

Objectives

- Explain the basics of UNIX/Linux files, including ASCII, binary, and executable files Understand the types of editors
- Create and edit files using the vi editor
- Create and edit files using the Emacs editor

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Understanding UNIX/Linux Files

- Almost everything you create in UNIX is stored in
- All information stored in files is in the form of binary digits

 - Bits have two states: 1 (on) and 0 (off)
 - 0's and 1's as a way to communicate with a computer is known as machine language

Understanding UNIX/Linux Files (continued)

- Machine language (or bit combinations) is translated into plain English using ASCII
- ASCII stands for American Standard Code for Information Interchange
 - ASCII uses a byte (a string of 8 bits) to represent keyboard characters such as letters and numbers
 - Text files contain printable, ASCII characters
 - Binary files contain nonprintable characters, or

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Executable Program Files

- Programmers develop source code as text files that are compiled before being executed
- Programmers also create scripts, which are files containing commands; scripts are interpreted
- Executable program files are compiled and interpreted files that can be run

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Using Editors

- Editors let you create and edit ASCII files
- UNIX/Linux normally include a couple different editors: pico, vi and Emacs
- Pico, vi, and Emacs are screen editors: they display the text you are editing one screen at a time
- Other editors also exist (e.g. ed, ex, vim, etc.)

Using Nano

- To start nano, you type: nano <filename> at the command prompt.
- You will them be presented with a simple editor that will allow you to create and edit text files.



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		Main nano help text
^G	(F1)	Display this help text
^x	(F2)	Close the current buffer / Exit from nano
^0	(F3)	Write the current buffer (or the marked region) to disk
^R	(F5)	Insert another file into current buffer (or into new buffer)
^w	(F6)	Search forward for a string or a regular expression
^\	(M-R)	Replace a string or a regular expression
^K	(F9)	Cut current line (or marked region) and store it in cutbuffer
υ	(F10)	Uncut from the cutbuffer into the current line
^J	(F4)	Justify the current paragraph
^T	(F12)	Invoke the spell checker, if available
		Invoke the linter, if available
		Invoke formatter, if available
°C	(F11)	Display the position of the cursor
^_	(M-G)	Go to line and column number
M-U		Undo the last operation
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		Main nano help text
M-U		Undo the last operation
M-E		Redo the last undone operation
M-A	(^6)	Mark text starting from the cursor position
M-6	(M-^)	Copy current line (or marked region) and store it in cutbuffer
M-]		Go to the matching bracket
M-W	(F16)	Repeat the last search
M−▲		Search next occurrence backward
M−¥		Search next occurrence forward
^B	(□)	Go back one character
^F	(□)	Go forward one character
^	(M-Space)	Go back one word
<u>^</u>	(^Space)	Go forward one word

Using Nano Help (cont.)

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	(!!	Co to beginning of support line	
A	(Rod)	Go to beginning of current line	
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^P	(▲)	Go to previous line	
^N	(v)	Go to next line	
M	(M-)	Scroll up one line without moving the cursor textually	
M-+	(M-=)	Scroll down one line without moving the cursor textually	
^	(M-7)	Go to previous block of text	
^ v	(M-8)	Go to next block of text	
M-((M-9)	Go to beginning of paragraph; then of previous paragraph	
M-)	(M-0)	Go just beyond end of paragraph; then of next paragraph	
^Y	(F7)	Go one screenful up	
^v	(F8)	Go one screenful down	
M-\	(^Home)	Go to the first line of the file	
M-/	(^End)	Go to the last line of the file	
M-0	(M-<)	Switch to the previous file buffer	
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Using Nano Help (cont.)

м-о	(M-<)	Switch to the previous file buffer
м-🗆	(M->)	Switch to the next file buffer
^I	(Tab)	Insert a tab at the cursor position
^м	(Enter)	Insert a newline at the cursor position
^D	(Del)	Delete the character under the cursor
^н	(Bsp)	Delete the character to the left of the cursor
		Cut forward from cursor to next word start
м-т		Cut from the cursor position to the end of the file
M-J		Justify the entire file
M-D		Count the number of words, lines, and characters
M-V		Insert the next keystroke verbatim
^L		Refresh (redraw) the current screen
^z		Suspend the editor (if suspension is enabled)
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Using Nano Help (cont.) Main nano help text Constant cursor position display enable/disable Use of one more line for editing enable/disable Smooth scrolling enable/disable Soft wrapping of overlong lines enable/disable Line numbering enable/disable M-C M-S M-S M-# M-Y M-Y M-Y M-H M-I M-R M-B M-B M-N M-N M-N M-N Whitespace display enable/disable Color syntax highlighting enable/disable Smart home key enable/disable Auto indent enable/disable Cut to end enable/disable Bard wrapping of overlong lines enable/disable Conversion of typed tabs to spaces enable/disable Backup files enable/disable Reading file into separate buffer enable/disable Mouse support enable/disable No conversion from DOS/Mac format enable/disable Suspension enable/disable AL Refresh AX Close Where Is AP Prev Line AY Prev Page M- First Line Man WhereIs Next AN Next Line AV Next Page M- Last Line

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Using the vi (vee-eye) Editor

Help mode enable/disable Constant cursor position display enable/disable Use of one more line for editing enable/disable

Where Is Prev Line Y Prev Page

M- First Line

- Called vi because it is visual; it immediately displays on screen the changes that you make
- Works in three modes
 - Insert: lets you enter text
 - Command: lets you enter editing commands
 - Extended (ex) command set: lets you use an extended set of editing commands

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Using the vi Editor – Cursor control

Key	Movement		
h or left arrow	Left one character position		
I or right arrow	Right one character position		
k or up arrow	Up one line		
i or down arrow	Down one line		
Н	Upper-left corner of the screen		
L	Last line on the screen		
G	Beginning of the last line		
nG	The line specified by a number, n		
W	Forward one word		
b	Back one word		
0 (zero)	Beginning of the current line		
\$	End of the current line		
Ctrl+u	Up one-half screen		
Ctrl+d	Down one-half screen		
Ctrl+f or Page Down	Forward one screen		
Ctrl+b or Page Up	Back one screen		

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Using the vi Editor -Deleting/Searching

While still in command mode:

- To delete text, move to a character and then type "x"
- You can undo a command (reverse its effects) by typing "u"
- To search for a text pattern, type a forward slash (/), type the pattern, and press Enter

Using the vi Editor - Moving and Copying Text

	Delete	Unange	тапк	
Whole line	dd	CC	уу	
Rest of line	D or d\$	C or c\$	y\$	
To a character <i>x</i> on the line	dfx	cfx	yfx	
Word	dw	cw	yw	
Character	x or di	s or cl	yl	

Using the vi Editor – Delete Cmds.

Command	Purpose
ĸ	Delete the character at the cursor.
dd	Delete the current line (putting it in a buffer so it can also be pasted back into the file).
dw	Delete the word starting at the cursor. If the cursor is in the middle of the word, delete from the cursor to the end of the word.
1\$	Delete from the cursor to the end of the line.
d0	Delete from the cursor to the start of the line.

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Using the vi Editor - Status Line



The status line at the bottom of the screen displays information, including lineoriented commands and error messages



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Using the vi Editor - Saving/Exiting

Saving a file and exiting vi

- You should always save the file before exiting vi, otherwise changes are lost
 To save a file and continue working on it, type the :w (write) command
- While in command mode, use the :wq (write and quit) command to save and exit iv, or the :zz
- You can also use :x to save and exit



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Using the vi Editor – Other Options

- In vi, you can also: Add text from another file
 - Leave vi temporarily to perform other UNIX/Linux tasks, then return to your file
 - Change your display while editing, such as adding line numbering
 Copy, cut, and paste text to help editing
 Print text files

 - Cancel an editing sessionGet help

Using the vi Editor – Line Numbers



with a range of lines and refer specify text

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Unit Summary

- Bytes are computer characters stored using numeric code (e.g., ASCII)
- The Nano editor is a simple, easy-to-use editor that supports file creation and text
- The vi editor is a popular choice among UNIX/Linux users to edit text files

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