Intermediate Linux

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Accessing Grace: via SSH

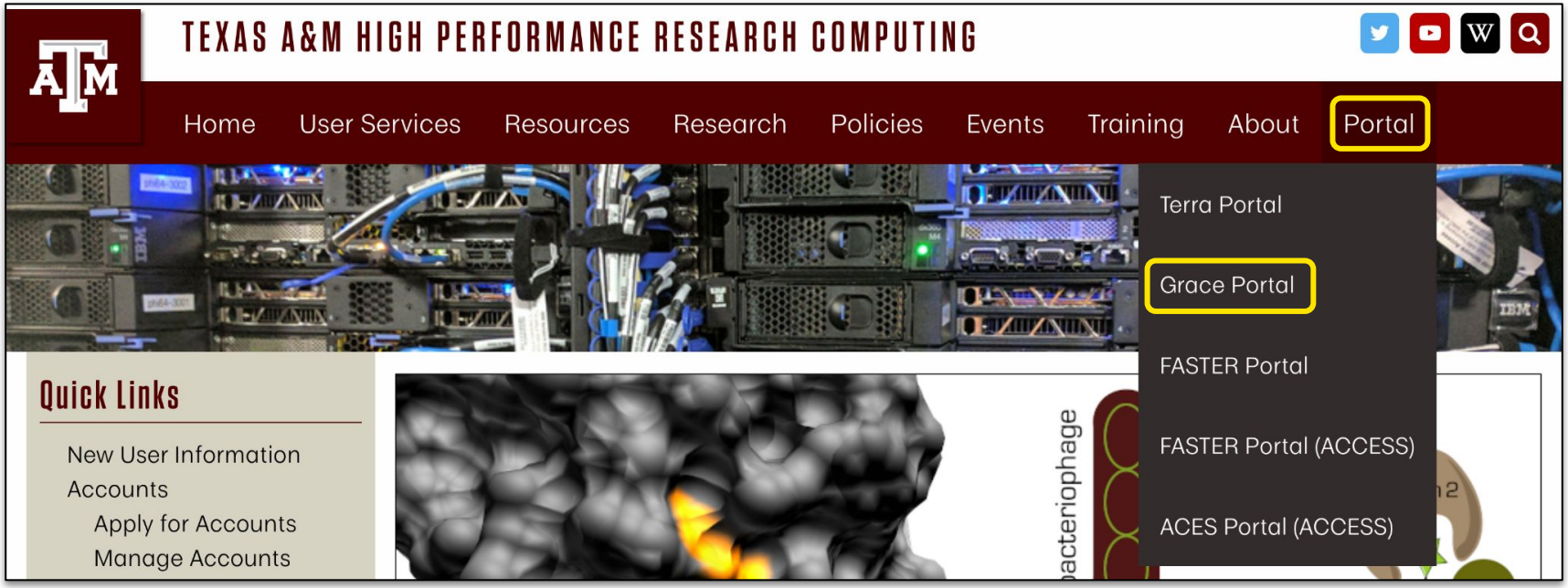
- SSH command is required for accessing Grace:
  - On campus: ssh userNetID@grace.hprc.tamu.edu
  - Off campus:
    - Set up and start VPN (Virtual Private Network): u.tamu.edu/VPnetwork
    - Then: ssh userNetID@grace.hprc.tamu.edu
  - *Two-Factor Authentication* enabled for CAS, VPN, SSH
- SSH programs for Windows:
  - MobaXTerm (preferred, includes SSH and X11)
  - PuTTY SSH
  - Windows Subsystem for Linux
  - Windows PowerShell
- SSH programs for MacOS:
  - Terminal

https://hprc.tamu.edu/kb/Helpful-Pages/#ssh

Login sessions that are idle for **60** minutes will be closed automatically
Processes run longer than **60** minutes on login nodes will be killed automatically.
Do not use more than 8 cores on the login nodes!
Do not use the sudo command.

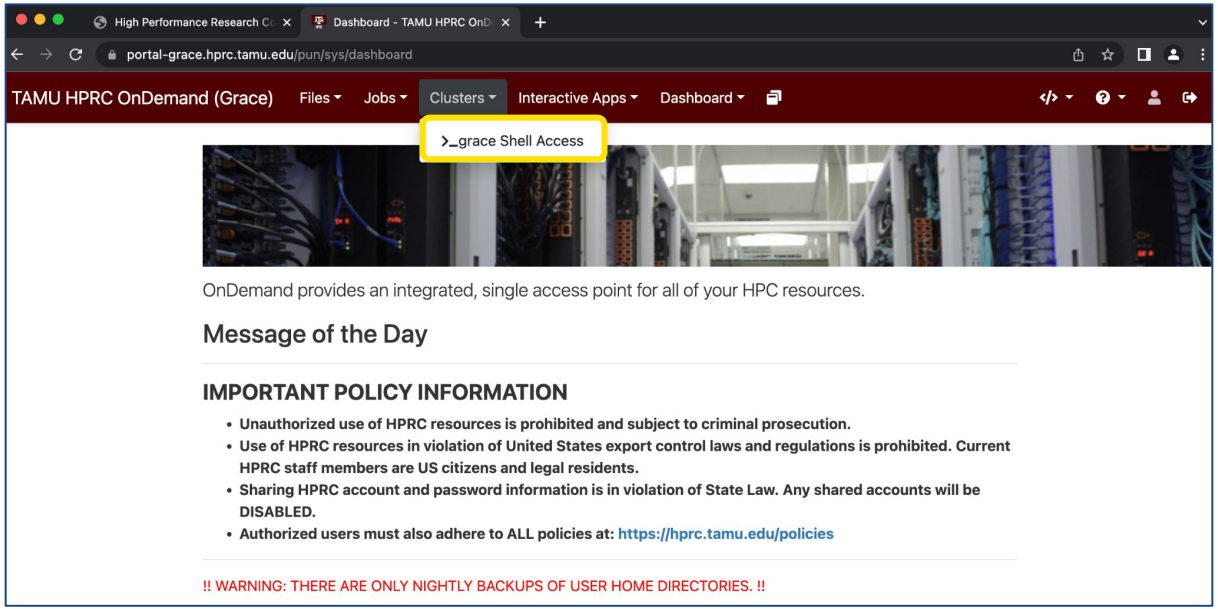
Accessing Grace: via HPRC Portal

- HPRC homepage: https://hprc.tamu.edu/
- Select ‘Grace Portal’ in Portal tab dropdown:



Accessing Grace: via HPRC Portal

- Log in with NetID
- Select '>_grace Shell Access' from Clusters dropdown:



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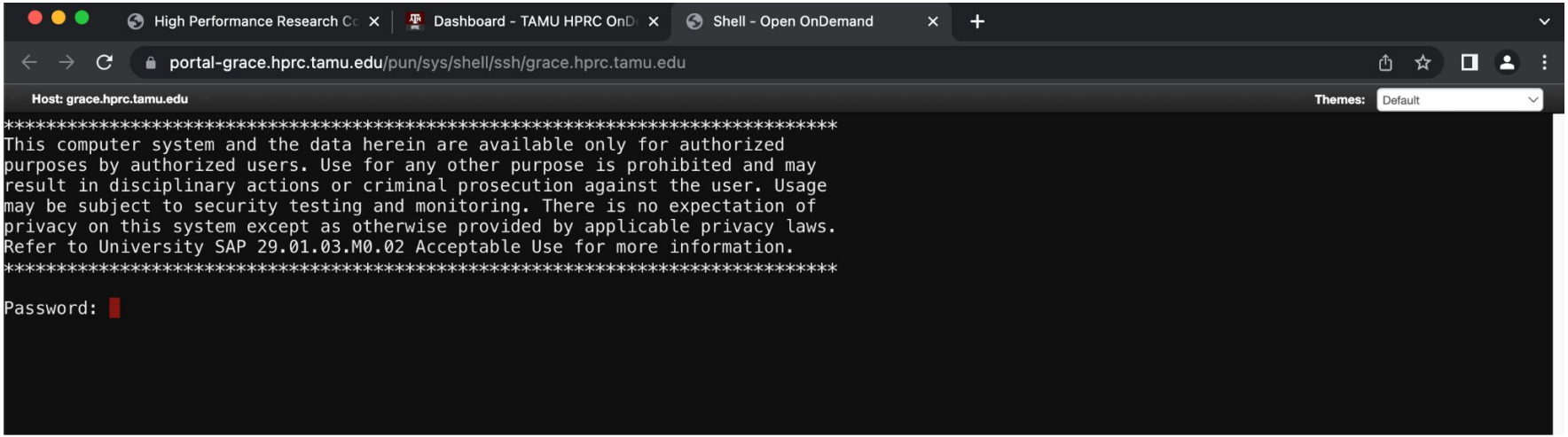


Practice Files

- Log in to Grace now
  - ssh (enable X11 forwarding) or through the portal
- Change to your SCRATCH directory

```
cd $SCRATCH
```

- Copy the practice files and change directories

```
cp -r /scratch/training/Intermediate_Linux .
cd Intermediate_Linux
```

Text Processing

Students will be able to use vi (vim) to view, edit and save text files. Students will also be able to understand common uses of sed, awk, and grep.

Text Processing - GUI

- Files can be edited through the Files tab on the Open OnDemand Portal
- If you access Grace through terminal with X11 enabled:

```
gedit filename
```

```
emacs filename
```

vi Editor

- `vi` *`filename`* # opens (creates) a file using vi
- `vi -R` *`filename`* # opens a file using vi in read-only mode
- `view` *`filename`* # same as `vi -R` *`filename`*

Two modes:

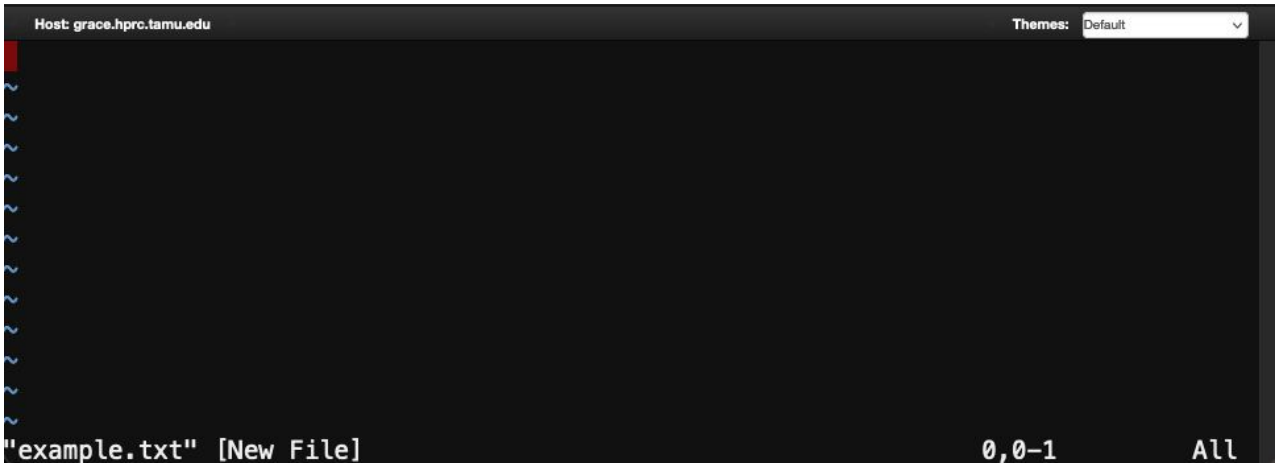
- insert mode
  - for typing in text
  - all keystrokes are interpreted as text
  - **i** command initiates insert mode
- command mode
  - for navigating the file and editing
  - all keystrokes are interpreted as commands
  - **Esc** returns the user to command mode

vi Editor - Practice

- Create a file:

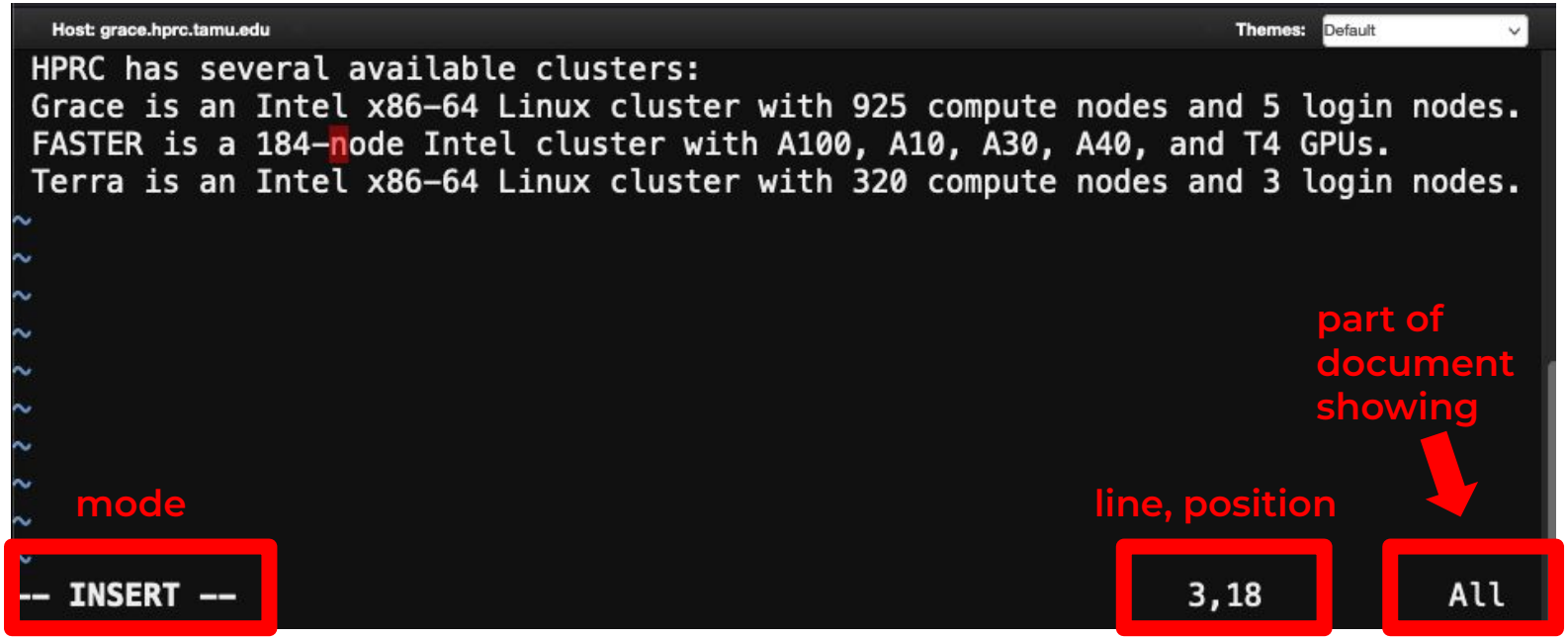
```
vi example.txt
```

- vi starts in command mode:



vi Editor - Practice

- press `i` to enter insert mode
- Type a few sentences over several lines:



vi Commands

To exit a file or save press Esc

- **ZZ** or **:wq** or **:x** save the file and exit
- **:w** *filename* - save the file with the name filename
- **:w!** force save
- **:q** or **:q!** quit without saving
- **:q** quits a file when there have been no changes
- **:q!** quits the file regardless of changes

Try writing something, then close the file you created!

vi Commands

Moving around in the file

- **h**, **l** (or space), **j** and **k** - left, right, down and up
- **G** move to end of file
- *n***G** go to line n
- gg
- **CTRL + f** Scroll down a full screen
- **CTRL + b** scroll up a full screen
- **0** (zero) Move to start of current line
- **w** move forward one word
- **b** move back one word
- **e** move to the end of the word

Open the file you created in vi to practice these commands.

vi Commands

Commands that take you into insert mode

- **i** insert text to the left of the cursor
- **I** insert text at the beginning of the line
- **a** insert text to the right of the cursor
- **A** insert text at the end of the line
- **o** open a line below the cursor
- **O** open a line above the cursor
- **R** overwrite text to the right of the cursor
- **cw** change a word with new text - the cursor must be at the beginning of the word

Open the file you created in vi to practice these commands.

vi Commands - Practice

- Open a new file named “HelloWorld.sh”
- Change vi to insert mode and type:

```
#!/bin/bash
echo Hello World
```

- Then save and exit the file.
- Type `ls` - Do you see the file you created?
- Type `more HelloWorld.sh` - You should see:

```
#!/bin/bash
echo Hello World
```

- Type `bash HelloWorld.sh` - You should see:

```
Hello World
```

vi Commands

Editor commands that keep you in command mode

- **x** delete a single character at the cursor
- **dd** delete the entire current a line
- *n***dd** delete n lines
- **dw** delete a word
- **dG** delete to the end of the file
- **D** delete to the end of the line
- **r***a* replace current character with a (a = character, number, etc.)
- **u** undo last command (only 1 undo on most unix machines. Most new versions of vi (vim) have multiple undo and redo (Ctrl-r) capability)
- *n***yy** yank n (n is a number) lines to memory
- **p** (lowercase p) put the yanked lines below the cursor
- **P** (uppercase P) put the yanked lines above the cursor

vi Commands

Miscellaneous commands

- **/***name* search forward for *name*
- **?***name* search backward for *name*
- **:1,$ s/***pattern1***/***pattern2***/g**
  - from line 1 to the bottom find and substitute pattern1 for pattern2
  - you could also use **:% s/***pattern1***/***pattern2***/g**
    - % and 1,$ mean the entire file
    - the **g** means that all occurrences of pattern1 will be substituted in a line and not just the first one
- **:e** *filename* exits to the file filename

vi Commands

Miscellaneous commands

- **`ma`** marks that line and stores the position in the variable a
- **`:'a,. y x`** yanks the lines between the mark a and where the cursor is (.) and stores it in the variable x
- **`:pu x`** puts the lines stored in x into the file where the cursor is
- **`:r`** *`filename`* read file named filename and insert after current line
- **`:set all`** lists all of the settings
- **`:set number`** displays line numbers
- **`q`** starts recording commands, movements, searches (type q to exit recording, and @q to repeat what was recorded)

vi Commands - Practice

- Open the file named “environment.txt”: `vi environment.txt`
- Search for “OMP_NUM_THREADS”: `/OMP_NUM_THREADS`
- Remove the highlight from the search: `:noh`
- Replace the “1” after the equals sign to “2”:

```
# move cursor over “1”
x       # deletes char at current position
a       # open insert mode after cursor
2       # type in the new value
ESC     # exit insert mode
```

vi Commands - Practice

- Search backward for “PWD=” `?PWD=`
- Change the path to contain your username:

```
cw      # Change word (erase current word and go into insert mode)
yourUserName # Type in new variable name
ESC     # Exit insert mode
```

- Search backward again for “USER=” and delete this line without entering insert mode:

```
?USER=      # search backwards for “USER=”
dd          # delete this line
```

vi Commands - Practice

- Wait! Undo that last delete

```
u   # undo last dd command
```

- Copy that line and the next two lines and paste them on the end of the file:

```
3yy     # “3 lines yanked” should appear on the bottom left
G       # Move the cursor to the bottom of the file
p       # lowercase p pastes the yanked lines below the cursor
```

vi Commands - Practice

- Move the cursor to the beginning of the file

```
1 G     # Navigate to first line
```

- Search for all occurrences of “username” and replace with “hprc_user”

```
:1,$ s/username/hprc_user/g
```

- List all of the vi settings: `:set all`
- Show the line numbers in vi: `:set number`
- Save the document and exit: `:x` or `:wq`

GNU sed - Stream EDitor (sed)

A stream editor is used to perform basic transformations on text read from a file or a pipe.

- Useful one-line scripts for sed: http://sed.sourceforge.net/sed1line.txt
- Online manual: https://www.gnu.org/software/sed/manual/
- Common uses
  - **sed -n** '4,6**p**' *filename*
    - print out line 4 to line 6 (without –n, all lines will be printed and lines 4 to 6 will be printed twice)
  - **sed** '2,4**d**' *filename*
    - delete line 2 to line 4 (output will contain lines 1, 5-10)
  - **sed** '3,**$d**' *filename*
    - delete line 3 to the last line of the file (output will contain lines 1 and 2)

Try these commands on the file labeled “sed_example.txt”.

GNU sed - Stream Editor

- **s** substitute
  - **sed 's/***pattern1***/***pattern2***/g'** *filename*
    - find pattern1 and replace it with pattern2 for all instances of pattern1, output is set to stdout (g can be left off to only replace the first instance on each line)
  - **sed 's/***pattern1***/***pattern2***/g'** *filename* **>** *filename2*
    - output is set to filename2
  - **sed –i 's/***pattern1***/***pattern2***/g'** *filename*
    - modifies the file in-place (changes the original file)
  - **sed 's/^/***pattern1***/'** *filename*
    - insert `pattern1` at the beginning of each line of a file
  - **sed 's/$/***pattern1***/'** *filename*
    - insert *pattern1* at the end of each line of a file

Try these commands on the file labeled “sed_example.txt”.

sed - Practice

- In this practice we will use the file **sed_ex02.txt.**
- Make the following changes to the text file using sed commands:
  - **cp sed_ex02.txt tmp.txt** create a copy of the file on which to work.
  - Replace all instances of “vegetables“ with “vim”.
  - Delete the 1st line of the file.
  - Delete the now 2nd line of the file.
  - Delete the now fourth line of the file.
  - Print lines 1 to 4 and save to a file output.txt.
  - Examine the contents of output.txt

GNU AWK

awk is used to search files for lines (or other units of text) that contain certain patterns and then do something (print, manipulate, etc).

```
awk options '/search pattern/ {action}' input-file > output-file
```

- Delimiters (Field Separator, FS)
  - Default is white space
- Search patterns
  - **awk '/*pattern*/'** *filename*
- Variables
  - fields are stored in variables based on the FS
  - $0 the entire line
  - $1 1st field
  - $2 2nd field

shopping_list.txt

peach	fruit	8
tomato	vegetable	5
zucchini	vegetable	4
$1	$2	$3

GNU AWK

- Variables
  - NR number of records
  - NF Number of Fields in a record
  - RS Specifies the record separator
  - FS Specifies the field separator
  - OFS Specifies the Output field separator
  - ORS Specifies the Output record separator

- Print statement
  - **awk '/*pattern*/ {print $0}' filename**
  - **awk '/*pattern*/ {print $1 "," $2}' filename>outputfilename.txt**
- `printf` statement for more control over the print format
  - https://www.gnu.org/software/gawk/manual/html_node/Printf-Examples.html
- Pre-processing/Post-processing
  - BEGIN

```
awk 'BEGIN {print "Shopping List"} { print $1, $2 }' sample.txt
```

  - END

```
awk 'END { print NR }' sample.txt
```

GNU AWK - Practice

- Print the 1st column of the tmp.txt file created during the last practice.
- What does it say?

Searching File Contents - grep

`grep` *`search-pattern filename`* - searches the file *filename* for the pattern *search-pattern* and shows the results on the screen (prints the results to standard out).

- `grep Energy run1.out`
  - searches the file run1.out for the word Energy
  - grep is case sensitive unless you use the -i flag
- `grep Energy *.out`
  - searches all files in all directories in the current one that end in .out
- `grep "Total Energy" */*.out`
  - You must use quotes when you have blank spaces. This example searches for Total Energy in every file that ends in .out in each directory of the current directory
- `grep -R "Total Energy" Project1`
  - Searches recursively all files under Project1 for the pattern Total Energy

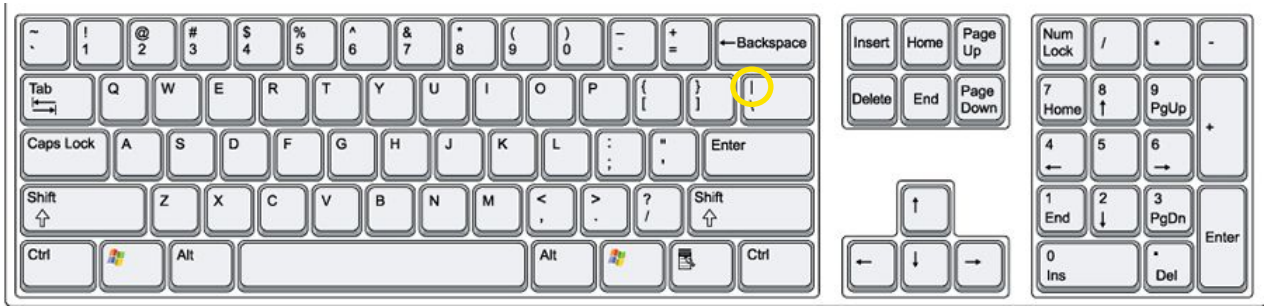
Searching File Contents - grep

- **`grep -A N 'search' filename`**
  - Outputs N lines after each line containing the search term.
- **`grep -B N 'search' filename`**
  - Outputs N lines before each line containing the search term.
- **`grep -v 'search' filename`**
  - Outputs lines that do not contain the search term.
- **`grep -c 'search' filename`**
  - Provides the number of lines containing the search term(s)

Searching File Contents - egrep

egrep *'pattern1|pattern2|etc' filename*

- searches the file filename for **all patterns** (pattern1, pattern2, etc) and prints the results to the screen.
- The **|** character is called a **pipe** and is normally located above the return key on the keyboard.
- `egrep 'Energy|Enthalpy' *.out`
  - searches for the word Energy or Enthalpy in every file that ends in .out in the current directory.



grep & egrep Hands-on Practice

- Use grep to count the number of lines containing either 'min' or 'max' in the file ex03.txt.

- Using only grep, print only the line after the line containing ‘love’ in the file ex02.txt

Bash Scripting

Learning Objective:

Understand conditions, loops, and write bash scripts for simple tasks

Basic Shell Scripting

A shell script is a text file that contains one or more linux commands that can be run as a single batch of commands.
Shell scripts can be used to automate routine tasks.
It is good practice to name shell scripts with: **.sh**

```
#!/bin/bash
# ========== script header
# Description, Revision history, License

# VARIABLE ASSIGNMENT
CURRENTUSER=$(whoami)
# SHOW MESSAGES
grep $CURRENTUSER /etc/passwd
```

shebang, indicates the shell

body

The shell ignores blank and commented-out lines.
It is a good practice for developers to include info about the script in the header.

To store the output of a command in a variable, use
MYVAR=$(command)

To run the script:

- run with **bash *script.sh***
- add executable permission to the script file (**chmod u+x *script.sh***) and run with **./*script.sh***

Basic Constructs for Bash Scripting

- Conditionals:

  If something is true, do something and if it is false, do something else

```
if < some test >
then
  commands
elif < some test >
then
  other commands
else
  commands
  fi
```

```
#!/bin/bash
#

i=1
if [ $i -eq 1 ] ; then
   echo i is equal to 1
  else
   echo i does not equal 1
   echo i equals $i
  fi
```

Integer Comparison Operators

`-eq`	is equal to	`if [ "$a" -eq "$b" ]`
`-ne`	is not equal to	`if [ "$a" -ne "$b" ]`
`-gt`	is greater than	`if [ "$a" -gt "$b" ]`
`-ge`	is greater than or equal to	`if [ "$a" -ge "$b" ]`
`-lt`	is less than	`if [ "$a" -lt "$b" ]`
`-le`	is less than or equal to	`if [ "$a" -le "$b" ]`
`<`	is less than (within double parentheses)	`(("$a" < "$b"))`
`<=`	is less than or equal to (within double parentheses)	`(("$a" <= "$b"))`
`>`	is greater than (within double parentheses)	`(("$a" > "$b"))`
`>=`	is greater than or equal to (within double parentheses)	`(("$a" >= "$b"))`

String Comparison Operator

==	True if $a starts with an "z" (pattern matching).	`[[ $a == z* ]]`
	True if $a is equal to z* (literal matching).	`[[ $a == "z*" ]]`
!=	is not equal to	`[ "$a" != "$b" ]`
<	is less than, in ASCII alphabetical order	`if [[ "$a" < "$b" ]]` or `if [ "$a" \< "$b" ]`
>	is greater than, in ASCII alphabetical order	`if [[ "$a" > "$b" ]]` or `if [ "$a" \> "$b" ]`
-z	string is null, that is, has zero length	`if [ -z "$s" ]`
-n	string is not null	`if [ -n "$s" ]`

Basic Constructs for Bash Scripting

Case Constructs

```
case var in
  case1)
    <commands>
    ;;
  case2)
    <commands>
    ;;
*)
  commands;;
esac
```

```
#!/bin/bash
#
month='June'
case $month in
  Jan)
    mnum='01'
    ;;
  Feb)
    mnum='02'
    ;;
  ….
  Dec)
    mnum ='12'
    ;;
esac
```

* symbol defines the default case, usually in the final pattern.

Practice: Conditionals

- Create a shell script that checks if the current day on the system belongs to the first, middle or last part of the month.
- If it is within the first 10 days of a month, print (echo) "We are within the first 10 days of the month."
- Otherwise, check if it is less than or equal to 20 and echo "We are within the middle 10 days of the month."
- If none of the previous conditions are met, return "We are within the last few days of the month."
- Hint: To obtain current day of month, use the command date +%d (there is a space before +)

Bash Scripts with User Arguments

- Command line arguments

```
#!/bin/bash
# shell script exercise
my_name=$1
echo "Howdy $my_name"
```

- `shuf -i1-10 -n1`

- Read input during script execution.

```
#!/bin/bash
# Ask the user for emails
read -p "Username: " uservar
read -sp "Password(hidden): " passvar
echo
echo Thank you $uservar we now have your info
```

```
[user@host ~]bash info.sh
Username: Stan
Password(hidden):
[user@host ~]Thank you
Stan we now have your info
```

- Accept data that has been redirected into the Bash script via STDIN.

Basic Constructs for Bash Scripting

Loops: Do something over and over until a specific condition changes, and then stop.

```
while [ <some test> ] ; do
  <commands>
  done
```

```
for var in <list> ; do
  <commands>
  done
```

```
#!/bin/bash
#
i=1
while [ $i -le 100 ] ; do
   echo i equals $i
   ((i++))
   done
```

```
#!/bin/bash
for file in *.log ; do
    head -n1 $file
    done
```

Practice: Loops

- Write a simple number-guessing game in a script called guess.sh. When the script is launched, a random number between 1 and 10 is generated and stored in the variable RANDOMNUM. The script then will expect input from the user. If the guess is incorrect, it will continue to ask the user for an input until the user guesses the number correctly. (Hint: to generate a random number between 1 and 10, use the command `shuf -i1-10 -n1`)
- Change the permissions on files ending with .sh to 755 using a for loop or run **bash guess.sh**

bc - Basic Calculator

- bc is a command line calculator which can be useful for quick calculations.
  - Allows for arithmetic operations in bash scripts.
- Addition/subtraction Example:

```
echo "13+3" | bc
```

- Exponential Example:

```
echo "10^3" | bc
```

- Assign value of calculation to variable example:

```
x=`echo "12+5" | bc`
echo $x
```

- Variables can be used in calculations:
  - What value do you get?

```
echo "$x+100" | bc
```

bc - Practice

- Create a bash script that defines a variable i as 1.
- Then add a loop that adds (i+2) to i, 12 times.
  - Print i each step of the loop.
- What is the final number?

Customizing the Environment

Bash Environment Variables

- Environment variables store information that is used across different processes in a Linux system.

- Use all caps for Bash Environment variable. **A-Z 0-9 _**
- Use lowercase for the variables that you create. **a-z 0-9 _**

  - **HOME** Pathname of current user's home directory
  - **PATH** The search path for commands.

- Use the **echo** command to see the contents of a variable.

```
echo   $HOME
```

The Search PATH

- The shell uses the **PATH** environment variable to locate commands typed at the command line.
- The value of PATH is a colon-separated list of full directory names.
- The PATH is searched from left to right. If the command is not found in any of the listed directories, the shell returns an error message.
- If multiple commands with the same name exist in more than one location, the first instance found according to the PATH variable will be executed.

```
echo $PATH
```

```
/usr/lib64/qt-3.3/bin:/sw/local/bin:/usr/local/bin:/usr/bin:/usr/local/sbin:/usr/sbin:/usr/lpp/mmfs/bin:/home/netid/.local/bin
```

- Add a directory to the PATH for the current Linux session.

```
export PATH=$PATH:/home/netid/bin
```

Customizing the Environment

Two important files for customizing your Bash Shell environment:

- **.bashrc** (pronounced dot bashrc)
  - contains aliases, shell variables, paths, etc.
  - executed (sourced) upon starting a non-login shell.
- **.bash_profile** (dot bash_profile)
  - also can contain aliases, shell variables, paths, etc
  - normally used for terminal settings
  - executed (sourced) upon login
  - if **.bash_profile** doesn't exist, the system looks for **.profile** (dot profile)
- **. .bashrc** (or **source .bashrc**)
  - Executes the commands in the .bashrc file

.bash_profile File Contents

```
# Get the aliases and functions
      if [ -f  ~/.bashrc ]; then
                .  ~/.bashrc
      fi

# User specific environment and startup programs
      PATH=$PATH:$HOME/.local/bin:$HOME/bin
      export PATH

# Personal aliases
      alias h="history|more"
      alias m="more"


# User specific functions
function  cc()  { awk  -f  cc.awk  "$@".log>"$@".cc  ;  }
```

A line that begins with a # is a comment.

Enable settings in .bashrc

Syntax to set a global variable:
export *var_name*=*value*

Specify PATH for all sessions

Add personal aliases

Syntax to create a function:
function *name*() { *command* ; }

If you type **cc test** at the prompt, the following command will be executed:
awk -f cc.awk test.log > test.cc

Practice: Alias and $PATH

- Add a new alias in your .bash_profile under your home directory named **simple** that executes the command: echo I succeeded in creating a simple alias.
- Activate your new alias.
- Type **simple** at the prompt to use your new alias.
- Make a directory named **myapps** in your home directory.
- Create a file (*your choice of a name*) in **myapps** with the following content:
  - echo I succeeded in adding *myapps* to my path
- Change the permissions of *filename* to allow execution (replace *filename* with the name that you used.
- Run *filename* by typing *filename* (you should get an error message).
- Add **myapps** directory to your PATH with **export** in your current session.
- Run filename by typing: *filename*

Solution: Alias and $PATH

- Add a new alias in your .bash_profile file named **simple** that executes the command: `echo I succeeded in created a simple alias`

```
echo 'alias simple="echo I succeeded in creating a simple alias" '>> .bash_profile
```

- active your new alias.

```
. .bash_profile
```

- Type **simple** at the prompt to use your new alias.

```
simple
```

Solution: Alias and $PATH

- Make a directory named **myapps** in your home directory.

```
cd
mkdir myapps
```

- Create a file (your choice of a name) in myapps with the following content:
  - echo I succeeded in adding myapps to my path

```
cd  myapps
echo  "echo I succeeded in adding my apps to my path" >>  filename
```

Solution: Alias and $PATH

- Change the permissions of *filename* to allow execution (replace *filename* with the name that you used).

```
chmod u+x filename
```

- Run *filename* by typing *filename* (you should get an error message).

```
filename
```

```
bash: filename: command not found
```

- Add **myapps** directory to your PATH with **export** in your current session.

```
export PATH=$PATH:/home/username/myapps/
```

- Run filename by typing: *filename*

```
filename
```

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