



# Unix Commands

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Computersystemen en –architectuur

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## About this course

- Practicum computersystemen en computerarchitectuur
  - Computersystemen: Tools (Unix, RegExp, Bash Scripting, Vi) & MARS
    - 1B INF en 2B/3B WIS (keuzevak)
  - Computerarchitectuur: Logisim (& Verilog)
    - 1B INF, 2B/3B WIS (keuzevak) en 2B/3B INF (keuzevak)
- Blackboard: <https://blackboard.ua.ac.be/> → opdrachten!
- Bart Meyers
  - Kantoor: G 3.17, tel.: 03 265 32 79 (in noodgevallen)
  - Email adres: [Bart.Meyers@ua.ac.be](mailto:Bart.Meyers@ua.ac.be)
  - <http://msdl.cs.mcgill.ca/people/bart/> → Teaching - *Check it often!*
  - Heb je hulp nodig? Maak een afspraak via email!



## About this course (2)

- Praktisch gericht!
  - Wekelijkse opdrachten
    - (bijna) wekelijkse deadline op Blackboard
  - Permanente evaluatie
    - meer dan 50% totaal punten
  - Alles gebeurt in groepjes van twee
    - Pair programming!



## About this course (3)

### – Feedback-loop

1. Indienen oplossing oefeningen + project (*25% van de punten*)

– je maakt de oefeningen

– je maakt het project met een verslag

2. Peer feedback op project (*25% van de punten*)

– je geeft feedback op het project en het verslag (niet de oefeningen)  
van twee andere groepjes die ik je stuur (naar je ua email adres)

3. Indienen verfijnde oplossing (*50% van de punten*)

– finale oplossing met een verslag waarin de feedback verwerkt is

– Zie <http://msdl.cs.mcgill.ca/people/bart/> → Teaching → CS&CA



# Overview

- Why this session on UNIX?
- Introduction on UNIX
- Basic UNIX commands
- Files
  - File system commands
  - Wildcard usage
  - Access permissions
- Processes
  - Job control
- Useful tools
- I/O
  - Standard input & output streams
  - Pipe usage



## Why this session on UNIX?

- This session (and the next two) are not related to “computer systems” or “computer architecture”
- But... you *will* be using UNIX-based systems
  - ironically not necessarily for this course...
  - introduction to the usage of UNIX
  - use this slideshow as a reference in the future



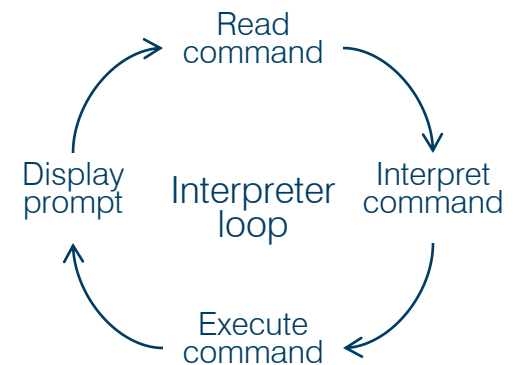
# Introduction

- UNIX
  - Multi-user & Multitasking OS
  - Environment for program development
  - Tool oriented
  - Kernel = core

- UNIX shell

- User – kernel communication `fenix:bmeyers> _`

“A Program that reads in the commands you type and converts them into a form that is more readily understandable by the UNIX system”
- Interpreted programming language





# Basic UNIX commands (1)

– Shell displays a prompt for command input `fenix:bmeyers>`

– `<command_name> [-options] [arguments]`

- literal string: surround with 'single quotes'
  - backslash \ for single character
- string with substitutions: surround with "double quotes"
- process substitution: surround with `backticks`

– Change your password!

- current password is "qwerty123"
- `passwd`

– Need command info?

- `man [-k] <command_name>`
- `info <command_name>`
- `apropos <keyword>`

```
fenix:bmeyers> ssh p0xxxxx@fenix
Keyboard-interactive:
Password: qwerty123
Authentication successful.
...
fenix:p0xxxxx> passwd
passwd: Changing password for bmeyers
Enter existing login password:
```





# Basic UNIX commands (1)

## – man passwd

```
Reformatting page. Please wait... done
```

```
User Commands
```

```
passwd(1)
```

```
NAME
```

```
passwd - change login password and password attributes
```

```
SYNOPSIS
```

```
passwd [-r files | -r ldap | -r nis | -r nisplus] [name]
```

```
passwd [ -r files] [-egh] [name]
```

```
passwd [ -r files] -s [-a]
```

```
passwd [ -r files] -s [name]
```

```
passwd [ -r files] [-d | -l | -u | -N] [-f] [-n min] [-
```

```
--More--(1%)
```

## – q : exit



## Basic UNIX commands (2)

- Some basic commands
  - **date** : Displays date & time
  - **who** : Info on all currently logged on users
  - **whoami** : Info about yourself
  - **echo** : Display characters on the terminal
  - **cat** : Dump file contents on to terminal
  - **more** : Displays a text file, one screenful at a time
  - **sort** : Sorts its input



## Basic UNIX commands (2)

```
fenix:bmeyers> echo "hello world"  
hello world  
fenix:bmeyers>
```

```
fenix:bmeyers> who  
bmeyers pts/2 Sep 24 16:09 (143.129.75.215)  
p080558 pts/3 Sep 24 15:13 (48.80-240-81.adsl-dyn.isp.belgacom.be)  
bmeyers pts/6 Sep 24 16:00 (143.129.75.215)  
bmeyers pts/7 Sep 24 16:10 (143.129.75.215)  
fenix:bmeyers>
```



## Basic UNIX commands (2)

- `cat /etc/passwd`

```
p082299:x:7696:109:VanDenBogaert.Alicia,WIB2,2009,090921:/export/home/p09/p082299:/usr/bin/bash
p080590:x:7697:109:wessels.Rutger,WIB2,2009,090921:/export/home/p09/p080590:/usr/bin/bash
p090281:x:7698:109:DeHerdt.Arne,INB1,2009,090924:/export/home/p09/p090281:/usr/bin/bash
p094227:x:7699:109:DeRoost.Gert,INB1,2009,090924:/export/home/p09/p094227:/usr/bin/bash
p094275:x:7700:109:Geerinckx.Tobias,INB1,2009,090924:/export/home/p09/p094275:/usr/bin/bash
fenix:bmeyers>
```

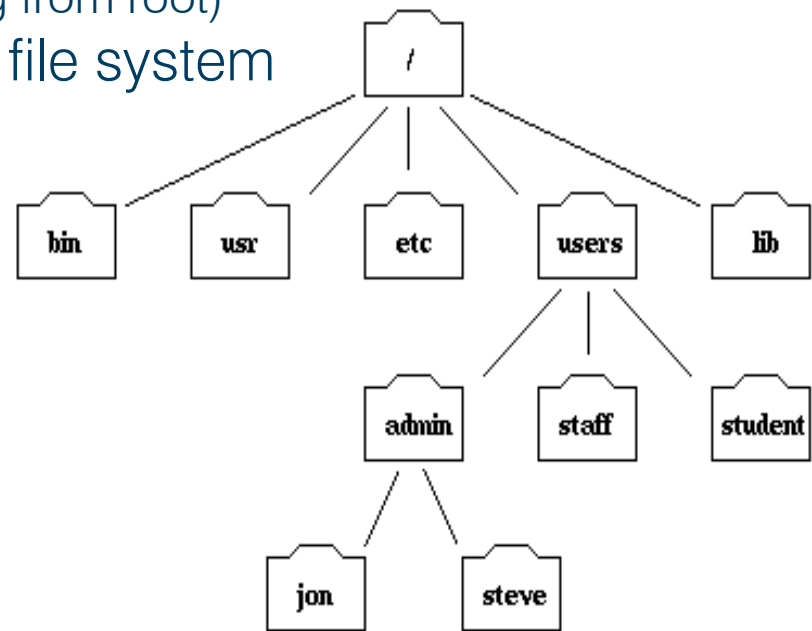
- `more /etc/passwd`
  - `space` : next screen
  - `q` : quit
  - check man pages!

```
fenix:bmeyers> more /etc/passwd
root:x:0:0:Super-User:/:/sbin/sh
daemon:x:1:1:/:
bin:x:2:2::/usr/bin:
sys:x:3:3:/:
adm:x:4:4:Admin:/var/adm:
lp:x:71:8:Line Printer Admin:/usr/spool/lp:
uucp:x:5:5:uucp Admin:/usr/lib/uucp:
nuucp:x:9:9:uucp
--More-- (1%)
```



# Working with files (1)

- Paths in a filesystem tree of directories
  - relative path (according to current position in tree)
  - absolute path (full path, starting from root)
- UNIX supports a hierarchical file system
  - `'.'` : current directory
  - `'..'` : parent directory
  - `'/'` : root directory
  - `'~'` : home directory
- Characteristics
  - Case sensitivity!
  - Extensions are non-critical
  - Access permissions
- Types
  - Ordinary
  - Directory
  - Special (devices, queues, ...)



Part of the filesystem tree



## Working with files (2)

### – Filesystem commands

- `cd <dir>` : Change directory
- `mkdir <dir>` : Make directory
- `pwd` : Present working directory
- `ls [-l] <filepath>` : Display directory contents
- `rm [-r] <filepath>` : Remove file
- `file` : Determine file type
- `cp [-r] <from> <to>` : copy file(s) from to
- `mv <from> <to>` : move file from to
- `ln -s <from> <to>` : create a soft-link from to

```
fenix:bmeyers> mkdir test
fenix:bmeyers> cd test
/export/home/edp/bmeyers/test
fenix:test>
```

```
fenix:bmeyers> file /etc/passwd
/etc/passwd:  ascii text
fenix:bmeyers>
```



## Working with files (2)

```
fenix:bmeyers> mkdir test
fenix:bmeyers> cd test
/export/home/edp/bmeyers/test
fenix:test> ls -al
total 4
drwxr-xr-x  2 bmeyers  edp           512 Sep 24 17:18 .
drwxr-xr-x  5 bmeyers  edp           512 Sep 24 17:18 ..
fenix:test> cp /etc/passwd passwd
fenix:test> ln -s /etc/passwd passwd.txt
fenix:test> ls -al
total 58
drwxr-xr-x  2 bmeyers  edp           512 Sep 24 17:24 .
drwxr-xr-x  5 bmeyers  edp           512 Sep 24 17:18 ..
-rw-r--r--  1 bmeyers  edp        26258 Sep 24 17:24 passwd
lrwxrwxrwx  1 bmeyers  edp           11 Sep 24 17:23 passwd.txt -> /etc/passwd
fenix:test> ls ..
public_html  test
fenix:test>
```



## Working with files (3)

- Wildcard usage
  - '\*' : zero or more characters
  - '?' : exactly one character
  - [...],!,- : range expressions
- Examples
  - [abc] : a or b or c
  - [!abc] : a nor b nor c
  - [!a-c] : all but a ... c
  - [a-z]\*[!0-9] : all that start with lowercase letter and don't end with a digit
  - A?p : all 3 letter words starting with a and ending on p





## Working with files (3)

```
fenix:test> ls /bin/*zip*  
/bin/bunzip2      /bin/gzip        /bin/zipcloak  
/bin/bzip2       /bin/p7zip       /bin/zipgrep  
/bin/bzip2recover /bin/unzip       /bin/zipinfo  
/bin/funzip      /bin/unzipsfx   /bin/zipnote  
/bin/gunzip      /bin/zip         /bin/zipsplit  
fenix:test>
```



## Working with files (4)

- Access permissions
  - All files (ordinary, directory, special) have access attributes
  - Modes (for owner, group and everybody)

– Read	r	4	file: readable	dir: files can be listed
– Write	w	2	file: adaptable	dir: files can be adapted
– Execute	x	1	file: execute	dir: files can be accessed
  - Change with **chmod** command (use sum of modes: “5” = “4” + “1”  
= readable and executable)
    - `chmod 751` means owner:r,w,e; group r&e; everybody: e
  - **chown** & **chgrp** to change owner and group
  - **umask** to change default permissions
    - 666 (for files)/777 (for dirs) minus default permissions
    - example: **umask 022** : file permissions 644, dir permissions 755



## Working with files (4)

```

fenix:bmeyers> cd test
/export/home/edp/bmeyers/test
fenix:test> ls -al
total 58
drwxr-xr-x  2 bmeyers  edp           512 Sep 24 17:24 .
drwxr-xr-x  5 bmeyers  edp           512 Sep 24 17:18 ..
-rw-r--r--  1 bmeyers  edp        26258 Sep 24 17:24 passwd
lrwxrwxrwx  1 bmeyers  edp           11 Sep 24 17:23 passwd.txt -> /etc/passwd
fenix:test> umask
0022
fenix:test> chmod 755 passwd
fenix:test> ls -l passwd
-rwxr-xr-x  1 bmeyers  edp        26258 Sep 24 17:24 passwd

```



## Working with files (5)

- Archiving
  - Tar
    - Create : `tar -cf <tarball_path> <files>`
    - Extract : `tar -xvf <tarball_path>`
    - View : `tar -tvf <tarball_path>`
  - GZip
    - Create : `gzip <archive_name> <files>`
    - Extract : `gunzip <archive_name>`
  - Result: tar.gz archive



# Processes (1)

- “A process is a running program, managed by the scheduler and the memory management subsystem”
- Hierarchical
- Process linked to
  - UID / GID : user & group ID
  - PID / PPID : process & parent process ID
  - A priority
    - Range : -20 to 19
    - Use **nice** command to alter the default priority (0)



## Processes (2)

- Jobs are connected to the terminal which started them by default
  - Currently connected job runs in the foreground
  - Jobs can also be run in the background
- Job control
  - `Ctrl ^ C` : kill current job
  - `kill [-9] <pid>` : kill on process ID
  - `pkill <pname>` : kill on process name
  - `Ctrl ^ Z` : suspend current job
  - `<command>&` : run `<command>` in background
  - `ps [-ef]` : display process info (e = every process)
  - `top` : display process info interactively
  - `jobs` : display user's jobs
    - Refer to jobs using %1, %2; i.e fg %2
  - `fg <jobID>` : bring job into the foreground on job ID
  - `bg <jobID>` : set job into the background on job ID



# Processes (2)

## – top

```

Load averages: 0.05, 0.04, 0.04                                18:12:42
173 processes: 171 sleeping, 1 zombie, 1 on cpu
CPU:      % idle,      % user,      % kernel,      % iowait,      % swap
Memory: 12G real, 10G free, 564M swap in use, 33G swap free

  PID USERNAME  THR  PRI  NICE   SIZE   RES  STATE   TIME    CPU  COMMAND
14236 bmeyers     1   59    0 2736K 1672K  cpu/1    0:00   0.03% top
  161 root        13   59    0 9600K 8360K  sleep   10:53   0.02% picld
 1652 mysql       9   59    0   55M   20M   sleep    9:18   0.02% mysqld
  976 root        28  29   10   90M   36M   sleep    5:14   0.01% java
 1748 root        24   59   -10   38M   17M   sleep    4:50   0.01% java
  958 root         1   59    0 3384K 2072K  sleep    4:17   0.01% _upsd
 2974 root         1   59    0   15M   6008K  sleep    3:56   0.01% xsun
  357 root         4   59    0 8408K 4896K  sleep   25:48   0.00% inetd
15341 p051403     4   53    2  134M   72M   sleep    2:49   0.00% soffice.bin
 1565 root         1   59    0   33M   21M   sleep    2:19   0.00% xsun
 1771 root         1    2   19 3360K 2680K  sleep    2:17   0.00% tictimed
 3091 root         1   59    0 9440K 3984K  sleep    2:15   0.00% dtgreet
 1715 root         1   59    0   14M   5144K  sleep    2:14   0.00% dtgreet
  647 daemon      2   60   -20 2880K 1856K  sleep   16:01   0.00% nfsd
  130 root        34   59    0 8600K 5384K  sleep    3:34   0.00% nscd

```



## Some useful tools (1)

- Search
  - **grep** : searches file for lines matching a pattern
  - **find** : descend directory hierarchy recursively in search for files matching a boolean expression
  - **finger** : lookup info on user
- Filters
  - **tail** : get last lines of file
  - **head** : get starting lines of file
  - **cut** : extract selected fields of each line of text
  - **paste** : merge same lines of several files or subsequent lines in one file
  - **uniq** : report repeated lines in a file
  - **tr** : copies the stdin to stdout with substitution or deletion of specified characters.





## Some useful tools (2)

- Remote
  - `ssh` : remote login program
    - `ssh bmeyers@fenix.cmi.ua.ac.be`
  - `scp` : copy files over a network securely
    - `scp /etc/passwd bmeyers@fenix.cmi.ua.ac.be:passwd.txt`
  - `wget` : download files from the web
    - `wget http://msdl.cs.mcgill.ca/people/bart/courses/materials/cs1oef`
- Misc
  - `wc` : count words/lines/characters in input file
  - `alias` : bind an alias to a command string
    - `alias <name>="<command>"`
  - `unalias` : unbind an alias



# Streams (1)

- Every program run from the shell is tied to 3 channels (special files)
  - `stdin` : standard input (default : keyboard)
  - `stdout`: standard output (default : terminal)
  - `stderr` : standard error (default : terminal)
- Redirection possible using `<`, `>`, `>>`
  - `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
- Redirection of `stdout` (`1>`) and `stderr` (`2>`)
  - sometimes `%1>` and `%2>`
  - redirection of `stderr` to `stdout`: `<command> 2>&1`
- Use the 'null' device to suppress output
  - `sort listing.txt 2> /dev/null`



## Streams (2)

- Connect output of command A to input of command B?
  - => Use pipes
  - redirect stdin and/or stdout
- Example: find all files that changed in september

```
fenix:bmeyers> ls -l /usr/bin | grep "sep"
-r-xr-xr-x  1 root    bin           18984 Sep 13  2007 ctags
-r-xr-xr-x  5 root    bin          239828 Sep 13  2007 edit
-r-xr-xr-x  5 root    bin          239828 Sep 13  2007 ex
lrwxrwxrwx  1 root    other          18 Sep 14 13:29 javaws -> ../java/bin/javaws
drwxr-xr-x  2 root    bin           1536 Sep 14 13:57 sparcv9
-r-xr-xr-x  5 root    bin          239828 Sep 13  2007 vedit
-r-xr-xr-x  5 root    bin          239828 Sep 13  2007 vi
-r-xr-xr-x  5 root    bin          239828 Sep 13  2007 view
fenix:bmeyers>
```



## Streams (2)

- Example: give a sorted list of all occurring first names of 1B INF

```
fenix:bmeyers> grep INB1 /etc/passwd | cut -f5 -d: | cut -f2 -d. |  
cut -f1 -d, | uniq | sort | pr -5 | more
```

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Adnan	Detlev	Jan	Lukas	Robin
Alexander	Dorsan	Jiannan	Matteo	Sam
Arne	Elliot	Joeri	Matthias	Stephane
Bert	Eric	Jonas	Michael	Timmy
Bo	Fabio	Joram	Oualid	Tobias
Bram	Gamale	Joris	Philippe	Tom
Chris	Geoffri	Katrien	Pieter	ward
Christof	Gert	Keke	Quinten	wolf
Christophe	Glenn	Kemal	Robbe	Yentl
Daan	Ignace	Kerstin		



## Exercises

- <http://msdl.cs.mcgill.ca/people/bart/courses/materials/cs1oef>