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## Unix tips and tricks

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## Most real science is not done by GUI



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### A typical science session



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## Scientific workstations use a UNIX-based operating system













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When you ssh into the vpac/accre network, you go to your home directory. Your directory can be accessed through any of these network machines. And, you can (theoretically) access data on other user's accounts, too. Becoming the Computational Guru of your dreams

> To log into another machine:

#### ssh -YC username@computer's whole address

example: ssh -YC holleyjk@vpac03.phy.vanderbilt.edu

To transfer data between machines:

scp -pr complete path of file you want to move complete path describing where you want to put it

example 1: scp -pr <u>holleyjk@vpac03.phy.vanderbilt.edu</u>:/home/holleyjk/superfile /Users/kelly/Desktop/superfile.moo

example 2: scp -pr /Users/kelly/awesomefile holleyjk@vmplogin.accre.vanderbilt.edu:/home/holleyjk/.

## Getting around the directory tree

- Is → lists content of directory
- pwd 

   reports current directory
- cd 'blah' 
   change directory to 'blah'
- mkdir 'blah' 

   make directory 'blah'
- rmdir 'blah' 

   remove directory 'blah'

Practice: make a subdirectory 'bootcamp' on vpac38 and scp your laptop's awesomefile I.mp4 into it.

Practice: copy /home/holleyjk/bootcamp/2016/Cheatsheet to your vpac home directory

s -lhS

## Feel the power: adding tags to your command can customize it.

 $s \rightarrow lists$  content of directory

- **S** long format s -a
  - list all files

long format, file size is 'human readable', sorted by file size

| total 101M |   |
|------------|---|
| -rw-rr     | 1 holleyjk astro  58M May 17 10:30 hdf5-1.8.4-patch1.tar            |
| -rw        | 1 holleyjk astro 6.7M May 17 11:11 king_snap.dat                    |
| -rw        | 1 holleyjk astro 6.3M Aug 10 2009 mri.pdf                           |
| -rw        | 1 holleyjk astro 3.4M Jul 21 18:24 100719_Yaqiongcareerproposal.doc |
| -rw        | 1 holleyjk astro 2,6M Jan 1 2010 merger_44_20_2366,png              |

Practice: Find out when holleyjk last modified the file .cshrc on in their home directory.

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# But Guru, how do I know the secret tags for each command?

#### man command

## man intro is a good place to start!

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| ¶arda<br>toc.                         | atory arguments to long options are mandatory for sho  | rt o⊃tions                |
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| -Ь, -                                 | escape<br>print octal escapes for nongraphic characters  |                           |
| b1a                                   | <b>ck-size=<u>SIZE</u><br/>use SIZE-byte blocks</b>  |                           |
| -K, -                                 | — <b>ignore-bartups</b><br>do not list inplied entries ending with "   |                           |
| -c                                    | with -l <b>t:</b> sort by, and show, ctine (time of last mod)<br>file status information) with <b>l</b> : show ctime and som<br>otherwise: sort by ctime | lfication of<br>t by name |
| ъ                                     | list entrics by columns  |                           |

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## Manipulating files

•cp file | file2 → copy 'file |' to 'file2'
•mv file | file2 → move 'file |' to 'file2'
•rm 'blah' → remove file 'blah'

Note a few nifty shortcuts:

- means /home/username/
- . means the current directory
- means go back 1 directory
  - \* means wildcard

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## Translate this:

cp ~/\*.sm ../.
mv ../density.sm ~/bootcamp/dense.s
rm \*

Practice: Copy the file 'cshrc.play' from the home directory for user holleyjk and put it in your home directory, but call it cshrc.holleyjk

Also copy alias from user holleyjk's bootcamp directory, and rename it alias.holleyjk

#### Aside: How did I get this list?

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|             | -rw-rr             | 1 holleyjk astro  | 13717 Jul 6 16:46 sig.khb.pdf                    |  |
|             | -rw                | 1 holleyjk astro  | 21470 Jun 10 14:56 sinha_69.pdf                  |  |
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| r=Read      | drwx               | 6 holleyjk astro  | 4096 Sep 21 2007 tibs2107                        |  |
|             | drwx               | 5 holleyjk astro  | 4096 Feb 2 2009 tipsy-2.2.3c                     |  |
| w=Write     | drwx               | 2 holleyjk astro  | 4096 Mar 27 2008 TRS                             |  |
|             | drwx               | 3 holleyjk astro  | 4095 Mar 5 2008 web                              |  |
| x=eXecute   | -rw                | 1 holleyjk astro  | 33280 Jul 21 18:23 YaqiongSummary.doc            |  |
|             | drwxr-xr-x         | 15 holleyjk astro | 4095 May 17 15:48 yt                             |  |
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group permissions r=Read w=Write x=eXecute

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Day 2

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> To change permissions: chmod ugo+/-rwx filename Example: chmod go+r pro\*.dat

Advanced: chgrp -R group directory

changes the group ownership of a directory (R=recursively). Have to be admin or be member of both groups Becoming the Computational Guru of your dreams

## Taking a peek at a file:

- head -n50 file → displays first 50 lines of file
- tail -n | 2 file -> displays last | 2 lines of file
- more file -> scrolls through file page by page
- less file 
   a better version of more

Practice: figure out what is the last line in ~/alias.holleyjk

Is the file compressed? gunzip file Looking for a file? Try find . -iname file What jobs are running in your shell? DS ...on your machine? htop Need to kill a job? kill -9 PID Need to count lines in a file? wc - l file Smoosh files into 1 cat file | file2 > smooshfile Split file into many of N bytes split -b N file

## String commands together with pipes:

try these:

## **Is** -I /home/holleyjk **less**

## ps aux grep username

the possibilities are huge!

Steps:

- I. list all the files in the directory
- 2. list them by modification time, most recent first
- 3. display that list in human readable format
- 4. display only the top 5 in that list

#### Steps:

- I. list all the files in the directory Is -al
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Steps:

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Steps:

I. list all the files in the directory Is -al

2. list them by modification time, most recent first Is -alt

3. display that list in human readable format Is -halt

4. display only the top 5 in that list

Steps:

I. list all the files in the directory Is -al

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3. display that list in human readable format **Is** -halt

4. display only the top 5 in that list Is -halt | head -n5

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2. list them by modification time, most recent first Is -alt

3. display that list in human readable format **Is** -halt

4. display only the top 5 in that list **Is** -halt | **head** -n6 |**tail** -n5

Q. List the first 10 most space-hogging files in a directory in human readable format

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#### Is -halS | head -n11 |tail -n10

#### New commands

**last** - tells you the people who logged in, arranged chronologically

- shows you who are logged in currently
- date gives you the current date (time-stamp)
- **du** shows you the disk usage of given directory (and sub-dirs)
- **sort** sorts data file/piped output based on specified column
- diff finds differences between two files
- > redirects result to a file
- >> appends data to a file
- touch (not sure I should teach this...)

I. Who are the last 5 people that logged in to vpac38 today ?

2. How many times did 'hoffmare' login to vpac01 ?

3. Copy wang.merritt.dat from the 2015 bootcamp directory to your laptop and sort on the black hole mass. Dump results to a file.

4. How many people are on vpac02 right now ?

5. How many bytes are you using on your home directory ?

6. How many files does Kelly have in her \$HOME/bootcamp dir ?

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sort -n -k2,2 < wang.merritt.dat > sorted.wang.merritt.dat

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#### w sort

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#### du -h

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du -h
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ls -a | wc -l

## Setting your shell (how you interface with your operating system)

## do a **less** on cshrc.holleyjk

execute an alias file that nicknames unix commands

tells your system where to look for external commands, like graphics programs

#### X xterm ...cshrc set listjobs limit coredumpsize 0 umask 022 unset autologout if ( -e ~/.alias ) source ~/.alias if( \$?REMOTEHOST && ! \$?DISPLAY ) then setenv DISPLAY \${REMOTEHOST}:0 endif #set path=(/usr/local/products/mpich2/bin \$path) # pattans 20080123 set osv = `uname -a | awk '{print \$1 substr (\$3,1,1)}'` set arch = `uname -m setenv MPICH\_HOME /usr/local/mpich2/\${osv}/1.0.6p1/\${arch} setenv MPI\_HOME /usr/local/mpich2/\${osv}/1.0.6p1/\${arch}

#setenv MPICH\_HOME /usr/local/products/mpich2
#setenv MPI\_HOME /usr/local/products/mpich2

setenv PATH /usr/local/bin:/usr/bin:/home/holleyjk/bin:/usr/local/python2.6/x86\_64/ bin:/usr/local/jdk:/usr/local/lib/jdk/jdk1.6.0\_01/bin:/usr/local/mpich2/Linux2/1.0. 6p1/x86\_64/bin:/usr/lib64/qt-3.3/bin:/usr/kerberos/bin:/bin:/usr/X11R6/bin setenv CLASSPATH /home/holleyjk/lstore/accre-loci-1.0-1802.jar:/home/holleyjk/lstor e/aspectjrt.jar:/home/holleyjk/lstore/jargs.jar:/home/holleyjk/lstore/log4j-1.2.12. jar

setenv LD\_LIBRARY\_PATH /usr/lib:\${HOME}/lib:/usr/local/lib:/usr/local/python2.6/x86
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ux2/1.0.6p1/x86\_64/lib:/usr/include/kde/arts/gsl:/usr/lib64/qt-3.3/lib:/usr/kerbero
s/lib:/lib64:/usr/X11R6/lib:/lib

setenv IDL\_DIR /usr/local/itt/idl --More--(91%) Setting your shell (how you interface with your operating system)

Open a web browser to <u>github.com/djsissom</u>

Go to bootcamp repository

Click "Clone or Download" button, and choose "Download Zip"

Scp the zip file to your vpac home directory

Unzip the file on your laptop (Mac) and on VPAC

Setting your shell (how you interface with your operating system)

What does `echo \$SHELL` return?

Mv bashrc to ~/.bashrc (if it doesn't exist yet...)

Less .bashrc to read it

**source** .bashrc will run the file and install your commands

## To change your .bashrc, you need a text editor

## emacs filename &

- Ctl-v -- page up
- Esc-v -- page down
- Ctl-n -- next line
- Ctl-p -- previous line
- Esc-< -- top of file
- Esc -> -- bottom of file
- Esc-Esc-Esc -- get out of hotkey
- Ctl-X-S -- save file
- Ctl-X-C -- quit

- Ctl-k -- kill a line
- Ctl-y -- paste line
- Esc -% -- query replace
- Ctl-x ( -- start macro
- Ctl-x ) -- end macro
   Example: Ctl-x( Ctl-n Ctl-n Ctl-x)
- Ctl-x e -- execute macro
- Esc-num -- do num times
- Ctl-/ -- undo

Practice: Open a new file called 'motivation' and write 'I love emacs with my whole heart!' 2<sup>16</sup> times. Then, replace 'heart' with 'mind' on every other line.

## Hacker pro tip: swap Caps Lock and CTRL

## Esc = CTRL + [

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#### Editing text files with Vim

### Set up vim files (dark terminal recommended)

\$ vim .bashrc

More slides at <u>https://www.slideshare.net/</u> <u>brandonliu/introduction-to-vim</u> Becoming the Computational Guru of your dreams

### For homework:

## Add your own nicknames for unix commands -- most useful aliases win a prize!

Add aliases to make rm, mv, and cp safer (check the man pages for the interactive option for each)

Practice with your text editor of choice



-- Find a file with cereal in its name (hint: it's in a vpac directory involving /home/astronoob1...)

-- copy it to your home directory, add your name to the filename, and change permissions so that you can read and write to it, but group/other can only read it

-- write the name of your favorite cereal in the file

-- copy it to Kelly's bootcamp/2017 directory and tell me when you've done it. *First one wins a prize!!*