

Day 2 - Thursday, 27th October, 2022
Introduction to Linux command line (CLI) Tools.

In this exercise, the key commands you will need are as listed below.:

grep - search for pattern text in a file

echo - display lines of text or string

cut - cut sections of strings

paste - join files horizontally

Some of the commands may require the use of **options** to attain the intended outcome. Look up the commands on the **man** pages to understand how to use respective options or refer to the slide. Tutors are also happy to help.

General preamble:

Make a new directory in your *handson* directory(you created from your previous exercise.) and call it "*cmdtools*"; For each of the exercises below, make a directory called *exercise_<number>*. Eg "*exercise_1*" in "*cmdtools*". This will let you organized your work well so you can easily find respective files and/or directories when needed.

Exercise 1

1. Make a new directory in your *handson* directory(you created from your previous exercise.) and call it "*cmdtools*";
2. **echo** "Day 2 - CLI Tools" into file *<yourLastname_smr3821.txt>* and have it placed in the directory created from step 1 in this exercise."
 - a. *hint*: At this point, you can either navigate into the target directory and execute this very step(2) or stay in the handson directory execute this step and move the resulting file into the target of concern.
 - b. NB: if your handson directory was created well according to instructions from previous exercise, it should have the path *'/home/ictpuser/handson'*.
3. Use *grep* to get the occurrences of the word "final", ignoring case sensitivity, in the target file "**N2H4_qe_output.txt**" and inspect the output to know if there both uppercase and lower occurrences.
4. After inspections, use *grep* to the final string that has "energy" next to it and re-direct the output into a file called "final_energy.txt" .

Exercise 2 -

The file in the path */etc/passwd* is a system configuration file that contains certain important details. The structure of the information in the file is as follows:

username, password denoted by x, user ID(UID), group ID, UserID info (GECOS), path to home directory, Command/Shell.

Using *cut* and *grep*, get the **username** values into and file called "username.txt".

Using *cut* and *grep*, get the **UID** values into and file called "uid.txt"

Use `paste` to put them together in a single file called “**username_uid.txt**”

If it's done right, the file “**username_uid.txt**” should have a two columns of strings and integers that are supposed to be usernames and UIDs of users on the machine/computer you're using.

If you think you can use other cmd tools, besides `cut` and `grep`, to grab the usernames and UIDs from the `/etc/passwd` file, you can do so and share the idea.

username_uid.txt

systemd 104

george 105

apache 106

ictpuser 110

cups 999

avahi 1000

postfix 121

fwups 1001

Exercise 3 - Energy Minimization Inspection exercise

The file “***N2H4_qe_output.txt***” contains the output of a full geometry optimization calculation of the chemical system Ni-***N₂H₄***. The data consists of trajectories and accompanied energies from the cycle of calculations. Each cycle is denoted in the file by the string “**number of scf cycles**”. The accompanied energy of each cycle is denoted by an exclamation mark, !.

Using `echo`, `grep` and `cut`, extract the enggies of the geometry optimization calculations along with the scf steps(or cycle counts) into a file “***ener_data.dat***” so we could plot and visualise to know if the energy of the system is really being minimised.

Data in “***ener_data.dat***” should have column labels: `#steps` `#energy`

NB: Also pay attention that there may be a mismatch in the count of the steps vrs the extracted energies. Find a way to add the missing step(no of step)