b>y</b> *	y*	У	У
Command line editing	n	n	y*	у	У
Job control	n	У	У	у	У

<sup>\*:</sup> not by default

http://www.cis.rit.edu/class/simg211/unixintro/Shell.html





# What can you do with a shell?

- Check the current shell
  - **-** echo \$0
- List available shells on the system
  - cat /etc/shells
- Change to another shell
  - exec sh
- Date and time
  - date
- Calendar:
  - **-** cal2015
- Run applications
  - gcc hello.c -o hello
  - ./hello





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### **Files**

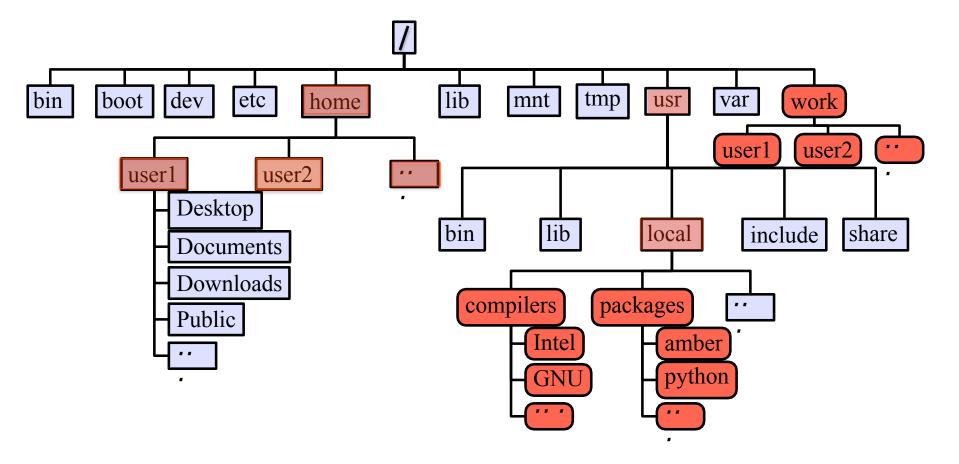
- All data in Linux/UNIX is organized in files
- A file is a collection of data created by users, system admins...
- Example of files
  - Documents composed of ascii text
  - Program written in high level programming languages
  - Executables that you can run
  - Directory containing information about its content





# File Directory Structure

- \*\*All files are arranged in directories.
- \*\*These directores are organized into the file system







# Important Directories

/bin	contains files that are essential for system operation, available for use by all users.
/lib,/lib64	contains libraries that are essential for system operation, available for use by all users.
/var	used to store files which change frequently (system level not user level)
/etc	contains various system configurations
/dev	contains various devices such as hard disk, CD-ROM drive etc
/sbin	same as bin but only accessible by <b>root</b>
/tmp	temporary file storage
/boot	contains bootable kernel and bootloader
/usr	contains user documentations, binaries, libraries etc
/home	contains home directories of all users. This is the directory where you are at when you login to a Linux/UNIX system.





### File Path

Definition: position in the directory tree

- Absolute path
  - Uniquely defined and does NOT depend on the current path
  - /tmp is unique
- Relative path
  - Depend on the current location in the directory tree
  - is the current working directory
  - .. is one directory up
  - : ../tmp is not unique





### Linux is Case Sensitive

- All names are case sensitive
  - Commands, variables, files etc.
- Example: MyFile.txt, myfile.txt, MYFILE.TXT are three different files in Linux





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### **Basic Commands**

- Command: a computer program (interpreter) to perform a specific task
- Command prompt: a sequence of characters used in a command line interface to indicate the readiness to accept commands
  - Prompt user to take action
  - A prompt usually ends with one of the characters \$,%#,:,>
     and often includes information such as user name and the
     current working directory
  - The format be changed via PS1
- Command format: command\_name [options] arguments

  ls -l /home/user





### **Get More Information**

- Man: show the manual for a command or program
  - The manual shows how to use the command and list the different options and arguments
  - Usage: man <command name>
  - Example: man ls
- Apropos: show all of the man pages that may be relevant to a certain command or topic
  - Usage: apropos <string>
  - Example: apropos editor





### Commands: Is

- ls command list the contents of a directory
  - Usage: ls <options> <path>
  - Example: ls
  - The default path will be current working directory if path is omitted.

#### Options

- -1: show long listing format
- -a: (--all) show hidden files(name starts with an "." is hidden)
- -r: reverse order when sorting
- -t: show modification times
- -h: (--human-readable) use file sized in SI units (bytes, kbytes, megabytes etc.)
- -d: (--directory) list directory entries instead of contents, and do not dereference symbolic links





# Commands: cat, more/less, head/tail

- Display the content of a file to screen
  - cat: show content of a file
  - more: display contents one page at a time
  - less: display contents one page at a time, and allow forward/backward scrolling
- Usage: cat/more/less <options> <filename>
- head: output the first part of files
- tail: output the last part of files
- Usage: head/tail <options> <filename>
- Be careful when using those commands on binary files
  - The file command reveal what type of file the target is





# **Auto-completion**

- Allows automatic completion of typing file, directory or command name via the TAB key
  - Convenient, also error-proof
  - If there is no unique name, all matching names will show
- The default feature in bash and tcsh
- Example: your home directory contains directories Desktop, Documents and Downloads
  - Enter command ls D, then press tab
  - Enter command ls Do, then press tab
  - Enter command ls Dow, then press tab





### Wildcards

Linux allows the use of wildcards for strings

- \*: any number of characters
  - Example: ls \*.gz will list all the file ending with .gz
- ?: any *single* character
- []: specify a range
  - e.g.: ls test[1-9] list the file test1, test2 ...





### Commands: pwd and cd

- pwd command prints the current working directory
  - Usage: pwd
  - Example: pwd
- cd command allows one to change the current working directory
  - Usage: cd [destination]
  - Example: cd /tmp
  - The default destination is the home directory if [destination] is omitted
  - ~ stands for home directory (bash)
  - -- stands for previous working directory (bash)





#### Commands: mkdir

- mkdir is a command to create a directory
- Usage: mkdir <options> <path>
- Example: mkdir ~/testdir
- By default, the directory is created in the current directory
- Options
  - -p: create the target directory as well as any directories that appear in the path but does not exist





## Commands: cp

- cp:copy a file or directory
- Usage: cp <options> <sources> <destination>
- Example: cp \$HOME/.bashrc ~/testdir
- Options
  - -r: copy recursively, required when copying directories.
  - -i: prompt if file exists on destination and can be copied over.
  - -p: preserve file access times, ownership etc.
- By default cp will overwrite files with identical names (!!)
- If there are more than one source files, then the destination must be a directory





#### Commands: rm

- **rm**: removes files and directories
- Usage: rm <options> <list of files/directories>
- Examples: rm testdir/.bashrc ~/testfile
- Options
  - -r: remove recursively, required when deleting directories
  - -i: prompt if the file really needs to be deleted
  - -f: force remove (override the -i option)
- BE CAREFUL: DELETED FILES \*CANNOT\* BE RECOVERED!!!





#### Commands: mv

- mv command moves or renames a file or directory
- Usage: mv <options> <sources> <dest>
- Example: mv test test1
- Use the -i option to prompt if a file or directory will be overwritten.
- If there are more than one source files, the destination must be a directory





#### Commands: alias

- alias: create a shortcut to another command or name to execute a long string
- Usage
  - bash/sh/ksh: alias <name>="<actual command>"
  - csh/tcsh: alias <name> "<actual command>"
- Example
  - bash/sh/ksh: alias lla="ls -altr"
  - csh/tcsh: alias lls "ls -altr"
- alias can be used to prevent files from being deleted accidentally
  - Example: alias rm "rm -i"
- alias: list all aliases currently defined (without arguments)
- unalias: remove an alias





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#### **Linux File Permission**

- Designed as the multi user environment, the access restriction of files to other users on the system is embedded.
- Three types of file permission
  - Read (r)
  - Write (w)
  - Execute (x)
- Three types of user
  - User (u) (owner of the file)
  - Group (g) (group owner of the file)
  - World (o) (everyone else who is on the system)





#### **Linux File Permission**

Each file in Linux has the following attributes:

- •Owner permissions: determine what actions the owner of the file can perform on a file
- •Group permissions: determine what actions a user, who is a member of the group that a file belongs to, can perform on a file
- •Other (world) permissions: indicate what action all other users can perform on a file





#### File Permission

```
weis-MacBook-Pro:Laplace2D wei$ ll -al
total 56
drwxr--r--
            9 wei
                   staff 306 Jun 13 16:13 .
drwxr-xr-x
           12 wei staff
                         408 May 4 17:09
            1 wei
                          1614 May 4 17:09 README
                   staff
-rwxr--r--
                          2083 May 4 17:09 answer.c
            1 wei staff
-rwxr--r--
                          1945 May 4 17:09 answer.f90
            1 wei
                   staff
-rwxr--r-
            1 wei staff
                          2004 May 4 17:09 exercise.c
-rwxr--r--
                                    4 17:09 exercise f90
                          1833 May
            1 wei
                   staff
-rwxr--r--
                            10 Jun 13 16:13 linkMe -> exercise.c
            1 wei
                   staff
lrwxr-xr-x
                                    4 17:09 timer.h
            1 wei
                   staff
                          1572 May
```

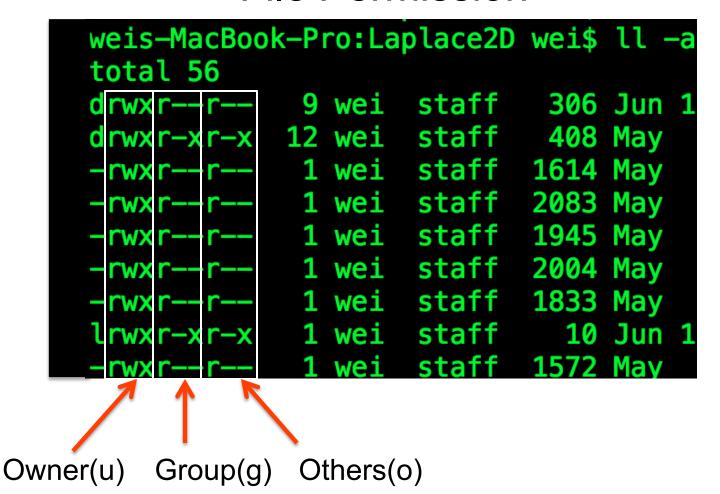
The first column indicates the type of the file and

- d:for directory
- I: for symbolic link
- for normal file





#### File Permission







## Permission on File vs Directory

Permission	File	Directory
r	read the file content	Is the files under the directory
W	write to the file	create new files and directories, delete existing files and directories, rename and move the existing files and directories
X	execute the file (if executable)	cd into the directory





## Changing File Permission

- chmod is a \*NIX command to change permissions on a file
- Usage: chmod <option> <permissions> <file or directory name>
- -R: change permission recursively in a directory
- chmodin <u>Symbolic Mode</u>:

Chmod operator	Description
+	Adds the designated permission(s) to a file or directory.
-	Removes the designated permission(s) from a file or directory.
=	Sets the designated permission(s).

```
e.g. chmod u+rwx filename
    chmod g+rwx filename
    chmod o-rwx filename
```





# Changing File Permission

#### Chmod in <u>Absolute Mode</u>:

Number	Octal Permission Representation	Ref
0	No permission	
1	Execute permission	X
2	Write permission	-W-
3	Execute and write permission: 1 (execute) + 2 (write) = 3	-wx
4	Read permission	r
5	Read and execute permission: 4 (read) + 1 (execute) = 5	r-x
6	Read and write permission: 4 (read) + 2 (write) = 6	rw-
7	All permissions: 4 (read) + 2 (write) + 1 (execute) = 7	rwx

e.g. chmod 755 test.txt





## Changing Group Membership

- The chgrp command is used to change the group ownership between two groups that you are a member of
- **Usage**: chgrp <options> <new group> <file name>
- The -R option works with charp as well

e.g. chgrp groupname -R test1





## User Groups at HPC/LONI

- Users are organized into groups
  - groups command to find your group membership
- Group membership makes sharing files with members of a group easy
- Each user is in at least one group and can be in multiple groups
  - Groups in LONI systems:

```
lsuusers, latechusers, unousers, ullusers, sususers, tulaneusers, loniusers, xavierusers
```

- You are only in one of the above groups due to software licensing
- Groups in LSU HPC system

```
Users, Admins...
```





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#### Variables

- Linux allows the use of variables
  - Similar to programming languages
  - Number, character or string
- Rules for variable names
  - Must start with a letter or underscore
  - Number can be used anywhere else
  - Do not use special characters such as @,#,%,\$
  - Case sensitive
  - Allowed: VARIABLE, VAR1234able, var\_name, \_VAR
  - Not allowed: 1var, %name, \$myvar, var@NAME
- Two types of variables:
  - Global variables (ENVIRONMENT variables)
  - Local variables (user defined variables)





#### Global Variables

- Environment variables provide a simple way to share configuration settings between multiple applications and processes in Linux
  - Using all uppercase letters
  - Example: PATH, LD\_LIBRARY\_PATH, DISPLAY etc.
- To reference a variable, prepend \$ to the name of the variable
- Example: \$PATH, \$LD\_LIBRARY\_PATH, \$DISPLAY etc.





## Querying Environment Variables

- The command printerv list the current environmental variables.
- The command env is used to either print a list of environment variables or run another utility in an altered environment without having to modify the current existing environment.
  - Format env VAR1="xxxx" command args
  - **e.g.**, date
  - env TZ=MST7MDT date





#### List of Some Environment Variables

PATH	A list of directory paths which will be searched when a command is issued
LD_LIBRARY_PATH	colon-separated set of directories where libraries should be searched for first
HOME	indicate where a user's home directory is located in the file system.
PWD	contains path to current working directory.
OLDPWD	contains path to previous working directory.
TERM	specifies the type of computer terminal or terminal emulator beingused
SHELL	contains name of the running, interactive shell.
PS1	default command prompt
PS2	Secondary command prompt
HOSTNAME	The systems host name
USER	Current logged in user's name
DISPLAY	Network name of the X11 display to connect to, if available.





## **Editing Variables**

Assign values to variables

Туре	sh/ksh/bash	csh/tcsh
Shell (local)	name=value	set name=value
Environment (global)	export name=value	setenv name=value

- Shell variables is only valid within the current shell, while environment variables are valid for all subsequently opened shells.
- Example
  - \$export v1=one
    - \$ bash
      - \$ echo \$v1 → one





## Editing Variables at the curent login

Example: to add a directory to the PATH variable

```
sh/ksh/bash: export PATH=/path/to/executable:${PATH}
csh/tcsh: setenv PATH /path/to/executable:${PATH}
```

- sh/ksh/bash: no spaces except between export and PATH
- csh/tcsh: no "=" sign
- colon (:) to separate different paths
- The path order matters, first in line takes higher priority





## Editing Variables for each login

- Not to change at each login
- Make setting changes available in both login and non---login shells
- Define these variables in the ~/.bashrc file.
  - edit ~/.bashrc
  - source ~/.bashrc





#### Input & Output Commands

 The basis I/O statement are echo for displaying to screen and read for reading input from screen/keyboard/prompt

#### echo

The echo arguments command will print arguments to screen or standard output, where arguments can be a single or multiple variables, string or numbers

#### read

- The read statement takes all characters typed until the Enter key is pressed
- Usage: read <variable name>
- Example: read name





## Input & Output Commands

- Examples
  - echo "hello !"
  - hello
- By default, echo eliminates redundant whitespaces (multiple spaces and tabs) and replaces it with a single whitespace between arguments.
- To include redundant whitespace, enclose the arguments within double quotes





#### Other Useful Commands

passwd Change password (does not work on LSU HPC and LONI systems)

**chsh** Change default shell (does not work on LSU HPC and LONI systems)

df Report disk space usage by filesystem

Estimate file space usage - space used under a particular directory or files

on a file system.

Run command as root (only if you have access)

mount Mount file system (root only)

umount Unmount file system (root only)

**shutdown** Reboot or turn off machine (root only)

top Produces an ordered list of running processes

free Display amount of free and used memory in the system

find Find a file

alias enables replacement of a word by another string





#### Other Useful Commands

```
vi Edit a file using VI/VIM
```

emacs Edit a file using Emacs

file Determine file type

wc Count words, lines and characters in a file wc -1 file

grep Find patterns in a file grep alias file

**awk** File processing and report generating awk '{print \$1}' file

sed Stream Editor sed 's/home/HOME/g' file

set manipulate environment variables set -o emacs

touch change file timestamps or create file if not present

date display or set date and time





#### Other Useful Commands

Link a file to another file ln -s file1 file2

wait Wait for each specified process and return its termination status.

which Shows the full path of (shell) commands

who Show who is logged on

whoami Print effective userid

**finger** User information lookup program

whatis Display manual page descriptions

history Display the command history list with line numbers. An argument

of n lists only the last n lines.

man command: learn more about these commands





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## Login Remote Systems

- Most Linux systems allocate secure shell connections from other systems
- Log in using the ssh command to the LSU HPC and LONI clusters
- **Usage**: ssh <username>@<remote host name>
  - Example: ssh <u>user@smic.hpc.lsu.edu</u>
- -x option: forward the display of an application
- The default port is 22 for ssh
  - ssh -p <port number> <username>@<hostname>





## File Transfer between Two Systems

- scp: copy files between two hosts over the ssh protocol
- Usage:
  - scp <options> <user>@<host>:/path/to/source
    <user>@<host>:/path/to/destination
- If the user name is the same on both systems, omit <user@>
- If transferring files from or to localhost, <user>@<host>: option can be omitted
- Options are -r and -p, same meaning with cp
- Examples
  - scp user@mike.hpc.lsu.edu:/work/user/
    somefile .
  - scp -r code user@eric.loni.org:/home/user





## File Transfer between Two Systems

- rsync is another utility for file transferring
- Usage: rsync <options> <source> <destination>
- Delta-transfer algorithm
  - Only transfer the bits that are different between source and destination
- Widely used for backups and mirroring as an improved copy command for everyday use
- Command options
  - -a: archive mode
  - -r: recursive mode
  - -v: increase verbosity
  - -z: compress files during transfer
  - -u: skip files that are newer on the receiver
  - -t: preserve modification times





## Compressing and Archiving Files

- Reduce storage usage or bandwidth while transferring files.
- By convention
  - Gzipped files have extension .gz, .z or .Z
  - Zipped files have extension .Zip or .zip
  - Bzipped files have extension .bz2 or .bz
- Compress: gzip, zip, bzip2
- Uncompress: gunzip, unzip, bunzip2
- Options
  - Recursively, use the -r option
  - Overwrite files while compressing/uncompressing, use the -f option





## Compressing and Archiving Files

- tar: create and manipulate streaming archive of files.
- Usage: tar <options> <file> <path>
  - <file> is name of the tar archive file, usually with extension .tar
  - <path> are pathnames for files/directories being archived
- Common options
  - -c: create an archive file
  - -x: extract an archive file
  - -z: filter the archive through gzip
  - -j: filter the archive through bzip2
  - -f: archive
  - -t: list contents of archive
  - -v: verbosely list files processed





## Examples (tar)

- File compressing
  - tar -czvf file.tgz \${HOME}/\*
  - tar -cjvf file.tgz2 \${HOME}/\*
- File decompressing
  - tar -xzvf file.tgz -C dest-dirctory
  - tar -xjvf file.tgz2 -C dest-directory





## Pipes: grep

- Connect two or more commands together using "|"
- **grep:** searches certain patterns from a file(s)

```
cat file | grep [option] pattern
```

Option	Description
-v	Print all lines not match patterhn
–n	Print the matched line and line number
-1	Print only the names of files with matching pattern
-i	Match either upper—or lowercase.
-с	Print the count of matching lines





### Pipes: sort / wc / more / less

- sort: arranges lines of text alphabetically or numerically
- $\blacksquare$  ls |sort -k2

Option	Description
–n	Sort numerically
-r	Reverse the order of sort
-k	Sort by a certain column
–t	Field separator

- ls |wc
- cat file | more
- Cat file | less





### I/O Redirection

- Linux take input from the terminal and send output to the terminal
- Three file descriptors for I/O streams (everything is a file in Linux)
  - STDIN (0): Standard input
  - STDOUT (1): standard output
  - STDERR (2): standard error
- I/O redirection allows users to connect applications
  - <: connects a file to STDIN of an application</p>
  - >: connects STDOUT of an application to a file
  - >>: connects STDOUT of an application by appending to a file
  - |: connects the STDOUT of an application to STDIN of another application.





### I/O Redirection Examples

- Write STDOUT to file: ls -1 > ls.out
- Write STDERR and STDOUT to file: ls -l >output 2>&1
- Write STDERR to file: ls -1 &2 > ls-l.err
- Write STDERR to STDOUT: ls -1 2>&1
- Send STDOUT as STDIN for another application (pipe):

```
ls -l | less
```

- Discard STDOUT: command > /dev/null
- Discard STDOUT and STDERR:

```
command > /dev/null 2>&1
```





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### **Processes**

- Process: an instance of running program
- Linux create and start a new process (PID) for each command
  - ps or top
- A process cab be run in :
  - Foreground: the command prompt is not returned until the current process has finished executing.
  - Background: the command prompt back to do some other useful work e.g. ls -l &





### Processes and Jobs

- Two ways to send a job into the background:
  - 1. command &
  - 2. suspend the running job using Ctrl-z and bg.
- When a process is running in background or suspended, it will be entered on to a list along with a job number (not PID)
   jobs -1
- nohup: prevent background jobs to be terminated when users exit the shell
  - nohup program &





# Managing Processes and Jobs

- Restart a suspended job in foreground or background
  - fg %<job number>
  - bg %<job number>
- To kill or terminate a process:
  - Job running in foreground: Ctrl-c
  - Job whose job ID you know: kill %<job number>
  - Job whose PID you know: kill <PID>
- pstree: display a tree of processes
- pkill: kill process by its name, user name, group name, terminal, UID, EUID, and GID.





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### File Editing

- Most commonly used editors on Linux/Unix systems
  - vim or vim (vi improved)
  - emacs
- Vi/vim is installed by default on Linux/Unix systems and has only a command line interface (CLI).
- Emacs has both a CLI and a graphical user interface (GUI).
  - use emacs -nw to open file in console
- Other editors: nano, pico, kate, gedit, gvim, kwrite, nedit





### File Editing (vi)

#### vi works in two modes:

- Command mode
  - This is the mode when entering vi
  - Commands can be issued at the bottom of the screen, e.g. copy, paste, search, replace etc.
  - Press "i" to enter editing mode
- Editing mode
  - Text can be entered in this mode
  - Press "Esc" to go back to the command mode





# Most used commands (vi)

Description	Command
Insert at cursor	i
Insert at the beginning of line	I
Delete a line	dd
Copy a line	уу
Paste	p
Search forward	/pattern
Search backward	?pattern
Search again	n/N
Go to line #n	n
Replace text	%s/new/old/g
Save and exit	wq





### Editor cheatsheet (1)

#### Cursor Movement

- move left
- move down
- move up
- move right
- jump to beginning of line
- jump to end of line
- goto line n
- goto top of file
- goto end of file
- move one page up
- move one page down

# vi

- h
- j
- k
- **1**
- 0
- 0 \$
- nG
- 1G
- G
- C-u
- C-d

#### emacs

- C-b
- C-n
- C-p
- C-f
- C-a
- C-e
- M-x goto-line ← n
- M-<
- M->
- M-v
- C-v





### Editor cheatsheet (2)

#### File Manipulation

- save file
- save file and exit
- quit
- quit without saving
- delete a line
- delete n lines
- paste deleted line after cursor
- paste before cursor
- undo edit
- delete from cursor to end of line
- search forward for patt
- search backward for patt
- search again forward (backward)

#### vi

- : w
- :wq, ZZ
- **p**: **0**
- :q!
- dd
- ndd
- p
- P
- u
- D
- \patt
- ?patt
- n

#### emacs

- C-x C-s
- •
- C-x C-c
- •
- C-a C-k
- C-a M-n C-k
- C-y
- •
- C-\_
- C-k
- C-s patt
- O C-r patt
- C-s(r)





# Editor cheatsheet (3)

#### File Manipulation (contd)

- replace a character
- join next line to current
- change a line
- change a word
- change to end of line
- delete a character
- delete a word
- edit/open file file
- insert file file
- split window horizontally
- split window vertically
- switch windows

#### vi

- r
- J
- O CC
- O CW
- c\$
- X
- dw
- :e file
- :r file
- :split or C-ws
- :vsplit or C-wv
- C-ww

#### emacs

- •
- •
- •
- 0
- •
- C-d
- M-d
- C-x C-f file
- Oc-x i file
- C-x 2
- C-x 3
- C-x o





### Shell Scripts

- Script: a program written for a software environment to automate the execution of a series of tasks
  - A series of shell commands put together in a file
  - When the script is executed, it is as if someone type those commands on the command line one by one
- The majority of script programs are "quick and dirty", where the main goal is to get the program written quickly
  - Maynot be as efficient as programs written in C and Fortran





### Startup Scripts

- When you login to a Linux computer, shell scripts are automatically loaded depending on your default shell
- sh/ksh (in the specified order)
  - /etc/profile
  - \$HOME/.profile
- bash (in the specified order)

  - /etc/profile (for login shell)
    /etc/bashrc or /etc/bash/bashrc
  - \$HOME/.bash profile (for login shell)
  - \$HOME/.bashrc
- csh/tcsh (in the specified order)
  - /etc/csh.cshrc
  - \$HOME/.tcshrc
  - \$HOME/.cshrc (if .tcshrc is not present)
- .bashrc, .tcshrc, .cshrc, .bash\_profile at ~/ are script files where users can define their own aliases, environment variables, modify paths etc.





### Script Example (~/.bashrc)

```
# .bashrc
# Source global definitions
if [ —f /etc/bashrc ]; then
        . /etc/bashrc
fi
# User specific aliases and functions
export PATH=$HOME/packages/eFindsite/bin:$PATH
export LD_LIBRARY_PATH=$HOME/packages/eFindsite/lib:$LD_LIBRARY_PATH
alias qsubI="qsub —I—X—lnodes=1:ppn=20 —lwalltime=01:00:00 -A
my allocation"
alias lh="ls ---altrh"
```





### Getting Help

- User Guides
  - LSU HPC: <a href="http://www.hpc.lsu.edu/docs/guides.php#hpc">http://www.hpc.lsu.edu/docs/guides.php#hpc</a>
  - LONI: <a href="http://www.hpc.lsu.edu/docs/guides.php#loni">http://www.hpc.lsu.edu/docs/guides.php#loni</a>
- Documentation: <a href="http://www.hpc.lsu.edu/docs">http://www.hpc.lsu.edu/docs</a>
- Online courses: <a href="http://moodle.hpc.lsu.edu">http://moodle.hpc.lsu.edu</a>
- Contact us
  - Email ticket system: <u>sys-help@loni.org</u>
  - Telephone Help Desk: 225-578-0900
  - Instant Messenger (AIM, Yahoo Messenger, Google Talk)
    - Add "Isuhpchelp"





# Exercise (1)

- >> Login to a Linux machine and open a terminal
- Enter the following commands or carry out operations asked for.
- ➤ Understand what you are doing and ask for help if unsure. Some commands are incorrect or will fail; if this is the case, enter the correct ones





### Exercise (2)

- \$ echo hello world
- \$ pwd
- \$ whoami
- \$ cd /tmp
- **\$** cd -
- \$ mkdir test/testagain
- \$ cd test/testagain
- \$ touch file
- **∜**Go back to your home directory
- ❖Figure out which shell you are using





# Exercise (3)

- Create an alias for removing files which prompt for confirmation and delete
  - \*\*the file that you created.
- \*\* From your home directory get a list of files and directory in long format in reverse order with file sizes listed in human readable format.
- ★ (On HPC or LONI clusters) Find out the location of vi, emacs, perl and ifort.
- \* Change the permission of the testagain directory to be world writable.
- Open a few applications of choice in foreground one by one and then suspend them,
- Get a list of suspended jobs,
- ★ Foreground job 1 and close it,
- ❖ Background job 2,
- **☆** Kill job 3,
- ❖ Put job 2 in foreground and close it,
- ★ Check if you still have any jobs running.





### Exercise (4)

If you have never used vim or emacs, go through the vim tutorial: vimtutor

Vim is a very powerful editor that has many commands, too many to explain in a tutor such as this. This tutor is designed to describe enough of the commands that you will be able to easily use Vim as an all-purpose editor.