Unix Tools 2

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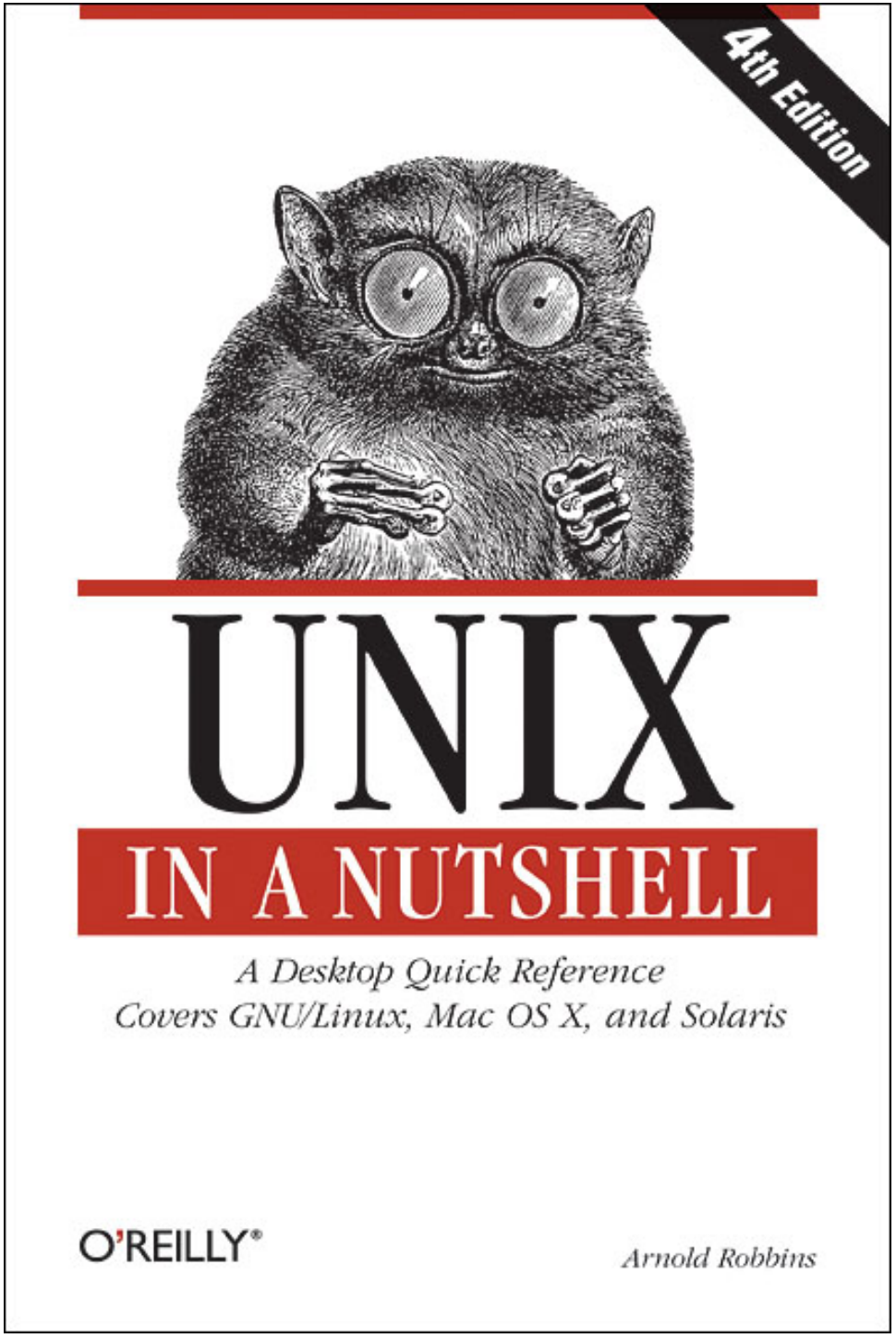
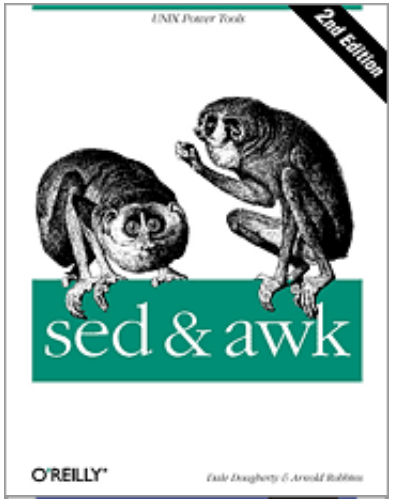
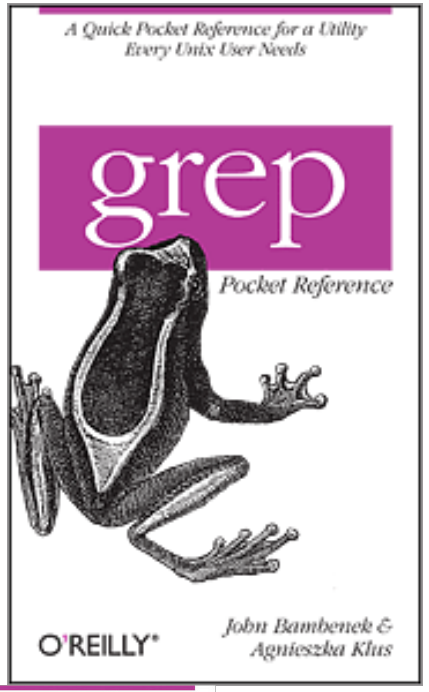
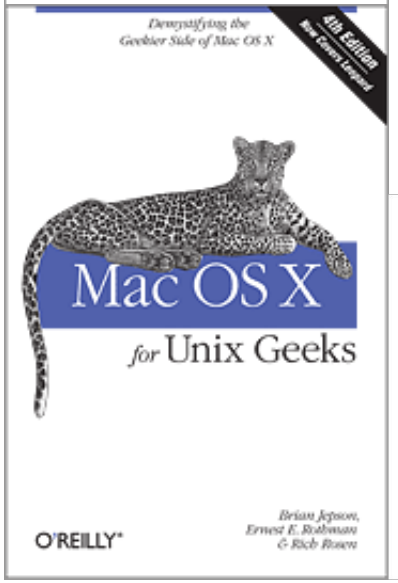
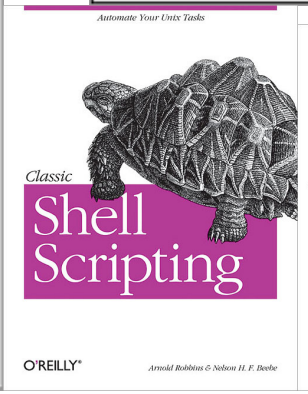
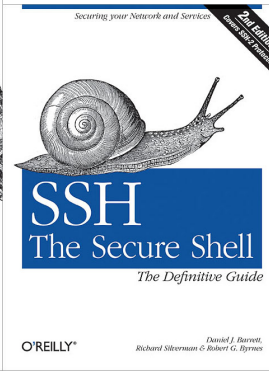












Outline

- Variables as a collection of words
- Making basic output and input
- A sampler of unix tools: remote login, text processing, slicing and dicing
  - ssh (secure shell – use a remote computer!)
  - grep (“get regular expression”)
  - awk (a text processing language)
  - sed (“stream editor”)
  - tr (translator)
- A smorgasbord of examples

Variables as a collection of words

- The shell treats variables as a collection of words
  - `set files = ( file1  file2  file3 )`
  - This sets the variable files to have 3 “words”
- If you want the whole variable, access it with `$files`
- If you want just the second word, use `$files[2]`
- The shell doesn’t count characters, only words

Basic output: echo and cat

- `echo` ***`string`***
  - Writes a line to standard output containing the text *string*. This can be one or more words, and can include references to variables.
  - `echo "Opening files"`
  - `echo "working on week $week"`
  - `echo –n "no carriage return at the end of this"`
- `cat` ***`file`***
  - Sends the contents of a file to standard output

Input, Output, Pipes

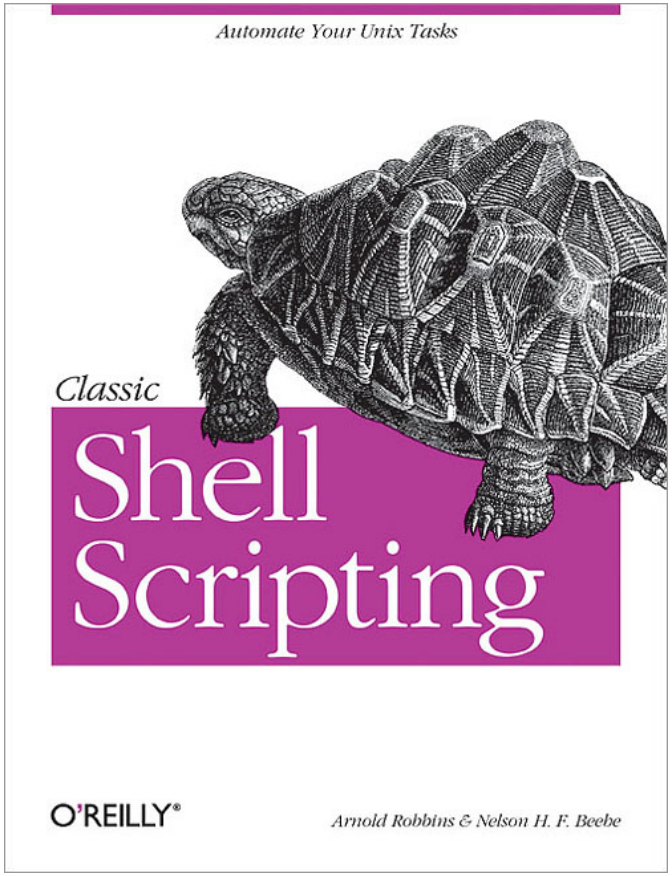
- Output to file, vs. append to file.
  - `> filename` creates or overwrites the file *filename*
  - `>> filename` appends output to file *filename*
- Take input from file, or from "inline input"
  - `< filename` take all input from file filename
  - `<<STRING` take input from the current file, using all lines until you get to the label `STRING` (see next slide for example)
- Use a pipe
  - `date | awk '{print $1}'`

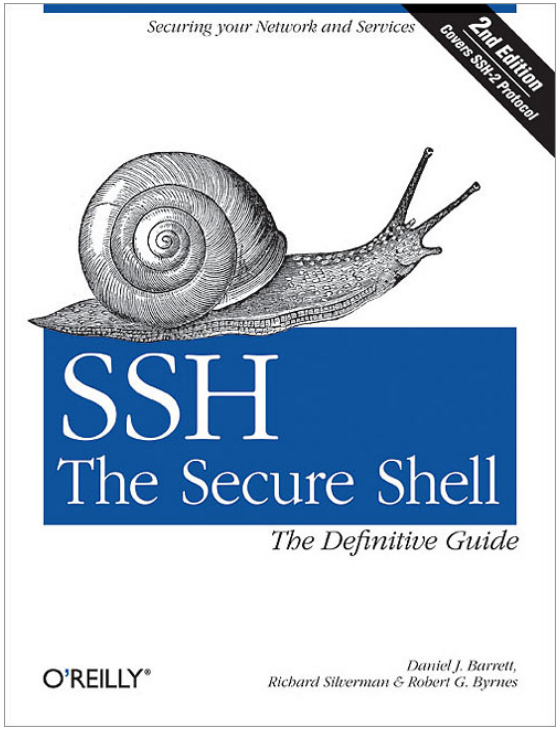
Example of “inline input”

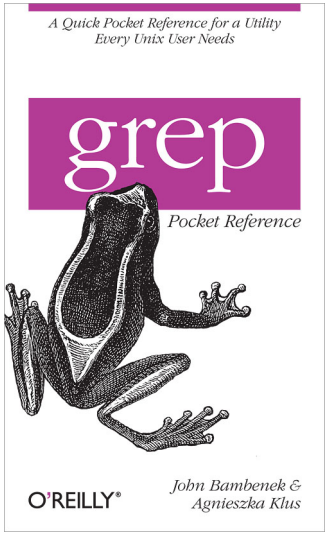
```
gpsdisp << END
Okmok2002-2010.disp
Okmok2002-2010.vec
y
Okmok2002-2010.gmtvec
y
Okmok2002-2010.newdisp
Okmok2002_mod.stacov
5
5
Okmok2010.stacov
5
5
76
n
END
```

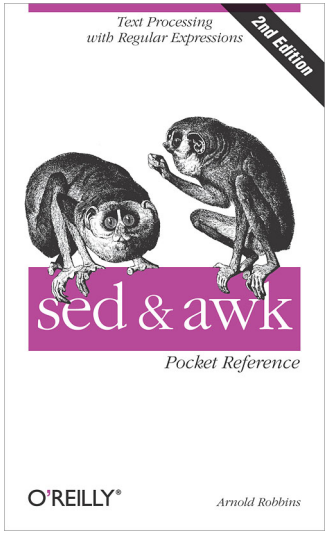
- Many programs, especially older ones, interactively prompt you to enter input
- You can automate (or self-document) this by using <<
- Standard input is set to the contents of this file between << END and END
- You can use any label, not just “END”. “FINGER” or “END_OF_INPUT” would work the same, as long as they match in both places.

Learning About Your Toolbox









Access a “remote” machine: ssh

- You can open up a shell to work on any machine in the world with ssh (secure shell)
  - You can even forward the graphics that would be produced to your screen with X11 forwarding
- Why would you do that?
  - Why not? Is only one computer enough for you?
  - Process data from home, on the road, the other building, the next room, etc
  - Access stuff/programs that only reside on the big server

Using ssh

- `ssh [options] user@host [command]`
  - [options] use `–X` or `–Y` to forward graphics via X11 if your machine can display them
    - Unix, linux, MacOSX: yes; Windows: use *putty*
  - With no command specified, you get an interactive shell. Otherwise, the command is run
- Example:
  - `ssh –X btm@server.gps.alaska.edu`
- In the old days, there were some other options, like rsh and telnet, but more security is needed these days…

grep (“get regular expression”)

- grep is a tool that allows you to extract lines from a file that contain some search pattern.
  - Plain text files only, or else strange things can happen!
- The basic usage is: `grep mouse filename`
  - All lines of the file *filename* that contain the string *mouse* will be written to standard output.
- You can use multiple filenames, and there are several options you can use with various flags. One handy option is –v (invert): `grep –v mouse filename`
  - All lines of the file *filename* that **do not contain** the string *mouse* will be written to standard output.

grep

- In its simplest form, `grep` finds every line in a plain text file that contains a certain string.
- Its "search string" can be more than a simple string: regular expressions
- You can include special characters and wild cards
  - ^ start of line
  - $ end of line
  - . match exactly one character
- Examples (all are typed on a single line):
- Find every line with string "AK"
  - `grep AK city+state_list`
- A fancier example:
  - `wget -O - http://www.cygwin.com/ | grep "Windows 98"`
- Using some wildcards:
  - `grep "^AB.. " ~/sitevecs`
- Search for two strings:
  - `grep AK city+state.list | grep River`

Variants of grep: egrep, etc

- There are a number of variants of grep, which behave a little differently.
- A useful one is egrep, which allows you to use an “OR” construct to find matches to any of two or more strings:
  - `egrep “(string1|string2)” file`
- For compressed files, use zgrep, zipgrep, bzgrep
- See man fgrep

- Example:
- List all PBO sites in Alaska
  - `egrep "(^AB..|^AC..|^AV..)" ~/sitevecs | more`
- Output is:

AB01	ATKA ISLAND
AB02	NIKOLSKI
AB04	SAVOONGA PBO

awk

- awk is an incredibly powerful text processing language (think processing in the sense of *food processor*)
- If you want to get the third word of text from a line, or want to get the difference between the numbers in the 5th and 6th columns, divided by the square root of the sum of squares of the numbers in the first 3 columns, awk is your tool.
- Named for its authors: Aho, Weinberger, Kernighan
- Use it with pipes to get the full effect!

"AWK is a language for processing files of text. A file is treated as a sequence of records, and by default each line is a record. Each line is broken up into a sequence of fields, so we can think of the first word in a line as the first field, the second word as the second field, and so on. An AWK program is of a sequence of pattern-action statements. AWK reads the input a line at a time. A line is scanned for each pattern in the program, and for each pattern that matches, the associated action is executed." - Alfred V. Aho

awk Principles

- Every line is broken up into fields. By default, whitespace separates fields
  - Each field is assigned to variable, $1 through $NF, and $0 is the complete line.
- awk reads each line in its input file (or standard input) and for each line does something based on its command program (a string, or a series of commands in a file)
  - `awk '`*`command string`*`' files`
- The *`'command string'`* is of the form `'pattern {action}'` and you can have many pattern-action pairs
- Example: `awk 'NF > 3 {print $4}' myfile.txt`
  - What it does: If there are more than 3 fields on a line, print out the 4th field

Some awk examples

- What is the pattern and the action for each?
- Print the first field of every line
  - `awk '{print $1}' myfile.txt`
- Print every line with two fields
  - `awk 'NF == 2 {print $0}' myfile.txt`
- Get the day of the week
  - `date | awk '{print $1}'`
- Do some math
  - `awk '{print $5, sqrt($1*$1 + $2*$2 + $3*$3), $5}' XYZs`
- Print the first 4 characters of the second field
  - `awk '{print substr($2,1,4)}' numbers`
- Use the character ":" to separate fields (all one line)
  - `awk -F: '{print $1 " has the name " $5}' /etc/passwd | more`

Another awk example

- I have a file *allsites.gmt* with lines like this:

```
159.451212001 54.035486000 KRMS
-152.148672605 61.260421190 SKID
```

- My awk command to extract a spatial subset (again, all one line)
  - `awk '$1 > -179 && $1 < -130 && $2 > 55 {print $0}' allsites.gmt`
- This outputs every line within the given lat-long box

awk –F is a wonderful thing

- Extract fields from a .csv file
  - If you save an excel file in .csv format, you get a text file with the cells of the spreadsheet separated by commas
  - `awk –F, '{print $1 " has " $4 " dollars left."} ' Accounts.csv`
- Parse a pathname/filename
  - The directory tree in a pathname/filename is separated by “/” characters
  - `echo $pathname | awk –F/ '{print $NF}'`
  - `echo $pathname | awk –F/ 'NF > 1 {print "pathname contains a /"}'`

sed (the stream editor)

- sed is a program that lets you do a find-and-replace process on text files via the command line.
  - Simplest form: `sed 's/string1/string2/g' file1 > file2`
    - What it does: replace every occurrence of *string1* with *string2* in the file *file1*, sending output to *file2*.
    - The ‘s’ in the command string is for search/replace
    - The ‘g’ at the end means to do it on every match. Without the g it will change only the first matching string on each line.
    - `sed –i 'command' file` will change a file in place
  - As usual, it can operate on a file or on standard input
- And you can do more as well, but it is beyond the scope of a first lesson

Making an input file with sed

- Many scientific programs have specific input files, which might contain the names of files, values of parameters, etc

```
set master_dir = /home/jeff/taboo
foreach viscosity ( 1 3 10 30 100 300)
   foreach thickness ( 25 30 35 40 45 50 55 60 )
      cd ${master_dir}
      mkdir Alaska05_${thickness}_$viscosity
      cat master_input | sed s/VISCOSITY/$viscosity/ \
         | sed s/THICKNESS/$thickness/ \
         > Alaska05_${thickness}_$viscosity/taboo.input
      cd Alaska05_${thickness}_$viscosity
      ./taboo < taboo.input > taboo.output
   end
end
```

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  - The file master_input contains lines like this:

```
…
Make_Model
2
7
THICKNESS
1
0.40
VISCOSITY
…
```

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tr

- `tr` is a character-based translator, while `sed` is a word-based translator. A common use of `tr` is to change uppercase to lowercase text
- Examples
  - `tr '[a-z]' '[A-Z]' < input > output`
  - `tr '[A-Z]' '[a-z]' < input > output`
  - `tr ' ' '_' < input > output`
    - This last example changes every space to an underscore

Example scripts using these tools

- Several practical examples follow. Most of these will combine some elements of control structures, use of variables, and the use of some unix tools through pipes.
- Some of these may be useful for you to copy.
  - If you do, be careful with quotes and such. Powerpoint uses fancy quotes that look like typeset text, but the shell only knows plain quotes.

Processing files from some stations

- Maybe you have a set of files, and you want to "process" the file from certain stations.

```
set process_list = /home/jeff/stations_to_process
foreach file ( *.dat )
   set station = `echo $file | awk '{print substr($0,1,4)}'`
   if ( `grep $station $process_list | wc –l` > 0 ) then
      echo "Processing file $file from station $station"
      process_file $file
   endif
end
```

- For this to work, you need to adopt a systematic naming convention for filenames.
  - In this example, the first 4 characters of the filename must be the station name

Same example, elaborated

- You have already processed some files, so you only want to process the files you haven't already done.
  - Suppose that the process_file script creates some output files, so you can test for the existence of these files.

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foreach file ( *.dat )
   set station = `echo $file | awk '{print substr($0,1,4)}'`
   if ( `grep $station $process_list | wc –l` > 0 ) then
      set base = `basename $file .dat`
      if ( ! –e ${base}.jpg ) then
         echo "Processing file $file from station $station"
         process_file $file
      endif
   endif
end
```

Produce an organized list of files

- Suppose you have a set of files named by date and by station. Example: 10nov08FAIR.dat. Make a list of files for each station.
  - Suppose you wanted a formatted list of every station for each date?

```
set filespec = '*.dat'
set stations = `/bin/ls $filespec | awk '{print substr($0,8,4)}' \
      | sort –u`
foreach station ( $stations )
   echo "================================================"
   echo –n "Number of files for station $station : "
   /bin/ls ???????${station}.dat | wc –l
   /bin/ls ???????${station}.dat | \
       awk '{n += 1} {printf("%3.3i: %s\n", n, $0)}'
   echo
end
```

Produce an organized list of files

- The output will look something like this:

```
==================================================
Number of files for station OK23 : 3
001: 05jul02OK23.dat
002: 07jul22OK23.dat
003: 10jul28OK23.dat

==================================================
Number of files for station FAIR : 2
001: 99feb12FAIR.dat
002: 03sep30FAIR.dat
```

Pass a variable to awk

- You can pass a variable to awk on the command line.
  - Use the –v option. You can specify more than one variable by passing the –v option more than once.
  - You access the variable using its name, like in the variable n in the previous example.

```
awk -v name=Jeff '{print name " was here: " $0}' 05jul02OK23.dat



awk -v name=Jeff -v place=Fairbanks '{print "Hello, this is " name
   " from " place}'
```

BEGIN and END

- BEGIN and END are special patterns that you can use to set some variables up before any lines are processed (BEGIN) or after all lines are processed (END).
  - END is particularly useful for doing things like summarizing the number of lines, or computing the mean of a column of numbers, etc.

```
awk 'BEGIN {print " -- Start of file --"} {print $0} END {print "
   -- End of file --"}' 05jul02OK23.dat


awk 'BEGIN {print " -- Start of file --"} {n += 1} {print $0} END
   {print " -- End of file, total lines = " n " --"}'
   05jul02OK23.dat
```