An Introduction to Working in the Linux Command Line

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Note: Do not attempt to copy/paste out of this document. Commands will likely not work!

Some software you will need (Note: these are examples of free software, not endorsements):

In order to	From Mac or Linux	From Windows
Connect to submit (ssh)	Terminal	PuTTY, MobaXterm
Move files to/from submit	FileZilla, CyberDuck (Mac)	FileZilla, CyberDuck
Edit text files	TextWrangler (Mac)	Notepad++

Getting around in Linux:

- File paths (directories or folders): /, /home/magitz/, /ufrc/<groupname>/magitz/
- pwd, cd, ls (Where am I, change directory, list directory)
- cp, mv, rm (copy, move, delete)
- more, less, head, tail, cat (examine files)
- nano, vim (text editors in Linux)

Making things easier:

- Tab completion- type part of a path and hit tab-key, shell will auto-complete for you
- history: redo something that you did before without retyping (use ♠)
- man: getting help, also -h or --help flag (e.g.: man ls)

Learning by doing:

- 1. Connect to HiPerGator 2.0: ssh <user>@hpg2.rc.ufl.edu
 - a. Type your password and hit return (no characters display while you type).
- 2. Where are you when you login? pwd
- 3. What files are there? ls
- 4. Make a directory: mkdir test script
- 5. Now what's there? ls -1
 - a. Linux commands usually have flags to change how they work
 - b. man, -h or --help often give you help
- 6. Change into test_script directory: cd test script or cd te<tab>
- 7. Copy a sample file here (.): cp /ufrc/data/training/LinuxCLI/simple.sbatch .
- 8. Check that the copy worked: 1s
- 9. Delete that file: rm simple.sbatch
- 10. That file is now *GONE*! Not in your recycle bin or trashcan, but gone!
- 11. Luckily we were working with a copy, let's copy it again: up-arrow, up-arrow, return
- 12. Look at the file: less simple.sbatch (type q to exit when done)

- 13. For now, ignore lines that start with a # or #SBATCH, what does this script do?
 - a. Can we run this script here? Why not?
 - b. Start an interactive development job:

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srun -p hpg2-dev -t 30:00 --pty -u bash -i
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- c. Get back to where you want to be: cd test script
- d. Now we can run our script: ./simple.sbatch
- e. Did it do what you expected?
- f. Logout of test node: logout
- 14. Use the scheduler to run this job:
 - a. Can't run from home, so...
 - b. Change to scratch file space: cd /ufrc/<groupname>/<username>
 - c. Submit the job: sbatch ~/test_script/simple.sbatch (~ means your home)
 - d. The scheduler pays attention to the #SBATCH lines to schedule and manage your job
- 15. Look at the result file: less example.out
- 16. Time to get some data!
 - a. Find a file on your computer, or a web site, with some text. Copy and paste that into a new file in your text editor (E.g. TextWrangler, NotePad++). We're just looking for some text to process. It doesn't matter what it is!
 - b. Save the file as: **some text.txt** (Check that line breaks are Unix)
 - c. Using your text editor or FileZilla, upload this file to your space in /ufrc
 - i. SFTP (port 22) to host: sftp.rc.ufl.edu
 - ii. Make a directory in /ufrc/<groupname>/<username>/
 called: word_cloud

Do not use hpg2.rc.ufl.edu

- 17. Go back to your ssh client and navigate to /ufrc/<groupname>/<username>/word_cloud
- 18. Use more, head and tail to look at some text.txt
- 19. Copy the example cloud.sbatch script to your directory:
 - a. cp /ufrc/data/training/LinuxCLI/cloud.sbatch .
- 20. Edit this script to have your e-mail: nano cloud.sbatch
- 21. Submit the cloud script: sbatch cloud.sbatch
- 22. Check your e-mail
- 23. Use FileZilla to download your results.
- 24. Open in a web browser.