

# Computer Systems and Architecture

## Introduction to UNIX

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- ▶ Operating system
- ▶ Servers, desktops, laptops
- ▶ Different types
  - ▶ Sun Solaris
  - ▶ FreeBSD
  - ▶ GNU/Linux (Ubuntu, OpenSUSE, Debian, CentOS, ...)
  - ▶ MacOS X

# UNIX Shell

- ▶ Three parts:
  - ▶ Kernel
    - ▶ Central component, manages the computer's hardware (CPU, memory, filestore...)
  - ▶ Shell
    - ▶ Interface between user and kernel
    - ▶ Command Line Interpreter (CLI)
  - ▶ Programs

# UNIX Shell

- ▶ Interprets commands
- ▶ Commands are themselves programs
- ▶ Filename completion (use the [tab] key)
- ▶ History (use the cursor keys)

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# Files and processes

- ▶ Everything in UNIX is a file or a process
  - ▶ A process is an executing program (unique PID)
  - ▶ A file is a collection of data
- ▶ Directory structure
  - ▶ Root: /
  - ▶ Home dir: ~/
  - ▶ Current dir: ./
  - ▶ Parent dir: ../
  - ▶ Absolute path: /home/p10/p101234/oefeningen.html
  - ▶ Relative path: ./oefeningen.html



# File permissions

- ▶ Users
  - ▶ Unique username
  - ▶ Member of one or more groups
  - ▶ `/etc/passwd` and `/etc/group`
- ▶ Files
  - ▶ Owner (and associated group)
  - ▶ Set of permission flags: `r (+4)`, `w (+2)`, `x (+1)` for owner, group, other
  - ▶ Change with `chmod`, `chown`, `chgrp`
- ▶ Examples:
  - ▶ `chmod 755 file` Owner can do everything, group and others can read/execute
  - ▶ `chmod 777 file` Everyone can read, write and execute
  - ▶ `chmod 600 privatefile` Owner can read/write, others can't do anything
  - ▶ `chmod 664 file` Owner and group can read/write, others can only read
  - ▶ `chmod +x file` Add execute permissions for everyone

# Basic UNIX commando's - browsing

|                                  |   |
|----------------------------------|---|
| <code>ls</code>                  | list files and directories                |
| <code>ls -a</code>               | list all files and directories            |
| <code>mkdir</code>               | make a directory                          |
| <code>cd <i>directory</i></code> | change to named directory                 |
| <code>cd</code>                  | change to home directory                  |
| <code>cd ~</code>                | change to home directory                  |
| <code>cd ..</code>               | change to parent directory                |
| <code>pwd</code>                 | display the path of the current directory |
| <code>find</code>                | search through directory tree             |

## Basic UNIX commando's - files

`cp file1 file2`

`mv file1 file2`

`rm file`

`rmdir directory`

`cat file`

`less file`

`head file`

`tail file`

`grep 'keyword' file`

`wc file`

`ln -s from to`

`uniq`

`file file`

`du file`

copy file1 and call it file2

move or rename file1 to file2

remove a file

remove a directory

display a file

display a file a page at a time

display the first few lines of a file

display the last few lines of a file

search a file for keywords

count number of metrics in file

make softlink from to

report or filter out repeated lines in a file

show the file type of a file

show the disk size of a file or directory

## Basic UNIX commando's - Varia

`man command`

`date`

`who`

`whoami`

`echo hello world!`

`sort text`

`finger`

display manual pages for a command

display date and time

info on all currently logged on users

info about yourself

display characters in the terminal

sort its input

Lookup user info

# Archiving



- ▶ Tar: Uncompressed
  - ▶ Create: `tar -cvf tarball.tar files`
  - ▶ Extract: `tar -xvf tarball.tar`
  - ▶ List files: `tar -tf tarball.tgz`
  - ▶ Update files: `tar -uf tarball.tgz files`
- ▶ Gzip: Compression
  - ▶ Create: `gzip tarball.tar`
  - ▶ Extract: `gunzip tarball.tar.gz`
- ▶ tar.gz or tgz?
  - ▶ Tar + compression
  - ▶ Create: `tar -cvzf tarball.tgz files`
  - ▶ Extract: `tar -xvzf tarball.tgz`
  - ▶ List files: `tar -tzf tarball.tgz`

# Processes

- ▶ Jobs are connected to terminal which started them
- ▶ Foreground or background
- ▶ Ctrl+C: kill current job

|  |  |
|--|--|
| <code>kill [-9] <i>process_id</i></code> | Kill job with pid <i>process_id</i>    |
| <code>pkill <i>process_name</i></code>   | Kill job with name <i>process_name</i> |
| <code><i>command</i> &amp;</code>        | Run <i>command</i> in the background   |
| <code>ps [-ef]</code>                    | Display process info                   |
| <code>top</code>                         | Display process info interactively     |
| <code>jobs</code>                        | Display user's jobs                    |
| <code>fg <i>pid</i></code>               | Bring process to the foreground        |
| <code>bg <i>pid</i></code>               | Bring process to the background        |

```
ssh username@host  
scp from username@host:to  
wget http://url/file.jpg
```

Login with a remote shell  
copy files over network  
download files from the web

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# Standard in- and output

- ▶ Processes write to the standard output, and take their input from the standard input.
- ▶ Keyboard and terminal
- ▶ Standard error (terminal)
- ▶ Redirection is possible
  - ▶ `>`, `>>`, `<`, `2>`

# Redirection

- ▶ `ls -alrF > listing.txt` : store ls output in listing.txt
- ▶ `sort < listing.txt` : feed listing.txt to sort program
- ▶ `echo HOI >> listing.txt` : append string HOI to listing.txt
- ▶ `echo hello > /dev/null` : suppress output
- ▶ `who 2> errors.txt` : store errors in file

- ▶ Pipes redirect output from one process to the following one
- ▶ Without pipes:  

```
who > names.txt  
sort < names.txt
```
- ▶ With pipes:  

```
who | sort
```

# Outline

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- ▶ <http://msdl.cs.mcgill.ca/people/hv/teaching/ComputerSystemsArchitecture/#CS1>