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Useful Links

- Workshop website: <https://softwaresaved.github.io/2020-11-10-ssi-online/>

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DAY 1

1. Bash/UNIX Shell

Download the data for this session - direct URL: You can download from here:

<https://swcarpentry.github.io/shell-novice/data/data-shell.zip>

Unzip the file to your desktop

Bash shell commands in the command line interface

pwd – print working directory

ls – list(s current directory's content)

ls -F (added '/' to the folders)

ls -F / (command: list, option: list folders, where: in the root directory at the top of file system hierarchy)

man ls (opens the manual of 'ls' command, what options/ arguments we could use, navigate through by hitting space, press 'q' for quit)

Below is a mac-specific response:

```
ls --help
```

```
ls: illegal option -- -
```

```
usage: ls [-@ABCFGHLOPRSTUWabcdefghiklmnopqrstuvwxyz1%] [file ...]
```

```
cd Desktop/ ('change directory' to Desktop)
```

```
cd / (go to the root)
```

```
cd .. (up one level)
```

```
cd ../molecules/
```

```
(base) uname:Desktop robertn$
```

but sometimes you don't have visual feedback, thus you could reassure you are in the right directory:
can use 'pwd' command to check your current location

absolute path (start from root):

```
cd /Users/[your_user_name]/Desktop
```

your user names indicate the 'Home directory'

```
cd /Users/
```

```
cd ~/Desktop (Desktop folder access path from your home directory)
```

```
cd ~ (shortcut to bring back to home dir.)
```

Exercices

1. explore ls -l and ls -h options of list (ls) command

Can combine multiple options separately and in a concatenated way

e.g. :
ls -t -r
ls -tr

2. Understand and practice navigating through directory tree
<https://swcarpentry.github.io/shell-novice/02-filedir/index.html>

'Clear' console:
Ctrl (Cmd) + L

Creating new folder:

mkdir thesis (make directory named 'thesis')
if 'mkdir' command not found can use 'mkdir' alternatively

creating new file:

nano thesis.txt (using the built-in nano editor to create a new empty text file called 'thesis.txt')

- can add some content

then Save: ^O (write out = save the file) --> type Y
then Exit: ^X

'^' denotes Ctrl (on a Mac ^ symbol is on control button)

Moving/ renaming the text file, e.g.:

mv thesis/thesis.txt thesis/quotes.txt (rename thesis.txt in the thesis dir under the 'quotes.txt' name)

check:
ls -F thesis/

move the file upwards in the folder hierarchy:

navigate data-shell directory (one level up):

cd ..

then:

mv thesis/quotes.txt . (dot at the end is important)

copying file to a new location

cp quotes.txt thesis/quotation.txt (not only copy file content to new location but can rename it at the same time)

copying a folder, e.g.:

cp -r thesis thesis_backup ('-r' flag or option refers to 'recursive' operation: copying everything inside)

delete file (careful! delete stuff forever, there is no recycle bin)

```
rm quotes.txt
```

delete folder (again need to use a recursive operation)

```
rm -r thesis
```

Navigate to molecules directory

```
cd /Users/[your_user_name]/Desktop/data-shell
```

```
cd molecules/
```

wildcards (e.g. '?', '*')

e.g. listing only files with .pdb extension:

```
ls -F *.pdb
```

(pattern matching, * indicates any character string and we only specified the file extension we are interested in)

Being more specific e.g. interested in retrieving specific files in our folder:

```
ls -F *t??ne.pdb
```

(* = replacing whatever character string is there, then need a character 't' then '?' replacing individual characters, then .pdb)

Alternatively, can use without the '-F' flag or operator:

```
ls *t??ne.pdb
```

How many lines in a specific file:

using the wc (word count) command

But we are interested in the lines only: can use '-l' flag

```
wc -l *.pdb
```

redirect standard output (bash/ terminal console) to a user-specified file utilising '>' operator

```
wc -l *.pdb > lengths.txt
```

(for further automated exploration and processing)

cat lengths.txt (look into the file we've just created)

we can sort (asc/ desc) file content - by default is alphabetical order, but here we are interested in the numeric order -> use the '-n' option

```
sort -n lengths.txt
```

can sorted results (by default outputted to the console) to a file

```
sort -n lengths.txt > sorted_lengths.txt
```

```
cat sorted_lengths.txt | head -n 1
```

```
head -n 1 sorted_lengths.txt
```

Without creating intermediate file:

```
wc -l *.pdb | sort -n | head -n 1
```

Excercise(s)

Pipe reding comprehension: <https://swcarpentry.github.io/shell-novice/04-pipefilter/index.html>

Using a **for loop** to execute commands on multiple files within a folder

```
$ for filename in basilisk.dat minotaur.dat unicorn.dat
> do
>   head -n 2 $filename | tail -n 1
> done
```

A more convenient way for task automation:

```
$ for filename in *.dat
> do
>   head -n 2 $filename | tail -n 1
> done
```

create a new bash script file in nano

nano middle.sh ('.sh' extension is a convention to indicate shell script files)

e.g. you could record your function or for loop in a file, record the following in the .sh file:

```
head -n 15 octane.pdb | tail -n 5
```

after saved you just need to execute the .sh script file, use the 'bash' command to do so:

```
bash middle.sh
```

can generalise your script, by using "\$1" in the .sh file replacing octane.pdb --> using the first argument

now when executing the script need to define what file you would execute the script on, e.g.:

```
bash middle.sh octane.pdb
```

Giving more flexibility to the script by enabling the user to define all the 3 key parameters - thus let's modify our script content as follows:

```
head -n "$2" "$1" | tail -n "$3"
```

Next: create a script file for statistical data analysis

```
cd ../north-pacific-gyre/
```

Indentation is by convention four ' ' (white space)-long

```
nano do-stats.sh
```

```
for datafile in *A.txt
do
    echo $datafile
    bash goostats $datafile > stats_.$datafile
done
```

Exercices: <https://swcarpentry.github.io/shell-novice/05-loop/index.html>

if we aiming for writing out multiple file content into a specific file by using by using a for loop '>'

in each iteration the given output file's content will be overwritten

However, if we are using '>>' this would allow to append files' content

Final exercise covered: <https://swcarpentry.github.io/shell-novice/06-script/index.html>

Feedback on Day 1 morning session (shell)

What went well, what did you learn that you are excited about using in your work?

- Very useful intro from basics to scripts
- Very great introduction to Shell
- Great introduction to shell including very useful commands
- Very useful
- I did not know I could add variables to my script to make it more universal.
- Dynamic and interactive. Good help system without grieving the whole session. Excited about the

pipe system

What could be improved, what was not clear, what needs more explanations?

- Compatibility with tutorial-suggested setup (git-bash) esp on Windows
- Fast paced, it was sometimes easy to not follow one step and then miss the next steps
- Too fast sometimes
- I knew what was in the first half already, and some people found the session too fast. Maybe having something to practice on before the course starts would be nice to give everyone some basic knowledge to start with.
- A bit fastpaced at the end.
- Location of downloaded files could be more explicit

[Afternoon session] -----

2. Building programs with Python (Anaconda, Jupyter Notebook or JupyterLab, Python 3.x)

file(s) to download (if any)/ sources of help/

gapminder dataset:

<http://swcarpentry.github.io/python-novice-gapminder/files/python-novice-gapminder-data.zip>

<https://stackoverflow.com>

<https://python-forum.io/Forum-General-Coding-Help>

or simply google (or duckduck) on your question (or the error message you happened to receive)

Cheatsheets:

<https://guides.github.com/pdfs/markdown-cheatsheet-online.pdf>

Commands/

can write your python script in the terminal (command line interface)

```
nano myscript.py
```

in the script:

e.g.

```
print('Hello world!')
```

 save then run from Terminal

Below is executed from JupyterLab or JupyterNotebook

Open up a new JupyterNotebook file

shift+enter to execute the code in a cell

Assignment (operator '=' to assign a value stored at a memory address in a named object)

```
age = 42
```

```
atom_name = 'helium'
```

Can retrieve specific characters from a character string:

```
print(atom_name[1])
```

 # **using indexing** and in Python indexing starts from 0, while in other languages indices may start from 1, e.g. in R --> so here using index [1] Python will return with the 2nd character

Slicing a string

```
print(atom_name[0:3])
```

using parentheses around to wrap an expression e.g. (atom_name[0:3]) also printing its return value on the console

```
full_name = "Adam" + " " + "Walsh"
```

```
separator = '=' * 10
```

 (repeat the symbol/ character 10 times)

can print on the console in a single step:

```
(separator = '=' * 10)
```

Data types

```
print(1 + int('2'))
```

 (implements: arithmetics - addition)

```
print(str(1) + '2')
```

 (implements: concatenation)

```
print('three squared is: ', 3**2)
```

linear value assignment

```
first = 1
```

```
second = 5 * first
```

```
first = 2
```

```
print('first is ', first, 'second is ', second)
```

Built-in functions

Works on both character strings and numeric values/ vectors/ lists

```
print()
max()
min()
```

NB: order of string characters --

http://support.ecisolutions.com/doc-ddms/help/reportsmenu/ascii_sort_order_chart.htm

Built-in functions for numeric values

```
round()
```

```
result = print('this')
print('print result', result)
```

Asking for help:

```
print?
help(print)
```

Lists (only concept-level)

```
my_list = []
my_list.append()
```

```
my_list2 = []
```

```
my_list.extend(my_list2) # added list elements were simply added to the original list
```

```
my_list.append(my_list2) # keep appended list as a 'sub-list'
```

Indexing

can use negative numbers starting from the end of the string or list/ vector, starting from -1 that returns with the last element

When subsetting a fragment of a list or a character string as [start_included : stop_excluded] --> the 'stop' index is excluded from the returning fraction

And since in Python (left->right) indexing starts from index=0, therefore 'start' index would return

(index+1)th element

For loops - iterating through objects/ elements

<http://swcarpentry.github.io/python-novice-gapminder/12-for-loops/index.html>

(you may recall what you've learned during the bash shell session - syntax is slightly different but constructs might be familiar already)

```
for number in primes:  
    print(number)
```

Interpreting error messages (...)

Exercises/

<http://swcarpentry.github.io/python-novice-gapminder/04-built-in/index.html>

<http://swcarpentry.github.io/python-novice-gapminder/11-lists/index.html>

Questions/ Comments

Feedback on Day 1 afternoon session (Python)

What went well, what did you learn that you are excited about using in your work?

- The pace that the workshop was carried out was brilliant for an absolute beginner, it has built my confidence to do further reading and exploration on using Python.
- good insights regarding the use of the environment around the code: markdowns, auto-completion, report organisation
- I liked the pace of the workshop, the concepts were explained in a clear way. I really enjoyed it and I'm looking forward to the next session :)
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What could be improved, what was not clear, what needs more explanations?

- Could be useful to go through the questions together as a group, some people couldn't find the exercises (just like in the shell part of the workshop)
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DAY 2

1. Python

Slides not for this particular workshop but overall some might be helpful:

https://github.com/robertn01/Data-Carpentry-Social_Sciences-Python/blob/master/presentation/1_2_July_SFC_DataCarp_DigiHum_Python_JupyterLab_episodes_1_4_v07072020RN.pdf

Commands (referred to website)

Libraries

<http://swcarpentry.github.io/python-novice-gapminder/06-libraries/index.html>

Reading data, Pandas library

<http://swcarpentry.github.io/python-novice-gapminder/07-reading-tabular/index.html>

gapminder dataset:

<http://swcarpentry.github.io/python-novice-gapminder/files/python-novice-gapminder-data.zip>

```
import pandas as pd
data = pd.read_csv('data/gapminder_gdp_oceania.csv')
print(data)
```

Indexing:

iloc (index-based location)

loc (named location)

Plotting

<http://swcarpentry.github.io/python-novice-gapminder/09-plotting/index.html>

Conditional statements

<http://swcarpentry.github.io/python-novice-gapminder/13-conditionals/index.html>

Useful URLs/ further ref's

<https://docs.python.org/3/library/os.html>

Feedback on Day 2 morning session (Python)

What went well, what did you learn that you are excited about using in your work?

- I really appreciate that Toni said what she was coding as she did it, which helped me as I have to switch between tabs.
- Very informative
- I liked the pace at which the material was covered, extremely informative, I will definitely start using Python when doing data analysis, hopefully will start writing my own programmes.
- Very informative and well explained.
- Happy to have learned named arguments and programming style
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What could be improved, what was not clear, what needs more explanations?

- There was a lot of content introduced and not that much time to do exercises/practice what we've learned
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2. Git/Hub - shell terminal/CLI

Readings/ URLs:

Lesson overview: <https://swcarpentry.github.io/git-novice/>

<https://gmd.copernicus.org/preprints/gmd-2020-270/>
<https://github.com>

bash/ unix commands

```
git config --help  
git --help
```

Configuration of environment

```
git config --global user.name "[your name]"  
git config --global user.email "[your email - present on github]"  
git config --global core.editor "nano -w"
```

on Windows machines also:

```
git config --global core.autocrlf true
```

```
git config --list
```

```
git config --global core.editor "'c:/program files/Notepad++/notepad++.exe' -multiInst -notabbar -  
nosession -noPlugin"
```

Create a repository

```
mkdir planets  
cd planets/  
git init
```

```
ls -a (show hidden files, starting with a dot)
```

```
ls .git/
```

```
git status
```

```
mkdir moons
```

```
cd moons/
```

```
git init
```

```
cd ..
```

```
ls -a moons/
```

```
ls -a
```

```
rm -rf moons/.git
```

```
ls -a moons/
```

```
nano mars.txt
```

```
cat mars.txt
```

```
git status
```

```
git add mars.txt
```

```
git status
```

```
git commit -m "Commit message"
```

```
git log
```

```
nano mars.txt
```

(add content to file, save Ctrl + O & Ctrl + X)

```
git status
```

```
git diff mars.txt
```

```
git add mars.txt
```

```
git status
```

```
git commit -m "Updated commit message"
```

```
git log
```

```
less mars.txt
```

Managing multiple files

```
echo "Maybe I should start with a base on Venus" >> mars.txt
```

```
echo "Venus is a nice planet and I definitely should consider it as a base" >> venus.txt
```

```
git status
```

```
git add mars.txt venus.txt
```

```
git status
```

```
git commit -m "Updated commit message"
```

git log

Explore / review change log

add change to e.g. mars.txt

echo "Demonstrative changes" >> mars.txt

git diff mars.txt

git diff HEAD mars.txt

git diff HEAD~1 mars.txt (HEAD~n: nr of steps back in time)

git stash pop ('static' overview of changes)

Absolute (explicit/ specific) comparison using the generated hash can be seen in the 'git log' return

git diff 76894521f007f1a3e01ae019ed33ab5e3c6d9a99 mars.txt (hash: alphanumeric astring is unique to your own system/ session/ files)

Can use the first 7 characters from the hash --> returns with same result

If don't want to keep particular changes use:

git checkout mars.txt

git status

git checkout HEAD mars.txt

git log

git checkout 8d715f0 mars.txt (again, hash string is unique to your session)

git diff mars.txt

(git diff --help)

git restore --staged mars.txt

git status

git diff mars.txt

```
git checkout mars.txt
```

```
git status
```

```
(cat mars.txt)
```

Ignore changes (no tracking)

```
touch ganymede.dat jupyter.dat
```

```
git status
```

```
nano .gitignore
```

```
(add files to be ignored)
```

```
cat .gitignore
```

```
git status
```

```
git status --ignored
```

```
git add .gitignore
```

```
nano .gitignore
```

```
(*.*dat
```

```
!ganymede.dat
```

```
!g*.dat)
```

```
git status
```

```
git checkout .gitignore
```

```
git status
```

```
(etc.)
```

Upload local files to your github (cloud)

```
git remote -v
```

```
git remote add origin [replade your URL - https://...]
```

```
git remote -v
```

```
git branch -v
```

```
git push origin master
```

```
cd ~/Desktop/
```

```
git clone https://github.com/\[your username\]/planets.git planets-collab
```

```
cd planets-collab/ (replace your dir name)
```

```
ls ../planets
```

```
ls -a
```

```
git log --oneline
```

```
nano pluto.txt
```

```
(add content)
```

```
cat pluto.txt
```

```
(then commit, etc)
```

```
Create a text file for Saturn
```

```
(...)
```

```
git add saturn.txt
```

```
git status
```

```
git commit -m "Added Saturn comment"
```

```
git log --oneline
```

```
git push origin master
```

```
cd ../planets/
```

```
ls
```

```
git branch -v
```

```
git log --oneline
```

```
git pull origin master
```

```
(cd -)
```

```
echo "Some added change to pluto" >> pluto.txt
```

```
git add pluto.txt
git status
git commit -m "Commit msg"
git push origin master
git log --oneline
```

(add further information to pluto.txt)

--- As a basic routine ---

1. pull changes from cloud repo
2. then push whatever changes we have locally to the cloud (cloud is THE collective/collab backup)

```
git pull origin master (~fetching cloud master baranch content/ status)
```

```
git status
```

```
git add pluto.txt
git status
git commit -m "Comment"
git log --oneline
```

```
git push origin master
```

(...)

```
git pull origin remote
```

```
git pull origin master
```

```
git log --oneline
```

Conflicts (course notes)

<https://swcarpentry.github.io/git-novice/09-conflict/index.html>

Questions/ Comments/ Issues to resolve

```
$ git --help
```

```
usage: git [--version] [--help] [-C <path>] [-c name=value]
       [--exec-path[=<path>]] [--html-path] [--man-path] [--info-path]
       [-p | --paginate | --no-pager] [--no-replace-objects] [--bare]
       [--git-dir=<path>] [--work-tree=<path>] [--namespace=<name>]
       <command> [<args>]
```

These are common Git commands used in various situations:

start a working area (see also: git help tutorial)

- clone Clone a repository into a new directory
- init Create an empty Git repository or reinitialize an existing one

work on the current change (see also: git help everyday)

- add Add file contents to the index
- mv Move or rename a file, a directory, or a symlink
- reset Reset current HEAD to the specified state
- rm Remove files from the working tree and from the index

examine the history and state (see also: git help revisions)

- bisect Use binary search to find the commit that introduced a bug
- grep Print lines matching a pattern
- log Show commit logs
- show Show various types of objects
- status Show the working tree status

grow, mark and tweak your common history

- branch List, create, or delete branches
- checkout Switch branches or restore working tree files
- commit Record changes to the repository
- diff Show changes between commits, commit and working tree, etc
- merge Join two or more development histories together
- rebase Reapply commits on top of another base tip
- tag Create, list, delete or verify a tag object signed with GPG

collaborate (see also: git help workflows)

- fetch Download objects and refs from another repository
- pull Fetch from and integrate with another repository or a local branch
- push Update remote refs along with associated objects

'git help -a' and 'git help -g' list available subcommands and some concept guides. See 'git help <command>' or 'git help <concept>' to read about a specific subcommand or concept.

* Zenodo (examples)

(scripts)

<https://zenodo.org/record/3997301#.X6vg7dunzUL>

(data / inputs)

<https://zenodo.org/record/3997165#.X6vhCNunzUJ> [NAEI]

<https://zenodo.org/record/3997271#.X6vhR9unzUJ> [General]

(paper)

<https://gmd.copernicus.org/preprints/gmd-2020-270/>

<https://choosealicense.com>

Feedback on Day 2 afternoon session (Git/Hub)

What went well, what did you learn that you are excited about using in your work?

- Github seemed quite abstract and scary, but now I feel I can give it a try
- Great introduction from starting a new project to usage in various scenarios for sync/update
- I didn't use github before so at the beginning it seemed a bit scary but it turns out, it's extremely useful. I'll try to learn it a bit more
- Great coverage of Git and extension to question of licensing
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What could be improved, what was not clear, what needs more explanations?

- I got a bit lost part way through and it took some time to catch up, but because of the online resources and recorded session I'm not worried about losing out, so thanks for those failsafes.
- A lot of material was covered in a very short time, it was easy to get lost
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