

2024 Edition

Intro to Unix / R / computing

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Please answer the survey before we start!



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Welcome!



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Getting the most out of the workshop:

- ▶ Ask questions!
- ▶ Try to sit next to someone you don't already know.
- ▶ Work with someone with different skillset and experience level.
- ▶ You will have access to your files after you leave.
- ▶ Come to the social functions.
- ▶ Do ask questions!!
 - ✓ In person, email, or on the forum.

<https://isgw-forum.colorado.edu/>

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A diverse community!



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Diverse skillsets,
backgrounds, research
focus, experience
levels... and timezones!



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Be open, be kind, be respectful. We are all learners.

Survey results!

Getting started

► <https://workshop.colorado.edu/>

International Statistical Genetics Workshop Computing Environment

Often called the Boulder Twin Workshop, the ISGW has been teaching behavioral genetics and other statistical genetics topics in Boulder, Colorado and other places since 1987. This is the entry point for the computing environment used for the course.

Resources for registered participants

Rstudio

Access Rstudio in the Workshop computing environment.

SSH

Access a command line in the Workshop computing environment. Or use your own SSH client and connect to `workshop.colorado.edu`.

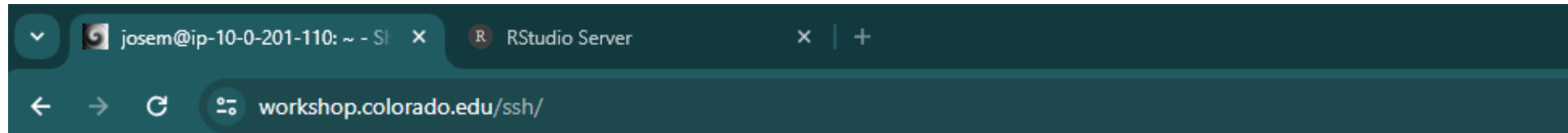
Password change

Click "Log In" and then change your Workshop password.

Shared file area

Upload or download posters or presentations

Getting started



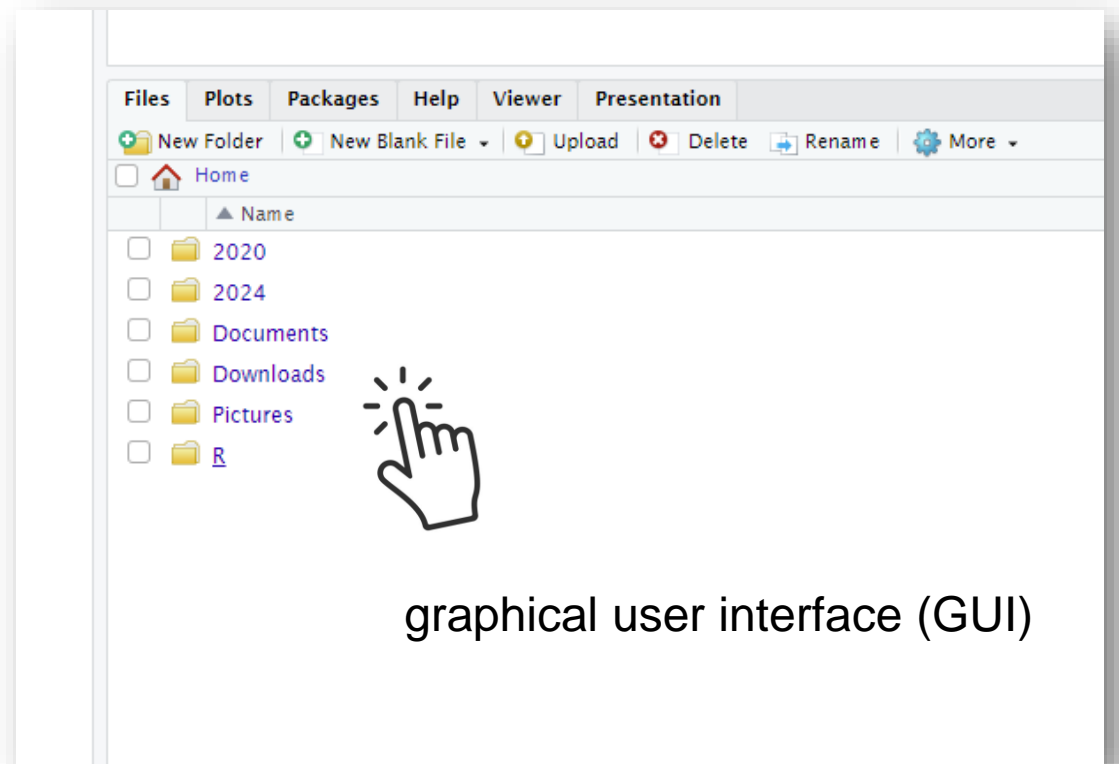
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josem@workshop.colorado.edu's password:
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International Statistical Genetics Workshop cloud computing enviro
The *data* provided is only intended for demonstration use, and sh
not be used for other purposes. There should be no attempt to iden
any study participants.

The programs included with the Debian GNU/Linux system are free so
the exact distribution terms for each program are described in the
individual files in /usr/share/doc/*/copyright.

Debian GNU/Linux comes with ABSOLUTELY NO WARRANTY, to the extent
permitted by applicable law.
josem@ip-10-0-201-110:~$
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command-line interface (CLI)



Why Unix? Why?

- ✓ It allows you to automate tasks.
- ✓ Replicability: one script, multiple re-runs.
- ✓ It is more efficient (i.e., fast), scalable and stable than other systems, not to mention open source (e.g., Windows, MacOS).
- ✓ Big data (e.g., genetic data) is usually stored and analyzed in high-performance computing (HPCs) environments, which for multiple reasons (see above) are based on this language.

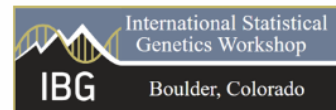


Getting started

- ▶ Open the first exercise:

https://qualtrics.ucl.ac.uk/jfe/form/SV_0pHnuiW6juZ9ezs

- ▶ Open the SSH tab and log in with your username.

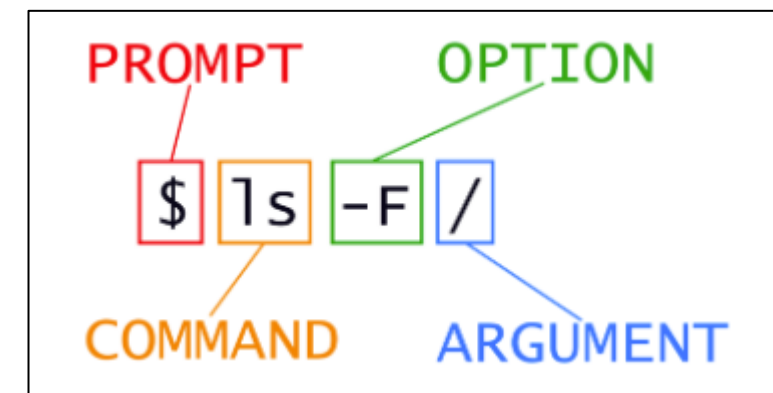


Intro to Unix & R 8AM Practical

Part 1: Unix

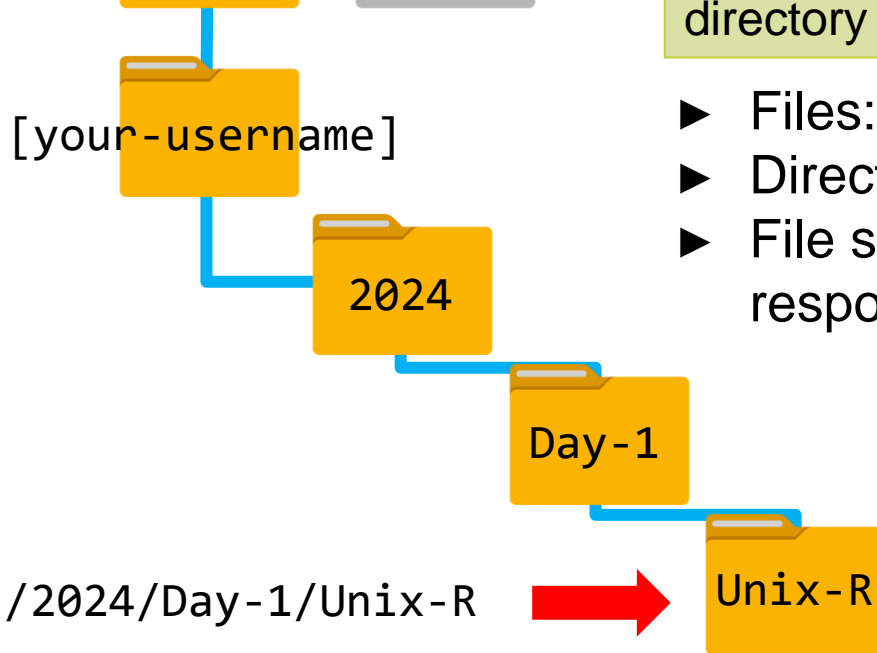
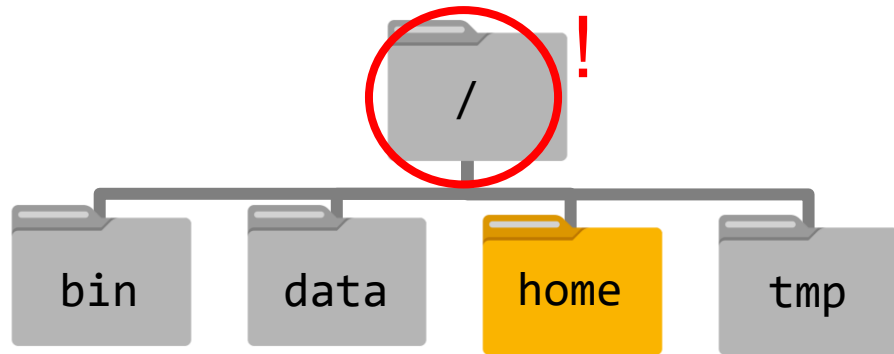
In this first practical, we will be covering how to access the resources at the workshop and some basic concepts of Unix.

Intro to Unix: Glossary



- ▶ **Graphical User Interface (GUI):** platform to interact with a computer that involves point and clicking and using menus.
- ▶ **Command Line Interface (CLI):** text-based platform where you can input text commands to interact with a computer.
- ▶ **Unix:** an operative system (just like Windows or MacOS).
- ▶ **Shell:** program where users can type commands.
- ▶ **Bash:** most popular shell in Unix.
- ▶ **Prompt:** symbol that indicates that the shell is waiting for input.
- ▶ **Command:** Pre-defined “words” that tell the system what to do, they can be modified using **options** and sometimes require **arguments** to indicate what files to operate on, the paths to find them, etc.

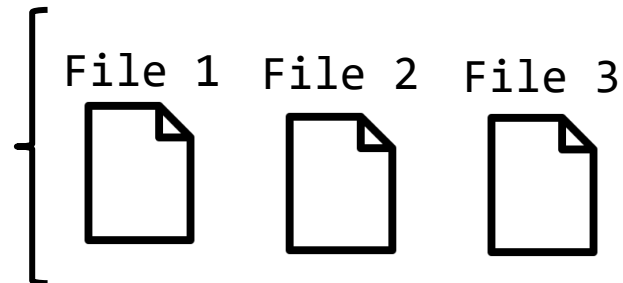
Setting up our home directory



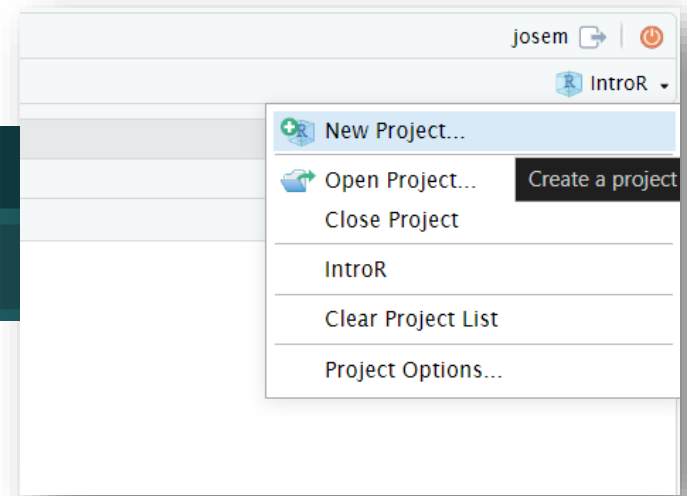
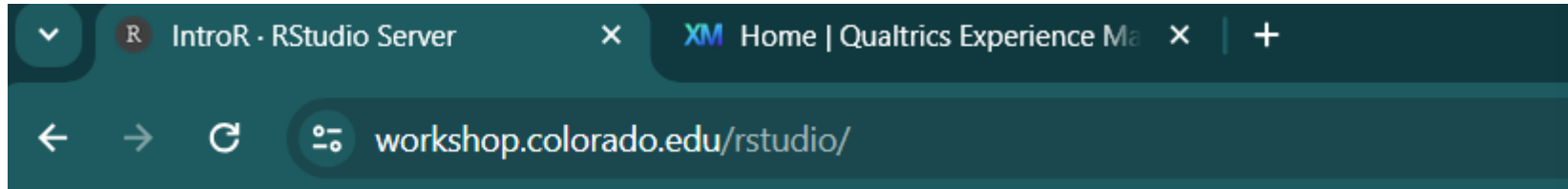
Note:

We need to include “ / ” in the path whenever we want to give Unix the full path to the file or directory we are interacting with or using.

- ▶ Files: store information.
- ▶ Directories: hold files or other directories.
- ▶ File system: part of the operating system responsible for managing files and directories



Next stop: R



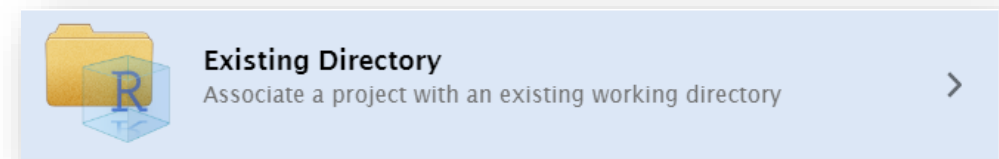
- Go to the next Qualtrics link:

https://qualtrics.ucl.ac.uk/jfe/form/SV_6FGfSGwaABJQo1E

- Create a R project:

- Creates/finds a working directory for you.
- Remembers its location.
- Makes it easier to resume work after a break.

- Click on IntroToR2024.R to open it.



Directory: ~/2024/Day-1/Unix-R

Similarities between Unix and R

- ✓ Unix and R offer command-line interfaces.
- ✓ Both support scripting for automation.
- ✓ Active communities and extensive package.
- ✓ Open-source.
- ✓ Customizable.
- ✓ Similar commands but not the same!
 - E.g., `pwd` vs `getwd()`



DeepAI (b. 2016)

Unix r programming languages are friends, 2024

Digital work

The image shows the RStudio web interface in a browser window. The browser address bar shows 'workshop.colorado.edu/rstudio/'. The RStudio interface has a menu bar (File, Edit, Code, View, Plots, Session, Build, Debug, Profile, Tools, Help) and a toolbar. The main editor window displays a script named 'IntroToR2024.R' with R code and comments. A green callout box points to this editor. The bottom-left pane shows the R console with version information and help text. A green callout box points to this console. The bottom-right pane shows the 'Environment' and 'History' tabs, with a red box highlighting them and a blue callout box explaining their function. Below this, the 'Files' tab is highlighted with a red box and a green callout box explaining its function as a file explorer. The interface also includes a 'Plots' pane and a 'Packages' pane.

Text Editor:
Where you write and save your scripts.

Important tabs:
Reminds you of prior code you used.
Record of objects you have created.















Important tabs:
File explorer.
Graphs you produce.
Packages you have stored.
Help files.

Console: similar to your Unix shell.
Keeps log, you can type commands directly.
Can be cleared using Ctrl+L.

Resources

- ▶ Software carpentry: <https://software-carpentry.org/lessons/index.html>
- ▶ <https://stackoverflow.com/> and <https://unix.stackexchange.com/>
- ▶ UNIX cheatsheet in `/home/josem/2024/Day-1/Unix-R`.
- ▶ Specific resources for R:
 1. R for SAS and SPSS Users: https://science.nature.nps.gov/im/datamgmt/statistics/R/documents/R_for_SAS_SPSS_users.pdf
 2. An R Style Guide: <http://google-styleguide.googlecode.com/svn/trunk/Rguide.xml>
 3. Rseek: A search engine for all things R related (<http://www.rseek.org>)
 4. R-Bloggers.
 5. Quick-R's section on graphics: <http://www.statmethods.net/advgraphs/parameters.html>
 6. More information on data frames: <http://www.r-bloggers.com/exploratory-data-analysis-useful-r-functions-for-exploring-a-data-frame>.
 7. Details on how to develop your own package: <http://r-pkgs.had.co.nz>

R Code – Best practices

-  Keep names short (≤ 25 characters).
-  Choose names using 3-4 key unchanging pieces of information.
-  Use YYYY-MM-DD format for better sorting even over the span of many years.
-  All numeric fields should be zero-padded for equivalent width.
-  For better visibility, give preference to dashes over underscores.
-  Create a README.txt describing the file naming convention.
-  Add tags to files properties to enhance their findability in your workspace.
-  Be consistent!
-  Do not add spaces! They are often interpreted as delimiters and may cause problems.
-  Do not include special characters such as: " / \ [] : ; | = , < ? > & \$ # ! ' { } () *.
-  Do not rely on case to distinguish filenames. Not all systems are case-sensitive.
-  Avoid unnecessary repetition in file names and file paths.
-  Avoid using words such as 'draft' or 'letter' at the start of file and folder names.
-  If files will be shared and edited by multiple people, avoid naming multiple versions. Consider using a version control system such as Git instead.

<https://www.r-bloggers.com/2018/09/r-code-best-practices/>

<https://www.library.ucsb.edu/sites/default/files/dls-n01-2021-filenaming.pdf>