









Advanced Linux ABiMS Training Module 2017

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Advanced Linux | Goals

So now you're **the** Linux gal/guy of the lab. Congrats, colleagues keep coming to you for advice (at best) or for a helping hand (i.e. burden you with chores they can't take care of themselves).

How do I:

- Get rid of them ? (not an option)
- Extract relevant information from the **myriad humongous** files?
- Run a **series of commands** and make data **flow** between them?
- Write **command files** containing lists of commands operating on data files ?





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Where am I?

[stage01@nz~]\$ pwd

Which files/directories are located "here"?

[stage01@nz~]\$ ls [stage01@nz~]\$ ls .

Which files/dirs are located in /tmp (with full details and hidden files)?

[stage01@nz~]\$ ls -la /tmp

How do I get to /tmp (make /tmp my current directory)?

[stage01@nz~]\$ cd /tmp





How do I create directories ~/foo/bar/baz?

[stage01@nz~]\$ mkdir -p ~/foo/bar/baz

How do I copy file quux to ~/foo/bar/baz ?

[stage01@nz~]\$ cp quux ~/foo/bar/baz

How do I move file corge to ~/foo/bar/baz ?

[stage01@nz~]\$ mv corge ~/foo/bar/baz

How do I copy directory grault to ~/foo/bar/baz ?

[stage01@nz~]\$ cp -r grault ~/foo/bar/baz





How do I remove (delete forever) file garply?

[stage01@nz~]\$ rm garply

How do I remove directory waldo (with all its contents)?

[stage01@nz~]\$ rm -rf waldo

How do I remove *empty* directory fred?

[stage01@nz~]\$ rmdir fred





How do know I what kind of data is stored in file plugh?

[stage01@nz~]\$ file plugh

How do I display the contents of file xyzzy (and recover control of the terminal rightaway) ?

[stage01@nz~]\$ cat xyzzy

How do I display the beginning (end) of file thud?

[stage01@nz~]\$ head thud
[stage01@nz~]\$ tail thud

How do I page through file ioofa?

[stage01@nz~]\$ less ioofa

How do I edit file omtg?

[stage01@nz~]\$ gedit omtg





How do I run program jimbo in the background?

[stage01@nz~]\$ jimbo &

How do I relegate already running program wharty to the background?

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[stage01@nz~]$ wharty
[Ctrl+Z]
(...)
[stage01@nz~]$ bg
```





Quick Refresher | The Ground Rule

When in doubt about running a program :



[stage01@nz~]\$ man command





1.Open a terminal and connect to ${\tt nz}$

[stage01@nz~]\$ ssh -Y nz

2.Jump to one of the cluster nodes (nobody runs jobs on nz !)

[stage01@nz~]\$ qlogin

3.Go to your "project" directory (don't work in you home directory !)

[stage01@nz~]\$ cdprojet

4.Get the course material

[stage01@nz~]\$ wget https://frama.link/aldataset

5.Unpack the course material

[stage01@nz~]\$ tar -jxvf Linux-Avance.tbz





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Displaying command output on the terminal has its limitations :

1. Scrolling capacity is finite

2. Difficult to reuse for further processing

The puzzle : - How do I build the list of files in the current directory matching a specific pattern and modified at a given date ?

Some of the pieces : - I know how to list the files in the current directory (with 1s) - I know how to look for patterns in text files (with grep)

What's missing : - I don't know how to feed the output of 1s into grep





All programs generate their output into *channels* (special types of files). The terminal is just the default output channel (stdout for standard output).

Linux gives us *redirections* to replace the default output channel with a file.

Ex.: Using a redirection to store the output of a command to a file

<pre>[stage11@nz ~]\$ ls -l * > listoffiles.txt</pre>							
[stage11@nz ~]	cat lis	toffi	Les.t	txt			
-rwxr-xr-x 1 mhoebek	e mhoebeke	55	sept.	5	2012 acteur.tab		
-rwxr-xr-x 1 mhoebek	e mhoebeke	488	sept.	5	2012 address.tab		
-rwxr-xr-x 1 mhoebek	e mhoebeke	30768	sept.	5	2012 annuaire.csv		
()							

The redirection character > added after a command and its arguments and **followed by a filename** will create a file containing the output of the command.

If the file already exists, it will be overwritten



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Programs can read their input from *channels* (special types of files). There is a default input channel (stdin for standard input). Linux gives us *redirections* to use a file as standard input.

Ex.: Using a redirection to use a file as input for grep using a redirection

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[stage11@nz ~	Ş grep	tab <	listc)ĮĮI	.les	.txt
-rwxr-xr-x 1 mhoeb	eke mhoebeke	e 55	sept.	5	2012	acteur.tab
-rwxr-xr-x 1 mhoeb	eke mhoebeke	e 488	sept.	5	2012	address.tab
-rwxr-xr-x 1 mhoeb	eke mhoebeke	e 1315419	sept.	5	2012	insulin.vs.nt.blastn.ta
()						

The redirection character < added after the arguments of a command and **followed by a filename** will use the file as input for reading data instead of stdin.



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Redirections & Pipes | Redirections

Input and output redirections can be combined.

Ex.: Using a redirection to use a file as input for grep, and for storing the result in a file

[stage11@nz ~]\$ grep ta	b < li	istoffi	les.txt	<pre>> tabfiles.txt</pre>	•
[stage110nz ~]\$ cat tab	files.t	txt			
-rwxr-xr-x 1 mhoebeke mhoebeke	55 se	ept. 5	2012 acteur	.tab	
-rwxr-xr-x 1 mhoebeke mhoebeke	488 se	ept. 5	2012 addres	ss.tab	
-rwxr-xr-x 1 mhoebeke mhoebeke	1315419 se	ept. 5	2012 insuli	n.vs.nt.blastn.tab	
()					





Pipes can be used to directly channel **stdout** from one command into **stdin** of the next command

Ex.: Using a pipe to grep for a pattern in the output of 1s

[stage11	@nz ~]\$	ls -1	grep	tab		
-rwxr-xr-x	1 mhoebeke	mhoebeke	55	sept.	5	2012 acteur.tab
-rwxr-xr-x	1 mhoebeke	mhoebeke	488	sept.	5	2012 address.tab
-rwxr-xr-x	1 mhoebeke	mhoebeke	1315419	sept.	5	2012 insulin.vs.nt.blastn.tab
()						

The pipe symbol is placed after the arguments of the first command and before the second command.

Series of commands can be linked with pipes.







There is a special channel, **stderr** (for standard error), **different from stdout**, where commands write error messages when necessary. By default stderr is also the terminal output...

Ex.: Redirecting stdout only will still generate error messages on the terminal.

[stage11@nz ~]\$ ls -lR /home/fr2424 > /tmp/lsfr2424.txt
ls: cannot open directory /home/fr2424/administration/bmasse: Permission denied
ls: cannot open directory /home/fr2424/administration/carou: Permission denied
ls: cannot open directory /home/fr2424/administration/hmignot: Permission denied
(...)

The redirection of **stderr** is possible by adding the **>**& redirection symbol after a command's arguments.

[stage11@nz ~]\$ ls -lR /home/fr2424 > /tmp/lsfr2424.txt >& /tmp/lserrors.txt
[stage11@nz ~]\$ cat /tmp/lserrors.txt
ls: cannot open directory /home/fr2424/administration/bmasse: Permission denied
ls: cannot open directory /home/fr2424/administration/carou: Permission denied
ls: cannot open directory /home/fr2424/administration/hmignot: Permission denied
(...)





To ignore what's generated on an output channel (stdout or stderr), it can be redirected to a special file : /dev/null.

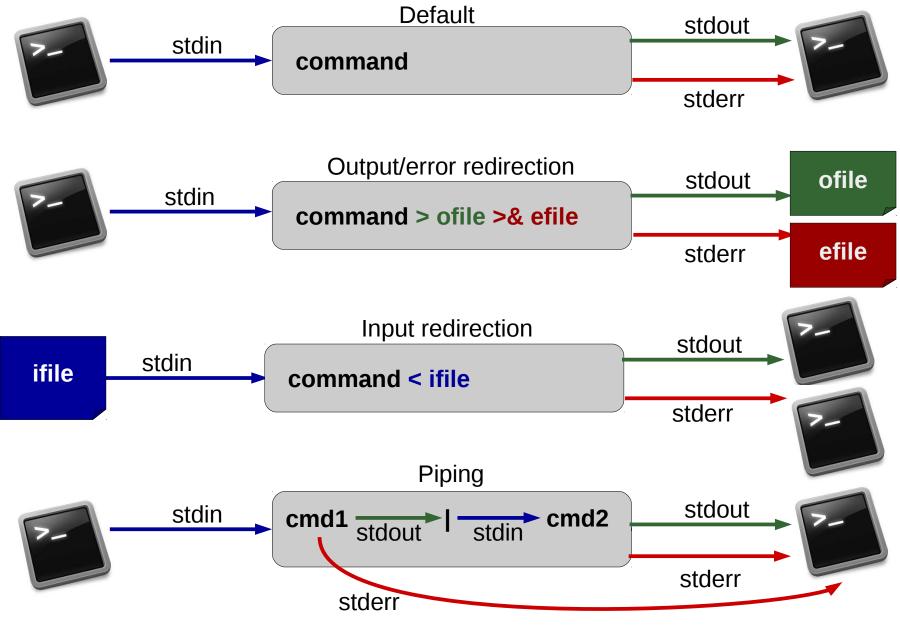
[stage11@nz ~]\$ ls -lR /home/fr2424 > /tmp/lsfr2424.txt >& /dev/null stage11@nz ~1\$

To redirect an output channel (stdout or stderr) to an already existing file without overwriting its contents, the redirect append (>>) symbol can be used.

[stage11@nz ~]\$ ls *.tab > fileswithcolumns.txt
[stage11@nz ~]\$ wc -l fileswithcolumns.txt
5 fileswithcolumns.txt
[stage11@nz ~]\$ ls *.csv >> fileswithcolumns.txt
[stage11@nz ~]\$ wc -l fileswithcolumns.txt
7 fileswithcolumns.txt



Redirections & Pipes | Summary





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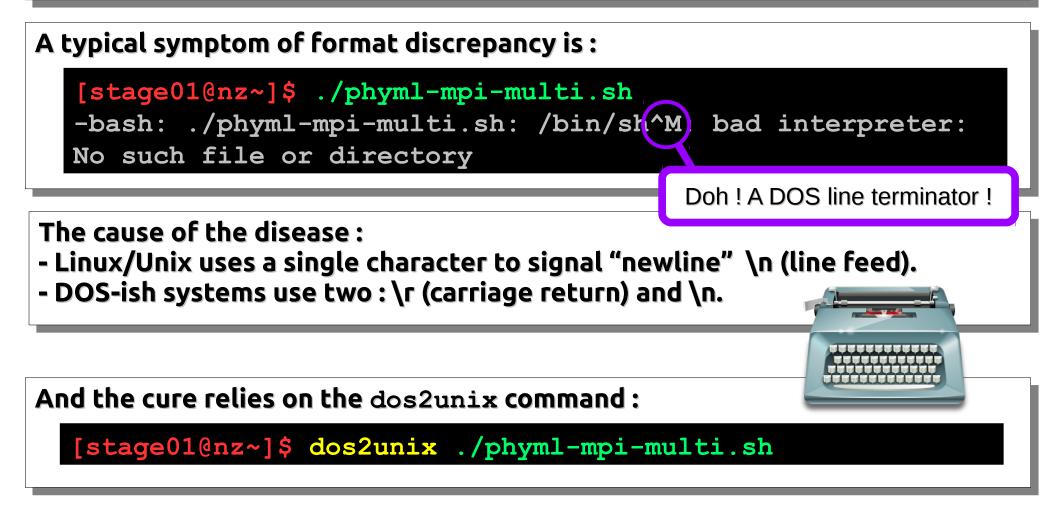
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Slicing 'n Dicing | Foreword

Beware when copying text files from foreign systems, especially from the MS-DOS family tree (including the Windows offspring). Format differences can bite real hard.



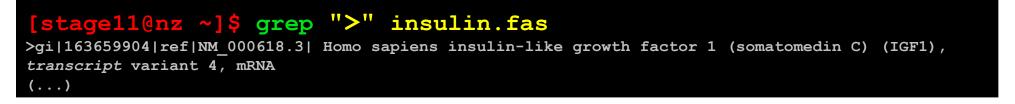




Slicing 'n Dicing | Extracting Lines

Remember grep ?

The grep command takes two arguments : a *pattern* and a *file name*; it displays every line of the file matching the pattern.



grep has loads of options, among which the most common are :

- -i (ignore upper/lower case differences),
- -v (display lines *not* matching the pattern),
- -c (display the line count instead of the actual lines),
- -r (recursively examine the contents of the **directory** given as second argument).

[stage11@nz ~]\$ grep -r -c -i TRANSCRIPT . ./insulin_vs_nt.blast:144 ./acteur.csv:0 ./insulin.fas:5





Slicing 'n Dicing | Extracting Lines

Contextual grep

When the relevant information spans several lines, grep can give contextual information.

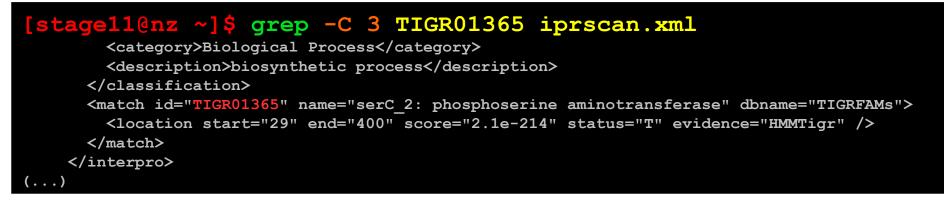
With the **-A** *n* option, grep displays for each matching line, the *n* following lines (A : after)

[stage11@nz ~]\$ grep -A 1 ">" insulin.fas

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>gi|163659904|ref|NM_000618.3| Homo sapiens insulin-like growth factor 1 (somatomedin C) (IGF1),
transcript variant 4, mRNA
TTTTGTAGATAAATGTGAGGATTTTCTCTAAATCCCTCTTCTGTTTGCTAAATCTCACTGTCACTGCTAA
---
>gi|163659900|ref|NM_001111284.1| Homo sapiens insulin-like growth factor 1 (somatomedin C) (IGF1),
transcript variant 2, mRNA
GCATACCTGCCTGGGTGTCCAAATGTAACTAGATGCTTTCACAAACCCCACCACAAAGCAGCACATGTT
---
(...)
```

With the **-B** *n* option, grep displays for each matching line, the *n* preceding lines (B: before)

With the -C n option, grep displays for each matching line, the n surrounding lines (C: context)





Slicing 'n Dicing | Extracting Columns

The cut command takes an option describing how to extract columns (aka fields) and an argument with the name of the file containing *tabular* (columns are separated by **<TAB>** characters).

Ex. : extracting the first column of a file using the -f 1 syntax.

[stage11@nz ~]\$ cut -f 1 acteur.tab

Chuck Sylvester Steven (...)

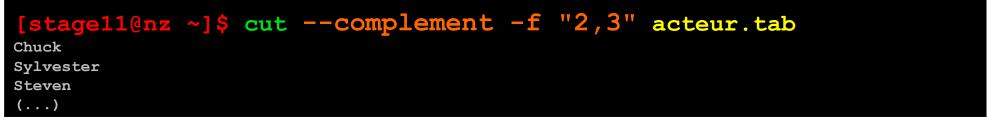
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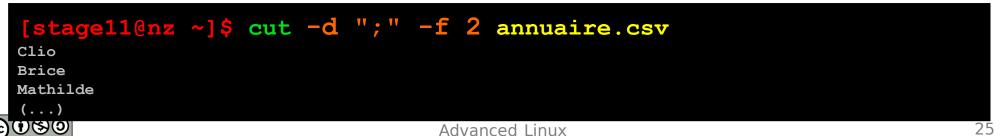
Ex. : extracting the second and third columns of a file using the -f 2,3 syntax.



Ex. : extracting **all but** the second and third columns of a file using the **--complement** option.



Ex. : using the -d syntax to specify the field delimiter.





Slicing 'n Dicing | Sorting Files

The **sort** command is used to sort files. It takes a filename as argument and options allow to specify sort fields and/or sort types.

Ex. : alphabetically sorting the lines of a file

[stagell@nz ~]\$ sort pop_ville.tab
Paris 4193031
Roscoff 3705
Tokyo 13010279

Ex. : alphabetically sorting the lines of a file using a specific field $(-\mathbf{k}$ option)

[stage	11@nz ~]\$ sort -k 2 pop_ville.tab
Tokyo	13010279
Roscoff	3705
Paris	4193031

Ex. : numerically sorting the lines of a file using a specific field (-n option)

[stage	11@nz ~]\$	sort	-n	$-\mathbf{k}$	2	<pre>pop_ville.tab</pre>
Roscoff	3705					
Paris	4193031					
Tokyo	13010279					

Ex. : reversing the sort order with the -r option

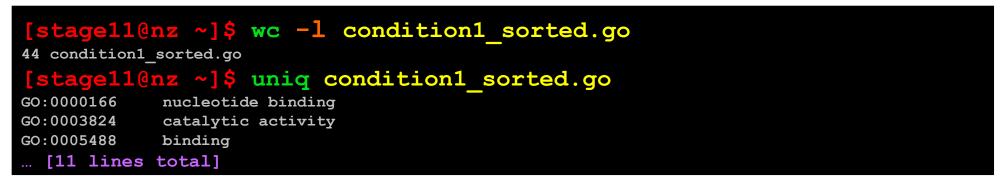
[stage	11@nz ~]\$ sort -r -n -k 2 pop_ville.tab
Tokyo	13010279
Paris	4193031
Roscoff	3705



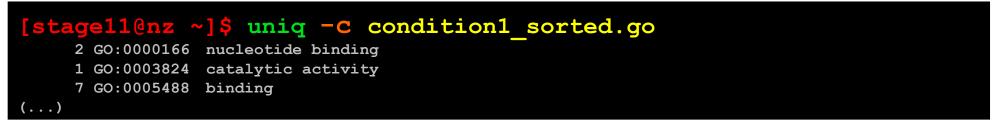


Slicing 'n Dicing | Managing Occurrences

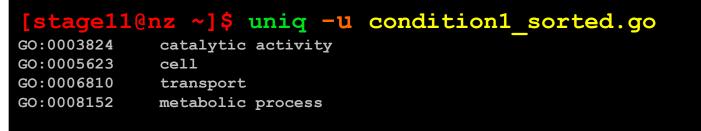
The uniq command is used remove consecutive identical lines in a file. On a sorted file, it removes all repeated lines.



uniq can also be used to count occurrences with the **-c** option:



or to extract unique occurrences with the $-\mathbf{u}$ option:







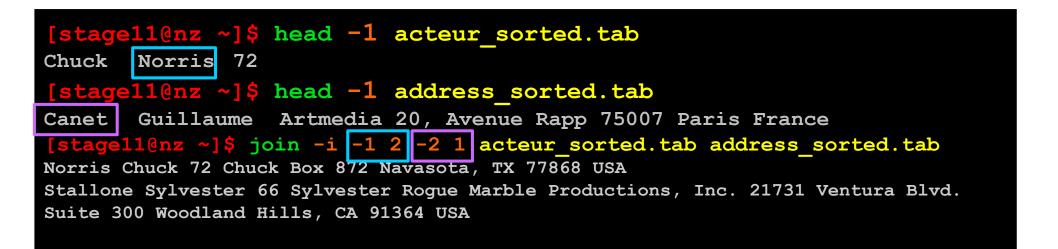
Slicing 'n Dicing | Merging Tabular Data

The join command is used merge two files **having a** *sorted* column in common. It is used as follows :

join -1 n -2 m file1 file2

where :

- in -1 n : n is the position of the common column in file1
- in -2 m : m is the position of the common column in file2



The -i option can be added to ignore case differences in key column values





Slicing 'n Dicing | Simple Text Substitutions

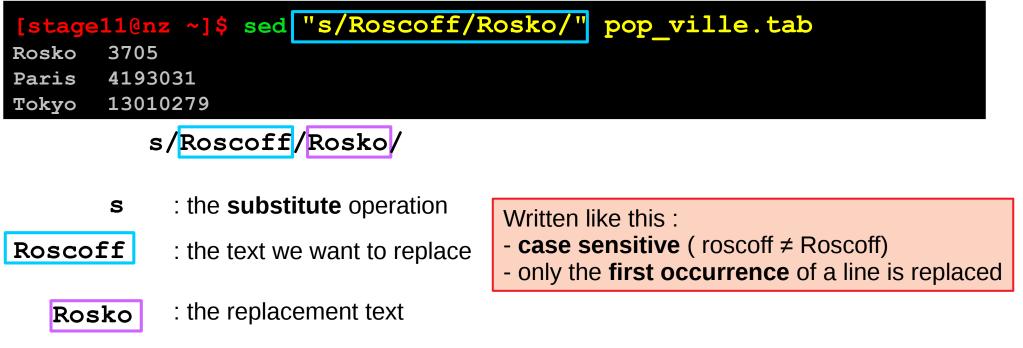
The **sed** command is the swiss army-knife for performing manipulation on the contents of (text) files. Its basic usage looks like :

sed "operation" [file]

Where :

- operation : recipe(s) describing operations to perform on the contents (substitute, delete, paste...)
- file : the file to act upon (optional : remember how pipes work ?)

Ex. : Simple text substitution







Slicing 'n Dicing | Simple Text Substitutions

Ex. : Field delimiter substitution

[stage11@nz ~]\$ sed "s/\t/;/g" acteur.tab Chuck;Norris;72 Sylvester;Stallone;66 Steven;Seagal;61



- s : the substitute operation
- \mathbf{t} : the text we want to replace = the TAB character



: the replacement text



: a **flag** to indicate global substitution (all occurrences of the line)

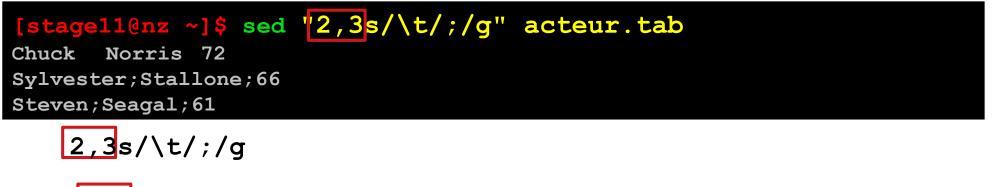
The i flag can be used to ignore uppercase/lowercase differences on the pattern to match





Slicing 'n Dicing | Simple Text Substitutions

Ex. : Using locations to operate on specific line ranges



2,3: only apply the (substitution) operation on lines 2 to 3

Having fun with sed

Ex. : Using the delete operator

[stage11@nz ~]\$ sed "2d" acteur.tab Chuck Norris 72 Steven Seagal 61

Ex. : Combining operators : pasting & replacing

[stage11@nz ~]\$ sed "2p; s/Sylvester/Sly/" acteur.tab Chuck Norris 72 Sylvester Stallone 66 Sly Stallone 66 Steven Seagal 61







• Extract the actors last names from acteur.tab

[stage11@nz ~]\$ cut -f 2 acteur.tab	
Norris	
Stallone	
Seagal	

• Order the actors in acteur.tab by (increasing) age

[stage11@nz ~]\$ sort	-n -k 3 acteur.tab
Steven Seagal 61	
Sylvester Stallone	66
Chuck Norris 72	

• Replace the TAB character in **acteur**. **tab** with a semicolon (;). Store the result in **acteur**. **csv**

[stage110nz ~]\$ sed "s/\t/;/g" acteur.tab > acteur.csv







Using the annuaire.csv file

- Sort the file using the **team** column (6th)
- Extract the name (1st), firstname (2nd), unit (5th) and team (6th) columns
- Only keep people belonging to the umr7144 unit.
- Store the result in file annuaire_umr7144.csv

All this using a single command line







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[stage11@nz ~]\$ grep "umr7144" annuaire.csv | cut -d ";" -f "1,2,5,6" |
sort -k 4 -t ";" > annuaire_umr7144.csv

[stage11@nz ~]\$ sort -k 6 -t ";" annuaire.csv | grep "umr7144" | cut -d ";"
-f "1,2,5,6" > annuaire_umr7144.csv

[stage11@nz ~]\$ cut -d ";" -f "1,2,5,6" annuaire.csv | sort -k 4 -t ";" |
grep "umr7144" > annuaire_umr7144.csv







Using the condition2.go file

• Determine the most frequent GO **number** (not the complete identifier, i.e. 0395853 in GO:0395853)

All this using a single command line







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<pre>[stage11@nz ~]\$ sort condition2.go </pre>	uniq -c	sort -k 1 -n	tail -1	cut
-f 1 cut -f 2 -d ":"				

[stagell@nz ~]\$ sort condition2.go | uniq -c | sort -k 1 -r -n | head -1 | cut -f 1 | cut -f 2 -d ":"





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Regular Expressions | A Definition

A regular expression, regex or regexp is, in theoretical computer science and formal language theory, a sequence of characters that define a search pattern. Usually this pattern is then used by string searching algorithms for "find" or "find and replace" operations on strings.





A sequence of characters that define a search pattern

Two types of constraints define the pattern :

- The very nature of the characters : letters / digits / space or punctuation
- The sequential organization of the characters : the position(s) they are allowed to occupy in the sequence

Some real world examples :

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- A (french domestic) phone number (i.e. 07 45 12 96 43) => a sequence of 5 groups of 2 digits each, separated by a space character.
- A DNA sequence coding for a (bacterial) protein => a series of letters chosen from {a,t,g,c} grouped by triplets, where the first and last triplet belong to two specific subsets of all possible triplets.





		grep	sed
[0-9]	Digits	\checkmark	\checkmark
[a-z]	Lowercase Letter	\checkmark	~
[A-Z]	Uppercase Letter	\checkmark	V
[a-zA-Z]	Alphabetic character	\checkmark	~
[0-9a-zA-Z]	Alphanumeric character	V	V
[\t_]	Space Character	\checkmark	V
•	Any character	V	V
[^ATGC]	Any character except ATGC	\checkmark	\checkmark

A sample pattern for a phone number : [0-9] [0-9] [\t_] [0-9] [0-9]



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Regular Expressions | Occurrences

		grep / sed -r	sed
?	Zero or one occurrence	\checkmark	*
+	At least one occurrence	\checkmark	*
*	Zero or more occurrences	\checkmark	\checkmark
{2}	Exactly two occurrences	\checkmark	*
{2,5}	From two to five occurrences	\checkmark	*
{2,}	At least two occurrences	\checkmark	*
{,5}	At most five occurrences	V	*

A sample pattern for a phone number including occurrence operators : $[0-9]{2}[\t_][0-9]{2}[\t_][0-9]{2}[\t_][0-9]{2}$



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Regular Expressions | Special characters

		grep / sed -r	sed
^	The beginning of a line	\checkmark	\checkmark
\$	The end of a line	\checkmark	\checkmark
I	The "or" operator	\checkmark	*
(and)	The grouping operator	\checkmark	~
۸	The "despecializing" character	\checkmark	V

A sample pattern for a single phone number on a line using grouping :

A sample pattern for search amounts in dollars with optional cents:



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Patterns with regular expressions can be used when using sed for substitutions.

Each of the matches between parentheses can be referenced in the replacement string.

Ex.: swapping the first two columns in a CSV file using semi-colons

- anchor to the beginning of the line
- [^;]*: the contents of a field (any character except a semi-colon)
- **\1** : a reference to the first pattern between ()
- **\2** : a reference to the second pattern described between ()





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Recommendation : use egrep (extended grep) instead of grep

egrep has better support for regular expressions

Ex.: Looking for phone numbers in the **annuaire.csv** file.

[stage11@nz ~]\$ egrep --color "([0-9]{2}){4}[0-9]{2}" annuaire.csv Boye;Aurelien;aurelien.boye{AT}sb-roscoff.fr;02 98 29 23 23;fr2424;lbm Czerwinska;Urszula;urszula.czerwinska{AT}sb-roscoff.fr;02 98 29 23 23;fr2424;lbm Divoux;Jordane;jordane.divoux{AT}sb-roscoff.fr;02 98 29 23 23;fr2424;lbm (...)







Using the **patelles_roscoff.tab** file

• Find all the pierced limpets (1 in the third column)

[stage11	.@nz ~]\$	egrep -	color	"1\$"	patelles_roscoff.tab
43,9	17,1	1			
42,8	15,8	1			
47,4	22,6	1			
()					







Using the **annuaire.csv** file

• Find all the persons whose last name is Thomas

[stage11@nz ~]\$ egrep --color "^Thomas;" annuaire.csv Thomas;Wilfrid;wilfried.thomas{AT}sb-roscoff.fr;02 98 29 23 25;fr2424;service mer et observation Thomas;Serge;serge.thomas{AT}sb-roscoff.fr;02 98 29 23 48;umr7150;Physiologie cellulaire Thomas;Francois;francois.thomas{AT}sb-roscoff.fr;02 98 29 24 62;umr7139;Biochimie des defenses chez les algues marines Thomas;Mathilde;mathilde.thomas{AT}sb-roscoff.fr;02 98 29 23 23;fr2424;lbm







Using the **annuaire.csv** file

• Find all the persons whose first name is Thomas

[stage11@nz ~]\$ egrep --color "^[^;]*;Thomas;" annuaire.csv Broquet;Thomas;thomas.broquet{AT}sb-roscoff.fr;02 98 29 23 12;umr7144;Diversite et connectivite dans le paysage marin cotier







Using the condition2.go file

 Determine the most frequent GO number (not the complete identifier)

All this using a single command line including sed and a regular expression for the last stage

[stage11@nz ~]\$ sort condition2.go | uniq -c | sort -k 1,1 -n | tail -n 1 | sed -r "s/^.*GO:([0-9]{7}).*\$/\1/" 0003824







For the foolhearted : using the **nr.fsa** file

 Generate a two column file containing the access number (4th field of ID lines) and the organism name (between square brackets [])

[stage11@nz ~]\$ grep ">" nr.fsa | sed -r "s/^>gi\|.*\|.*\|([A-Z] {2}_[0-9]*\.[0-9]*)\|.*\[(.*)\].*\$/\1\t\2/"

YP_005877138.1 Lactococcus lactis subsp. lactis IO-1

XP_642131.1 Dictyostelium discoideum AX4

XP_642837.1 Dictyostelium discoideum AX4





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AWK is a pattern scanning and processing language

pattern scanning : why bother, we already master grep and sed !

processing language : aren't we better off learning Python or R then ?

AWK fits in nicely for straightforward to moderately complex

line-oriented processing tasks.

computations can be carried out on field values
 conditions can be checked before generating output
 programs can be stored in files for later reuse
 easy to use in pipe-based command-lines





The awk command-line is built as follows :

awk '{ instructions }'[file]

Where :

- *instructions*: recipe(s) describing operations to perform on the contents (substitute, delete, paste...)
- file : the file to act upon (optional : remember how pipes work ?)

- awk splits each input line in fields named \$1, \$2, \$3 etc..
- The special \$0 field includes the whole line.
- The last field of a line is stored in \$NF
- The **penultimate field** of a line is stored in **\$ (NF-1)** etc...
- The number of fields of a line is stored in NF (no dollar sign !)
- The current line number in the input file is stored in NR (no dollar sign !)

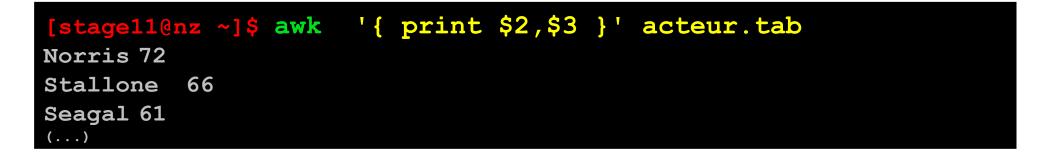




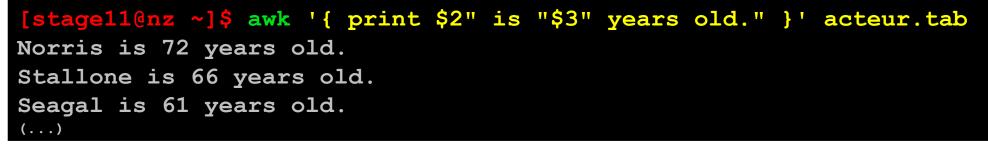
The **print** instruction is used to generate output :

```
awk '{ print $0; }'[file]
```

Prints each line of the input stream to the output stream (!)



Ex. : using **awk** to display the second and third columns of a file with added text.







A predicate can determine if output will be generated for a given input line :

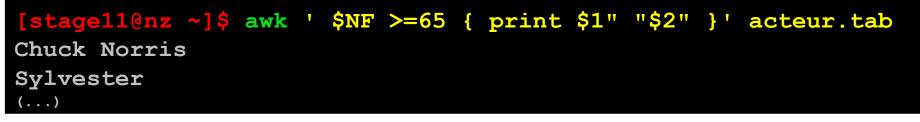
```
awk ' predicate { instructions } ' [file]
```

Predicates most often verify conditions on one or more fields of the input line.

Predicates can use comparison operators :

- == (equality), and != (inequality)
- < (smaller), <= (smaller or equal), > (greater), >= (greater or equal)

Ex. : using **awk** to display veteran actors.







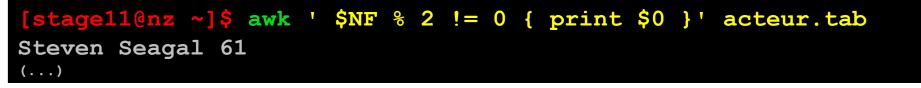
Predicates can use regular expression operators :

- ~ / regexp/ : matches a regular expression
- !~ /regexp/ : doesn't match a regular expression

Ex. : using **awk** with regular expressions to display actors whose name starts with "S"

Predicates can use arithmetic operators :
• +, -, *, / , %

Ex. : using awk with arithmetic operators to display actors with odd ages







Predicates can use logical operators to combine terms:

- term1 && term2 : true if both term1 and term2 evaluate as true
- *term1* || *term2* : true term1 or term2 (or both) evaluate as true

Ex. : using **awk** with arithmetic operators to display actors with evenages and who are over 70







Two specially named blocks can be used to carry out instructions :

- Before the line processing loop : **BEGIN** block
- After all the lines have been processed **END** block

Ex. : using **BEGIN** to print output column headers

```
[stagel1@nz ~]$ awk ' BEGIN { print "First Name\tLast Name\tAge" }
{ print $0 }' acteur.tab
First name Last Name Age
Chuck Norris 72
Sylvester Stallone 66
(...)
```





Variables can be used in each block to store processing results.

Ex. : using variables to compute the average age of the actors.

<pre>[stage11@nz ~]\$ awk ' BEGIN {</pre>	total = 0 }	{ total=total+
<pre>\$3 } END { print "Average age</pre>	"total/NR} '	acteur.tab
Average age 66.3333		
()		

Some functions that can be used with variables :

- length(s) : number of characters in s
- toupper(s) : transform s to uppercase letters
- tolower(s) : transform s to lowercase letters
- sub(r,s,t) : replace every match of regexp r with string s in t
- **split(s,a,d)** : split string **s** using delimiter **d** and store the result in array **a**
- int(n) : compute the integer part of n
- log(n) : compute the logarithm part of n
- sqrt(n) : compute the square root of n





Specifying the field delimiter
 awk -F ';' 'predicate { instructions }'[file]

Using awk with a file containing the instructions :

awk -f myawkprogram.txt [file]







Using the **patelles_roscoff.tab** file

- Find all the pierced limpets :
 - using **awk** with an arithmetic operator predicate
 - using **awk** with a regular expression operator predicate

[stage110	nz ~]\$ av	vk '\$NF == 1	{ print \$0}	<pre>patelles_roscoff.tab</pre>
43,9	17,1	1		
42,8	15,8	1		
47,4	22,6	1		
()				
[stage110n	z ~l\$ awk	'\$0 ~ /^ *1\$/	{ print \$0}'	patelles_roscoff.tab
	17,1	1		
·	15,8	1		

47,4

22,6





Using the **annuaire.csv** file

Find all the persons whose last name is Thomas (using awk obviously)

[stagel1@nz ~]\$ awk -F ';' ' \$1 == "Thomas" { print \$0}' annuaire.csv Thomas;Wilfrid;wilfried.thomas{AT}sb-roscoff.fr;02 98 29 23 25;fr2424;service mer et observation Thomas;Serge;serge.thomas{AT}sb-roscoff.fr;02 98 29 23 48;umr7150;Physiologie cellulaire (...)





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Using Batch Files | Why ?

What's a batch file ?

- Level 0 : A text file with a series of commands
- Level 1 : Level 0 + with input parameters to configure the command execution
- Level 2 : Level 1 + control structures (conditionals, loops)
- Level 3 : Level 2 + functions

Why use batch files ?

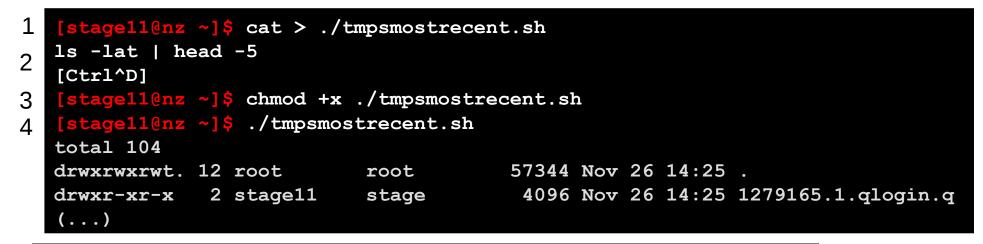
- Level 0 : To avoid tediously retyping complex commands
- Level 1 : To reuse series of commands with different parameter sets
- Level 2 : To make batch execution more robust
- Level 3 : Because for command-line based tasks it beats programming languages





Your most basic batch file

Ex. : writing a batch file to display the most recent files in directory /tmp



1 Create an empty file using **cat** and **stdin**

- 2 Type the commands you want in your batch file and finish with [Ctrl^D]
- 3 Make the file executable using **chmod**
- 4 Run your batch file





Rationale : leaving the choice of the shell to the system might (sometimes) lead to *minor incompatibilities* when *copying batch files* to other environments.

Rule of thumb : always start your batch scripts with the following line :

#!/usr/bin/env bash

#! (or she-bang) : tells the system that your file is a (batch) script needing an interpreter

/usr/bin/env bash tells the system the interpreter is the bash version configured in your environment





Using Batch Files | Argument Passing

The canonical command-line structure also applies to batch files

./mybatch.sh arg1 arg2 arg3...argn

```
#!/usr/bin/env bash
# hello.bash :
# A simple batch file writing its first argument to stdout
echo "Hello $1"
```

[stage11@nz ~]\$./hello.bash Guru
Hello Guru

The special variable \$0 matches the command name (i.e the name of the batch file) The special variable \$* matches the whole set of arguments







- Write a batch file listing the most recent files of a directory.
- The name of the directory and the number of files to be displayed are passed as arguments to the batch file.

```
#!/usr/bin/env bash
# mostrecent.bash :
# A simple batch file displaying the most recent files in
# a directory
# Usage : mostrecent.bash directoryname numberofiles
ls -lat $1 | head -n $2
```





Using Batch Files | Basic Loops

The loop structure is used to apply a series of commands to a sequence of words :

for <word> in <wordlist> ; do

use \${<word>} in various commands

done

```
#!/usr/bin/env bash
# dispargs.bash :
# A simple batch file using the for loop to enumerate its
# arguments
for userarg in $* ; do
    echo "The next argument is ${userarg}"
done
```

[stage11@nz ~]\$./dispargs.bash Gnu is Not Unix The next argument is Gnu The next argument is is The next argument is Not The next argument is Unix





Using Batch Files | Looping over Files

A frequent use case of loops is to apply a series of commands on files in a directory, relying on **1s** to retrieve the file list as in :

files=\$(ls <directory>)

for file in \${files} ; do

use \${file} for useful stuff

done

The \$ (<commands>) construction, runs the <commands> and returns what they write to stdout

```
#!/usr/bin/env bash
# protect.bash :
# A simple batch file to write-protect the contents of a directory
# given as argument argument
files=$(ls $1)
for file in ${files} ; do
    chmod -w ${file}
done
```







• Write a batch file taking a file extension and directory name as arguments and displaying : the owner, the size and the filename.







- Write a batch file using **annuaire.csv** to generate a file with two columns : the name of the lab and the number of members of the lab.
- Hint : generate temporary files with the members of each lab.







#!/usr/bin/env bash

```
# catcount.bash :
# A batch file generating a file with the number lines for
# each different value of a given column in the input file.
# Usage : catcount.bash inputcsvfile categorycolumn outputfile
csvfile=$1
rm -f /tmp/categories */csv
# Stage 1 : generate the intermediate files for each category
for line in $(sed 's/ /#/q' ${csvfile}) ; do
   lab=$(echo ${line} | cut -d ";" -f $2)
   echo ${line} | sed 's/#/ /g' >> /tmp/categories ${lab}.csv
done
# Stage 2 : count the lines in the intermediate files
rm -f $2
for labfile in $(ls /tmp/categories *.csv) ; do
   lab= (echo ${labfile} | sed -r 's/^.* ([a-z0-9]+)\.csv$/\1/')
   members=$(wc -1 ${labfile} | awk '{print $1}')
   echo "\{lab\} \{members\}" >> $3
done
```







Thank you for your patience and your tenacity



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