

22S:166 Computing in Statistics

Introduction

Lecture 2
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Structure of Linux environment: like an upside-down tree

- directories
- subdirectories
- files

Home directories

- smart for multi-user system to provide each user private place to store files
 - called “home directory” in Linux
- you are only *regular* user who can access files in your home directory
 - *system administrator* also can
 - we will see later how to use **chmod** command to give access to other people
- when you log in to Linux, you automatically end up with your home directory as the current directory

The “shell”

- shell: program that sends commands typed at the keyboard to the operating system to perform
- several shells available in UNIX and Linux
 - C shell (csh)
 - * developed for Berkeley UNIX
 - T C shell (tcsh)
 - * default in our Linux network
 - * enhanced version of C shell
 - Bourne Shell (sh) and its extensions
 - * Bourne Again Shell (bash)
 - * highly programmable Korn shell (ksh)
- you can run a shell other than default shell simply by typing its name
 - e.g., if you start up in tcsh and wish to switch to ksh, type ksh, and a Korn shell will start up

shell command to list the contents of a directory

- **ls** command lists the contents of a Linux directory
 - unless options are used, **ls** gives just names of files and subdirectories
 - all options start with an “-”
 - example: **ls -l** gives “long listing”
 - here’s part of its output for the contents of my directory for this course

```
drwx----- 2 kcowles faculty 8192 Aug 20 14:09 hw
drwx----- 2 kcowles faculty 96 Aug 20 14:21 labs2005
drwx----- 2 kcowles faculty 96 Aug 11 14:43 lects
drwx----- 2 kcowles faculty 8192 Aug 22 13:24 lects2005
-rw----- 1 kcowles faculty 1013 Jul 30 16:24 online.resources
-rw----- 1 kcowles faculty 8 Aug 22 12:46 questionnaire.aux
-rw----- 1 kcowles faculty 1492 Aug 22 12:46 questionnaire.dvi
-rw----- 1 kcowles faculty 5348 Aug 22 12:46 questionnaire.log
-rw----- 1 kcowles faculty 1497 Aug 22 12:46 questionnaire.tex
```

- first character of an entry is almost always either
 - * “-” — entry is a file
 - * “d” — entry is a directory

- next nine characters show the security mode (explained in next section)
- username of owner of file
- group owner of file
 - * subset of people with accounts on the system to which the owner belongs
 - * we may choose to give them special access to this file
- size of file in bytes
- date and time when file was last modified
- filename

File security in Linux

- many PC users unfamiliar with the idea of file security
- Windows didn’t use to need security because it is a single-user OS
- Linux is a multi-user OS, so it has security to prevent people from accessing each other’s confidential files
- Linux computers are not vulnerable to viruses and worms that infect a computer by altering files or writing new ones

Security characters in long listing

- three sets of three characters
 - first set for user
 - second set for group
 - third set for other (everyone in the world)
- letters r, w, and x mean different operations one can perform on a file
 - r — you can read the file’s contents
 - w — you can write or change the file’s contents
 - x — you can execute the file (given only for programs and directories)
- 9 security characters as a group are called the *security mode* of the file

Changing file permissions: “chmod”

- **chmod** stands for “change mode”
- first argument specifies which set(s) (user, group, or other) of 3 characters you want to modify
- second argument is a + (if you wish to add permissions) or a - (if you want to take them away)
- third argument is which permission(s) you want to change

- examples:
 - `chmod g+r questionnaire.tex`
 - would give the group (in this case **faculty**) read permission for this file
 - `chmod a+rx hw`
 - would give “all” (user, group, and other) read and execute permission for the directory **hw**

Using “wildcards” to save typing

- wildcard allows you to specify more than one file in one command
- ***** matches any number of characters
- to execute command on all files in the current directory, specify ***** as the filename; e.g.

```
chmod o-rx *
```

- to execute a command on all the files with filename **questionnaire** regardless of their extension, use **questionnaire.*** as the filename
- other filename character is **?**, which matches exactly 1 character

Limitation of Linux security

- to be able to give special access permissions to a certain group of people, must get system administrator to create a group containing those people
- impossible to give different sets of access permissions to a different groups of people because any file or directory can have only one group owner
- fix will be implemented in future version of Linux

Learning which groups you are in

- enter

```
groups
```

Printing

- basic Linux print commands
 - **lpr** — send file to printer
 - **lpq** — display print queue
 - **lprm** — remove file from print queue
- examples:
 - **lpr thoughts**
sends file named “thoughts” to default printer
 - **lpr -Pp346 thoughts**
sends same file to a printer called **p346**
names of printers are determined by system administrator

lpq

- **lpq** is used to check status of print jobs
- **lpq** without any arguments produces status of all print jobs in default print queue

```
[kcowles@p-lnx402 ~]$ lpq
p374 is ready
no entries
```

```
[kcowles@p-lnx402 lects2005]$ lpr root.ps
[kcowles@p-lnx402 lects2005]$ lpr lect01.ps
[kcowles@p-lnx402 lects2005]$ lpq
p374 is ready and printing
```

Rank	Owner	Job	File(s)	Total Siz
active	kcowles	127	root.ps	99328 byt
1st	kcowles	128	lect01.ps	116736 by

- can use **-P** option to get status of print jobs in a different queue

```
lpq -P p346
p346 is ready
no entries
```

Canceling print jobs with lprm

- **lprm** is short for “line printer remove”
- use the *job number* to specify which one to cancel

```
[kcowles@p-lnx402 lects2005]$ lprm 127
[kcowles@p-lnx402 lects2005]$ lpq
p374 is ready and printing
Rank  Owner  Job    File(s)                Total Siz
active kcowles 128    lect01.ps              116736 by
```

Canceling other kinds of jobs

- Use **ps** to list running jobs
- **u** option restricts to your own (the user’s) jobs

```
[kcowles@p-lnx402 ~]$ ps u
Warning: bad syntax, perhaps a bogus '-'? See /usr/share/doc/procps-3.2.
USER      PID %CPU %MEM    VSZ   RSS TTY          STAT START   TIME COMMAND
kcowles   4277  0.0  0.0 44720 1468 pts/0    Ss   09:01   0:00 -csh
kcowles   4299  0.0  0.2 63740 5860 pts/0    S+   09:01   0:00 pine
kcowles   4307  0.0  0.0 44720 1476 pts/1    Ss   09:10   0:00 -csh
kcowles   4374  0.0  0.1 58936 3096 pts/1    S+   09:36   0:01 vim lect2
kcowles   4575  2.0  0.0 44508 1424 pts/2    Ss   10:05   0:00 -csh
kcowles   4596  0.0  0.0  4580   708 pts/2    R+   10:05   0:00 ps -u
```

- **pid** is the process i.d.
- use **kill <pid>** to cancel a process that you are unable to terminate in a normal way
 - **kill** tries to allow the process to clean up after itself as it shuts down
 - sometimes a process is so out-of-control that it ignores the signal to die
 - **kill -9 <pid>** is command to “kill immediately”

Using man pages to learn about commands

- entire contents of Linux manual is online
- **man** command
- use with **-k** option to find all commands that contain a word of interest in their short description in the manual; e.g.

```
-man -k find
```