

----- Unix -----

You need to know about a dozen commands to function in any operating system. Unix commands are short and mnemonic and very natural. Most of them take various -flags to modify their action. You can use

alias newname something to name "something" to "newname".

e.g. alias cp 'cp -ip' . All aliases and customizations may be placed in your .cshrc file. In general,

command -h shows the usage (syntax)

man command will tell you more than you need!

Here is a list of the essential commands [and useful aliases]:

logout = log off the machine

ls = list [alias l 'ls -FC'], [alias dir 'ls -lF * | more']

cp f1 f2 = copy file f1 to file f2 [alias cp 'cp -ip']

mv f1 f2 = move (rename) f1 to f2 [alias ren 'mv -i']

rm = remove (delete) [alias rm '/bin/rm -ir'], [alias del '/bin/rm]

lpr f1 = print file f1

more f1 = display file f1 page-by-page

mkdir d1 = make directory d1 rmdir d1 = remove directory d1

cd d1 = change directory (into d1)

man command = manual (help) on command

vi = visual editor (the standard Unix editor, see below)

chmod = change mode of file (set permissions)

telnet = log on to another machine

ftp = file_transfer_protocol, transfer files between machines

~ refers to the home dir, . to current dir, .. to parent dir

There are hundreds of other commands/tools, do: xman to see them.

----- vi editor -----

vi filename starts vi on the file, you'll be in command mode

ZZ save and exit :q! quit (exit) without saving

:w write (save contents of buffer)

h, j, k, l move cursor left, down, up, right

H to top of page L to bottom of page

^F page forward ^B page backward

lG to top of file G to bottom of file

i insert ...ESC a append (after cursor) ...ESC

o open new line...ESC O open line above cursor...ESC

r replace character R replace(overwrite) until ESC

cw change word...ESC

x delete character dw delete word dd delete line

yy yank line p put yanked line below current line

3yy yank 3 lines p put yanked lines below current line

There are many more commands and customizations, but these are the most essential. The (free) **vim** editor can be installed in Win.

----- Zip / Unzip -----

Best compress/archive utility. zip -h , unzip -h show the options.

I use the following aliases:

alias zp 'zip -oyz' #preserve date, ask for comment

alias zpm 'zip -oyz9m' # also -m: delete zipped files

alias zpmr 'zip -oyz9mr' # also -r: recurse into subdirectories

alias zl 'unzip -l' # list zipped files

alias uz unzip

----- X Windows -----

Each window is an xterm, emulating a terminal. A window manager (such as kde or gnome) manages all the windows and the mouse.

Can be customised. The greatest thing about X is that you can run on a remote machine and display its output on your screen ! We'll learn how...

----- Compiling -----

gfortran code.f compiles Fortran code.f and produces executable a.out

gcc code.c compiles C code.c and produces executable a.out

----- Run a code -----

In your code use: read* to read values from standard input

print* to write values to standard output

The standard input/output device is the screen, unless redirected, e.g.

a.out will read and write to the screen, but

a.out < dat will read from "dat" and write to screen,

a.out < dat > out will read from "dat" and write to "out".

----- Plotting -----

Simplest, nicest, powerful (and free) plotting tool ever is: gnuplot

Start gnuplot with: gnuplot, then do: help plot , help set

Everything is on line, nothing to remember !!! Try this:

gnuplot> plot [-4:4] sin(pi*x), cos(pi*x/2) with points

You can get a win version for your PC from

<http://ftp.gnuplot.info/pub/gnuplot/>

----- Exploring the Internet -----

Web browsers (Chrome, Firefox, IE, etc) are amazing pieces of software that have caused the explosive growth of the Internet since 1993.

Access the WWW page for this course (XXX=course number):

<http://www.math.utk.edu/~vasili/XXX/>