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# CSE 390a

## Lecture 3

bash shell continued:  
processes; multi-user systems; remote login; editors

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# Lecture summary

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- A bit more on combining commands
- Processes and basic process management
- Connecting to remote servers (attu)
  - multi-user environments
- Text editors

# Review: Redirection and Pipes

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- ***command > filename***
  - Write the output of ***command*** to ***filename*** (**>>** to append instead)
- ***command < filename***
  - Use ***filename*** as the input stream to ***command***
- ***command1 | command2***
  - Use the console output of ***command1*** as the input to ***command2***
- ***command1 ; command2***
  - Run ***command1*** and then run ***command2***
- ***command1 && command2***
  - Run ***command1***, if completed without errors then run ***command2***

# Tricky Examples

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- The wc command can take multiple files: wc names.txt student.txt
  - Can we use the following to wc on every txt file in the directory?
    - ls \*.txt | wc
- Amongst the top 250 movies in movies.txt, display the third to last movie that contains "The" in the title when movies titles are sorted.
- Find the disk space usage of the man program
  - Hints: use which and du...
  - Does which man | du work?

# The back-tick

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*command1 ` command2`*

- run *command2* and pass its console output to *command1* as a parameter;   ` is a back-tick, on the ~ key; not an apostrophe
  - best used when *command2*'s output is short (one line)
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- Finish the example!
    - du `which man`

# xargs

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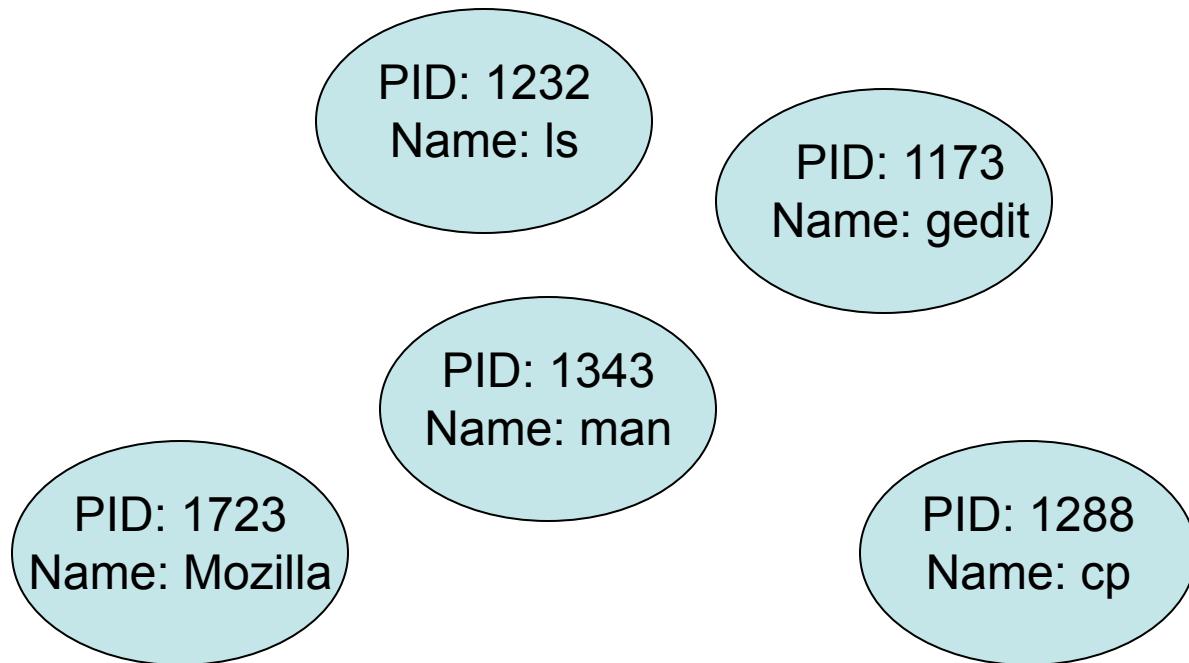
command	description
xargs	run each line of input as an argument to a specified command

- xargs allows you to repeatedly run a command over a set of lines
  - often used in conjunction with find to process each of a set of files
- Example: Remove all evidence of my BitTorrent transfers.  
`find ~ -name “*.torrent” | xargs rm`
- Find the disk usage of man using xargs
  - `which man | xargs du`

# Processes

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- **process:** a program that is running (essentially)
  - when you run commands in a shell, it launches processes for each
  - Process management is one of the major purposes of an OS



# Process commands

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command	description
ps or jobs	list processes being run by a user; each process has a unique integer id (PID)
top	show which processes are using CPU/memory; also shows stats about the computer
kill	terminate a process by PID
killall	terminate several processes by name

- use kill or killall to stop a runaway process (infinite loop)
  - similar to ^C hotkey, but doesn't require keyboard intervention

# Background processes

command	description
&	(special character) when placed at the end of a command, runs that command in the background
^Z	(hotkey) suspends the currently running process
fg , bg	resumes the currently suspended process in either the foreground or background

- If you run a graphical program like gedit from the shell, the shell will lock up waiting for the graphical program to finish
  - instead, run the program in the background, so the shell won't wait:  
  \$ gedit resume.txt &
  - if you forget to use & , suspend gedit with ^Z , then run bg
  - lets play around with an infinite process...

# Connecting with ssh

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command	description
ssh	open a shell on a remote server

- Linux/Unix are built to be used in multi-user environments where several users are logged in to the same machine at the same time
  - users can be logged in either locally or via the network
- You can connect to other Linux/Unix servers with ssh
  - once connected, you can run commands on the remote server
  - other users might also be connected; you can interact with them
  - can connect even from other operating systems

# The attu server

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- attu : The UW CSE department's shared Linux server

- connect to attu by typing:

ssh attu.cs.washington.edu

(or ssh username@attu.cs.washington.edu if your Linux system's user name is different than your CSE user name)

- Note: There are several computers that respond as attu (to spread load), so if you want to be on the same machine as your friend, you may need to connect to attu2, attu3, etc.

# Multi-user environments

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command	description
whoami	outputs your username
passwd	changes your password
hostname	outputs this computer's name/address
w or finger	see info about people logged in to this server
write	send a message to another logged in user

- *Exercise* : Connect to attu, and send somebody else a message.
  - fun hint: try out the banner program at ~stepp/banner

# Network commands

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command	description
links or lynx	text-only web browsers (really!)
ssh	connect to a remote server
sftp or scp	transfer files to/from a remote server (after starting sftp, use get and put commands)
wget	download from a URL to a file
curl	download from a URL and output to console
pine, mail	text-only email programs

# Text editors

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command	description
pico or nano	simple but crappy text editors (recommended)
emacs	complicated text editor
vi or vim	complicated text editor

- you cannot run graphical programs when connected to attu (yet)
  - so if you want to edit documents, you need to use a text-only editor
- most advanced Unix/Linux users learn emacs or vi
  - these editors are powerful but complicated and hard to learn
  - we recommend the simpler nano (hotkeys are shown on screen)

# Mounting remote files

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command	description
sshfs	mount and interact with remote directories and files

- An alternate usage model to remotely connecting to servers is mounting remote directories and files and work on them locally
  - once mounted, use remote directories and files as if they were local
- To mount a remote directory
  - create a local directory to mount to  
`mkdir csehomedir`
  - mount your remote files on your local system  
`sshfs username@attu.cs.washington.edu:/homes/iws/username csehomedir/`

# Aliases

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command	description
alias	assigns a pseudonym to a command

`alias name=command`

- must wrap the command in quotes if it contains spaces
- Example: When I type `q` , I want it to log me out of my shell.
- Example: When I type `ll` , I want it to list all files in long format.

`alias q=exit`

`alias ll="ls -la"`

- *Exercise* : Make it so that typing `q` quits out of a shell.
- *Exercise* : Make it so that typing `woman` runs `man`.
- *Exercise* : Make it so that typing `attu` connects me to `attu`.
- *Exercise* : Make it so that typing `banner` on `attu` runs `banner`.