

UNIX C Shell Cheat Sheet

Setup

Terminal Setup	% stty erase '^?' kill '^U' intr '^C' % set term=vt100
Setting Path Variable	% set path=(<i>directory</i> ... <i>directory</i>)
Password Changing	% passwd
Changing Default Shell	% chsh
Help	% man <i>command</i> % man -k <i>topic</i>
Logging Out	% logout % <CTRL-D>

File Manipulation

Listing Files	% ls
Displaying Files	% cat <i>filename</i> % more <i>filename</i> <space> next page <return> next line q quit
Copying Files	% cp <i>file1 file2</i> % cp <i>file1 [file2] ... directory</i> % cp -r <i>directory1 directory2</i> Use the -i option to prompt before overwriting files.
Moving Files	% mv <i>file1 file2</i> % mv <i>file1 [file2] ... directory</i> % mv <i>directory1 directory2</i> Use the -i option to prompt before overwriting files.
Removing Files	% rm <i>filename</i> % rm -r <i>directory</i> Use the -i option to prompt before deleting files.
Printing Files	% lpr <i>filename</i>

Directory Manipulation

Creating Directories	% mkdir <i>directory</i>
Changing Directories	% cd <i>directory</i> % cd
Displaying Current Directory	% pwd
Removing Directories	% rmdir <i>directory</i>

Miscellaneous Commands

Finding Files	% find <i>directory</i> -name <i>filename</i> -print
Searching Files	% grep <i>string filename</i>
Sorting Files	% sort [-o <i>output-file</i>] <i>filename</i>
Comparing Files	% diff <i>filename1 filename2</i> % cmp <i>filename1 filename2</i>

File Protection

User and Permission Types	u file owner (u is short for user) g group members o all other users r read permission w write permission x execute permission (for directories, allows users to use the directory name in a pathname)
Displaying File Protection	% ls -l <i>filename</i>
Changing File Protection	% chmod [ugo][+ -=][rwx] <i>filename</i> % chmod <i>nnn filename</i> numeric protection mode table user group other r 400 40 4 w 200 20 2 x 100 10 1
Default Protection	% umask <i>nnn</i> The umask value is subtracted from 666 for new files and from 777 for new directories.

I/O Redirection

Input Redirection	% <i>command</i> < <i>filename</i>
Output Redirection (overwrite)	% <i>command</i> > <i>filename</i>
Output Redirection (append)	% <i>command</i> >> <i>filename</i>
Error Redirection (overwrite)	% <i>command</i> >& <i>filename</i>
Error Redirection (append)	% <i>command</i> >>& <i>filename</i>
Noclobber Variable	% set noclobber Setting the noclobber variable protects files from being accidentally overwritten due to output redirection (but not cp, mv, etc.). “!” following any redirection operator overrides noclobber.
Piping Operator	% <i>command1</i> <i>command2</i>

C Shell Specific Commands

Enable Tracking of Commands	% set history= <i>n</i>
Displaying Command History	% history
Re-executing Previous Commands	!! previous command ! <i>n</i> <i>n</i> th command ! <i>string</i> last command beginning with <i>string</i> !- <i>n</i> <i>n</i> th most recent command !? <i>string</i> ? last command containing <i>string</i>
Saving Command History	% set savehist= <i>n</i>
Setting Aliases	% alias <i>alias-string</i> <i>command-string</i>
Displaying Aliases	% alias
Deleting Aliases	% unalias <i>alias-string</i>

Special Files

.cshrc	This file, if it exists in your home directory, is automatically executed at login. Must begin with “#” to indicate C shell script. .cshrc typically includes C shell specific commands such as the set noclobber, set history, set savehist, and alias commands.
.login	This file, if it exists in your home directory, is automatically executed at login. Must begin with “#” to indicate C shell script. .login typically contains generic UNIX commands such as the stty, set path, and umask commands.
.logout	This file, if it exists in your home directory, is automatically executed at logout. Must begin with “#” to indicate C shell script. .logout typically contains commands to perform cleanup.

Job Control

Running Jobs in the Background	% <i>command</i> &
Stopping Foreground Jobs	% <i>command</i> . . . <CTRL-Z> %
Job Status	% jobs
Killing Jobs	% kill % <i>job-number</i> % kill <i>process-id</i>
Bringing Jobs to the Foreground	% fg % <i>job-number</i>
Moving Jobs to the Background	% bg % <i>job-number</i>
Process Status	% ps lists all your processes % ps -a lists all running processes % ps -x full listing for given option
Displaying Users	% who % whoami