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Introduction to UNIX shell
SHARCNET General Interest Seminars
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\$ whoami

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- In Windows, you move mouse point and click.
- In Linux, you open a text terminal a shell and type something in it. You will do everything from the prompt – command line, it's called command driven.
- It allows you to do things under the hood, and quick.
- Typically you will need to perform the following routine tasks in shell:
 - » Finding files and folders
 - » Editing files
 - » Compiling programs
 - » Running programs
 - » Running many programs at once, many, many times
 - » Processing results (data files), e.g. extracting a portion of data, etc.
 - » Copying, moving, deleting files and folders, etc.

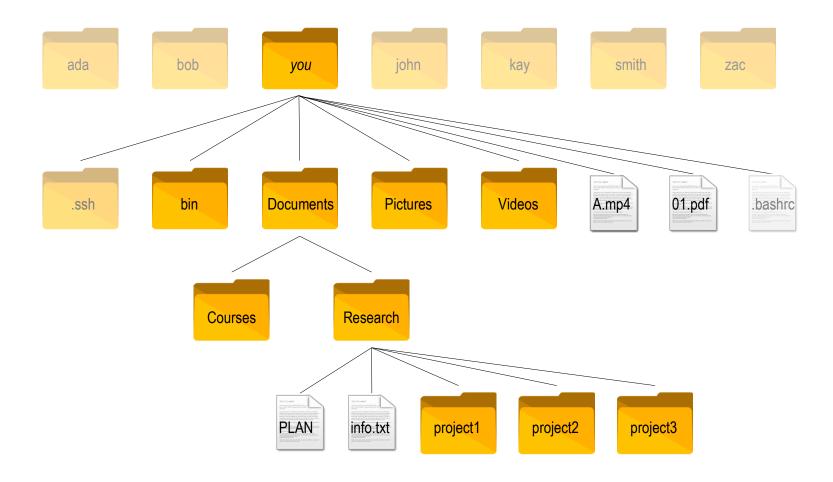
all by hand...?



Navigating Files and Folders



Your files are stored on file systems. There are three file systems in SHARCNET you will care: /home/you, /work/you and /scratch/you.







Note the special files

- One dot "" means current folder
- Two dots ".." mean the "parent" folder or upper level foder
- A file or folder prefixed with a dot is "hidden" and not display with the command Is.
- To see all files including "hidden" files in the current folder, use Is command with option -a, e.g.

ls -a





Commonly used shell commands

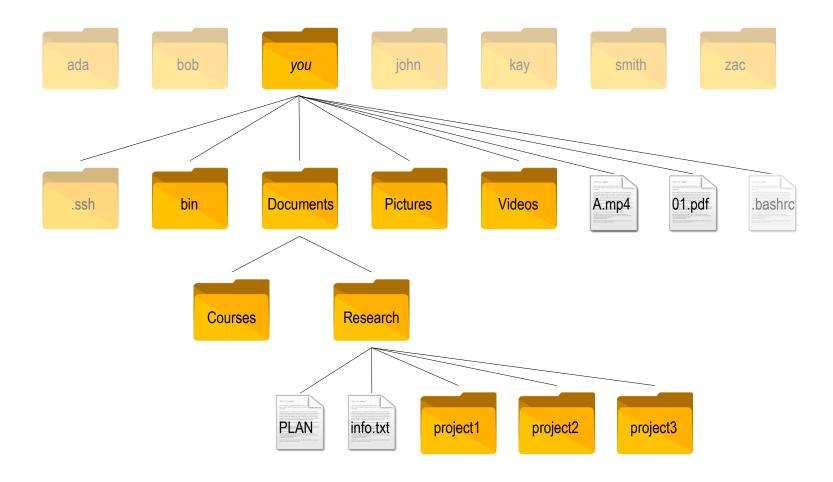
- Is to list files and directories.
- pwd to find the path of the current working directory.
- **cd** change directory to.
- whoami to find what my user name is.
- file to find the type of a file.
- find to serachto find a file by name.
- locate to find a file by name.
- stat to find the existence of a file/folder.
- grep to search files by content matching certain pattern.
- man to see the manual for a command, look for See Also section to see more related commands a way of getting to know more commands.



Working with Files and Folders



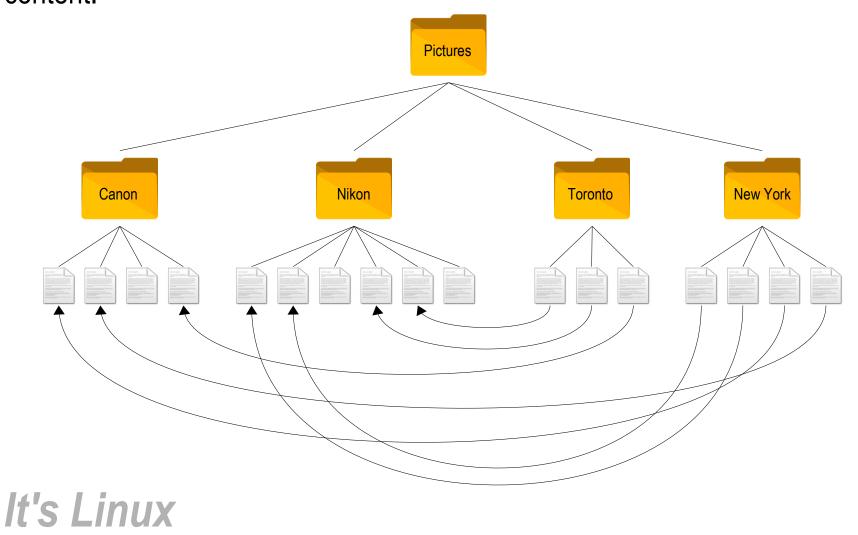
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Use symbolic links to avoid duplicating files: we save original files, make "copies" by creating links to the original copies, rather than duplicating the content.





Example: Creating symbolic links

```
cd Pictures
 When creating a folder name containing a space
# use back slash followed by a space
mkdir Toronto New\ York
cd Toronto
ln -s ../Canon/2015 05 01/* .
cd ../New\ York
ln -s ../Canon/2015 01 01/* .
ln -s ../Nikon/2015 01 01/* .
```



Commonly used shell commands

- Is to list files and directories.
- cat to concatenate files and print on the standard output.
- less, more to show a file.
- cmp to find two files byte by byte.
- diff to compare tow files line by line.
- **cp** to copy a file/folder.
- mv to move/rename file/folder.
- rm to remove a file/folder.
- mkdir to create a folder
- rmdir to remove a folder.
- chmod to change the access permission.
- vi, nano, emacs, gedit, etc. create and editing files.



Pipes and Filters



We will see three (or more) common tasks accomplished by using shell commands:

- Counting lines, words and bytes of a file.
- Extracting a column from a well formatted tabulated data file.
- Extracting lines from certain range from a file.
- Saving the output of a command into a file.
- Automating simple tasks by combining commands.





Example: Change upper case letters to lower ones in a text file:

```
2012-11-05, DEER
2012-11-05, RABBIT
2012-11-05, RACCOON
2012-11-06, RABBIT
                                  Before
2012-11-06, DEER
2012-11-06, FOX
2012-11-07, RABBIT
2012-11-07, BEAR
tr [A-Z] [a-z] < ANIMALS.txt
2012-11-05, deer
2012-11-05, rabbit
2012-11-05, raccoon
2012-11-06, rabbit
                                  After
2012-11-06, deer
2012-11-06, fox
2012-11-07, rabbit
```

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2012-11-07, bear



Example: Extract cities in Ontario from cities.txt and sort by population

Toronto, Ontario, 5583064, 1 Montréal, Quebec, 3824221, 2 Vancouver, British Columbia, 2313328, 3 Ottawa, Ontario, 1236324, 4 Calgary, Alberta, 1214839, 5 Edmonton, Alberta, 1159869, 6 Québec City, Quebec, 765706, 7 Winnipeg, Manitoba, 730018, 8 Hamilton, Ontario, 721053, 9 Kitchener-Cambridge-Waterloo, Ontario, 477160, 10 London, Ontario, 474786, 11 St. Catharines-Niagara, Ontario, 392184, 12 Halifax, Nova Scotia, 390328, 13 Oshawa, Ontario, 356177, 14 Victoria, British Columbia, 344615, 15 Windsor, Ontario, 319246, 16 Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, 260600, 17 Regina, Saskatchewan, 210556, 18





Example: Extract cities in Ontario (cont'd)

We now put the commands all together to accomplish this task

```
grep -i ontario cities.txt | cut -d ',' -f 1,3 | sort -k 2 -t ',' -n
```

The first command with **grep** outputs only the lines that contains Ontario. It then pipes the output as the input to the second command **cut**.

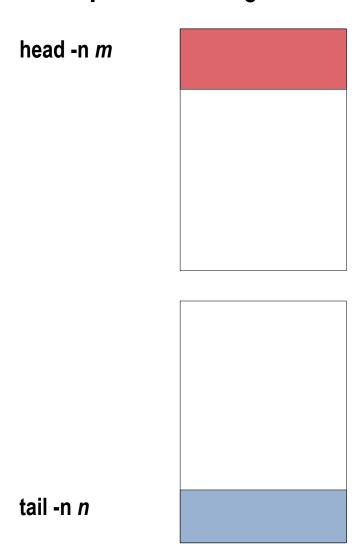
The command cut filters out the first and third fields and outputs the city and population columns (to the standard out).

The third command **sort** takes output from the previous command cut ans input and sort by the second field (with option -k 2) in a reverse order (with option -n). The option -t ',' specifies the field separator.



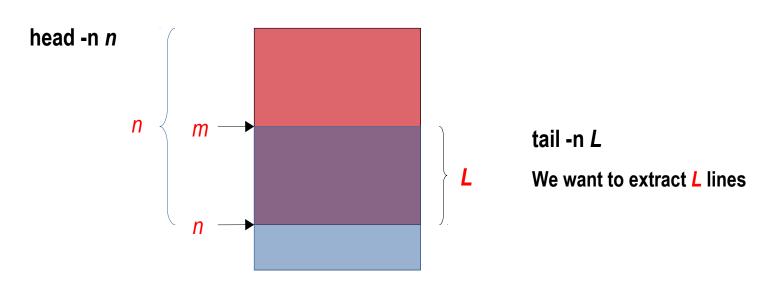


Example: Extracting first and last number of lines from a file.





Example: Extracting lines from certain range from a file using combined commands head and tail.



$$L = n - m$$

head -n *n* ... tail -n *L* ?





Commonly used shell commands

- wc to count lines, words and bytes of a file.
- cut to extract column(s) from a file by delimiters.
- tr to translate or delete characters.
- sort to sort a file by rules.
- uniq to report or omit repeated lines.
- head to print the first N lines of a file.
- tail to print the last N lines of a file.





Loops



Common tasks

- Repeating tasks by looping over control variables, e.g n=1,2...
- Repeating tasks by looping over list elements.





Example of loops:

```
# For loops
for ((i=0;i<10;i++)); do
    echo $i
done
list="a b c d"
for e in $list; do
   echo $e
done
for f in *; do
    echo $f
done
# While loops
n = 10
i=$n
while [ $i -gt 0 ]; do
   echo $i;
```



Example: Read a file containing multiple lines of records in a loop and process one at a time.

```
input="animal.txt"

BAKIFS=$IFS

IFS=$(echo -en "\n\b")

cat $input | while read line; do
        animal=`echo $line | cut -d',' -f2`
        echo $animal

done

IFS=$BAKIFS
```



Example: Organizing phone photos into folders by shooting date.

Before

```
[bge@parrot:~/Documents/teaching/bash/exercises/phone] dir
IMG 20150101 000120.jpg
                         IMG 20150206 070150.jpg
                                                   IMG 20150410 064001.jpg
IMG 20150101 000237.jpg
                         IMG 20150206 070422.jpg
                                                   IMG 20150410 064011.jpg
                                                   IMG 20150608 172050.jpg
IMG 20150101 000251.jpg
                         IMG 20150209 160518.jpg
IMG 20150113 071752.jpg
                         IMG 20150209 160525.jpg
                                                   IMG 20150608 172109.jpg
IMG 20150113 113728.jpg
                         IMG 20150221 143202.jpg
                                                   IMG 20150608 181324.jpg
IMG 20150120 071809.jpg
                         IMG 20150227 174437.jpg
                                                   IMG 20150608 185905.jpg
IMG 20150120 071815.jpg
                         IMG 20150306 074007.jpg
                                                   IMG 20150724 084733.jpg
IMG 20150128 071353.jpg
                         IMG 20150306 144429.jpg
                                                   IMG 20150819 145203.jpg
IMG 20150128 071517.jpg
                         IMG 20150306 144621.jpg
                                                   IMG 20150819 145218.jpg
```

After



Example: Organizing phone photos into folders by shooting date (cont'd).

```
for f in IMG*.jpg; do
    file date=${f:4:8} # Extract the date string
    yy=${file date:0:4}
                         # Extract the year part
    mm=${file date:4:2}
                         # Extract the month part
    dd=${file date:6:2}
                         # Extract the date part
    d=\$\{yy\} \$\{mm\} \$\{dd\}
                         # Rebuild the date string
    mkdir $d
    echo "Moving $f to $d"
   mv $f $d
done
```



Shell Scripts



Putting tasks together in a file to execute

- Putting commands together simplest case.
- Putting together flow control with shell programming constructs if-else, loops, etc.





Example: Organizing phone photos into folders by shooting date.

```
#!/bin/bash
# 'photosort' - Reorganize photos by shooting dates
for f in IMG*.jpg; do
    # Get the shooting date from file name
    file date=${f:4:8} # Extract the date string
    yy=${file date:0:4} # Extract the year part
    mm=${file date:4:2} # Extract the month part
    dd=${file date:6:2} # Extract the date part
    d=${yy} ${mm} ${dd} # Rebuild the date string
    # Create the folder if not present
    if [ ! -d $d ]; then
        mkdir $d
    fi
    echo "Moving $f to $d"
    mv $f $d
```



Example: Organizing phone photos into folders by shooting date (cont'd).

```
# Change the permission mode of the file, make the script executable
chmod photosort

# Go to the folder containing the images
cd Pictures/Huawei

# Run the script ("./" means the script is in the current folder)
./photoshort
```