

## ATM 350

### A Condensed UNIX Guide (refer to [UNIX Tutorial link](#) for more thorough information!)

#### Logging on

Windows: Xming\* + PuTTY or SecureSSH (on Desktop) → Hostname: ash.atmos.albany.edu or reed.atmos.albany.edu

Mac: XQuartz\* + Open terminal (Go-->Utilities-->terminal) and type  
ssh *username*@ash.atmos.albany.edu -Y

Linux: Open terminal (right click on desktop)

Should you wish to log in to ash, type ssh *username*@ash.atmos.albany.edu -Y

(\* necessary if you will be running any Linux programs that open a window (e.g., GEMPAK, gedit)

#### Manual pages

man *command\_name* (lists a manual of how to use given command name)

example: man ls (shows manual page of how to use the "ls" command)

Note: Typing "q" exits any manual page

#### Listing contents of a directory

ls (basic command which lists files/directories in current directory)

ls -a (as above, but also lists "hidden" files)

ls -la (as above, but displays more information about files)

ls -lath (displays more info about files, in order of their creation)

ls -lath | more (uses "more" command to view file list a page at a time)

#### What directory am I in?

pwd (prints your current "working directory")

#### Moving into a different directory (like a "folder" in a desktop environment)

cd *directory\_name* (moves you into a directory of given name)

cd /*directory\_name* (moves you to the top (root) level given directory name)

cd (moves you into your home directory: /home/*username*)

cd .. (moves you one level up a directory)

cd - (moves you into directory you were previously in)

cd *dir1/dir2* (moves you into a subdirectory of directory 1)

#### Creating a new directory

mkdir *directory\_name*

mkdir ../../*dir\_name* (creates a new directory two levels "up" in file system)

#### Renaming a file

mv *old\_filename new\_filename*

#### Moving a file

mv *filename ../* (moves file up one directory level)

mv *filename /home/username/my\_files* (moves file into specified directory)

#### Copying a file

cp *filename ../../dir1* (copies file two directories up, and into dir1)

cp *filename new\_filename* (makes a copy of a file with a new name)

#### Removing a file

rm *filename* (will prompt you if you *really* want to remove the file)

rm -rf *filename* (removes file/directory...will **not** prompt you...be careful!!!)

#### Viewing contents of a text file

more *file\_name* (using the space key will scroll through file)

#### Creating/appending a text file

cat > *new\_file\_name* (Key in data in new file (or overwrite), Ctrl-D to end)

cat >> *file\_name* (Appends keyed in data in file, Ctrl-D to end)

cat *old\_file* > *new\_file* (copies data from old\_file into new\_file)

cat *file1.txt file2.txt* > *both.txt* (takes data from two files and combines them into a new file)

#### Searching for a string in a file

grep *string\_of\_text filename*

grep -i *string\_of\_text filename* (not case-sensitive search)

grep -c *string\_of\_text filename* (gives count of number of lines that match)

### Changing write/read protection of a file

```
chmod ### filename    (Change file protection for filename:
                        first digit:  User who owns the file
                        second digit: Users in same group as file owner
                        third digit:  Everyone else)
```

Digits are as follows:

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0:  No access
1:  Execute permission only (as in a directory or other executable file)
2:  Write permission only
3:  Write and execute permissions only
4:  Read permission only
5:  Read and execute permissions only
6:  Read and write permissions only
7:  Read, write, and execute permissions
```

Example: `chmod 640 weather.dat`

Makes "weather.dat" readable and writable for user, readable by group, but no access to anyone else.

### Logging off

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logout or exit
```

## UNIX tricks

### Using a recently typed command

Simply type an "up arrow" on the keyboard to access your last used command. Continue typing "up" to see the next most recent command, and so on.

### Viewing your command history and re-typing past commands

Simply type `history`

You'll notice that each command in your "history" has a number associated with it. For example, if you wanted to re-type command line #108 in your history, you can simply type: `!108`

Additionally, if you wanted to re-type the last time you used the more command, but didn't want to re-type the entire line, you can simply type: `!more`

### Removing/copying/moving/listing multiple files at once

You can use the \* key to remove multiple files that have a portion of their name in common. Some examples:

```
rm albany.*    (removes all files beginning with the string "albany.")
```

```
cp *.gem /home/kyle/gem_files/    (copies all .gem files to a given directory)
```

```
rm -rf *    (removes all files in your current directory without prompting.
             This is very dangerous!!)
```

```
mv *kmsp* /home/ralazear/mn/    (moves all files with the string "kmsp"
embedded somewhere in the file name to a given directory)
```

```
ls *.dat    (in current directory, lists only the files ending in ".dat")
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ls r*    (in current directory, lists all files starting with "r")
```

### Redirecting file output

```
weather -c flatmetar alb 12 > alb_metar.dat    (creates new file/overwrites
existing file with METAR data from weather program)
```

```
weather -c flatmetar alb 12 >> alb_metar.dat    (creates new file/appends to
existing file with METAR data from weather program)
```

## **Text editors**

These three text editor programs use a window/graphic interface:

`gedit`

`nedit`

`emacs`

You can also use `emacs` or `vi` for a terminal (non-window graphic) interface.