

CS 45, Lecture 12

Recent Unix Tools

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Announcements

- Assignment 5 is due today at 11:59 PM, contact us if you need an extension.
 - Please either make a private post on Ed or email all three of us together, if you email just one of us we may miss it.
- Assignment 6 will go out today or tomorrow.
- Final Project guidelines will go out soon (and we'll talk about it in a second).

Final Projects

Task:

- Pick a tool or concept related to this class (either one we've covered or one we didn't cover but you're interested in).
- Do research on what it's for/how it works/how you use it.
- Write a short guide on how/when to use the tool.
- Make a few slides describing the tool and giving example use cases.

Logistics:

- Due on March 20, 2023 (Monday of Finals Week).

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- Their interface is so standardized that they can't innovate.

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We're showing you these tools so you know that they exist, because we think they're useful (and/or really cool).

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Example (ripgrep for regex)

Searching for a file in the current directory (or subdirectories) containing the regular expression `/hello.*!/:`

```
rg 'hello.*!'
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Example (ripgrep in a file)

Searching for lines of `student_hobbies.txt` containing the string `akshay01`:

```
rg akshay01 student_hobbies.txt
```

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Example (fd for files named "grep")

Search the current directory and all subdirectories for every file with "grep" in its name:

```
fd grep
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Example (fd for symbolic links)

Search for every symbolic link in the current directory or its subdirectories:

```
fd --type symlink
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Example (fd all large files)

Search for every file greater than or equal to 500 MB in size and print out a helpful message:

```
fd --size +500MB --exec echo You should delete {/} in directory {//}
```


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Example (exa: sort files by size)

List all the files in the current directory, ordered by size

```
exa --sort=size
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Example (exa: git status)

List every file in the current directory's git status:

```
exa --long --git
```

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Example (exa: tree)

Show a tree of files in the current directory and all subdirectories:

```
exa --tree
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- *ImageMagick* is a set of tools for working with images.

ImageMagick

ImageMagick is broken into subcommands:

convert is the one you usually want (and the default), it modifies a file

mogrify modifies a file in-place (overwriting the original)

display opens an image in a window

compare diffs two images

ImageMagick Convert

Example (magick: png to jpg)

Convert a jpg file to a png file:

```
magick convert input.jpg output.png
```



ImageMagick Convert

Example (magick: compress)

Compress an image:

```
magick convert input.jpg -quality 50 output.jpg
```



ImageMagick Convert

Example (magick: resize)

Resize an image:

```
magick convert input.jpg -resize 320x240 output.jpg
```

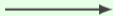


ImageMagick Convert

Example (magick: grayscale)

Make an image grayscale:

```
magick convert input.jpg -colorspace gray output.jpg
```



ImageMagick Convert

Example (magick: brightness)

Brighten an image:

```
magick convert input.jpg -modulate 200,100,100 output.jpg
```



ImageMagick Convert

Example (magick: saturation)

Saturate an image:

```
magick convert input.jpg -modulate 100,200,100 output.jpg
```



ImageMagick Convert

Example (magick: hue)

Hue an image:

```
magick convert input.jpg -modulate 100,100,150 output.jpg
```



ImageMagick Convert

Example (magick: rotate)

Rotate an image:

```
magick convert input.jpg -rotate 180 output.jpg
```



ImageMagick Convert

Example (magick: negate)

Get a negative image:

```
magick convert input.jpg -negate output.jpg
```

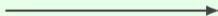


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Example (magick: crop)

Crop an image:

```
magick convert input.jpg -crop 320x240+0+0 output.jpg
```



ImageMagick Convert

Example (magick: caption)

Caption an image:

```
magick convert input.jpg -pointsize 56 -gravity south -fill white  
-annotate +0+0 "Karl the Fog" output.jpg
```



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There's a bunch of other things ImageMagick can do! Their website has a full list.

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- *Pandoc* is “a universal document converter” that can work with all these formats!

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```
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Example (pandoc: multiple files)

Combining files and converting between formats:

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Converting a Word Doc into an HTML website (e.g., a blog post):

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pandoc input.docx --standalone --metadata title="My Website" -o  
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- *FFmpeg* also has a million different options and settings... ask a search engine if you ever need to use it.

FFmpeg Examples

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Example (ffmpeg: record)

Recording a video (on Linux):

```
ffmpeg -f v4l2 -framerate 30 -video_size 1280x720 -i /dev/video4  
recording.mkv
```

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Example (ffmpeg: container)

Change a video container:

```
ffmpeg -i input.webm -vcodec copy -acodec copy screen.mkv
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Example (ffmpeg: encoding)

Reencoding a video:

```
ffmpeg -i input.webm -vcodec h264 -acodec copy screen.mkv
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