CSE 390a
Lecture 3

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

• 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

- *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

• 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

```
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)

- Finish the example!
  - `du `which man``
**xargs**

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<td>xargs</td>
<td>run each line of input as an argument to a</td>
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<td>specified command</td>
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- **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.
  ```bash
  find ~ -name "*.torrent" | xargs rm
  ```

- Find the disk usage of `man` using `xargs`
  ```bash
  which man | xargs du
  ```
Processes

- **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

- PID: 1723
  - Name: Mozilla

- PID: 1232
  - Name: ls

- PID: 1343
  - Name: man

- PID: 1173
  - Name: gedit

- PID: 1288
  - Name: cp
Process commands

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<td>ps or jobs</td>
<td>list processes being run by a user; each process has a unique integer id (PID)</td>
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<td>top</td>
<td>show which processes are using CPU/memory; also shows stats about the computer</td>
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<td>kill</td>
<td>terminate a process by PID</td>
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<td>killall</td>
<td>terminate several processes by name</td>
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- use `kill` or `killall` to stop a runaway process (infinite loop)
  - similar to ^C hotkey, but doesn't require keyboard intervention
Background processes

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

- 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

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<td>ssh</td>
<td>open a shell on a remote server</td>
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The attu server

• 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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<td>whoami</td>
<td>outputs your username</td>
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<tr>
<td>passwd</td>
<td>changes your password</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>hostname</td>
<td>outputs this computer's name/address</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>w or finger</td>
<td>see info about people logged in to this server</td>
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<tr>
<td>write</td>
<td>send a message to another logged in user</td>
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- **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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<td>links or lynx</td>
<td>text-only web browsers (really!)</td>
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<td>ssh</td>
<td>connect to a remote server</td>
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<tr>
<td>sftp or scp</td>
<td>transfer files to/from a remote server</td>
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<td>(after starting sftp, use get and put commands)</td>
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<td>wget</td>
<td>download from a URL to a file</td>
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<td>curl</td>
<td>download from a URL and output to console</td>
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<td>pine, mail</td>
<td>text-only email programs</td>
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Text editors

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<td>pico or nano</td>
<td>simple but crappy text editors (recommended)</td>
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<td>emacs</td>
<td>complicated text editor</td>
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<tr>
<td>vi or vim</td>
<td>complicated text editor</td>
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- 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)
**Aliases**

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<td>alias</td>
<td>assigns a pseudonym to a command</td>
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**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`.