## Commands in Linux

Programs available in shell or in the executable PATHs.

- General structure: [path/]command [options] [arguments]
- List of options and arguments (e.g. for systemctl command):
  - command --help, resp. command -h: basic syntax and options of the command
  - man command: manual pages with more detailed info
  - info command: interactive manual pages (jump to references etc.)
  - command -v. resp. command --verbose: be verbose about what is being done
- Run in background, while continuing work in shell: command ... &
- fg: Put command already running in background back to foreground of the shell
- Ctrl+z: Suspend process / command (stops processing)
- bg: Put command into background (typically used to let suspended command running again in the background)
- When command / program ends, it usually returns a return code
  - 0 ... usually means "no error"
  - non-zero is usually indication of premature exit of the command because of some problem
- Find full path to a command: which command (or search for it in aliases: command alias lists existing aliases)



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## Scripts: Basics

Sequence of commands can be put into script files.

- # are used for comments
- Special header "comment": #!/usr/bin/zsh instructs the script to be run by the zsh shell. Not only for shells, but also for interpreters like python
- exit [number ] to quit script [and possibly return a return code ]
  - Not needed at the very end of a script, it will end by itself
- set -x command inside a script instruct to show the commands being run by the script
- Two ways how to run a script:
  - ./script.sh: starts a new shell and runs the script in it
  - source ./script.sh (or also . ./script.sh: runs the commands from the script one by one
    in the current shell → i.e. as if one would write them manually in the current terminal
  - PS: The './' makes sure it runs script.sh in the current directory, and not somewhere from the \$PATH paths

#!/bin/sh
echo \$SHELL
sleep 0.5





### Commands: User Information

- login: Login user to the session, normally not directly invoked
- logout: Logout user from the session
- exit: Exit from the terminal/shell/script
- id [user]: User and group id information about myself
- groups [user]: List groups user is in
- whoami: Return user-name
- who: Show who is logged in
- w: Show who is logged in and what is he/she doing
- last: Show list of last logged-in users
- su/sudo: Become superuser
  - su to make sure superuser paths are set
  - sudo -i to start superuser shell





## Commands: File / Directories

- ls [path/file]: List files/directories
  - ls -1: List one file/dir per line
  - 1s -1: List full information:

```
-rw-r--r- 1 reznicek reznicek 15360 Oct 14 19:40 osnova_Uvod_do_Linuxu.doc drwxr-xr-x 18 reznicek reznicek 4096 Jan 31 2019 skola
```

- File type (file='-', dir='d', ...), access rights
- Number of links (copies)
- User name
- Group name
- Size in bytes
- Date and time of last modification
- File name
- 1s -h: Human readable file size
- ls -a: List also hidden files and directories (.\*)
- 1s -d: Show information about directory instead of listing its content
- 1s -R: List recursively also content of sub-directories
- 1s -t: Sort by modification time
- ls -r: Reverse sort order (name, time)
- stat file: Disk-storage info about file
  - Physical place on disk
  - Creation, modification and access times

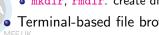




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## Commands: File / Directories

- cd [path]: Change directory
  - cd ../: Go one directory up
  - cd ./: Go to (stay in) current directory
  - cd /: Go to root (top filesystem) directory
  - cd /, cd: Go to home directory
  - cd -: Go to previous directory (back from last cd command)
  - Change directory relativelly to the current dir or absolutelly specified path from the root dir
    - relative path example: cd work/papers or cd ./work/papers
    - absolute path example: cd /home/username/work/papers
- pwd: Print current directory
- readlink -f file: Print full path to the given file
- cat file: Dump content of file on the screen
- less file: Browse file content on the screen
  - Enhanced more command (also on Windows)
  - Search for content ('/' key)
- touch file: Update modification time
- diff\_file1 file2: Show difference between two files, GUI versions exist too (meld, diffuse)
- File and directory manipulations (see later lectures in details):
  - cp, mv, rm: copy, move/rename, remove files
  - mkdir, rmdir: create directory, remove (empty!) directory
- Terminal-based file browser: mc





## Work on Remote Machine via SSH

Secure Shell Connection, assuming the host PC is running sshd server (just install the ssh-server package...)

#### Client can:

- ssh -Y username@hostname
- Gains access to login shell on remote machine
- Can send graphical windows (e.g. xterm)
  - -Y allows to transfer graphics
- With sudo/su commands can manage the computer (including reboots, poweroff etc.)
- Configure automatic options for ssh via \$HOME/.ssh/config file:

```
Host lxplus
user reznicek
Hostname lxplus.cern.ch
Host ipnp-stick
User mlive
Hostname 10.77.0.11
```

At MFF there is a faculty computing Linux cluster chimera for all faculty members:

https://www.mff.cuni.cz/en/hpc-cluster/general-information



# Manipulation with users and groups

### Users:

Users stored in /etc/passwd

#### student:x:1001:1001:Student linuxu,T11,1234,5678,Poznamka:/home/student:/bin/bash

- adduser: add new user, copy /etc/skel content to the newly created home directory. Default options in /etc/adduser.conf
- deluser: remove user (home directory is kept by default)
- usermod: modifications to user settings (home dir, id, password-expiry, groups, shell, lock-password)
- chfn: changer user information (full name etc.)
- passwd: change user password
- chsh: change user shell

### Groups:

- Groups stored in /etc/group
- groupadd: add new group
- groupdel: delete group
- groupmod: name, id
- gpasswd: groups can have passwords, administrators



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# Change ownership of a file/dir

### Users:

- chown username:groupname file: change user and group ownership of a
  file/dir
  - chown -R: recursively for all sub-directories
  - chown --dereference: for symbolic links "jump" to the real file the link is pointing to
- chgrp groupname file: changer group ownership of a file/dir
- Username change mostly only for superuser, user cannot "give" file to another user. But owner can modify group = ¿ give file for r/w to other users via groups





# Change read/write/execute/access rights to files/dir

```
meop35 exam # ls -lai
total 21
1433763 drwxr-xr-x 5 petr petr 288 Oct 9 11:59 .
  4350 drwxr-xr-x 11 petr users
                                 976 Oct 9 11:57 ...
1434761 -rw-r--r-- 1 petr petr
                                13643 Oct 8 21:37 FILESYSTE.win
1434763 lrwxrwxrwx 1 petr petr
                                  11 Oct 9 11:59 core -> /proc/kcore
1434735 drwxr-xr-x 2 petr petr
                                  48 Oct 9 11:57 doc
1434764 srwxrwxrwx 1 petr petr
                               <u>0</u>0ct 9 11:59 gpmctl
1434757 drwxr-xr-x 2 petr petr
                                  72 Oct 9 11:58 hudba
1434758 -rw----- 1 petr petr
                                  31 Aug 21 13:52 hymna.mp3
1434756 drwxr-xr-x 2 petr petr
                                  80 Oct 9 11:58 prednasky
1416878 crw-rw---- 1 root tty 2, 190 Oct 9 11:59 ptyae
1434762 lrwxrwxrwx 1 petr petr
                                   9 Oct 9 11:58 sym link -> hymna.mp3
meop35 exam #
```

### Command chmod

- chown ugoa+/-rwxst file
  - u: user rights
  - g: group rights
  - o: rights of others
  - a: rights of all (user, group, others), not specifying who defaults to "all"
  - +: add rights
  - -: remove rights
  - r: read rights
  - w: write/modify rights, for dirs only works when 'x' is set too
  - x: executable (file), directory enter and listing allowed (directories)
  - s: setuid bit, allows to run command with file-owner privilegies (/etc/passwd)
- t: sticky bit for directory (o+t): everyone can create files, but files can be deleted only by the owners (Despite the "xw" rights for all in the directory e.g. /tmp)

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### Command chmod

- chown 0644 file
- Rights can be also defined by octal numbers:
  - 777 = (binary) 111 111 111 = rwx rwx rwx
- Default permissions driven by umask (022 = files ar 644, dirs are 755 = i.e. it is subscracted from 666 and 777)
- Some filesystems support more advanced file-atributes (e.g. immutable, nodeletable, no copy, no write, ...) via commands chattr (and listing these attributes via lstattr)

## Users and Groups

### Users and Groups:

- /etc/passwd: users configutation: home, shell, title, uid
- /etc/shadow: users password hash
- /etc/groups: groups

### Superusers:

- su / sudo (-i)
- su needs further config to run graphical applications
- visudo
- separate home dir in /root



