
CSE 391

Lecture 3

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

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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

- Amongst the top 250 movies in movies.txt, display the third to last movie that contains "The" in the title when movie titles are sorted.
- 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`
- Find the disk space usage of the man program
 - Hints: use which and du...
 - Does `which man | du` work?

Answers posted in lecture_commands.txt after lecture

Command Substitution

command1 `$(command2)`

- run ***command2*** and pass its console output to ***command1*** as a parameter;
- best used when ***command2***'s output is short (one line)

- Finish the example!
 - `du $(which man)`

xargs

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

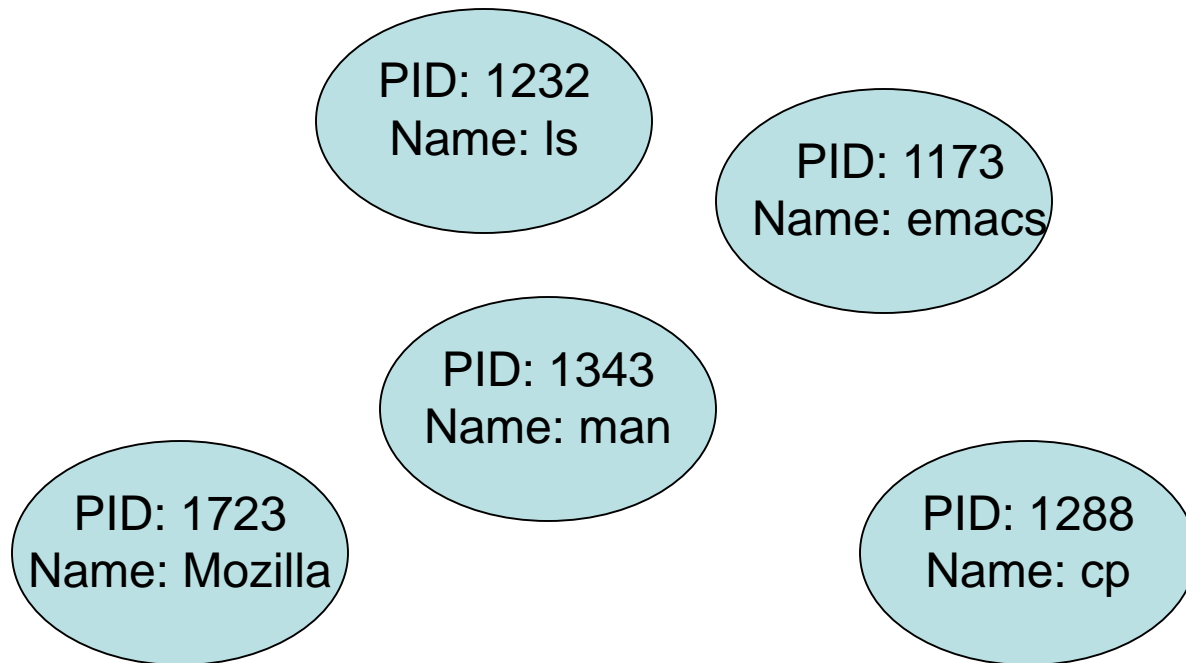
- xargs allows you to repeatedly run a command over a set of lines
 - often used in conjunction with `find` to process each of a set of files
- Example: Remove all my `.class` files.

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find ~ -name "*.class" | 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 a process for each command
  - Process management is one of the major purposes of an OS



# Process commands

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| command                              | description                                                                       |
|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <code>ps</code> or <code>jobs</code> | list processes being run by a user;<br>each process has a unique integer id (PID) |
| <code>top</code>                     | show which processes are using CPU/memory;<br>also shows stats about the computer |
| <code>kill</code>                    | terminate a process by PID (sometimes <code>-KILL</code> is needed)               |
| <code>killall</code>                 | 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

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| 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               |

- On the VM, if you run a graphical program like `gedit` or `emacs` 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:  
`$ emacs homework1.txt &`
  - if you forget to use `&`, suspend `emacs` by hitting `^Z` at the TERMINAL (NOT in `emacs`), then run `bg` from the terminal
  - 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 CSE attu server

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- `attu` : The UW CSE department's shared Linux server (only available to CSE majors)
- Connect to `attu` by typing:  

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

Students with EE accounts may [use their departmental servers](#)

All UW students may use [UW Linux servers](#). ([how to activate your account](#))

- 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.

# 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<br>(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                                                 |
| alpine, mail  | text-only email programs                                                                  |

# Text editors

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| command                                | description               |
|----------------------------------------|---------------------------|
| <code>pico</code> or <code>nano</code> | simple editors            |
| <code>emacs</code>                     | More advanced text editor |
| <code>vi</code> or <code>vim</code>    | More advanced 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`**
  - I would recommend you try to pick up the basics of one of these.
  - Your choice!

# 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
- **Do not put spaces on either side of the =**
- 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`.

# 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



# Mounting cse homedir on VM

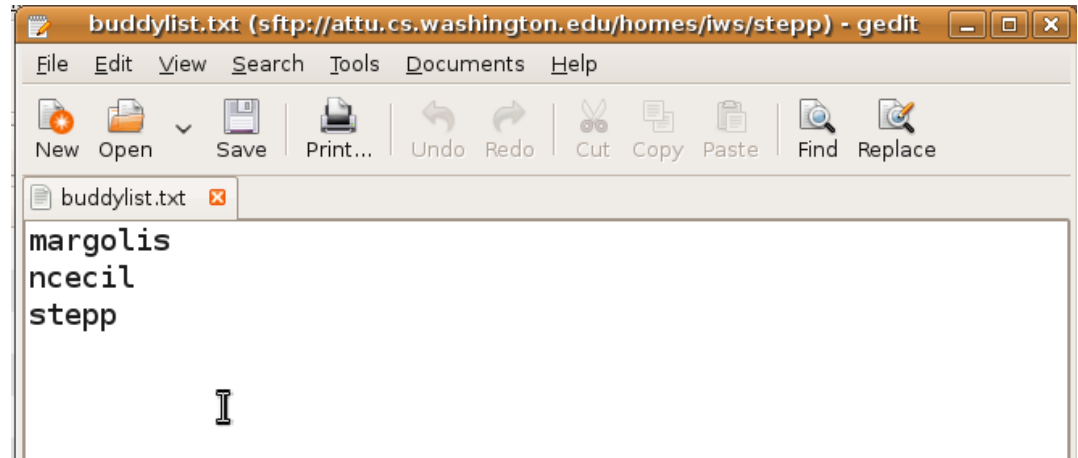
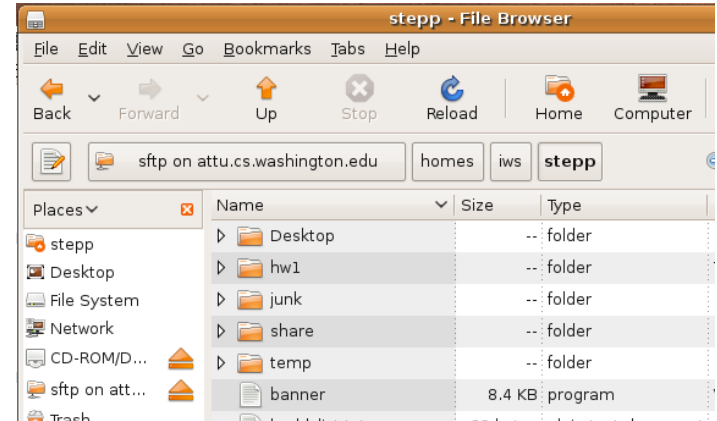
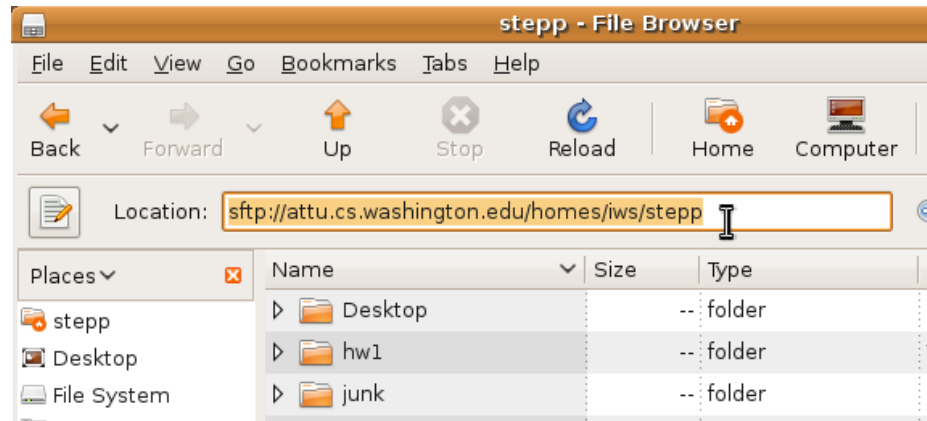
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For CSE majors: you can access your home dir on attu from the VM as follows:

- Create a directory on the VM in your home directory, called csehomedir:
  - `cd`
  - `mkdir csehomedir`
- Now to use that directory as a “link” to your CSE files on your VM:
  - `sshfs username@attu: ~/csehomedir`                    **OR**
  - `sshfs username@attu.cs.washington.edu:/homes/iws/username ~/csehomedir/`
- It is a good idea to back up your files from your VM regularly.
  - Actually keep your files on your CSE home directory
  - Regularly move files from your VM to another location
  - If you need to get a fresh VM image, you can save the files from your old VM using this procedure: **"My VM Seems Broken. How Do I Recover?"**

# Remote editing

- Gnome's file browser and gedit text editor are capable of opening files on a remote server and editing them from your computer
  - press Ctrl-L to type in a network location to open



# My VM is Broken!

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- If your VM is misbehaving, first try a reboot of the VM and also of your machine. If that doesn't work, often it is easiest just to get a fresh VM image and start over (maybe you saved the .zip file you downloaded previously?)
- BEFORE you delete your current copy of the VM, you can save the files from your current copy of the VM using this procedure:
  - See "My VM Seems Broken. How Do I Recover?" here:
  - <https://www.cs.washington.edu/lab/software/linuxhomevm>

# Basic Emacs Commands

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- C- = control key      M- = meta/alt key
- read a file into Emacs:      C-x C-f
- save a file back to disk:      C-x C-s
- exit Emacs permanently:      C-x C-c
- search forward:      C-s      search backward:      C-r
- scroll to next screen: C-v      scroll to previous screen: M-v
- Undo:      C-x u

| entity to move over        | backward | forward |
|----------------------------|----------|---------|
| character                  | C-b      | C-f     |
| word                       | M-b      | M-f     |
| line                       | C-p      | C-n     |
| go to line beginning/end   | C-a      | C-e     |
| go to buffer beginning/end | M-<      | M->     |

# Basic Vim Commands

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- `:w` Write the current file
- `:wq` Write the current file and exit.
- `:q!` Quit without writing
- To change into insert mode: `i` or `a`
  - Use escape to exit
- search forward `/`, repeat the search backwards: `N`
- Basic movement:
  - `h l k j` character left, right; line up, down (also arrow keys)
  - `b w` word/token left, right
  - `ge e` end of word/token left, right
  - `0 $` jump to first/last character on the line
- `x` delete
- `u` undo