CS 126 Lecture P2: Introduction to Unix

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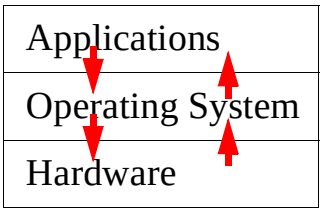
- Files
- Processes
- Interactions
- Conclusion

Operating Systems



- What does an OS do?
  - Make lives easy: hides low level details of bare machine
  - Make lives fair: arbitrate competing resource demands
- What we learn here: the interfaces by OS to upper layer
  - User interface
  - Programmer's interface
  - Command line vs. graphical user interface (more later)

Operating systems

Multics
timesharing
file system, protection
virtual machines

OS/360

Macintosh
windows, mouse

DOS
PC standard OS

UNIX/Linux
- C language, bootstrapped implementation
- integrated command structure
- simplified, integrated file system
- used by most programmers

Windows
[OS definition under litigation]

A Brief History

- Multics (65-70)
  - Ambitious OS project at MIT
  - Pioneered most of the innovations in modern OS
  - A little ahead of its time
- Unix
  - Thompson and Ritchie (69): simplicity and elegance
  - AT&T (70-80s):
    continued development and “shepherding” it out of AT&T
  - Berkeley (“BSD”) (78-93): maturation (e.g. TCP/IP)
  - Various flavors of commercial Unix (80-90s):
    convergence and fragmentation
  - Linux (91-): new life

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  - A simple and powerful abstraction for storage (disks)
  - Extended for things beyond disks
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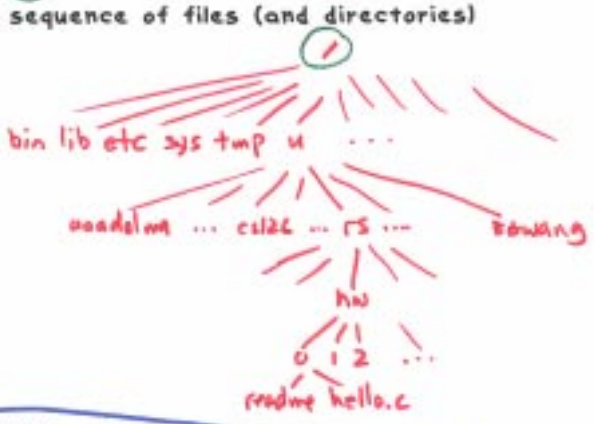
File System

- "Everything in UNIX is a file"
- Abstract mechanism for storage ("permanent")

file:
sequence of bytes

directory: ("/") **(like folders)**
sequence of files (and directories)



filename:
sequence of directory names
on the path from "/" to the file

A Hierarchical Name Space: Same as folders and files on Windows or MacOS

File manipulation commands

cat, more	show the contents
cp	copy
rm	remove (delete)
mv	move (rename)
ls	list file names
mkdir, rmdir	create, delete directory
pwd	name of current directory
cd	change directory

"." current directory
".." parent directory
"~" my home directory
"~xx" xx's home directory

chmod	change permissions mode

"*" any sequence of characters
DON'T TYPE "rm *"
why?

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  - An abstraction for the processor (CPU)
  - "Everything" (almost every command) is a process
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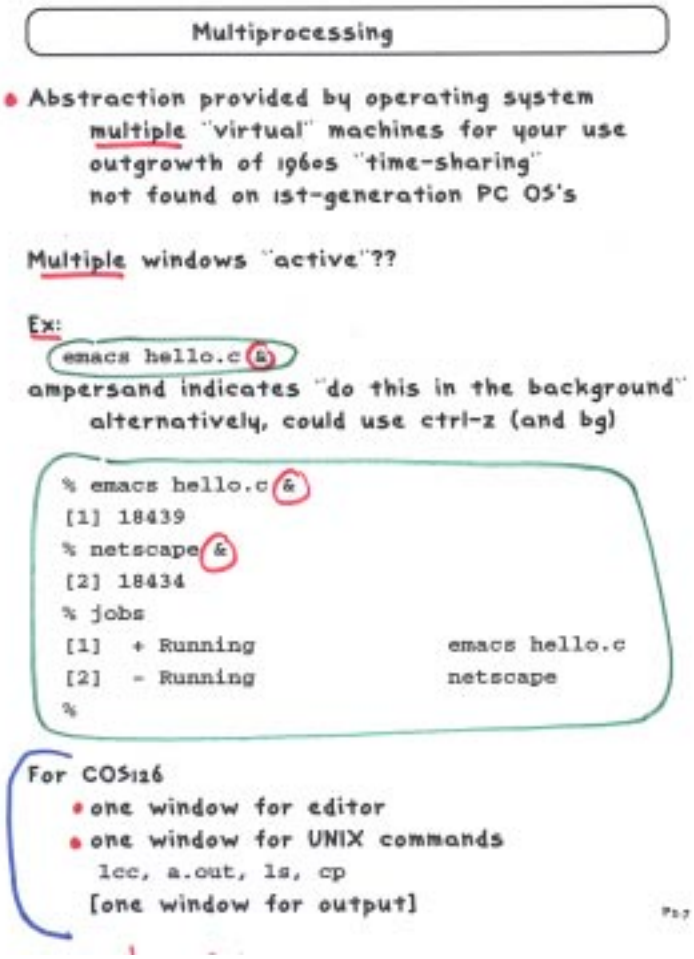
Some Unix commands

lpr	output to printer
man, apropos	online documentation
grep, awk, sed	pattern search (stay tuned)
sort	sort the lines
diff	show differences
cal, date, time	time utilities
mail, news, pine	communication
bc, dc	calculators
cc, lcc, gcc	C compile
gs, xv	view graphics
history	past commands typed

- Over 1500 "standard" commands
- Thousands more "available" programs

emacs, tex, latex	text in and out
netscape	access web

- A Unix "command" is the same as a Windows "program"
- Instead of clicking its icon under Windows, we simply type its name to invoke it on a command line.



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  - (between files and processes)
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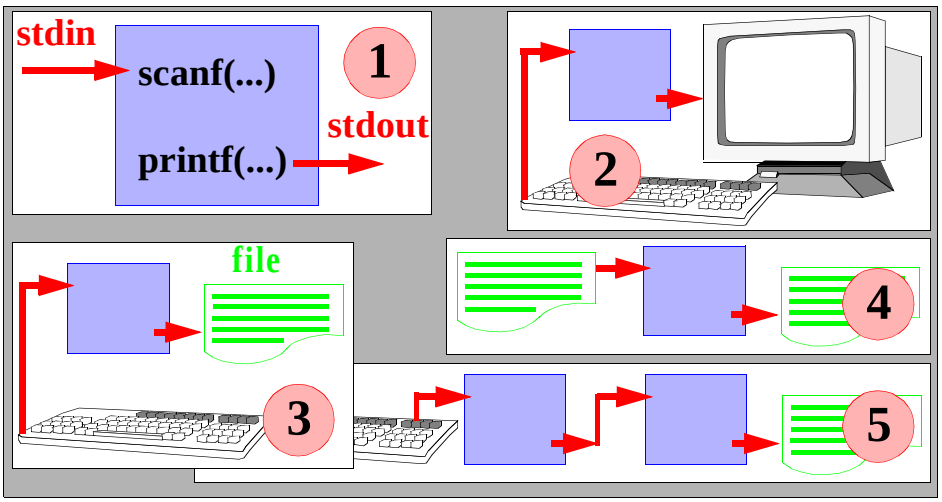
I/O Redirection and Pipes



- 1: “Standard I/O”, 2: default attachment, 3: redirect output
- 4: redirect both input and output, 5: pipes

Filters and pipes

- Standard Input, Standard Output

stdin → command → stdout

- abstract files for command interfaces

Redirection:

- standard input from file
- standard output to file

```
a.out > saveanswer
sort < myfile > myfilesorted
```

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4 on prev. slide

Piping:

- connect standard output of one command to standard input of the next

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ls | wc -l > outputfile
plotprog | lpr
gamblerall | avg
```

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Don't confuse redirection and piping

```
plotprog > lpr
```

C Shell (/bin/csh)

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#!/bin/csh -f
printf "Hello world! Give me a number:\n"
set n = $<
printf "Thanks! I've always been fond of %d\n" $n
```
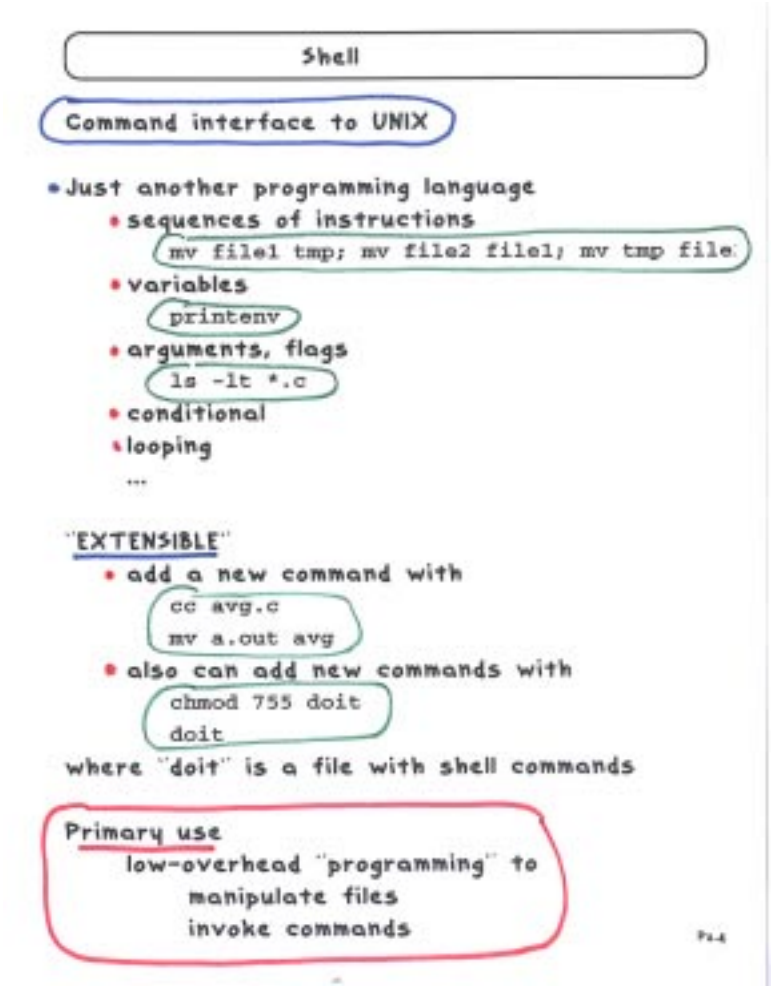

Don't worry about the details here.

- The program that's running inside your terminal window
- Much more than just manipulating files and launching commands
- It's an "interpreter", with its own powerful programming language!
- Try your first "csh script"?



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Choose Your Weapons Wisely

- C or Csh? “System programming” or “scripting”?
- Abstractions:
  - System programming
    - Compiled, rich types
    - Good for creating components which demand high performance or involve complex algorithms
  - Scripting
    - Interpreted, manipulates strings, less efficient
    - Good for gluing together existing components
    - Rapid development for gluing and GUI