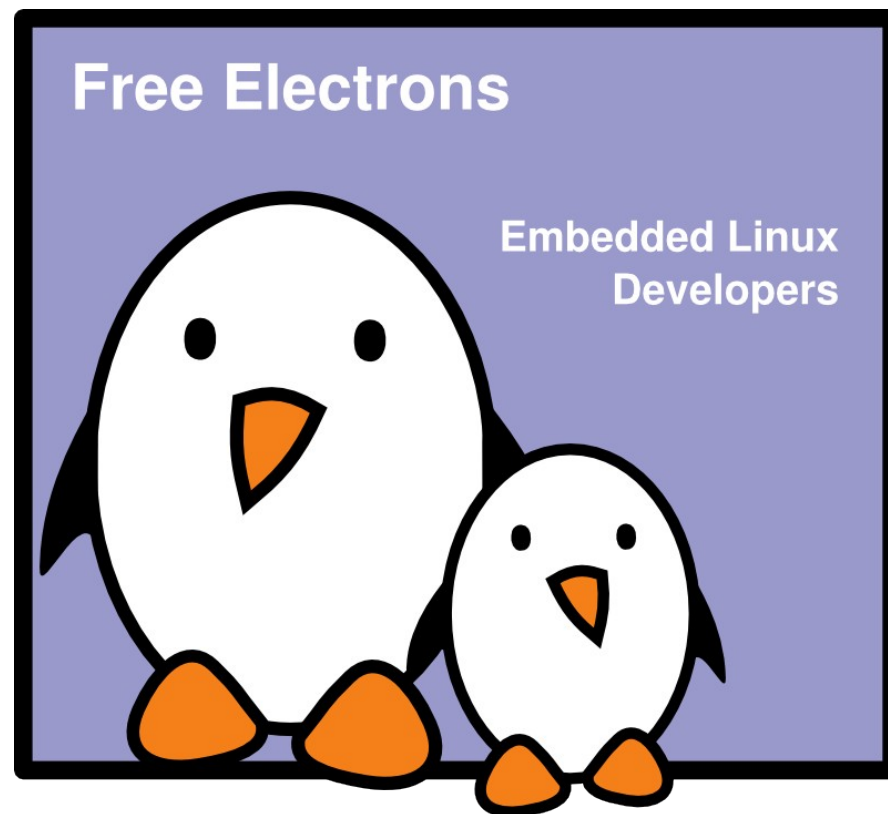




# The Unix and GNU/Linux command line

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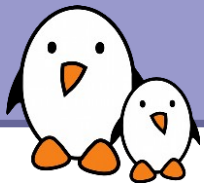
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# The Unix and GNU / Linux command line

Unix filesystem



# Everything is a file

Almost everything in Unix is a file!

- ▶ **Regular files**

- ▶ **Directories**

Directories are just files  
listing a set of files

- ▶ **Symbolic links**

Files referring to the name  
of another file

- ▶ **Devices and peripherals**

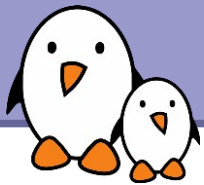
Read and write from devices  
as with regular files

- ▶ **Pipes**

Used to cascade programs  
`cat *.log | grep error`

- ▶ **Sockets**

Inter process communication



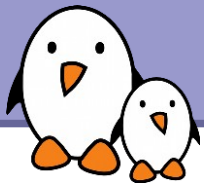
# File names

File name features since the beginning of Unix

- ▶ Case sensitive
- ▶ No obvious length limit
- ▶ Can contain any character (including whitespace, except `/`).  
File types stored in the file (“magic numbers”).  
File name extensions not needed and not interpreted. Just used for user convenience.

- ▶ File name examples:

<code>README</code>	<code>.bashrc</code>	<code>Windows Buglist</code>
<code>index.htm</code>	<code>index.html</code>	<code>index.html.old</code>



# File paths

A *path* is a sequence of nested directories with a file or directory at the end, separated by the `/` character

- ▶ Relative path: `documents/fun/microsoft_jokes.html`  
Relative to the current directory
- ▶ Absolute path:  
`/home/bill/bugs/crash9402031614568`
- ▶ `/` : *root directory*.  
Start of absolute paths for all files on the system (even for files on removable devices or network shared).



# GNU / Linux filesystem structure (1)

Not imposed by the system. Can vary from one system to the other, even between two GNU/Linux installations!

<code>/</code>	Root directory
<code>/bin/</code>	Basic, essential system commands
<code>/boot/</code>	Kernel images, initrd and configuration files
<code>/dev/</code>	Files representing devices <code>/dev/hda</code> : first IDE hard disk
<code>/etc/</code>	System configuration files
<code>/home/</code>	User directories
<code>/lib/</code>	Basic system shared libraries



# GNU / Linux filesystem structure (2)

`/lost+found`

Corrupt files the system tried to recover

`/media`

Mount points for removable media:

`/media/usbdisk`, `/media/cdrom`

`/mnt/`

Mount points for temporarily mounted

filesystems

`/opt/`

Specific tools installed by the sysadmin

`/usr/local/` often used instead

`/proc/`

Access to system information

`/proc/cpuinfo`, `/proc/version` ...

`/root/`

root user home directory

`/sbin/`

Administrator-only commands

`/sys/`

System and device controls

(cpu frequency, device power, etc.)



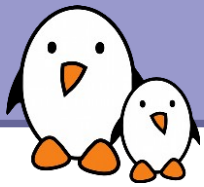


# GNU / Linux filesystem structure (3)

<code>/tmp/</code>	Temporary files
<code>/usr/</code>	Regular user tools (not essential to the system) <code>/usr/bin/</code> , <code>/usr/lib/</code> , <code>/usr/sbin...</code>
<code>/usr/local/</code>	Specific software installed by the sysadmin (often preferred to <code>/opt/</code> )
<code>/var/</code>	Data used by the system or system servers <code>/var/log/</code> , <code>/var/spool/mail</code> (incoming mail), <code>/var/spool/lpd</code> (print jobs)...

The Unix filesystem structure is defined  
by the Filesystem Hierarchy Standard (FHS):

<http://www.pathname.com/fhs/>



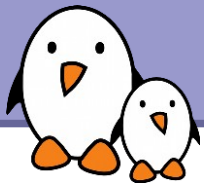
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Shells and file handling



# Command line interpreters

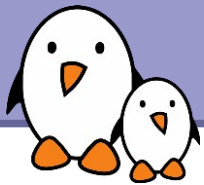
- ▶ Shells: tools to execute user commands
- ▶ Called “shells” because they hide the details on the underlying operating system under the shell's surface.
- ▶ Commands are input in a text terminal, either a window in a graphical environment or a text-only console.
- ▶ Results are also displayed on the terminal. No graphics are needed at all.
- ▶ Shells can be scripted: provide all the resources to write complex programs (variable, conditionals, iterations...)



# Well known shells

Most famous and popular shells

- ▶ **sh**: The Bourne shell (obsolete)  
Traditional, basic shell found on Unix systems, by Steve Bourne.
- ▶ **cs****h**: The C shell (obsolete)  
Once popular shell with a C-like syntax
- ▶ **tc****sh**: The TC shell (still very popular)  
A C shell compatible implementation with evolved features  
(command completion, history editing and more...)
- ▶ **ba****sh**: The Bourne Again shell (most popular)  
An improved implementation of sh with lots of added features too.



# File Listing command

Lists the files in the current directory, in alphanumeric order, except files starting with the “.” character.

- ▶ `ls -a` (all)  
Lists all the files (including . \* files)
- ▶ `ls -l` (long)  
Long listing (type, date, size, owner, permissions)
- ▶ `ls -t` (time)  
Lists the most recent files first
- ▶ `ls -S` (size)  
Lists the biggest files first
- ▶ `ls -r` (reverse)  
Reverses the sort order
- ▶ `ls -ltr` (options can be combined)  
Long listing, most recent files at the end



# File name pattern substitutions

Better introduced by examples!

▶ `ls *txt`

The shell first replaces `*txt` by all the file and directory names ending by `txt` (including `.txt`), except those starting with `.`, and then executes the `ls` command line.

▶ `ls -d .*`

Lists all the files and directories starting with `.`  
`-d` tells `ls` not to display the contents of directories.

▶ `cat ?.log`

Displays all the files which names start by 1 character and end by `.log`



# Special directories



`./`

The current directory. Useful for commands taking a directory argument. Also sometimes useful to run commands in the current directory (see later).

So `./readme.txt` and `readme.txt` are equivalent



`../`

The parent (enclosing) directory. Always belongs to the `.` directory (see `ls -a`). Only reference to the parent directory. Typical usage: `cd ..`



`~/`

Not a special directory indeed. *Shells* just substitute it by the home directory of the current user.



# Directory related commands

- ▶ `cd <dir>`

Changes the current directory to `<dir>`.

- ▶ `cd -`

Gets back to the previous current directory.

- ▶ `pushd <dir>`

Changes the current directory to `<dir>`, and save the old dir in a stack.

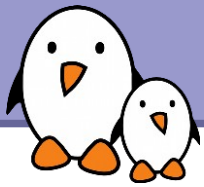
- ▶ `popd`

Changes the current directory to the old dir on top of the stack.

- ▶ `pwd`

Displays the current directory ("working directory").





# CoPy file command

- ▶ `cp <source_file> <target_file>`  
Copies the source file to the target.
- ▶ `cp file1 file2 file3 ... dir`  
Copies the files to the target directory (last argument).
- ▶ `cp -i` (interactive)  
Asks for user confirmation if the target file already exists
- ▶ `cp -r <source_dir> <target_dir>` (recursive)  
Copies the whole directory.



# MoVe and ReMove file commands

- ▶ `mv <old_name> <new_name>` (move)

Renames the given file or directory.

- ▶ `-i` (interactive)

If the new file already exists, asks for user confirm

- ▶ `rm file1 file2 file3 ...` (remove)

Removes the given files.

- ▶ `-i` (interactive)

Always ask for user confirm.

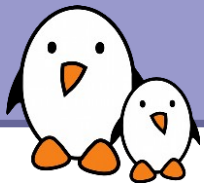
- ▶ `rm -r dir1 dir2 dir3` (recursive)

Removes the given directories with all their contents.



# Creating and removing directories

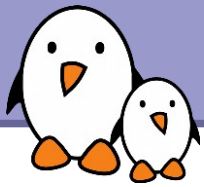
- ▶ `mkdir dir1 dir2 dir3 ...` (make dir)  
Creates directories with the given names.
- ▶ `rmdir dir1 dir2 dir3 ...` (remove dir)  
Removes the given directories  
Safe: only works when directories are empty.  
Alternative: `rm -r` (doesn't need empty directories).



# Symbolic links

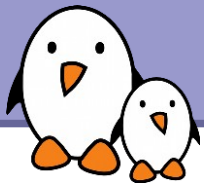
A symbolic link is a special file which is just a reference to the name of another one (file or directory):

- ▶ Useful to reduce disk usage and complexity when 2 files have the same content.
- ▶ Example:  
`anakin_skywalker_biography -> darth_vador_biography`
- ▶ How to identify symbolic links:
  - ▶ `ls -l` displays `->` and the linked file name.
  - ▶ GNU `ls` displays links with a different color.



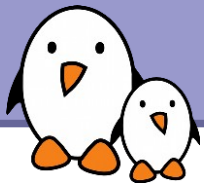
# Creating symbolic links

- ▶ To create a symbolic link (same order as in `cp`):  
`ln -s file_name link_name`
- ▶ To create a link with to a file in another directory, with the same name:  
`ln -s ../README.txt`
- ▶ To create multiple links at once in a given directory:  
`ln -s file1 file2 file3 ... dir`
- ▶ To remove a link:  
`rm link_name`  
Of course, this doesn't remove the linked file!



# Hard links

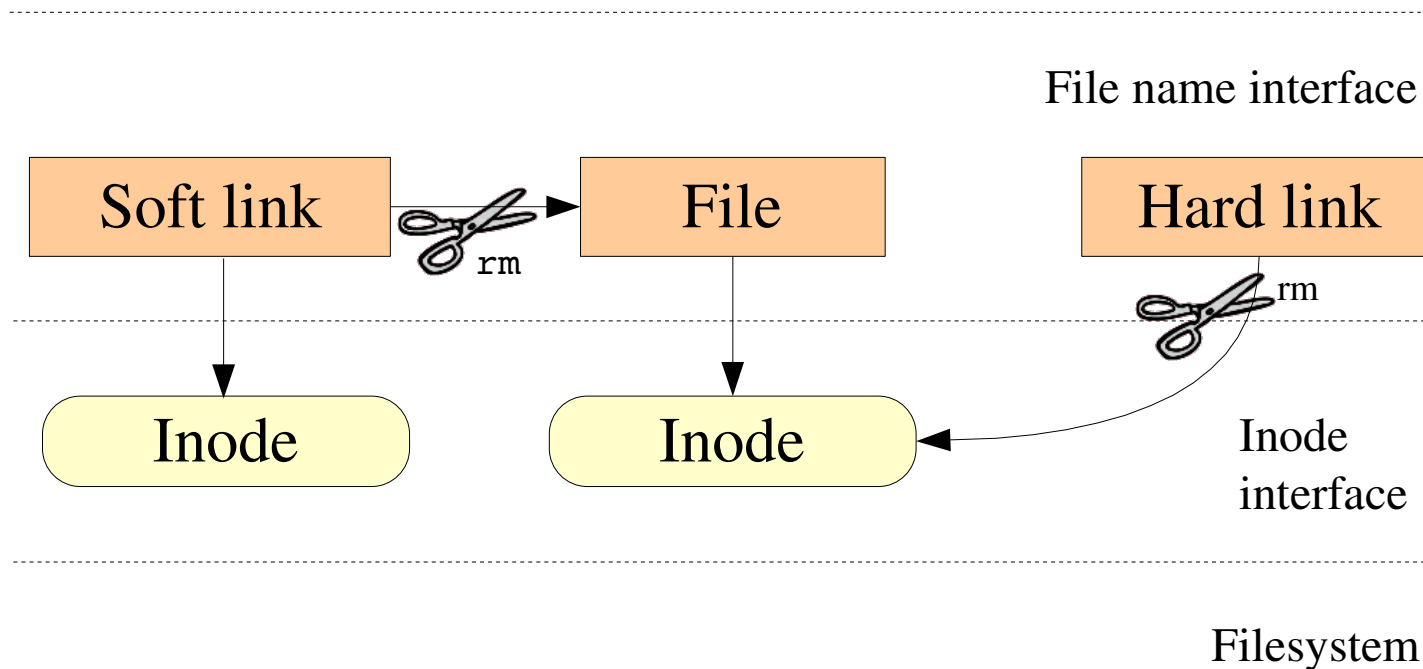
- ▶ The default behavior for `ln` is to create *hard links*
- ▶ A *hard link* to a file is a regular file with exactly the same physical contents
- ▶ While they still save space, hard links can't be distinguished from the original files.
- ▶ If you remove the original file, there is no impact on the hard link contents.
- ▶ The contents are removed when there are no more files (hard links) to them.

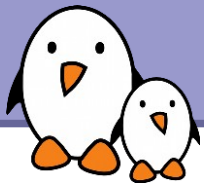


# Files names and inodes

Makes hard and symbolic (soft) links easier to understand!

Users





# Displaying file contents

Several ways of displaying the contents of files.

- ▶ **cat file1 file2 file3 ...** (concatenate)

Concatenates and outputs the contents of the given files.

- ▶ **more file1 file2 file3 ...**

After each page, asks the user to hit a key to continue.

Can also jump to the first occurrence of a keyword (/ command).

- ▶ **less file1 file2 file3 ...**

Does more than **more** with less.

Doesn't read the whole file before starting.

Supports *backward movement* in the file (? command).

Allows you to *search* (both forward and backward).





# The head and tail commands

- ▶ `head [-<n>] <file>`

Displays the first <n> lines (or 10 by default) of the given file.  
Doesn't have to open the whole file to do this!

- ▶ `tail [-<n>] <file>`

Displays the last <n> lines (or 10 by default) of the given file.  
No need to load the whole file in RAM! Very useful for huge files.

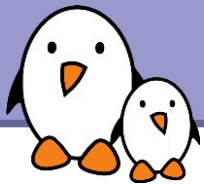
- ▶ `tail -f <file>` (follow)

Displays the last 10 lines of the given file and continues to display new lines when they are appended to the file.  
Very useful to follow the changes in a log file, for example.

- ▶ Examples

`head windows_bugs.txt`

`tail -f outlook_vulnerabilities.txt`



# Search within files command

▶ `grep <pattern> <files>`

Scans the given files and displays the lines which match the given pattern.

▶ `grep error *.log`

Displays all the lines containing `error` in the `*.log` files

▶ `grep -i error *.log`

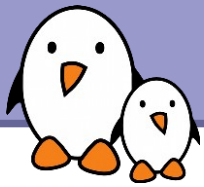
Same, but case insensitive

▶ `grep -ri error .`

Same, but recursively in all the files in `.` and its subdirectories

▶ `grep -v info *.log`

Outputs all the lines in the files except those containing `info`.



# Ordering file content command

- ▶ `sort <file>`

Sorts the lines in the given file in character order and outputs them.

- ▶ `sort -r <file>`

Same, but in reverse order.

- ▶ `sort -ru <file>`

**u**: unique. Same, but just outputs identical lines once.

- ▶ More possibilities described later!



# The Stream EDitor command

- ▶ sed is a Stream EDitor
- ▶ It parses text files and implements a programming language to apply transformations on the text.
- ▶ One of the most common usage of sed is *text replacement*, which relies on *regular expressions*
  - ▶ `sed -e 's/abc/def/'` testfile will replace every string “abc” by “def” in the file testfile and display the result on the standard output.
  - ▶ `sed 's/^[ \t]*//'` testfile will remove any tabulation or space at the beginning of a line
  - ▶ `sed 's/^\|([^\|]*)\|([^\|]*)\|$/\1 -> \2/'` testfile replace lines like “|string1|string2|” by “string1 -> string2”



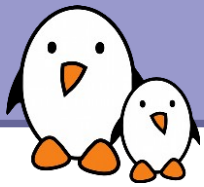
# Regular expressions

- ▶ Regular expressions are useful in many Unix tools, not only sed. They allow to match the *input text against an expression*.
- ▶ . matches any character
- ▶ [ ] matches any character listed inside the brackets
- ▶ [ ^ ] matches any character not listed inside the brackets
- ▶ ^ matches the beginning of the line
- ▶ \$ matches the end of the line
- ▶ \* matches the previous element *zero or more* times
- ▶ + matches the previous element *one or more* times
- ▶ ? matches the previous element *zero or one* time
- ▶ \ ( \ ) defines a sub-expression that can be later recalled by using \n, where n is the number of the sub-expression in the regular expression
- ▶ More at [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Regular\\_expression](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Regular_expression)



# Advanced text processing languages

- ▶ AWK is a programming language designed for processing text-based data, whether files or data streams
  - ▶ one of the first tools to appear on Unix
  - ▶ gained popularity as a way to add functionality to Unix pipes
- ▶ Commands are represented by *action statements*
  - ▶ may include function calls, variable assignments, calculations, or any combination thereof
- ▶ Contains support for many functions
  - ▶ many others are provided by the different versions of AWK
  - ▶ some versions even support the inclusion of dynamically linked libraries, which can provide even more features



# AWK elements

- ▶ Processing is *record* and *fields* oriented
  - ▶ by default: an input line is a record, which is split into fields
  - ▶ RS defines the “record separator”, FS defines the “fields separator”
- ▶ Automatic variables \$n are associated to fields, where n is the record number and \$0 is the whole record
- ▶ Many other pre-defined variables (e.g. FNR, NR, NF, ...)
- ▶ An AWK program consists of a sequence of pattern-action statements and optional function definitions

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pattern { action statements }  
function name(parameter list) { statements }
```



# AWK programs

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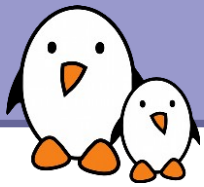
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pattern { action statements }  
function name(parameter list) { statements }
```
- ▶ **pattern** is generally a regular expression to match on the current record; BEGIN and END are special pattern
- ▶ **action statement** consist of the usual assignment, conditional, and looping statements found in most languages
  - ▶ operators, control statements, and input/output statements available are patterned after those in C
- ▶ The usage of this two elements is sufficient to perform quite complex operation at the shell command line level





# AWK eexamples

- ▶ `awk -F: '{ print "username: " $1 "\t\tuid:" $3" }' /etc/passwd`
  - ▶ scan all lines of the `/etc/passwd` file, using “:” as field separator
  - ▶ print username and UID separated by a TAB
  
- ▶ `awk -F: '$3 ~ /^1..$/ {printf "%-20s %5s\n", $1, $3}' /tmp/passwd.old`
  - ▶ scan all lines of the `/etc/passwd` file, using “:” as field separator
  - ▶ match the record with the 3<sup>rd</sup> field which is a number in [100..199]
  - ▶ format and print username and UID of matching records



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Command documentation



# Command help

Some Unix commands and most GNU / Linux commands offer at least one help argument:

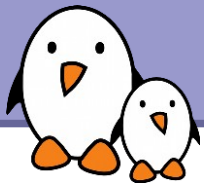
- ▶ `-h`

(`-` is mostly used to introduce 1-character options)

- ▶ `--help`

(`--` is always used to introduce the corresponding “long” option name, which makes scripts easier to understand)

You also often get a short summary of options when you input an invalid argument.



# Manual pages

`man <keyword>`

Displays one or several manual pages for `<keyword>`

► `man man`

Most available manual pages are about Unix commands, but some are also about C functions, headers or data structures, or even about system configuration files!

► `man stdio.h`

► `man fstab` (for `/etc/fstab`)

Manual page files are looked for in the directories specified by the `MANPATH` environment variable.



# Info pages

- ▶ In GNU, man pages are being replaced by info pages. Some manual pages even tell to refer to info pages instead.

`info <command>`

- ▶ `info` features:
  - ▶ Documentation structured in sections (“nodes”) and subsections (“subnodes”)
  - ▶ Possibility to navigate in this structure: top, next, prev, up
  - ▶ Info pages generated from the same texinfo source as the HTML documentation pages



# Searching the Internet for resources (2)

## Looking for documentation

- ▶ Look for `<tool>` or `<tool> page` to find the tool or project home page and then find the latest documentation resources.
- ▶ Look for `<tool> documentation` or `<tool> manual` in your favorite search engine.

## Looking for generic technical information

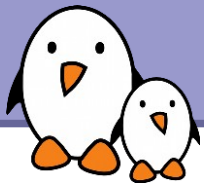
- ▶ Wikipedia: <http://wikipedia.org>  
Lots of useful definitions in computer science. A real encyclopedia! Open to anyone's contributions.



# Searching the Internet for resources (1)

## Investigating issues

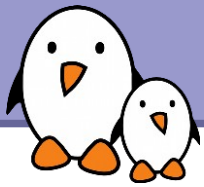
- ▶ Most forums and mailing list archives are public, and are indexed on a very frequent basis by **Google**.
- ▶ If you investigate an error message, copy it verbatim in the search form, enclosed in double quotes (“error message”). Lots of chances that somebody else already faced the same issue.
- ▶ Don't forget to use Google Groups:  
<http://groups.google.com/>  
This site indexes more than 20 years of newsgroups messages.



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Users and permissions





# File access rights

Use `ls -l` to check file access rights

## 3 types of access rights

- ▶ Read access (**r**)
- ▶ Write access (**w**)
- ▶ Execute rights (**x**)

## 3 types of access levels

- ▶ User (**u**): for the owner of the file
- ▶ Group (**g**): each file also has a “group” attribute, corresponding to a given list of users
- ▶ Others (**o**): for all other users



# Access right constraints

- ▶ **x** is sufficient to execute binaries  
Both **x** and **r** are required for shell scripts.
- ▶ Both **r** and **x** permissions are needed in practice for directories:  
**r** to list the contents, **x** to access the contents.
- ▶ You can't rename, remove, copy files in a directory if you don't have **w** access to this directory.
- ▶ If you have **w** access to a directory, you CAN remove a file even if you don't have write access to this file (remember that a directory is just a file describing a list of files). This even lets you modify (remove + recreate) a file even without **w** access to it.



# Access rights examples

▶ `-rw-r--r--`

Readable and writable for file owner, only readable for others

▶ `-rw-r-----`

Readable and writable for file owner, only readable for users belonging to the file group.

▶ `drwx-----`

Directory only accessible by its owner

▶ `-----r-x`

File executable by others but neither by your friends nor by yourself. Nice protections for a trap...





# chmod: changing permissions

- ▶ `chmod <permissions> <files>`

2 formats for permissions:

- ▶ Octal format (abc):

$a, b, c = r*4 + w*2 + x$  (r, w, x: booleans)

Example: `chmod 644 <file>`

(rw for u, r for g and o)

- ▶ Or symbolic format. Easy to understand by examples:

`chmod go+r`: add read permissions to group and others.

`chmod u-w`: remove write permissions from user.

`chmod a-x`: (a: all) remove execute permission from all.



# More chmod (1)

```
chmod -R a+rX linux/
```

Makes `linux` and everything in it available to everyone!

- ▶ **R**: apply changes recursively

- ▶ **X**: **x**, but only for directories and files already executable

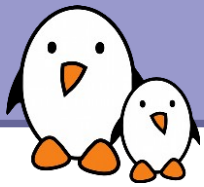
Very useful to open recursive access to directories, without adding execution rights to all files.



## More chmod (2)

`chmod a+t /tmp`

- ▶ **t**: (sticky). Special permission for directories, allowing only the directory and file owner to delete a file in a directory.
- ▶ Useful for directories with write access to anyone, like `/tmp`.
- ▶ Displayed by `ls -l` with a **t** character.



# File ownership

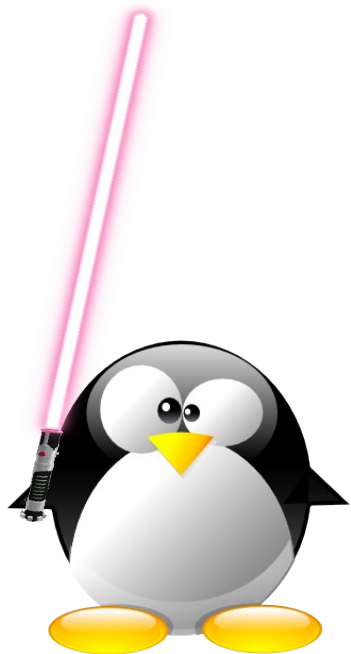
Particularly useful in (embedded) system development when you create files for another system.

- ▶ `chown -R sco /home/linux/src` (`-R`: recursive)  
Makes user `sco` the new owner of all the files in `/home/linux/src`.
- ▶ `chgrp -R empire /home/askywalker`  
Makes `empire` the new group of everything in `/home/askywalker`.
- ▶ `chown -R borg:aliens usss_entreprise/`  
`chown` can be used to change the owner and group at the same time.

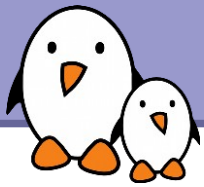


# Beware of the dark side of root

- ▶ `root` user privileges are only needed for very specific tasks with security risks: mounting, creating device files, loading drivers, starting networking, changing file ownership, package upgrades...
- ▶ Even if you have the `root` password, your regular account should be sufficient for 99.9 % of your tasks (unless you are a system administrator).
- ▶ In a training session, it is acceptable to use `root`. In real life, you may not even have access to this account, or put your systems and data at risk if you do.







# Using the root account

In case you really want to use `root`...

▶ If you have the `root` password:

`su` – (**s**witch **u**ser)

▶ In modern distributions, the `sudo` command gives you access to some `root` privileges with your own user password.

Example: `sudo mount /dev/hda4 /home`



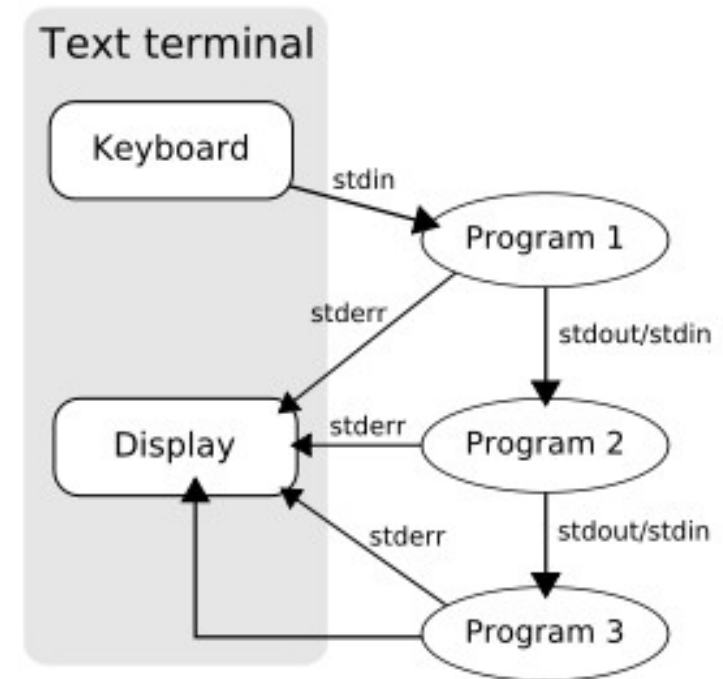
# The Unix and GNU / Linux command line

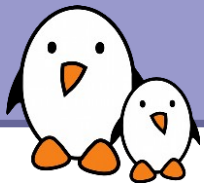
Standard I/O, redirections, pipes



# The UNIX Philosophy

- ▶ A small kernel together with a large number of small, specialized programs that can interact with each other through a variety of well-defined interfaces
- ▶ the pipe is one of the most important innovations of UNIX
- ▶ allow the combining of programs: the output of one becomes the input of another
- ▶ make it possible to easily perform highly specialized operations, difficult or virtually impossible using a non-modular system





# Standard output

More about command output

- ▶ All the commands outputting text on your terminal do it by writing to their *standard output*.
- ▶ Standard output can be written (redirected) to a file using the `>` symbol
- ▶ Standard output can be appended to an existing file using the `>>` symbol



# Standard output redirection examples

- ▶ `ls ~saddam/* > ~gwb/weapons_mass_destruction.txt`
- ▶ `cat obiwan_kenobi.txt > starwars_biographies.txt`  
`cat han_solo.txt >> starwars_biographies.txt`
- ▶ `echo "README: No such file or directory" > README`  
Useful way of creating a file without a text editor.  
Nice Unix joke too in this case.





# Standard input

## More about command input

- ▶ Lots of commands, when not given input arguments, can take their input from *standard input*.

- ▶ `sort`

`windows`

`linux`

`[Ctrl][D]`

`linux`

`windows`

`sort` takes its input from the standard input: in this case, what you type in the terminal (ended by `[Ctrl][D]`)

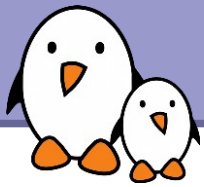
- ▶ `sort < participants.txt`

The standard input of `sort` is taken from the given file.



# Pipes

- ▶ Unix pipes are very useful to redirect the standard output of a command to the standard input of another one.
- ▶ Examples
  - ▶ `cat *.log | grep -i error | sort`
  - ▶ `grep -ri error . | grep -v "ignored" | sort -u \> serious_errors.log`
  - ▶ `cat /home/*/homework.txt | grep mark | more`
- ▶ This one of the most powerful features in Unix shells!



# The tee command

```
tee [-a] file
```

- ▶ The `tee` command can be used to send standard output to the screen and to a file simultaneously.
- ▶ `make | tee build.log`  
Runs the `make` command and stores its output to `build.log`.
- ▶ `make install | tee -a build.log`  
Runs the `make install` command and appends its output to `build.log`.





# Standard error

- ▶ Error messages are usually output (if the program is well written) to *standard error* instead of standard output.
- ▶ Standard error can be redirected through `2>` or `2>>`
- ▶ Example:  
`cat f1 f2 nofile > newfile 2> errfile`
- ▶ Note: `1` is the descriptor for standard output, so `1>` is equivalent to `>`.
- ▶ Can redirect both standard output and standard error to the same file using `&>` :  
`cat f1 f2 nofile &> wholefile`



# The yes command

Useful to fill standard input with always the same string.

► `yes <string> | <command>`

Keeps filling the standard input of `<command>` with `<string>` (`y` by default).

► Examples

```
yes | rm -r dir/
```

```
bank> yes no | credit_applicant
```

```
yes "" | make oldconfig
```

(equivalent to hitting `[Enter]` to accept all default settings)



# Special devices (1)

Device files with a special behavior or contents

## ▶ `/dev/null`

The data sink! Discards all data written to this file.  
Useful to get rid of unwanted output, typically log information:

```
mpplayer black_adder_4th.avi &> /dev/null
```

## ▶ `/dev/zero`

Reads from this file always return `\0` characters  
Useful to create a file filled with zeros:

```
dd if=/dev/zero of=disk.img bs=1k count=2048
```

See `man null` or `man zero` for details



## Special devices (2)

### ▶ `/dev/random`

Returns random bytes when read. Mainly used by cryptographic programs. Uses interrupts from some device drivers as sources of true randomness (“entropy”).

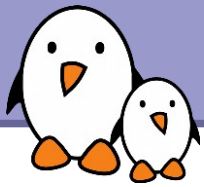
Reads can be blocked until enough entropy is gathered.

### ▶ `/dev/urandom`

For programs for which pseudo random numbers are fine.

Always generates random bytes, even if not enough entropy is available (in which case it is possible, though still difficult, to predict future byte sequences from past ones).

See `man random` for details.



# Special devices (3)

## ▶ `/dev/full`

Mimics a full device.

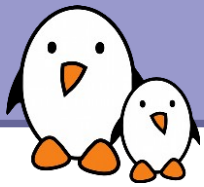
Useful to check that your application properly handles this kind of situation.

See `man full` for details.



# The Unix and GNU / Linux command line

Task control



# Full control on tasks

- ▶ Since the beginning, Unix supports true preemptive multitasking.
- ▶ Ability to run many tasks in parallel, and abort them even if they corrupt their own state and data.
- ▶ Ability to choose which programs you run.
- ▶ Ability to choose which input your programs takes, and where their output goes.



# Processes

“Everything in Unix is a file  
Everything in Unix that is not a file is a process”

## Processes

- ▶ Instances of a running programs
- ▶ Several instances of the same program can run at the same time
- ▶ Data associated to processes:  
Open files, allocated memory, stack, process id, parent, priority, state...





# Running jobs in background

Same usage throughout all the shells

## ► Useful

- For command line jobs which output can be examined later, especially for time consuming ones.
- To start graphical applications from the command line and then continue with the mouse.

► Starting a task: add `&` at the end of your line:

```
find_prince_charming --cute --clever --rich &
```



# Background job control

## ▶ jobs

Returns the list of background jobs from the same shell

```
[1]-  Running ~/bin/find_meaning_of_life --without-god &  
[2]+  Running make mistakes &
```

## ▶ fg

`fg %<n>`

Puts the last / nth background job in foreground mode

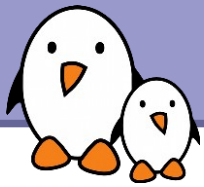
## ▶ Moving the current task in background mode:

`[Ctrl] Z`

`bg`

## ▶ kill %<n>

Aborts the nth job.



# Job control example

```
> jobs
```

```
[1]-  Running ~/bin/find_meaning_of_life --without-god &
```

```
[2]+  Running make mistakes &
```

```
> fg
```

```
make mistakes
```

```
> [Ctrl] Z
```

```
[2]+  Stopped make mistakes
```

```
> bg
```

```
[2]+  make mistakes &
```

```
> kill %1
```

```
[1]+  Terminated ~/bin/find_meaning_of_life --without-god
```



# Listing all processes

... whatever shell, script or process they are started from

## ▶ `ps -ux`

Lists all the processes belonging to the current user

## ▶ `ps -aux` (Note: `ps -edf` on System V systems)

Lists all the processes running on the system

## ▶ `ps -aux | grep bart | grep bash`

USER	PID	%CPU	%MEM	VSZ	RSS	TTY	STAT	START	TIME	COMMAND
bart	3039	0.0	0.2	5916	1380	pts/2	S	14:35	0:00	/bin/bash
bart	3134	0.0	0.2	5388	1380	pts/3	S	14:36	0:00	/bin/bash
bart	3190	0.0	0.2	6368	1360	pts/4	S	14:37	0:00	/bin/bash
bart	3416	0.0	0.0	0	0	pts/2	RW	15:07	0:00	[bash]

- ▶ PID: Process id
- VSZ: Virtual process size (code + data + stack)
- RSS: Process resident size: number of KB currently in RAM
- TTY: Terminal
- STAT: Status: R (Runnable), S (Sleep), W (paging), Z (Zombie)...



# Live process activity

- ▶ **top** – Displays most important processes, sorted by cpu percentage

```
top - 15:44:33 up 1:11, 5 users, load average: 0.98, 0.61, 0.59
Tasks: 81 total, 5 running, 76 sleeping, 0 stopped, 0 zombie
Cpu(s): 92.7% us, 5.3% sy, 0.0% ni, 0.0% id, 1.7% wa, 0.3% hi, 0.0% si
Mem: 515344k total, 512384k used, 2960k free, 20464k buffers
Swap: 1044184k total, 0k used, 1044184k free, 277660k cached
```

PID	USER	PR	NI	VIRT	RES	SHR	S	%CPU	%MEM	TIME+	COMMAND
3809	jdoe	25	0	6256	3932	1312	R	93.8	0.8	0:21.49	bunzip2
2769	root	16	0	157m	80m	90m	R	2.7	16.0	5:21.01	X
3006	jdoe	15	0	30928	15m	27m	S	0.3	3.0	0:22.40	kdeinit
3008	jdoe	16	0	5624	892	4468	S	0.3	0.2	0:06.59	autorun
3034	jdoe	15	0	26764	12m	24m	S	0.3	2.5	0:12.68	kscd
3810	jdoe	16	0	2892	916	1620	R	0.3	0.2	0:00.06	top

- ▶ You can change the sorting order by typing **M**: Memory usage, **P**: %CPU, **T**: Time.
- ▶ You can kill a task by typing **k** and the process id.



# Killing processes (1)

- ▶ `kill <pids>`

Sends an abort signal to the given processes. Lets processes save data and exit by themselves. Should be used first. Example:

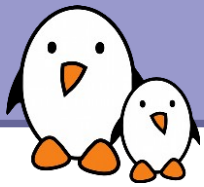
```
kill 3039 3134 3190 3416
```

- ▶ `kill -9 <pids>`

Sends an immediate termination signal. The system itself terminates the processes. Useful when a process is really stuck (doesn't answer to `kill -1`).

- ▶ `kill -9 -1`

Kills all the processes of the current user. `-1`: means all processes.



# Killing processes (2)

► `killall [-<signal>] <command>`

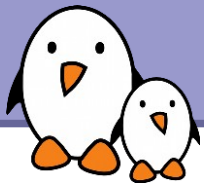
Kills all the jobs running `<command>`. Example:

`killall bash`

► `xkill`

Lets you kill a graphical application by clicking on it!

Very quick! Convenient when you don't know the application command name.



# Recovering from stuck graphics

- ▶ If your graphical session is stuck and you can no longer type in your terminals, don't reboot!
- ▶ It is very likely that your system is still fine. Try to access a text console by pressing the `[Ctrl][Alt][F1]` keys (or `[F2]`, `[F3]` for more text consoles)
- ▶ In the text console, you can try to kill the guilty application.
- ▶ Once this is done, you can go back to the graphic session by pressing `[Ctrl][Alt][F5]` or `[Ctrl][Alt][F7]` (depending on your distribution)
- ▶ If you can't identify the stuck program, you can also kill all your processes: `kill -9 -1`  
You are then brought back to the login screen.





# Sequential commands

- ▶ Can type the next command in your terminal even when the current one is not over.
- ▶ Can separate commands with the `;` symbol:  
`echo "I love thee"; sleep 10; echo " not"`
- ▶ Conditionals: use `||` (or) or `&&` (and):  
`more God || echo "Sorry, God doesn't exist"`  
Runs `echo` only if the first command fails

```
ls ~sd6 && cat ~sd6/* > ~sydney/recipes.txt
```

Only cats the directory contents if the `ls` command succeeds (means read access).



# Quoting (1)

Double (") quotes can be used to prevent the shell from interpreting spaces as argument separators, as well as to prevent file name pattern expansion.

```
> echo "Hello World"  
Hello World
```

```
> echo "You are logged as $USER"  
You are logged as bgates
```

```
> echo *.log  
find_prince_charming.log cosmetic_buys.log
```

```
> echo "*.log"  
*.log
```



## Quoting (2)

Single quotes bring a similar functionality, but what is between quotes is never substituted

```
> echo 'You are logged as $USER'  
You are logged as $USER
```

Back quotes ( ` ) can be used to call a command within another

```
> cd /lib/modules/`uname -r`; pwd  
/lib/modules/2.6.9-1.6_FC2
```

Back quotes can be used within double quotes

```
> echo "You are using Linux `uname -r`"  
You are using Linux 2.6.9-1.6_FC2
```

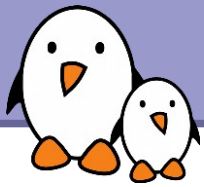


# Measuring elapsed time

```
▶ time find_expensive_housing --near  
<...command output...>  
real      0m2.304s (actual elapsed time)  
user      0m0.449s (CPU time running program code)  
sys       0m0.106s (CPU time running system calls)
```

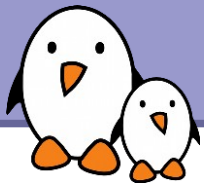
$\text{real} = \text{user} + \text{sys} + \text{waiting}$

$\text{waiting} = \text{I/O waiting time} + \text{idle time (running other tasks)}$



# Environment variables

- ▶ Shells let the user define *variables*.  
They can be reused in shell commands.  
Convention: lower case names
- ▶ You can also define *environment variables*:  
variables that are also visible within scripts or  
executables called from the shell.  
Convention: upper case names.
- ▶ **env**  
Lists all defined environment variables and their  
value.



# Shell variables examples

## Shell variables (bash)

```
▶ projdir=/home/marshall/coolstuff  
ls -la $projdir; cd $projdir
```

## Environment variables (bash)

```
▶ cd $HOME
```

```
▶ export DEBUG=1  
./find_extraterrestrial_life  
(displays debug information if DEBUG is set)
```



# Main standard environment variables

Used by lots of applications!

- ▶ **LD\_LIBRARY\_PATH**  
Shared library search path
- ▶ **DISPLAY**  
Screen id to display X  
(graphical) applications on.
- ▶ **EDITOR**  
Default editor (vi, emacs...)
- ▶ **HOME**  
Current user home  
directory
- ▶ **HOSTNAME**  
Name of the local machine
- ▶ **MANPATH**  
Manual page search path
- ▶ **PATH**  
Command search path
- ▶ **PRINTER**  
Default printer name
- ▶ **SHELL**  
Current shell name
- ▶ **TERM**  
Current terminal type
- ▶ **USER**  
Current user name



# PATH environment variables

## ▶ PATH

Specifies the shell search order for commands

```
/
home/abox/bin:/usr/local/bin:/usr/kerberos/bin:
/usr/bin:/bin:/usr/X11R6/bin:/bin:/usr/bin
```

## ▶ LD\_LIBRARY\_PATH

Specifies the shared library (binary code libraries shared by applications, like the C library) search order for `ld`

```
/usr/local/lib:/usr/lib:/lib:/usr/X11R6/lib
```

## ▶ MANPATH

Specifies the search order for manual pages

```
/usr/local/man:/usr/share/man
```





# PATH usage warning

It is strongly recommended not to have the “.” directory in your **PATH** environment variable, in particular not at the beginning:

- ▶ A cracker could place a malicious **ls** file in your directories. It would get executed when you run **ls** in this directory and could do naughty things to your data.
- ▶ If you have an executable file called **test** in a directory, this will override the default **test** program and some scripts will stop working properly.
- ▶ Each time you **cd** to a new directory, the shell will waste time updating its list of available commands.

Call your local commands as follows: **./test**



# Alias

Shells let you define command *aliases*: shortcuts for commands you use very frequently.

## Examples

▶ `alias ls='ls -la'`

Useful to always run commands with default arguments.

▶ `alias rm='rm -i'`

Useful to make `rm` always ask for confirmation.

▶ `alias frd='find_rambaldi_device --asap --risky'`

Useful to replace very long and frequent commands.

▶ `alias cia='. /home/sydney/env/cia.sh'`

Useful to set an environment in a quick way

(`.` is a shell command to execute the content of a shell script).



# The which command

Before you run a command, **which** tells you where it is found

```
▶ bash> which ls
alias ls='ls --color=tty'
/bin/ls
```

```
▶ tcsh> which ls
ls:          aliased to ls --color=tty
```

```
▶ bash> which alias
/usr/bin/which: no alias in
(/usr/local/bin:/usr/bin:/bin:/usr/X11R6/bin)
```

```
▶ tcsh> which alias
alias: shell built-in command.
```



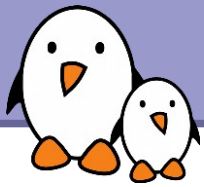
# ~/.bashrc file

## ▶ ~/.bashrc

Shell script read each time a `bash` shell is started

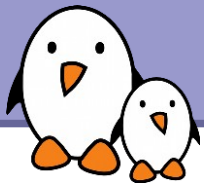
## ▶ You can use this file to define

- ▶ Your default environment variables (`PATH`, `EDITOR`...).
- ▶ Your aliases.
- ▶ Your prompt (see the `bash` manual for details).
- ▶ A greeting message.



# Command editing

- ▶ You can use the left and right arrow keys to move the cursor in the current command.
- ▶ You can use `[Ctrl][a]` to go to the beginning of the line, and `[Ctrl][e]` to go to the end.
- ▶ You can use the up and down arrows to select earlier commands.
- ▶ You can use `[Ctrl][r]` to search inside the history of previous commands.



# Command history (1)

- ▶ `history`

Displays the latest commands that you ran and their number. You can copy and paste command strings.

- ▶ You can recall the latest command:

`!!`

- ▶ You can recall a command by its number

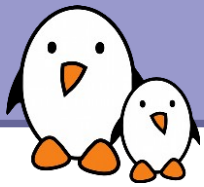
`!1003`

- ▶ You can recall the latest command matching a starting string:

`!cat`

- ▶ You can pattern match the history backward

`[Ctrl]+r`



# Command history (2)

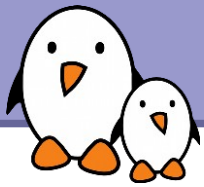
- ▶ You can make substitutions on the latest command:  
`^more^less`
- ▶ You can run another command with the same arguments:  
`more !*`



# The Unix and GNU / Linux command line

Miscellaneous  
Text editors





# Text editors

## Graphical text editors

Fine for most needs

- ▶ nedit
- ▶ Emacs, Xemacs
- ▶ Kate, Gedit

## Text-only text editors

Often needed for sysadmins and great for power users

- ▶ vi, vim
- ▶ nano



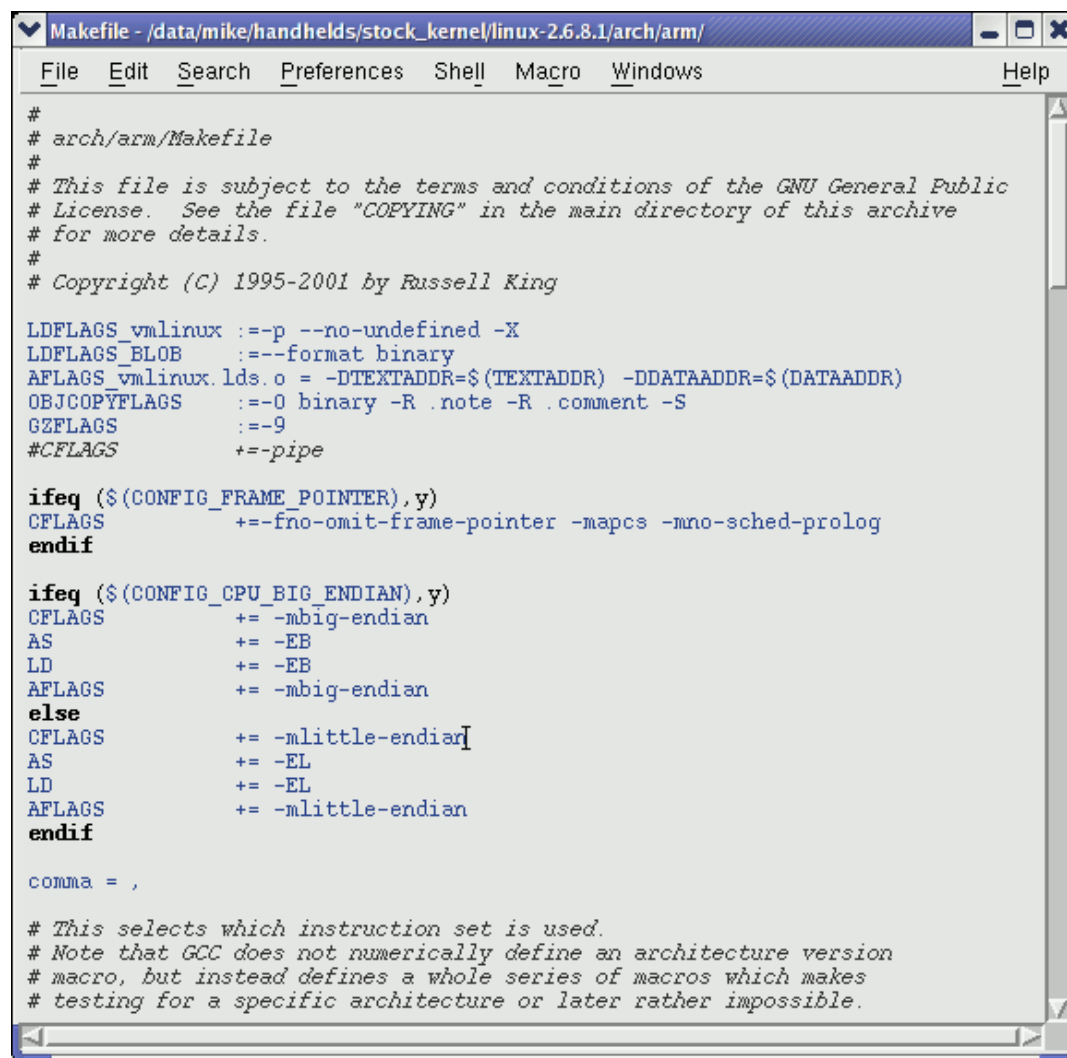
# The nedit text editor

<http://www.nedit.org/>

- Best text editor for non **vi** or **emacs** experts
- ▶ Feature highlights:
  - Very easy text selection and moving
  - Syntax highlighting for most languages and formats. Can be tailored for your own log files, to highlight particular errors and warnings.
  - Easy to customize through menus
- ▶ Not installed by default by all distributions



# nedit screenshot



```
#
# arch/arm/Makefile
#
# This file is subject to the terms and conditions of the GNU General Public
# License. See the file "COPYING" in the main directory of this archive
# for more details.
#
# Copyright (C) 1995-2001 by Russell King

LDFLAGS_vmlinux :=-p --no-undefined -X
LDFLAGS_BLOB    :=--format binary
AFLAGS_vmlinux.lds.o = -DTEXTADDR=$(TEXTADDR) -DDATAADDR=$(DATAADDR)
OBJCOPYFLAGS    :=-O binary -R .note -R .comment -S
GZFLAGS         :=-9
#CFLAGS         +=-pipe

ifeq ($(CONFIG_FRAME_POINTER),y)
CFLAGS          +=-fno-omit-frame-pointer -mapcs -mno-sched-prolog
endif

ifeq ($(CONFIG_CPU_BIG_ENDIAN),y)
CFLAGS          += -mbig-endian
AS              += -EB
LD              += -EB
AFLAGS          += -mbig-endian
else
CFLAGS          += -mlittle-endian
AS              += -EL
LD              += -EL
AFLAGS          += -mlittle-endian
endif

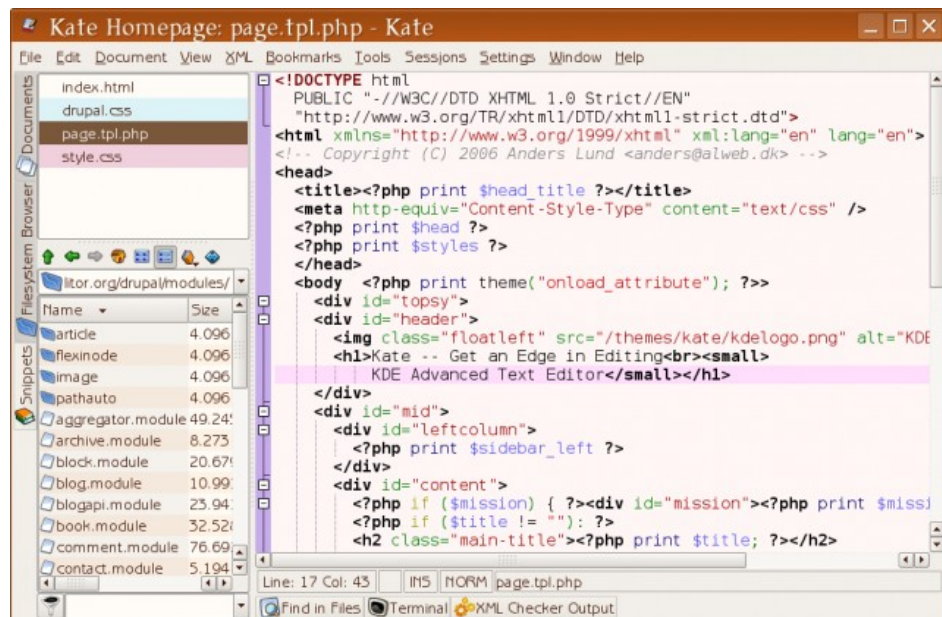
comma = ,

# This selects which instruction set is used.
# Note that GCC does not numerically define an architecture version
# macro, but instead defines a whole series of macros which makes
# testing for a specific architecture or later rather impossible.
```



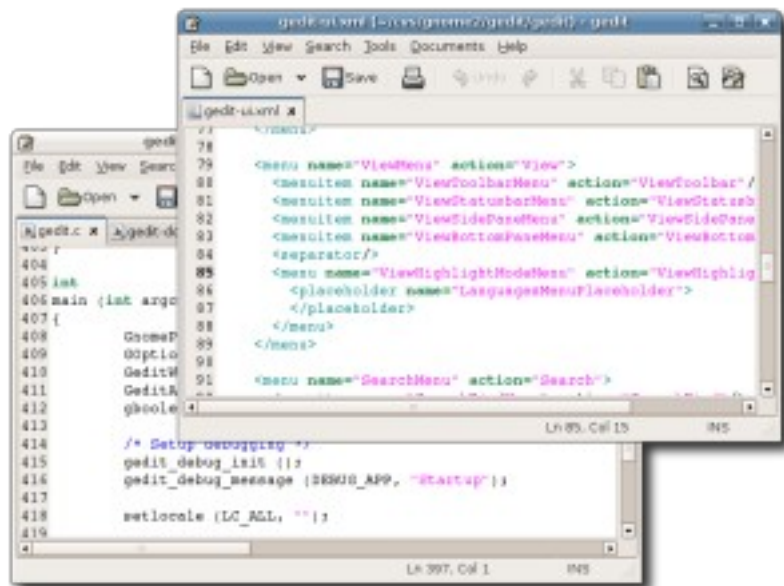


# Kate and gedit



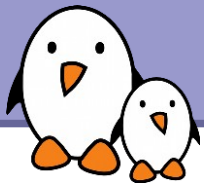
- ▶ Kate is a powerful text editor dedicated to programming activities, for KDE

▶ <http://kate.kde.org>



- ▶ Gedit is a text editor for the Gnome environment

▶ <http://projects.gnome.org/gedit/>



# vi

Text-mode text editor available in all Unix systems. Created before computers with mice appeared.

- Difficult to learn for beginners used to graphical text editors.
- Very productive for power users.
- Often can't be replaced to edit files in system administration or in Embedded Systems, when you just have a text console.



# vim - vi improved

c.txt (/data/mike/tmp) - GVIM

File Edit Tools Syntax Buffers Window Help

When I find my code in tons of trouble,  
Friends and colleagues come to me,  
Speaking words of wisdom:  
"Write in C."

As the deadline fast approaches,  
And bugs are all that I can see,  
Somewhere, someone whispers:  
"Write in C."

Write in C, Write in C,  
Write in C, oh, Write in C.  
LOGO's dead and buried,  
Write in C.

I used to write a lot of FORTRAN,  
For science it worked flawlessly.  
Try using it for graphics  
Write in C.

If you've just spent nearly 30 hours  
Debugging some assembly,  
Soon you will be glad to  
Write in C.

Write in C, Write in C,  
Write in C, yeah, Write in C.  
Only wimps use BASIC.  
Write in C.

Write in C, Write in C  
Write in C, oh, Write in C.  
Pascal won't quite cut it.  
Write in C.

Write in C, Write in C,  
Write in C, yeah, Write in C.  
Don't even mention COBOL.  
Write in C.

~

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- ▶ **vi** implementation now found in most GNU / Linux host systems
- ▶ Implements lots of features available in modern editors: syntax highlighting, command history, help, unlimited undo and much much more.
- ▶ Cool feature example: can directly open compressed text files.
- ▶ Comes with a GTK graphical interface (**gvim**)
- ▶ Unfortunately, not free software (because of a small restriction in freedom to make changes)





# vi basic commands

**vi basic commands**

Summary of most useful commands.  
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Comments and updates to this free training material are: <http://www.free-electrons.com/doc/2666-vi-command-sheet/>

**Entering command mode**  
[ESC] Exit editing mode. Keyboard keys now interpreted as commands.

**Moving the cursor**  
h (or left arrow key) move the cursor left.  
l (or right arrow key) move the cursor right.  
j (or up arrow key) move the cursor up.  
k (or down arrow key) move the cursor down.  
[Ctrl] f move the cursor one page forward.  
[Ctrl] b move the cursor one page backward.  
^ move the cursor to the beginning of the current line.  
\$ move the cursor to the end of the current line.  
= go to the last line in the file.  
:n go to line number n.  
[Ctrl] u display the name of the current file and the cursor position in it.

**Entering editing mode**  
i insert new text before the cursor.  
a append new text after the cursor.  
o start to edit a new line after the current one.  
O start to edit a new line before the current one.

**Replacing characters, lines and words**  
c replace the current character (does not enter edit mode).  
C enter edit mode and substitute the current character by several ones.  
cw enter edit mode and change the word after the cursor.  
Cw enter edit mode and change the rest of the line after the cursor.

**Copying and pasting**  
yy copy (yank) the current line to the copy/paste buffer.  
P paste the copy/paste buffer after the current line.  
p Paste the copy/paste buffer before the current line.

**Deleting characters, words and lines**  
All deleted characters, words and lines are copied to the copy/paste buffer.  
x delete the character at the cursor location.  
dw delete the current word.

d delete the remainder of the line after the cursor.  
dd delete the current line.

**Repeating commands**  
· repeat the last insertion, replacement or delete command.

**Looking for strings**  
/string find the first occurrence of string after the cursor.  
?string find the first occurrence of string before the cursor.  
n find the next occurrence in the last search.

**Replacing strings**  
Can also be done manually, search and replacing once, and then using s (next occurrence) and . (repeat last edit).  
n,gw/string/string/ find between line numbers n and p, substitute all (g) global occurrences of string by string.  
1,gw/string/string/ in the whole file (\$: last line), substitute all occurrences of string by string.

**Applying a command several times - Examples**  
5j move the cursor 5 lines down.  
10dd delete 10 lines.  
5cw change 4 words from the cursor.  
1m go to the first line in the file.

**Misc**  
[Ctrl] L redraw the screen.

**Exiting and saving**  
ss save current file and exit vi.  
w write (save) buffer to the current file.  
w file write (save) buffer to the file file.  
q! quit vi without saving changes.

**Going further**  
vi has much more flexibility and many more commands for power users!  
It can make you extremely productive in editing and creating text.  
Learn more by taking the quick tutorial: just type vimtutor.  
Many extra resources are also available on the net.

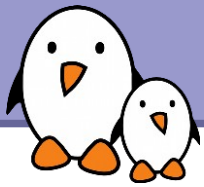
Though **vi** is extremely powerful, its main 30 commands are easy to learn and are sufficient for 99% of everyone's needs!

You can also take the quick tutorial by running **vimtutor**.

Get our vi memento sheet if you didn't get it with this course:

<http://free-electrons.com/docs/command-line>





# GNU nano

<http://www.nano-editor.org/>

- ▶ Another small text-only, mouse free text editor.
- ▶ An enhanced **Pico** clone (non free editor in **Pine**)
- ▶ Friendly and easier to learn for beginners thanks to on screen command summaries.
- ▶ Available in binary packages for several platforms.
- ▶ An alternative to **vi** in embedded systems.  
However, not available as a **busybox** built-in.



# GNU nano screenshot

```
GNU nano 1.2.3      File: fortune.txt

The herd instinct among economists makes sheep look like independent thinkers.

Klingon phaser attack from front!!!!
100% Damage to life support!!!

Spock: The odds of surviving another attack are 13562190123 to 1, Captain.

Quantum Mechanics is God's version of "Trust me."

I'm a soldier, not a diplomat.  I can only tell the truth.
      -- Kirk, "Errand of Mercy", stardate 3198.9

Did you hear that there's a group of South American Indians that worship
the number zero?

Is nothing sacred?

They are called computers simply because computation is the only significant
job that has so far been given to them.

As far as the laws of mathematics refer to reality, they are not
certain, and as far as they are certain, they do not refer to reality.
      -- Albert Einstein

Tact, n.:
      The unsaid part of what you're thinking.

Support bacteria -- it's the only culture some people have!

^G Get Help  ^O WriteOut  ^R Read File  ^Y Prev Page  ^K Cut Text   ^C Cur Pos
^X Exit      ^J Justify   ^W Where Is   ^V Next Page  ^U UnCut Txt  ^T To Spell
```



## Miscellaneous

### Compressing and archiving



# Measuring disk usage

Caution: different from file size!

▶ `du -h <file>` (disk usage)

`-h`: returns size on disk of the given file, in human readable format: K (kilobytes), M (megabytes) or G (gigabytes), . Without `-h`, `du` returns the raw number of disk blocks used by the file (hard to read).

Note that the `-h` option only exists in GNU `du`.

▶ `du -sh <dir>`

`-s`: returns the sum of disk usage of all the files in the given directory.



# Measuring disk space

## ► `df -h <dir>`

Returns disk usage and free space for the filesystem containing the given directory.

Similarly, the `-h` option only exists in GNU `df`.

## ► Example:

```
> df -h .
```

Filesystem	Size	Used	Avail	Use%	Mounted on
/dev/hda5	9.2G	7.1G	1.8G	81%	/

## ► `df -h`

Returns disk space information for all filesystems available in the system. When errors happen, useful to look for full filesystems.



# Compressing and decompressing

Very useful for shrinking huge files and saving space

▶ `g[un]zip <file>`

GNU zip compression utility. Creates `.gz` files.  
Ordinary performance (similar to Zip).

▶ `b[un]zip2 <file>`

More recent and effective compression utility.  
Creates `.bz2` files. Usually 20-25% better than `gzip`.

▶ `[un]lzma <file>`

Much better compression ratio than `bzip2` (up to 10 to 20%).  
Compatible command line options.



# Archiving (1)

Useful to backup or release a set of files within 1 file

- ▶ **tar**: originally “tape archive”

- ▶ Creating an archive:

```
tar cvf <archive> <files or directories>
```

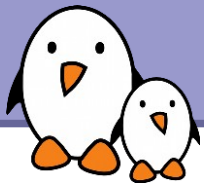
**c**: create

**v**: verbose. Useful to follow archiving progress.

**f**: file. Archive created in file (tape used otherwise).

- ▶ Example:

```
tar cvf /backup/home.tar /home  
bzip2 /backup/home.tar
```



## Archiving (2)

- ▶ Viewing the contents of an archive or integrity check:  
`tar tvf <archive>`  
`t: test`
- ▶ Extracting all the files from an archive:  
`tar xvf <archive>`
- ▶ Extracting just a few files from an archive:  
`tar xvf <archive> <files or directories>`  
Files or directories are given with paths relative to the archive root directory.






# Extra options in GNU tar

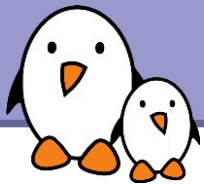
`tar` = `gtar` = GNU `tar` on GNU / Linux

Can compress and uncompress archives on the fly.

Useful to avoid creating huge intermediate files

Much simpler to do than with `tar` and `bzip2`!

- ▶ `j` option: [un]compresses on the fly with `bzip2`
- ▶ `z` option: [un]compresses on the fly with `gzip`
- ▶ `--lzma` option: [un]compresses on the fly with `lzma`
- ▶ Examples (which one will you remember?) 
  - ▶ `gtar jcvf bills_bugs.tar.bz2 bills_bugs`
  - ▶ `tar cvf - bills_bugs | bzip2 > bills_bugs.tar.bz2`



# Checking file integrity

Very low cost solution to check file integrity

▶ `md5sum FC3-i386-disk*.iso > MD5SUM`

Computes a MD5 (Message Digest Algorithm 5) 128 bit checksum of the given files. Usually redirected to a file.

▶ Example output:

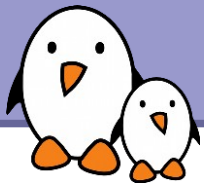
```
db8c7254beeb4f6b891d1ed3f689b412 FC3-i386-disc1.iso
2c11674cf429fe570445afd9d5ff564e FC3-i386-disc2.iso
f88f6ab5947ca41f3cf31db04487279b FC3-i386-disc3.iso
6331c00aa3e8c088cc365eeb7ef230ea FC3-i386-disc4.iso
```

▶ `md5sum -c MD5SUM`

Checks the integrity of the files in `MD5SUM` by comparing their actual MD5 checksum with their original one.



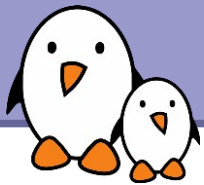
## Miscellaneous Synchronizing files



# Smart directory copy with rsync

**rsync** (remote sync) has been designed to keep in sync directories on 2 machines with a low bandwidth connection.

- ▶ Only copies files that have changed. Files with the same size are compared by checksums.
- ▶ Only transfers the blocks that differ within a file!
- ▶ Can compress the transferred blocks
- ▶ Preserves symbolic links and file permissions: also very useful for copies on the same machine.
- ▶ Can work through ssh (secure remote shell). Very useful to update the contents of a website, for example.



# rsync examples (1)

▶ `rsync -a /home/arvin/sd6_agents/ /home/sydney/misc/`

`-a`: archive mode. Equivalent to `-rlptgoD...` easy way to tell you want recursion and want to preserve almost everything.

▶ `rsync -Pav --delete /home/steve/ideas/ /home/bill/my_ideas/`

`-P`: `--partial` (keep partially transferred files) and `--progress` (show progress during transfer)

`--delete`: delete files in the target which don't exist in the source.

Caution: directory names should end with `/`. Otherwise, you get a `my_ideas/ideas/` directory at the destination.



## rsync examples (2)

- ▶ Copying to a remote machine

```
rsync -Pav /home/bill/legal/arguments/ \
bill@www.sco.com:/home/legal/arguments/
```

User **bill** will be prompted for a password.

- ▶ Copying from a remote machine through ssh

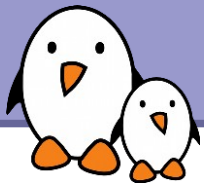
```
rsync -Pav -e ssh
homer@tank.duff.com:/prod/beer/ \
fridge/homer/beer/
```

User **homer** will be prompted for his ssh key password.



## Miscellaneous

### Comparing files and directories



# Comparing files and directories

- ▶ `diff file1 file2`

Reports the differences between 2 files, or nothing if the files are identical.

- ▶ `diff -r dir1/ dir2/`

Reports all the differences between files with the same name in the 2 directories.

- ▶ These differences can be saved in a file using the redirection, and then later re-applied using the `patch` command (using `diff -urN`).

- ▶ For better legibility, a colored output could be obtained using the ***colordiff*** wrapper





# tkdiff

<http://tkdiff.sourceforge.net/>

Useful tool to compare files and merge differences

```
Makefile vs. Makefile - TkDiff 4.0
File Edit View Mark Merge Help
1 : 58c58 Merge: Diff: Mark:
linux-2.6.6/arch/arm/Makefile linux-2.6.8.1/arch/arm/Makefile
75 machine-$(CONFIG_ARCH_C0285) := footbridge 76 machine-$(CONFIG_ARCH_C0285) := footbridge
76 incdir-$(CONFIG_ARCH_C0285) := ebsa285 77 incdir-$(CONFIG_ARCH_C0285) := ebsa285
77 - machine-$(CONFIG_ARCH_FTVPCI) := ftvpci
78 - incdir-$(CONFIG_ARCH_FTVPCI) := nexuspai
79 - machine-$(CONFIG_ARCH_TBOX) := tbox
80 machine-$(CONFIG_ARCH_SHARK) := shark
81 machine-$(CONFIG_ARCH_SA1100) := sa1100
82 ifeq ($(CONFIG_ARCH_SA1100),y)
83 # SA1111 DMA bug: we don't want the kernel to live in p
84 textaddr-$(CONFIG_SA1111) := 0xc0208000
85 endif
86 machine-$(CONFIG_ARCH_PXA) := pxa
87 machine-$(CONFIG_ARCH_L7200) := l7200
88 machine-$(CONFIG_ARCH_INTEGRATOR) := integrator
89 machine-$(CONFIG_ARCH_CAMELOT) := epxa10db
90 textaddr-$(CONFIG_ARCH_CLPS711X) := 0xc0028000
91 machine-$(CONFIG_ARCH_CLPS711X) := clps711x
92 textaddr-$(CONFIG_ARCH_FORTUNET) := 0xc0008000
93 machine-$(CONFIG_ARCH_IOP3XX) := iop3xx
94 ! machine-$(CONFIG_ARCH_ADI1FCC) := adi1fcc
95 machine-$(CONFIG_ARCH_OMAP) := omap
96 machine-$(CONFIG_ARCH_S3C2410) := s3c2410
97 machine-$(CONFIG_ARCH_LH7A40X) := lh7a40x
98 machine-$(CONFIG_ARCH_VERSATILE_PB) := versatile
99
100 TEXTADDR := $(textaddr-y)
76 machine-$(CONFIG_ARCH_C0285) := footbridge
77 incdir-$(CONFIG_ARCH_C0285) := ebsa285
78 machine-$(CONFIG_ARCH_SHARK) := shark
79 machine-$(CONFIG_ARCH_SA1100) := sa1100
80 ifeq ($(CONFIG_ARCH_SA1100),y)
81 # SA1111 DMA bug: we don't want the kernel to live in p
82 textaddr-$(CONFIG_SA1111) := 0xc0208000
83 endif
84 machine-$(CONFIG_ARCH_PXA) := pxa
85 machine-$(CONFIG_ARCH_L7200) := l7200
86 machine-$(CONFIG_ARCH_INTEGRATOR) := integrator
87 machine-$(CONFIG_ARCH_CAMELOT) := epxa10db
88 textaddr-$(CONFIG_ARCH_CLPS711X) := 0xc0028000
89 machine-$(CONFIG_ARCH_CLPS711X) := clps711x
90 textaddr-$(CONFIG_ARCH_FORTUNET) := 0xc0008000
91 machine-$(CONFIG_ARCH_IOP3XX) := iop3xx
92 ! machine-$(CONFIG_ARCH_1XP4XX) := 1xp4xx
93 machine-$(CONFIG_ARCH_OMAP) := omap
94 machine-$(CONFIG_ARCH_S3C2410) := s3c2410
95 machine-$(CONFIG_ARCH_LH7A40X) := lh7a40x
96 machine-$(CONFIG_ARCH_VERSATILE_PB) := versatile
97
98 +ifeq ($(CONFIG_ARCH_EBSA110),y)
99 +# This is what happens if you forget the IOCS16 line.
100 +# PCMCIA cards stop working.
101 +CFLAGS_3c589_cs.o := -DISA_SIXTEEN_BIT_PERIPHERAL
102 +export CFLAGS_3c589_cs.o
103 +endif
104 +
105 TEXTADDR := $(textaddr-y)
```



# kompare

Another nice tool to compare files and merge differences  
Part of the **kdesdk** package (Fedora Core)

```
File Difference Settings Help

Makefile
76 incdir-$(CONFIG_ARCH_C0285) := ebsa285
77 machine-$(CONFIG_ARCH_FTVPCI) := ftvpci
78 incdir-$(CONFIG_ARCH_FTVPCI) := nexuspci
79 machine-$(CONFIG_ARCH_TBOX) := tbox
80 machine-$(CONFIG_ARCH_SHARK) := shark
81 machine-$(CONFIG_ARCH_SA1100) := sa1100
82 ifeq ($(CONFIG_ARCH_SA1100),y)
83 # SA1111 DMA bug: we don't want the kernel to live in p
84 textaddr-$(CONFIG_SA1111) := 0xc0208000
85 endif
86 machine-$(CONFIG_ARCH_PXA) := pxa
87 machine-$(CONFIG_ARCH_L7200) := l7200
88 machine-$(CONFIG_ARCH_INTEGRATOR) := integrator
89 machine-$(CONFIG_ARCH_CAMELOT) := epxa10db
90 textaddr-$(CONFIG_ARCH_CLPS711X) := 0xc0028000
91 machine-$(CONFIG_ARCH_CLPS711X) := clps711x
92 textaddr-$(CONFIG_ARCH_FORTUNET) := 0xc0008000
93 machine-$(CONFIG_ARCH_IOP3XX) := iop3xx
94 machine-$(CONFIG_ARCH_ADIFCC) := adifcc
95 machine-$(CONFIG_ARCH_OMAP) := omap
96 machine-$(CONFIG_ARCH_S3C2410) := s3c2410
97 machine-$(CONFIG_ARCH_LH7A40X) := lh7a40x
98 machine-$(CONFIG_ARCH_VERSATILE_PB) := versatile
99
100 TEXTADDR := $(textaddr-y)
101 ifeq ($(incdir-y),)
102 incdir-y := $(machine-y)
103 endif
104 INCDIR := arch-$(incdir-y)
105
106 export TEXTADDR GZFLAGS
107

Makefile
75 incdir-$(CONFIG_FOOTBRIDGE) := ebsa285
75 textaddr-$(CONFIG_ARCH_C0285) := 0x60008000
76 machine-$(CONFIG_ARCH_C0285) := footbridge
77 incdir-$(CONFIG_ARCH_C0285) := ebsa285
78 machine-$(CONFIG_ARCH_SHARK) := shark
79 machine-$(CONFIG_ARCH_SA1100) := sa1100
80 ifeq ($(CONFIG_ARCH_SA1100),y)
82 # SA1111 DMA bug: we don't want the kernel to live in p
83 textaddr-$(CONFIG_SA1111) := 0xc0208000
84 endif
85 machine-$(CONFIG_ARCH_PXA) := pxa
86 machine-$(CONFIG_ARCH_L7200) := l7200
87 machine-$(CONFIG_ARCH_INTEGRATOR) := integrator
88 machine-$(CONFIG_ARCH_CAMELOT) := epxa10db
89 textaddr-$(CONFIG_ARCH_CLPS711X) := 0xc0028000
89 machine-$(CONFIG_ARCH_CLPS711X) := clps711x
90 textaddr-$(CONFIG_ARCH_FORTUNET) := 0xc0008000
91 machine-$(CONFIG_ARCH_IOP3XX) := iop3xx
92 machine-$(CONFIG_ARCH_IXP4XX) := ixp4xx
93 machine-$(CONFIG_ARCH_OMAP) := omap
94 machine-$(CONFIG_ARCH_S3C2410) := s3c2410
95 machine-$(CONFIG_ARCH_LH7A40X) := lh7a40x
96 machine-$(CONFIG_ARCH_VERSATILE_PB) := versatile
97
98 ifeq ($(CONFIG_ARCH_EBSA110),y)
99 # This is what happens if you forget the IOCS16 line.
100 # PCMCIA cards stop working.
101 CFLAGS_3c589_cs.o := -DISA_SIXTEEN_BIT_PERIPHERAL
102 export CFLAGS_3c589_cs.o
103 endif
104
105 TEXTADDR := $(textaddr-y)
```

Comparing file file:/data/mike/handhelds/stock\_kernel/linux-2.6....data/mike/handhelds/stock\_kernel/linux-2.6.8.1/arch/arm/Makefile 1 of 11 differences, 0 applied 1 of 1 file



# gvimdiff

Another nice tool to view differences in files

Available in most distributions with **gvim**. Apparently not using **diff**.

No issue with files with binary sections!

```
<80>^A!^E^Q^@%!PS-AdobeFont-1.0: NimbusRomNo9L-Regu 1.06
%%Title: NimbusRomNo9L-Regu
%%CreationDate: Tue Dec 31 16:49:50 2002
%%Creator: frob
%%DocumentSuppliedResources: font NimbusRomNo9L-Regu
% Copyright (URW)++, Copyright 1999 by (URW)++ Design & Devel
% Generated by PfaEdit 1.0 (http://pfaedit.sf.net/)
%%EndComments
FontDirectory/NimbusRomNo9L-Regu known{/NimbusRomNo9L-Regu
/UniqueID get 5020931 eq exch/FontType get 1 eq and}{pop f
{save true}{false}ifelse}{false}ifelse
11 dict begin
/FontType 1 def
/FontMatrix [0.001 0 0 0.001 0 0]readonly def
/FontName /NimbusRomNo9L-Regu def
/FontBBox [-168 -281 1031 924]readonly def
/UniqueID 5020931 def
/PaintType 0 def
/FontInfo 10 dict dup begin
/version (1.06) readonly def
/Notice (Copyright \050URW\051++, Copyright 1999 by \050URW\
/FullName (Nimbus Roman No9 L Regular) readonly def
/FamilyName (Nimbus Roman No9 L) readonly def
/Weight (Regular) readonly def
/FSType 0 def
/ItalicAngle 0 def
urw-fonts-2.1-7/n0210031.pfb 16,43 Top
```

```
<80>^A!^E^Q^@%!PS-AdobeFont-1.0: NimbusRomanNo9L-Regu 1.06
%%Title: NimbusRomanNo9L-Regu
%%CreationDate: Thu Aug 5 23:43:46 2004
%%Creator: frob
%%DocumentSuppliedResources: font NimbusRomanNo9L-Regu
% Copyright (URW)++, Copyright 1999 by (URW)++ Design & Devel
% Generated by FontForge 20040703 (http://fontforge.sf.net/)
%%EndComments
FontDirectory/NimbusRomanNo9L-Regu known{/NimbusRomanNo9L-Re
/UniqueID get 4162059 eq exch/FontType get 1 eq and}{pop fal
{save true}{false}ifelse}{false}ifelse
11 dict begin
/FontType 1 def
/FontMatrix [0.001 0 0 0.001 0 0]readonly def
/FontName /NimbusRomanNo9L-Regu def
/FontBBox [-168 -281 1031 1098]readonly def
/UniqueID 4162059 def
/PaintType 0 def
/FontInfo 10 dict dup begin
/version (1.06) readonly def
/Notice (Copyright \050URW\051++, Copyright 1999 by \050URW\
/FullName (Nimbus Roman No9 L Regular) readonly def
/FamilyName (Nimbus Roman No9 L) readonly def
/Weight (Regular) readonly def
/FSType 0 def
/ItalicAngle 0 def
urw-fonts-2.2-6/n0210031.pfb 16,2 Top
```



## Miscellaneous

### Looking for files



# The find command

Better explained by a few examples!

▶ `find . -name "*.pdf"`

Lists all the `*.pdf` files in the current (`.`) directory or subdirectories. You need the double quotes to prevent the shell from expanding the `*` character.

▶ `find docs -name "*.pdf" -exec xpdf {} ';'`

Finds all the `*.pdf` files in the `docs` directory and displays one after the other.

▶ Many more possibilities available! However, the above 2 examples cover most needs.



# The locate command

Much faster regular expression search alternative to `find`

- ▶ `locate keys`

Lists all the files on your system with `keys` in their name.

- ▶ `locate "*.pdf"`

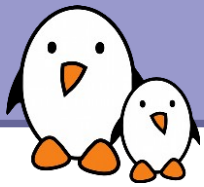
Lists all the `*.pdf` files available on the whole machine

- ▶ `locate "/home/fridge/*beer*"`

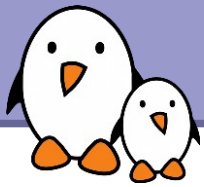
Lists all the `*beer*` files in the given directory (absolute path)

- ▶ `locate` is much faster because it indexes all files in a dedicated database, which is updated on a regular basis.

- ▶ `find` is better to search through recently created files.



## Miscellaneous Various commands



# Changing users

You do not have to log out to log on another user account!

▶ `su hyde`

(Rare) Change to the `hyde` account, but keeping the environment variable settings of the original user.

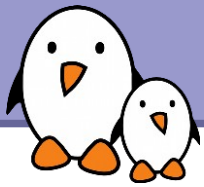
▶ `su - jekyll`

(More frequent) Log on the `jekyll` account, with exactly the same settings as this new user.

▶ `su -`

When no argument is given, it means the `root` user.





# Misc commands (1)

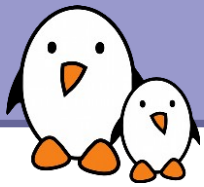
▶ `sleep 60`

Waits for 60 seconds  
(doesn't consume system resources).

▶ `wc report.txt` (word count)

```
438  2115 18302 report.txt
```

Counts the number of lines, words and characters  
in a file or in standard input.



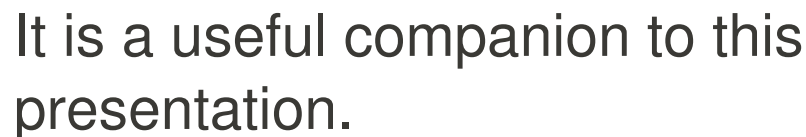
## Misc commands (2)

- ▶ **bc** ("basic calculator?")

**bc** is a handy but full-featured calculator. Even includes a programming language! Use the **-l** option to have floating point support.

- ▶ **date**

Returns the current date. Useful in scripts to record when commands started or completed.



Examples for the most useful commands are given in just one sheet.

## Suggestions for use

Stick this sheet on your wall, use it as desktop wallpaper, make it a mouse mat, print it on clothing, slice it into bookmarks...

## Caution

# Store away from mice!

## Get it on

<http://free-electrons.com/docs/command-line>