CS 45, Lecture 3
Data Wrangling

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Administrivia

- Assignment 1 is live! It covers regular expressions and data wrangling. It is due on Monday, January 23rd.
- Our autograder was incorrect for A1, Part 2, Question 2. This has been fixed.
- Office hours are listed on the course website. Come if you need help or want to chat!

What we know

In Lecture 1, we learned how to:

- What the shell is
- What the UNIX philosophy is
- How to run basic commands such as `ls`, `cd`, `cat`, `man`, `wc`
- How to pipe commands together using the `|` operator
- How to redirect output using `<` and `>`
- How to append to the end of a file using `>>`

What we will learn today

In today's lecture, we will learn how to combine these commands in powerful ways:

- How to use shell commands to manipulate and analyze data
- How to write regular expressions
- How to run more complex shell commands such as `grep`, `sort`, `uniq`, `xargs`

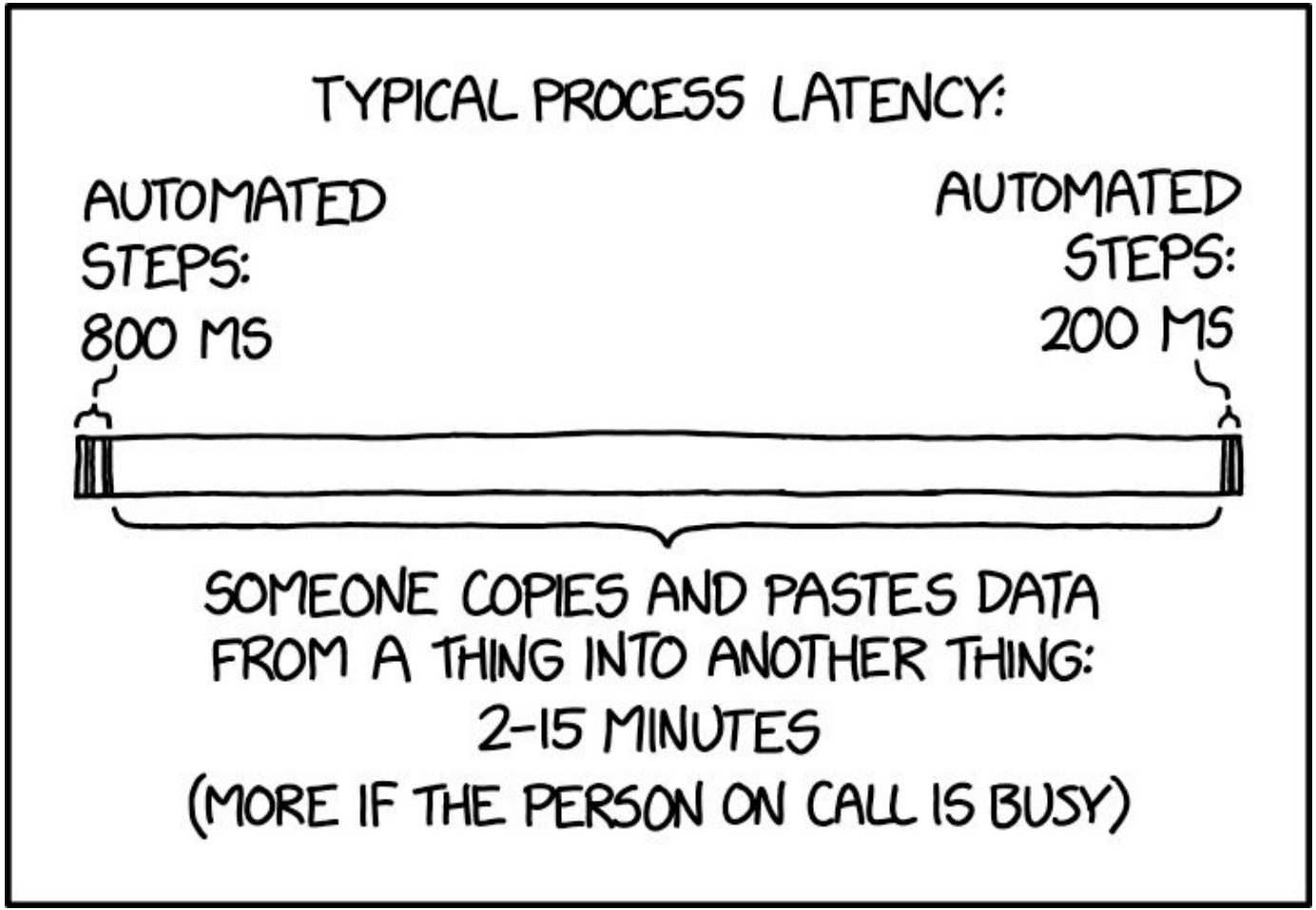
What is Data Wrangling?

Data Wrangling Definition

The basic idea of data wrangling is that you take some raw data and convert or transform it into another form that is more useful.

Ideally, you do this in the most efficient way with the use of a tool 😁

More sources of data and larger amounts of data have made data wrangling increasingly important.


TYPICAL PROCESS LATENCY:
AUTOMATED STEPS: 800 MS
AUTOMATED STEPS: 200 MS
SOMEONE COPIES AND PASTES DATA FROM A THING INTO ANOTHER THING:
2-15 MINUTES
(MORE IF THE PERSON ON CALL IS BUSY)

Source: XKCD

Data Formats

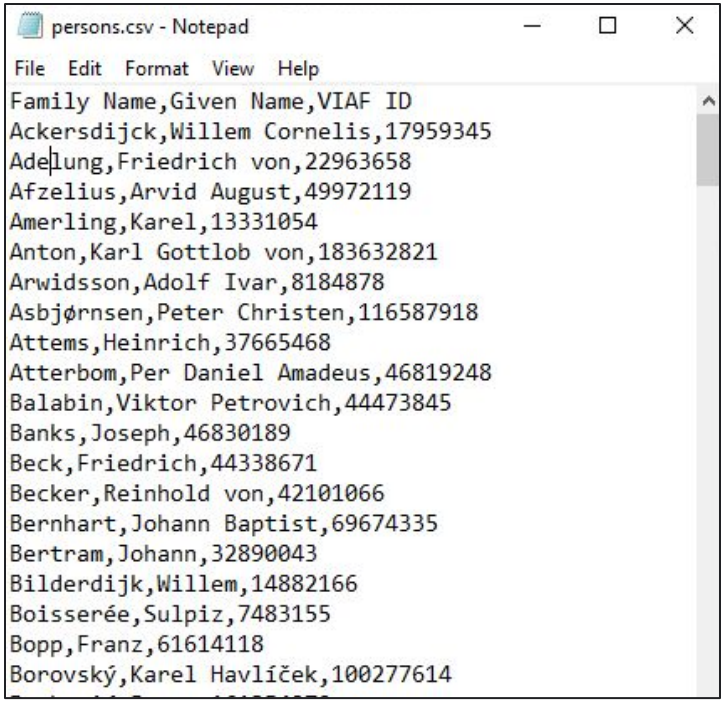
Data wrangling techniques are typically dictated by the data format you are using. Here are five common file formats for storing data:

- CSV
- XML
- HTML
- JSON
- TXT

Data Formats

A **CSV** file is a comma-separated values file where information is separated by commas.

- CSV are plain text files
- Data can be saved in tabular format (meaning a table of rows and columns)
- CSV files are often used to analyze data with spreadsheets



Data Formats

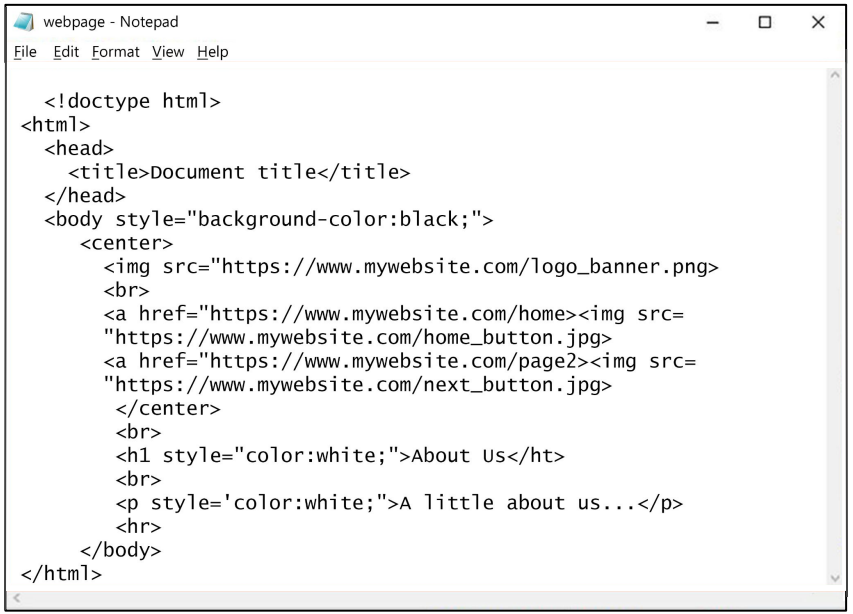
A **XML** file is an Extensible Markup Language (XML) file that is used to store data in a hierarchical format.

- XML files were created for storing documents in a way that both humans and machines could read.
- XML files consist of tags that define the hierarchy within the document.

Data Formats

An **HTML** file is an Hypertext Markup Language file that is used to store data in a hierarchical format, specifically webpages.

- HTML files are similar to XML files
- Key difference between the two is that HTML files must use a predefined set of tags to define hierarchical structure



Data Formats

A **JSON** file is a JavaScript Object Notation file that stores structured data in the form of JavaScript objects.

- JSON files are often used for transmitting data in web applications (e.g. sending some data from the server to the client)

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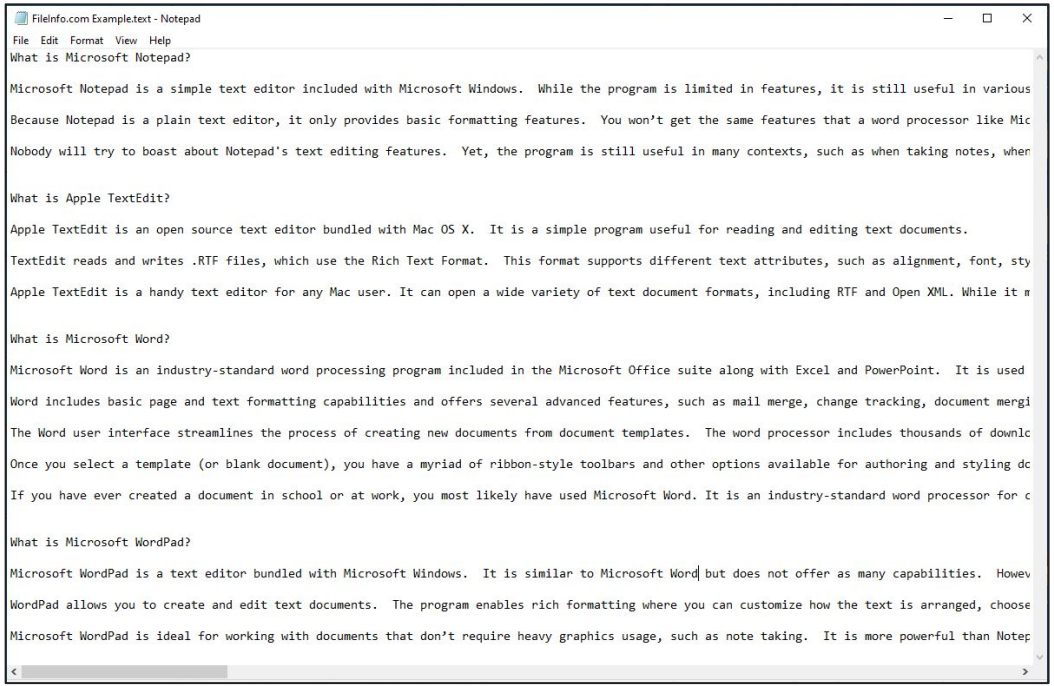
A **TXT** file is a plaintext file that stores data in the form of lines.

- TXT files have no special formatting.



Basic Data Wrangling: `grep`

We've already seen a basic form of data wrangling with the `|` operator.

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ls ~/Documents | grep -i transcript
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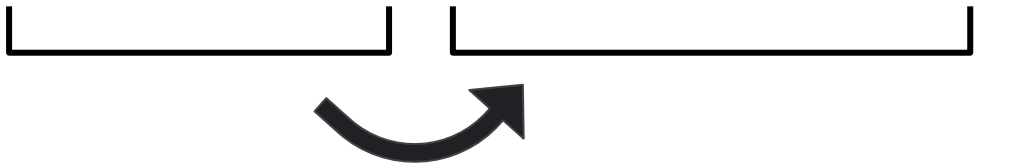

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log show | grep -i Chrome
```

(macOS)

```
journalctl | grep -i Chrome
```

(Linux)

```
wevutil gp Microsoft-Windows-Eventlog /ge:true | grep -i Chrome
```

(Windows)

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For this next example, I will be using a system log on a CS45 honeypot. If you want to follow along with the data, you can download the data using:

```
curl -Lo honeypot_log.txt
https://cs45.stanford.edu/res/lec3/honeypot_log.txt
```

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Another useful command is the `history` command, which is used to view previously executed commands:

```
adrazen@ayelet-computer ~ % history
1030  ls
1031  ssh adrazen@192.9.152.85 journalctl >
honeypot_log.txt
1032  cat honeypot_log.txt
1033  scp honeypot_log.txt
adrazen@myth.stanford.edu:~/cs45/root/WWW/lectures
```

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We can even search for system log events on a remote server. Let's look for everything related to `ssh` on a CS45 honeypot:

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```
ssh adrazen@192.9.152.85 journalctl | grep sshd | grep
“Disconnected from”
```

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We should make sure to avoid sending unnecessary data across the machines. Let's run the pipeline on the remote machine by adding quotes:

```
ssh adrazen@192.9.152.85 'journalctl | grep sshd | grep "Disconnected from"'
```

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Jan 15 08:19:23 honeypot sshd[90504]: Disconnected from invalid user carol 198.46.215.219 port 57490 [preauth]
Jan 15 08:19:46 honeypot sshd[90507]: Disconnected from invalid user dandan 128.199.111.126 port 56996 [preauth]
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We can use a tool called **`sed`** to help sift through our data.

> `sed` is a stream editor that is built into Unix.
>
> It can be used for searching a file, adding lines to a file, or substituting text in a file.

Basic Data Wrangling: sed

Let's use sed for substitution.

```
s/REGEX/SUBSTITUTION/
```

s indicates we are in substitution mode

REGEX is the regular expression to search for text to match

SUBSTITUTION is what we want to changed the matched phrase to

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Regular Expressions

What is a regular expression?

> A *regular expression* (also called a regex) is a set of characters that specifies a search pattern.

Most ASCII characters carry their normal meaning but some characters have special matching behavior.

There is some variation between different implementations of regular expressions.

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HOW TO REGEX

Source: @garabatokid

RegEx Applications

Regular expressions are really useful in all kinds of applications!

You can use regular expressions inside of applications such as Excel and Google Sheets that support data processing.

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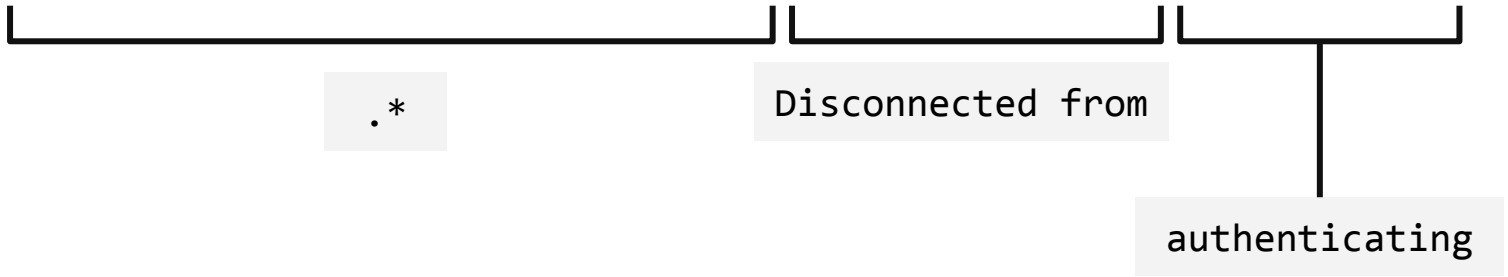

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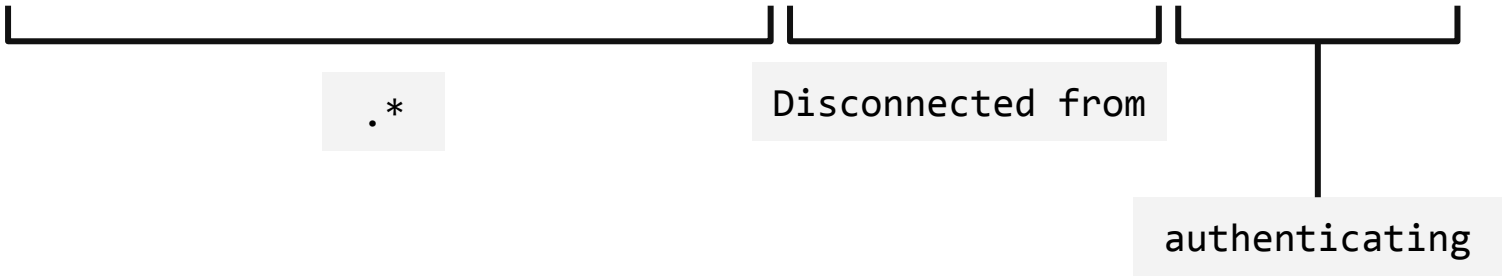

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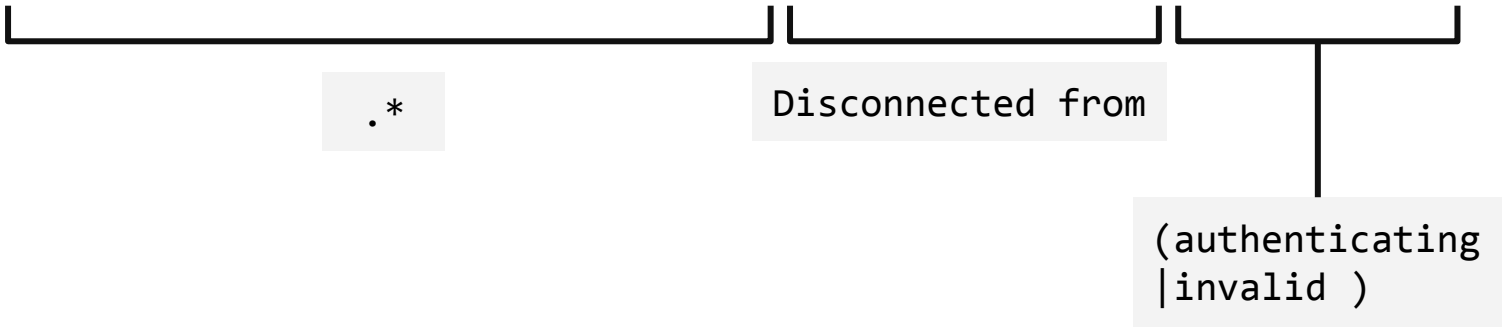

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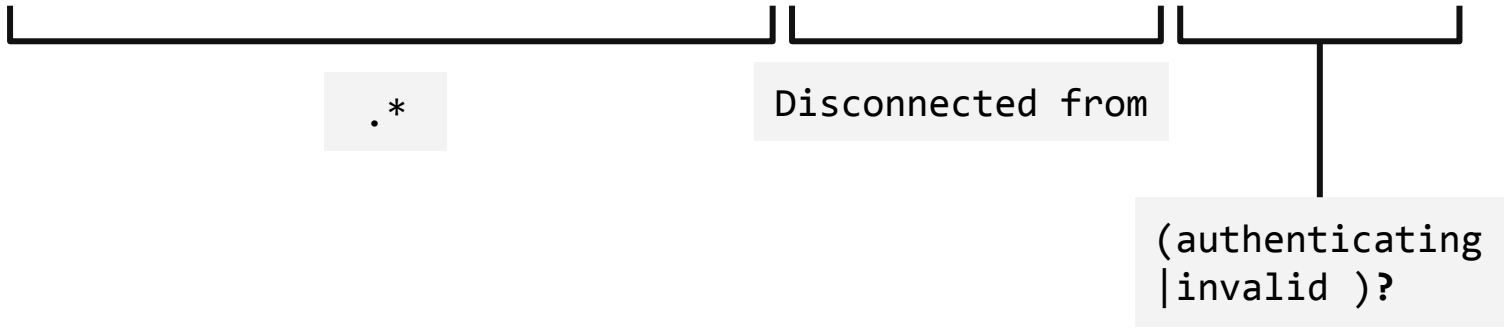

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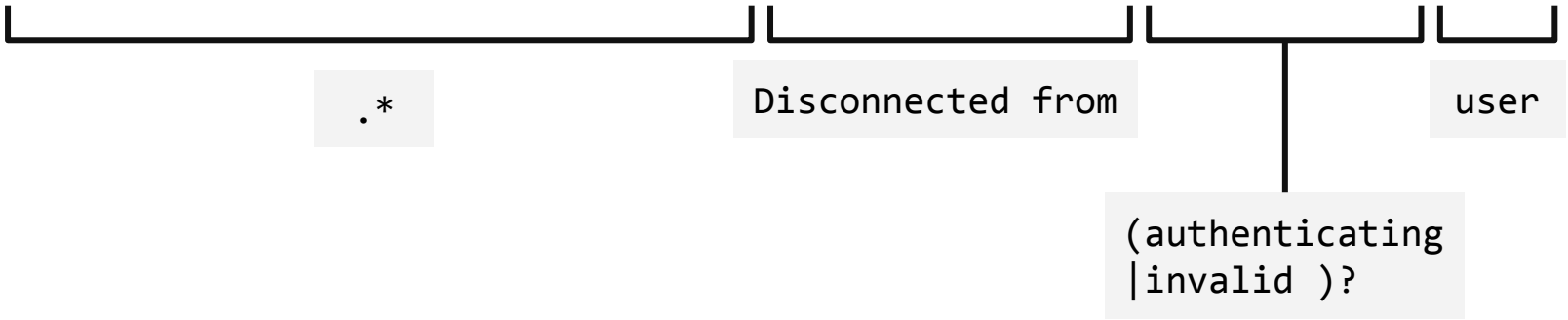

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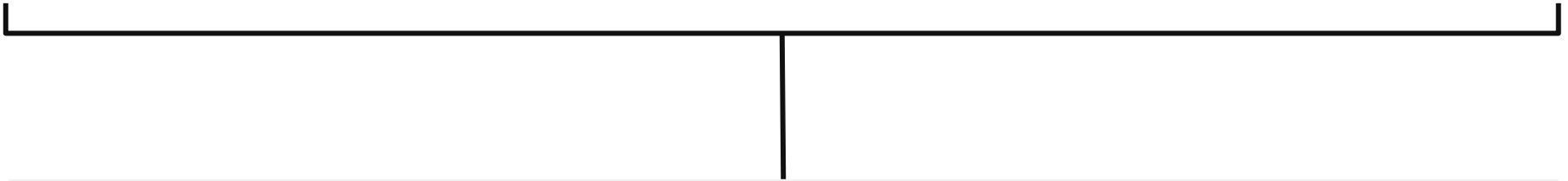

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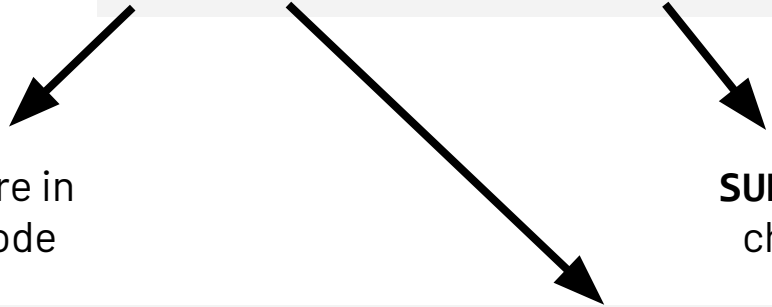

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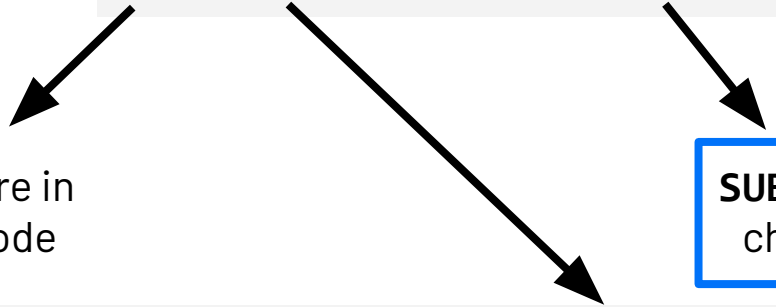

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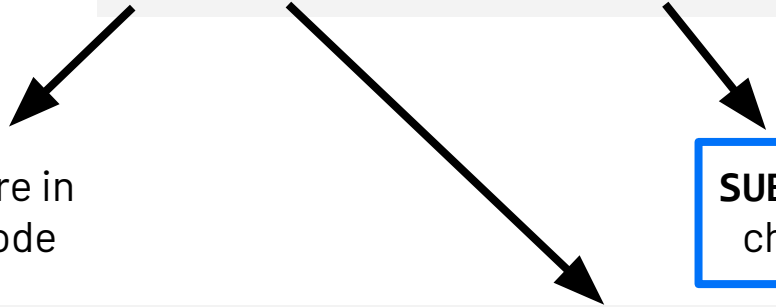

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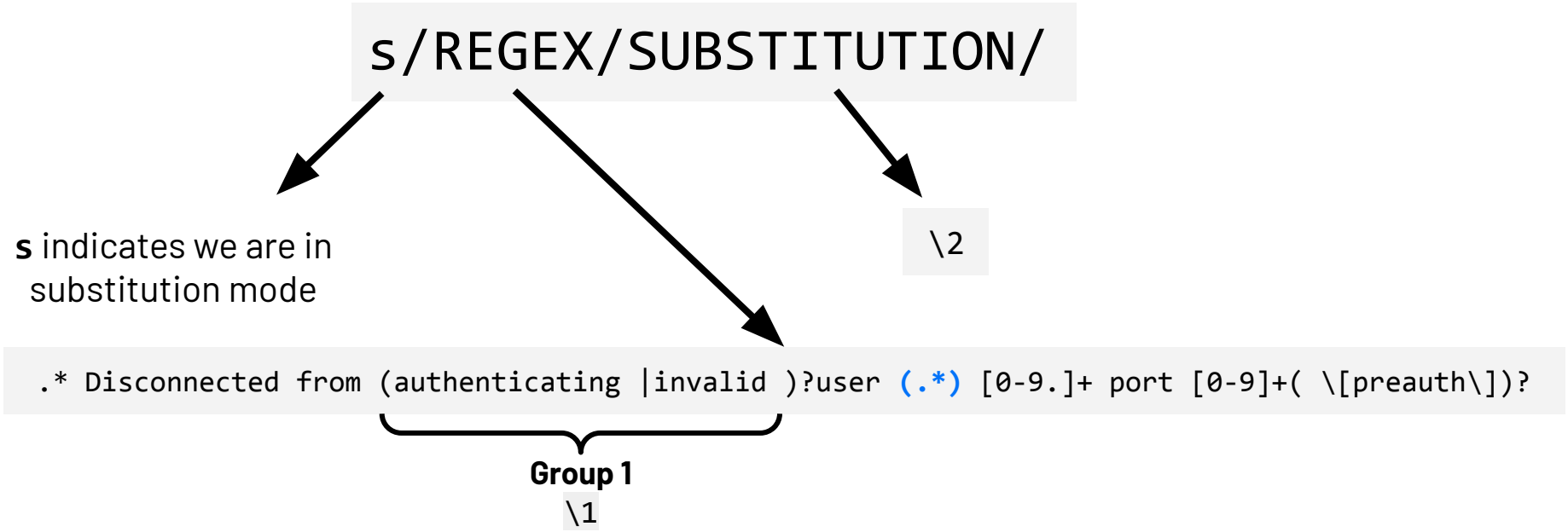

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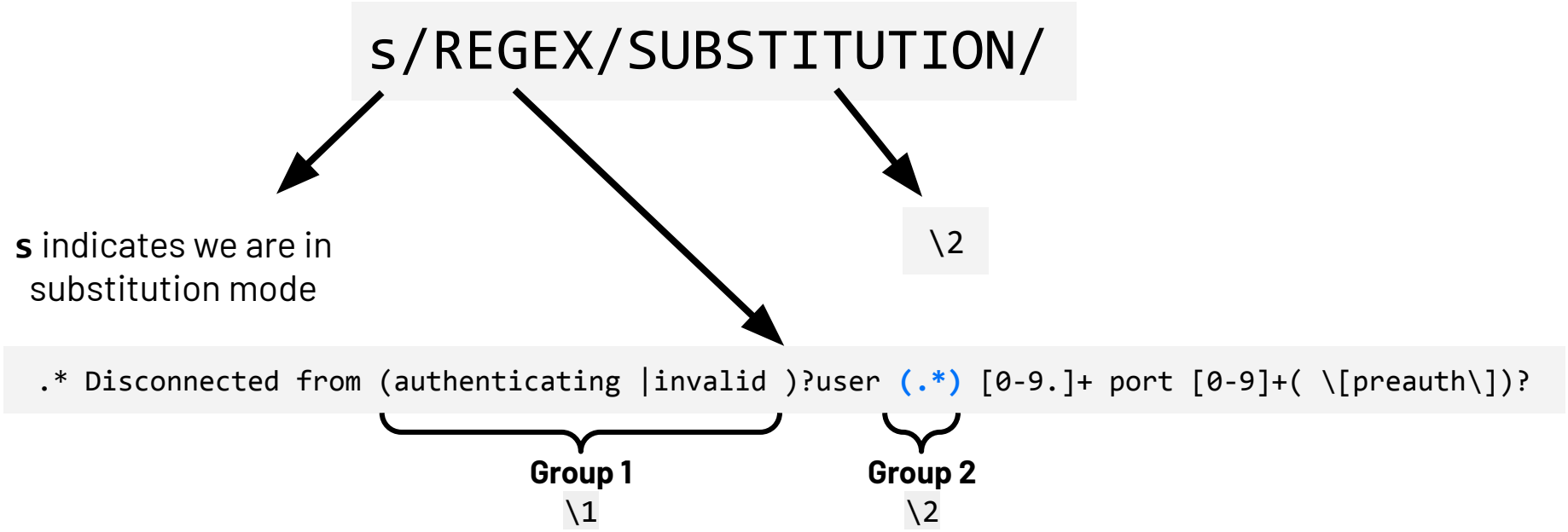

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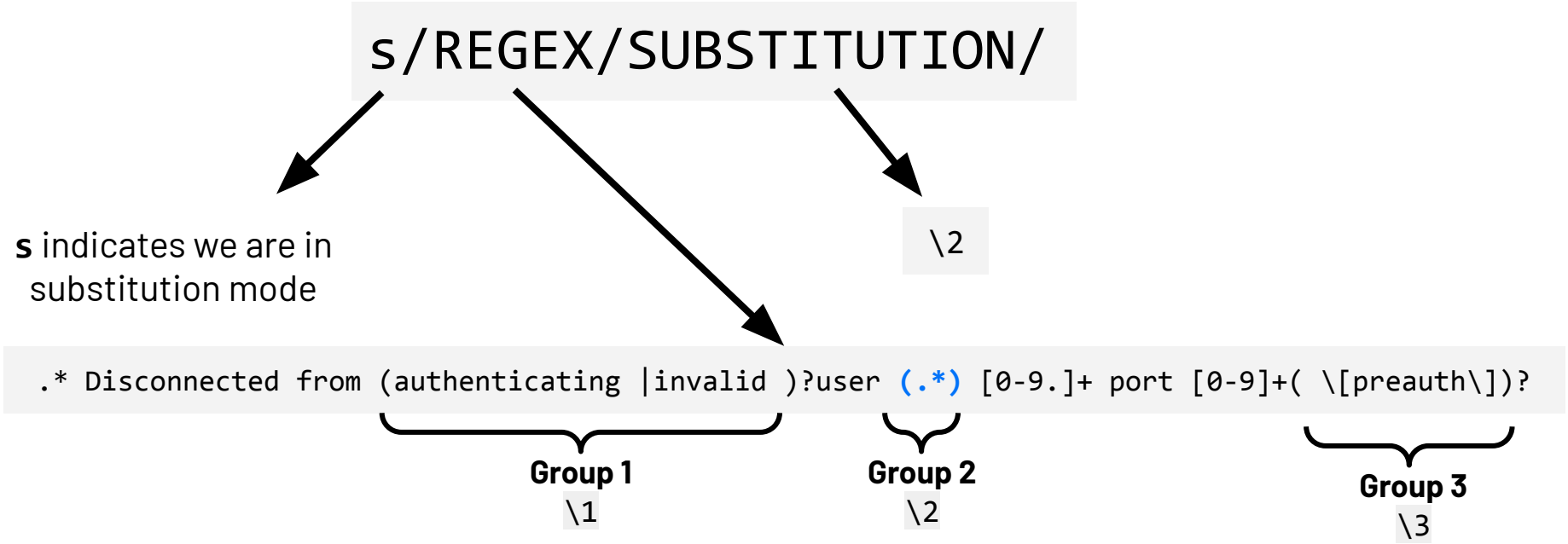

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- If you want to use a regex with sed, make sure to include the -E flag:

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```

Useful Commands

Now that we have all of the usernames, we can run some analysis on the data!

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Let's look at an example!

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Other Commands and Tools

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`awk` is a scripting language for manipulating data and generating reports

`R` is another programming language that is great at data analysis and plotting.

`perl` is a programming language for text manipulation