Lecture 14: Bash Shell & Command Line

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Objectives

- Finally, shell (bash, zsh)
 - Running things in command line
 - Interacting with text files in command line
 - Regex-based text search using grep
- ▶ Follow up of Lecture 9: Data formats, text file encoding & conversion
 - https://naraehan.github.io/Data-Science-for-Linguists-2023/lecture9.pdf

Bash/Zsh shell

What is a "shell"?

- https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Shell (computing)
- Usually refers to the command-line interface (CLI) as opposed to graphical user interface (GUI).
- Bash is the most common flavor of shell in Unix-like OS.

To find out which shell you're running:

echo \$SHELL

Mac users

- Mac OS is a Unix-type OS.
- Terminal is a built-in terminal. Zsh is the default shell, very similar to bash.

Windows users

- We installed "git bash": a bash environment for running command-line git.
- As a bonus, it came with pretty much all of popular Unix command-line tools!

Shell introduction, navigating

- Introducing the shell
 - https://swcarpentry.github.io/shell-novice/01-intro/
- Navigating & working with files and directories
 - https://swcarpentry.github.io/shell-novice/02-filedir/
 - https://swcarpentry.github.io/shell-novice/03-create/
- ▶ We've been doing some of these already, as part of our git routine. You should know:
 - * . .. ~
 - pwd
 - cd
 - 1s
 - Command-line history with ↑ and ▼
 - Using TAB for file name completion
 - Using Control+C to quit

Settling in, customizing

You can customize your shell via editing:

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.bash_profile
.zprofile
```

In your home directory:

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• your_editor .bash_profile &
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Without &, your terminal becomes unusable until you close your editor.

- After adding entries or editing, you should either log back in, or execute source .bash_profile
- ▶ Aliasing is the most common customization method:

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alias calc='/c/windows/system32/calc.exe' alias ls='ls -hF --color=tty' ◀
```

← Your favorite shortcuts and command-line options

Mac users: -G option for color. You may also have to customize Terminal.

Wrapping up

- Progress report #2 due Friday!
- Next class
 - More command line, grep, bash shell scripting
 - Supercomputing at CRC