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Linux and such...

Wow, so how do you kill a giant? (slowly)

- "Non-computer" devices
 - (thank you Moore's Law)
- The Internet

BOTH POWERED BY:

Free (and not-so-free-but-free-ish) Software

A bit more on the whole Free/Open Source thing: (because English is silly)

"Free as in speech, not free as in beer."

No restrictions (libre)
No cost (gratis)

Free Software (came first)

The principle?
Just like the "Golden Rule," really:

"We gave this to you for free, without restriction. Please do the same **if** you choose to give it to others"

Alas, sometimes

"We gave this to you for free, without restriction.

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In legalese?

The General Public License, or GPL.

Why not "public domain?"

Public Domain is the "without copyright" default.

No restrictions at all? Seems right?

But think about, e.g. Shakespeare.....

How this works:

Who here owns Microsoft Software?

EULA aka, all the stuff you can't do...



GPL

Similar.

You don't own it. But the terms are MUCH nicer.

GPL

You may copy

You may modify

You may keep forever and never give away, even if you change it You may "sell," even.

BUT

If you DO give to anyone? You MUST allow whoever you give it to all of the above (like everyone else did for you)

Real hard to sell the idea of making money with something that says "free" (Darn you, English)

So, "Open-Source" is adopted by some, and the definitions are slighly modified.

All free software is open source, but not all open source software is free (as in speech or otherwise)

And so, you get a mix....

This slide is better.

Free Software / FOSS / FLOSS
Here's some code, do what you want, but whatever you re-release? Share freely.

Non-free "Open Source"
Here's some code, do literally whatever you want.(even if you want to lock it back down)

Open Source ("permissive"/not "free")

You can do most anything with it, including locking it back down.

BSD, Apache Web Server, the MIT License



Free Software

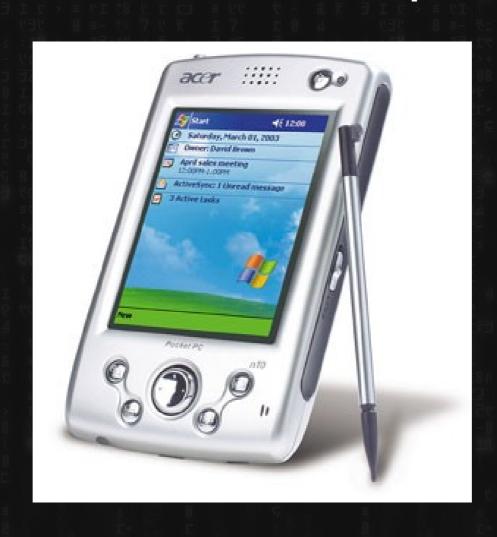
 You can do anything with it yourself, EXCEPT you may NOT re-release it "closed."

GNU/Linux, Firefox

OLPC (and their cost, whoa) ->



PDAs (but this and a phone?)



MP3 Players?



Ipod, et al.



Nokia N900 (straight up Linux) (EEE?)



The iPhone

• (Darwin, POSIX Compliant, BSD derivative, now basically closed)



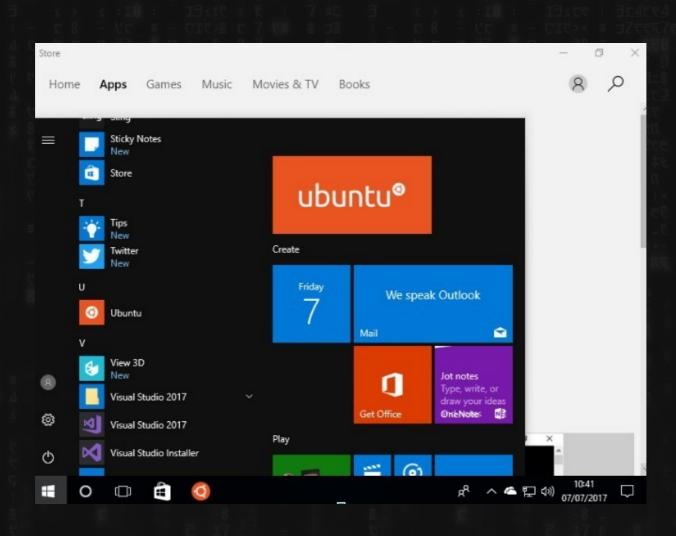
Android. (Linux Kernel, Weird/Java OS)



Effectively closed source (when's kit-kat or marshmallow or whatever coming out?)

(stallman was right, this is Linux, but it ain't "Linux.")

Unix Descendants (aka, why am I talking about all this?)



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So: understanding Unix/Linux stuff will help you immensely with understanding the shape of the web.

ESPECIALLY file management, one of the most important things.

This is the main reason why I'm making you do a Linux install...because....

Some claim:

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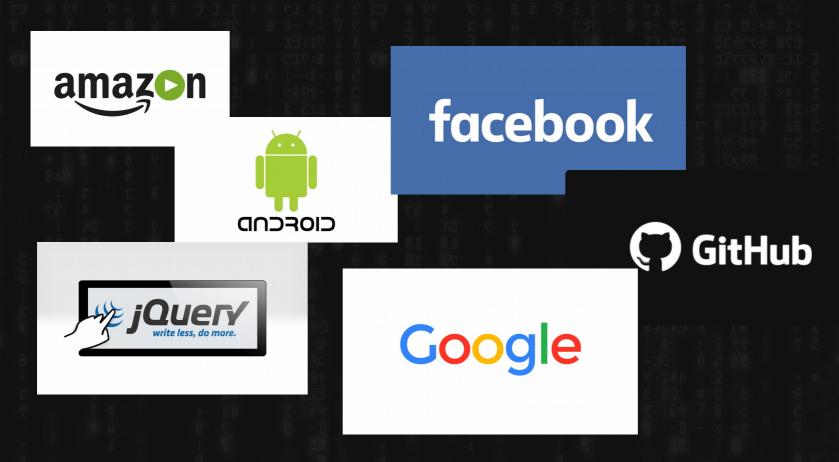


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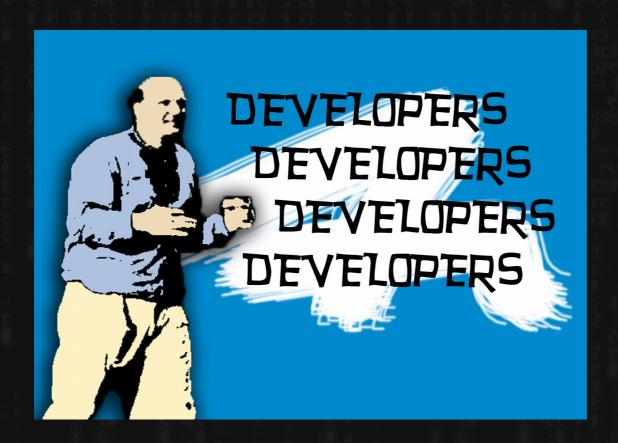
...but

Did we get "Freedom" or something else?



All "Open-Source" powered... ...but also not particularly free.

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(lots of people don't say "Free Software" or "Linux" and even hate the GPL. Mostly Developers)

What is an OS, really?

Lots of different kinds of software at different levels.

(Apple/Windows just squishes them all together)

Linux is a Kernel



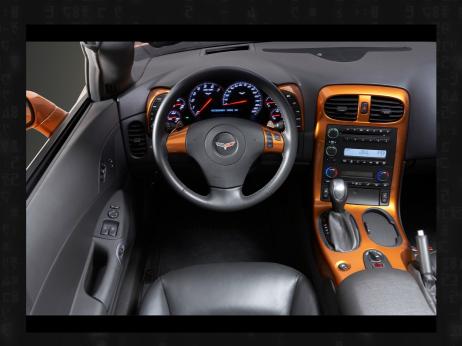
GNU is the other stuff. I don't know what all of it together is called because I'm not a car guy. But, you know, this:



Ubuntu Linux? = Model/Make



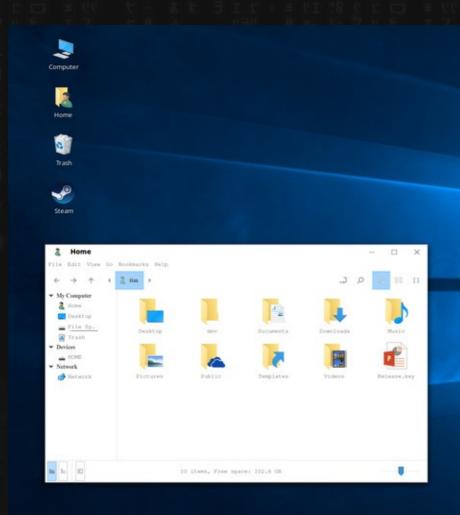
LXDE / Unity? / KDE / etc.



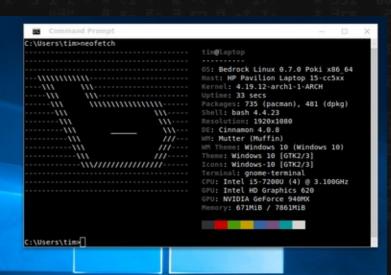
For comparison – Win 7?



Win 10?



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OS X (older)?



Choices choices choices (for better or worse)

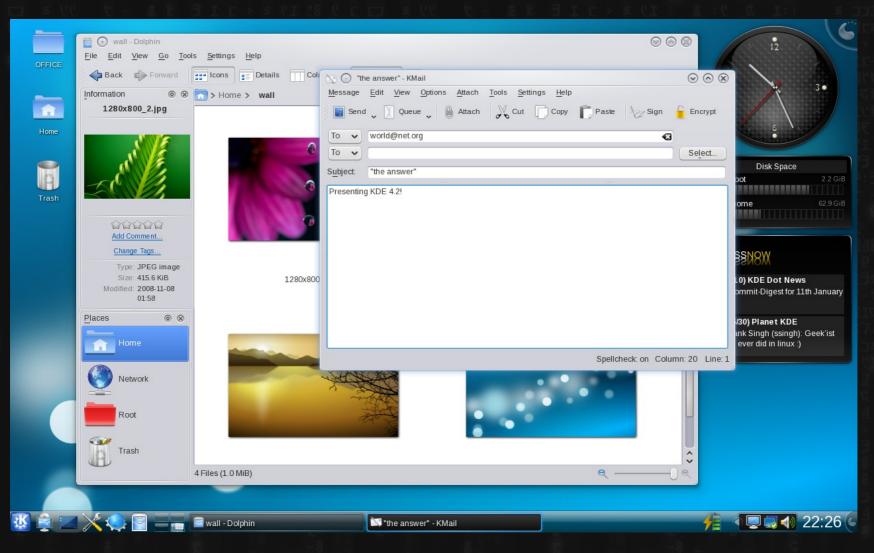
Linux has many different

"Desktop Environments"

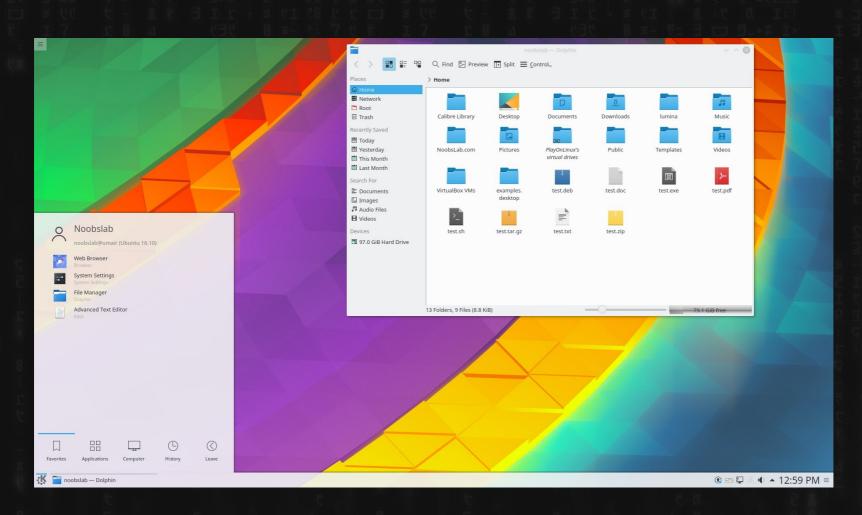
(or Window Managers)

(which, to most, probably look like completely different operating systems)

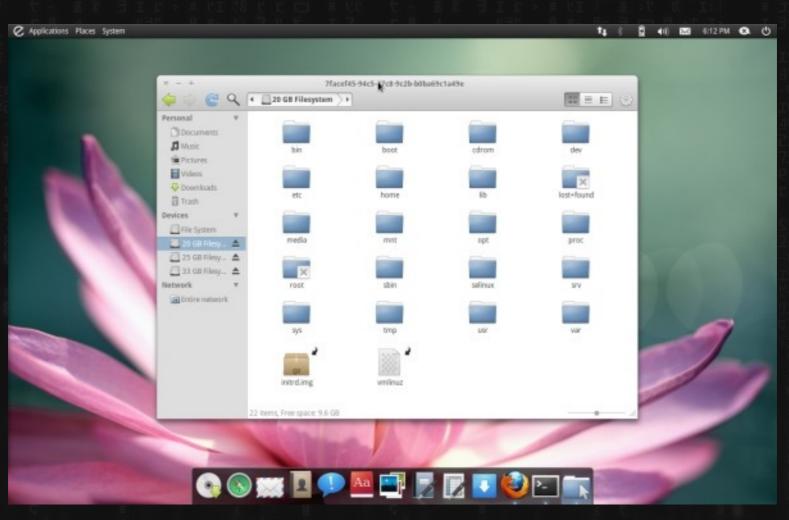
KDE (old)



KDE



Elementary



Linux Mint







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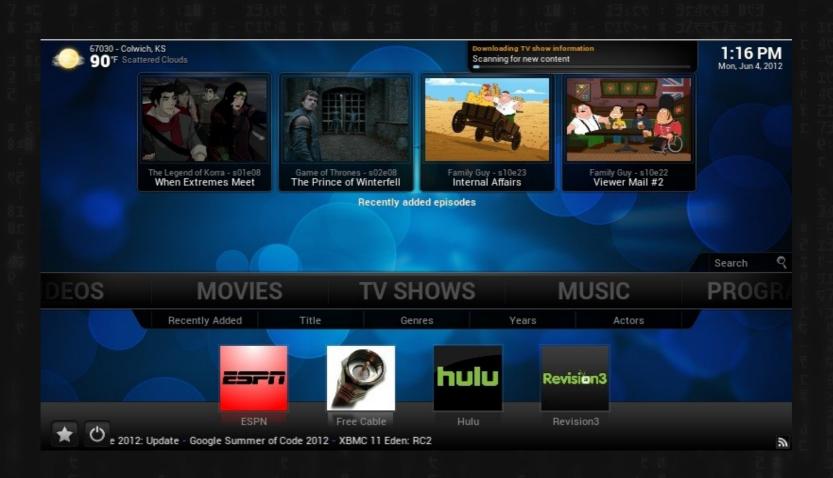
Ubuntu (GNOME)



Fancy compiz fanciness



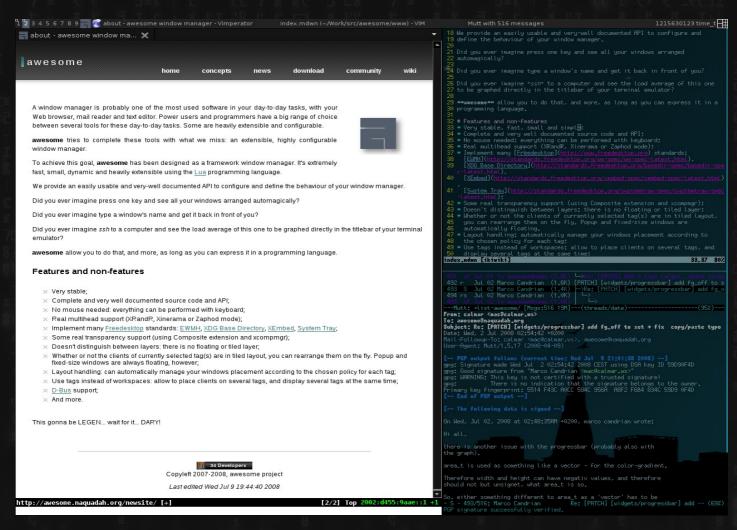
OpenElec (XBMC/Kodi)



Kali Linux



Awesome





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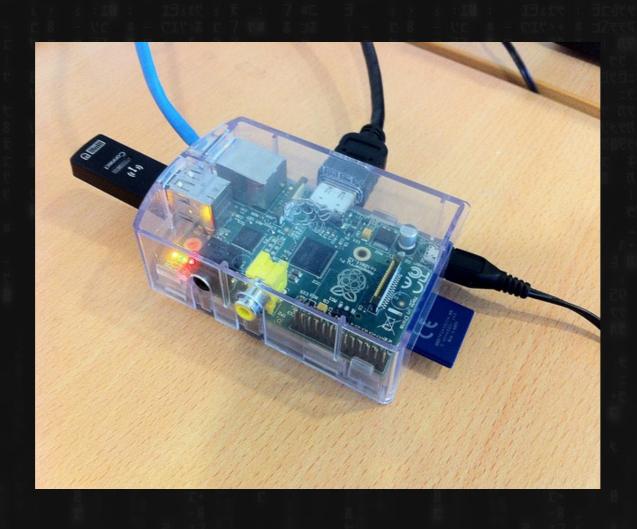
iSpace (maybe?)



jrm4.com (HostDime)



And finally. My House. (not my actual house. Too messy.)



COMMAND LINE INTRO (did we get this far?)

Shell Scripting / The command line.

That default thing that comes up on all the unixy-linuxy systems everywhere.

It's a text interface. You type commands into it and the computer responds.

And it's also a "programming" language. As in, you can type in more than one command in a row, save it to a file, and run the file. So, you know, "programming."

(quotes will be explained later)

Various names for the stuff we do today:

Command line: Blinky cursor area that's literally asking you, "okay, now what?"

Terminal: App for command line (used to be the computer itself)

Shell: Any particular "type" of command-line environment. Examples are Bash, Fish, Zsh, MS-Dos, etc.

Bash: "Bourne Again Shell; the specific Linux/Unix shell we will use.

Scripting: Putting a bunch of shell commands in a file and running it as a program.

Users and Permissions (they actually mean something here)

ROOT - Like "Administrator" or maybe "God"

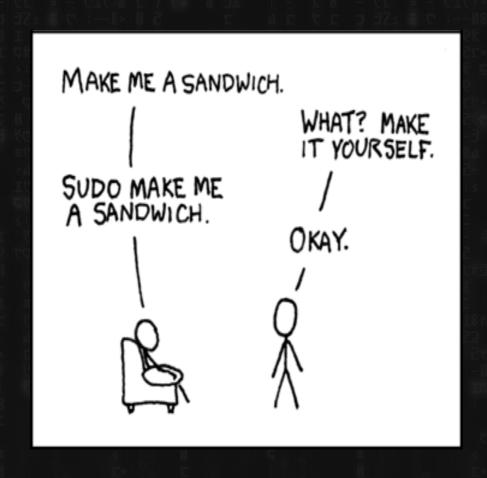
users - humans

(..and others - fake "users" to get tasks done)

Some systems (eg Ubuntu) allow for Super Users

S.U.-do "this" = sudo

And now...this makes sense



Congrats..

Nothing from HERE forward on THIS set of slides will be on THIS WEEKS - "B" quiz, unless it is also found elsewhere.

Permissions

aka why original windows was amazingly stupid because multiple people might want to sometimes use the same computer

Three major things you can do with files

READ (look at, view, listen to)

WRITE (and delete and edit)

EXECUTE (run as a program)

Three important "groups"

owner of the file

owner's group

everybody else

Permissions for directories

Quick note on permissions for directories (kind of non-intuitive)

READ: Is able to read the directory listing

WRITE: Is able to change contents of the directory

(create new/delete existing files, or rename them)

EXECUTE: Is able to access/ go to the directory

Why Linux has no virus problem

Windows historically does not distinguish between:

files you're meant to read/watch/hear/edit, and files you're meant to run.

A piece of paper that says "Go jump off a bridge" is pretty harmless...unless....

Practical Permission problems you are likely to encounter:

- If you're unable to view, execute, or delete/change a file, try this.
- If you write a little shell script (.sh), remember to set it executable.
 (The only permission command I use on a regular basis is chmod +x "file.sh"
- FAT and NTFS filesystems (the ones Windows use) don't have permissions, but Linux has to occasionally pretend they do, this causes problems.
- When you're taking a website online, this is often a difficult issue.
 (For a good reason; you don't want website visitors overwriting your critical files!)

File Paths

File paths are HIERARCHICAL and DELIMITED by backslashes, starting with root, at "/", e.g.

/media/cdrom/mypaper.txt

signifies a file "mypaper.txt" in a folder called "cdrom", and THAT folder is in a folder called media – and "media" is in the root directory.

SPECIAL FOLDERS:

- ~ or ~/ signifies the user's home folder. i.e. if your username is fsmith, and you are logged in: \sim / = /home/fsmith/
- . (one period) refers to your current folder
- .. (two periods) refers to one folder up. Thus, if you're currently in /home/fsmith then ../ would refer to /home.

The LINUX Filesystem (EVERYTHING is a file!)

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/bin, /sbin − Systemwide binaries
/boot — Boot Stuff
/dev - devices
/etc − (Some) helper files
/home/user — YOUR files & config (you can just back this up)
          .files (dotfiles)
/lib — Libraries (kind of like dlls)
/lost+found — improper shutdown?
/opt — non-default/weird programs
/mnt, /media — generic "mount points"
/proc — the actual running processes whooa
/usr — User stuff (mostly binaries)
/tmp — temp files
/var — other spooling data, logs
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Linux/Unix Commands

```
An action or program that a computer can do
Find them with "apropos," learn about them with "man"
(check these out http://www.oreillynet.com/linux/cmd/)
Commands can optionally have ARGUMENTS, in the form of:
OPTIONS
           one dash + letter (1s -a)
           two dashes + words (sort --reverse)
EXPRESSIONS
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text; numbers; files; streams - things to be manipulated

Getting help

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man (command)
info (might give you more info)
apropos (keyword to search)
help (pretty basic stuff)
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but seriously, Google/Duckduckgo etc

File Manipulation

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1s - list
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cd – change directory

rm -remove (delete for good)

mv - move OR rename (they are literally the same thing, weird)

cp - copy

Viewing text and files

cat - "concatenate" - but kind of funny that it's usually used to just view. Ah, Unix.

less - this is such a terribly bad joke I hate even explaning it

...but what about editing?

Editing Files

nano/pico (text-based, "normal" keys)

vi/vim (hardcore choice 1 universal, modal)
emacs (hardcore choice 2)

Multiple commands, one line

- & Run both simultaneously
- && Run the first one, and then the second ONLY IF the first "succeeds," otherwise stop.
- ; Run the first one, then the second regardless of what happens.

Pipes and redirects

(this is where the power is)

Default behavior:

read from "stdin", write to "stdout"

OR, the below...

- (over)write/replace a file
- >> write to/append to file
- read from file
- pipe output from first command into 2nd
- tee pipe AND write to stdout

Even MORE command line.

One quick command I totally forgot:

echo

(puts argument through stdout, nicely) printf for "raw"

BASH

BASH (Bourne Again) Shell - others are fish and zsh, etc

Lots of "tricks" are available here, eg

- Tab completion
- Up arrow key for history
- Ctrl-R to search history

and many MANY more

More BASH

Furthermore, you can modify this environment to fit your needs, via:

.bashrc

(stuff here will be run everytime you open a terminal)

A great example is the "alias" command. If a command doesn't exist for what you want to do, just ,ake up your own!

alias modbash='nano ~/.bashrc'

Opening Files

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IN TERMINAL
       less
            (stdout)
       cat
COMMAND/ARGUMENT STYLE
       xdg-open file
       vim textfile
       firefox localfile.html
       firefox http://slashdot.org
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SORT

- - i = case INSENSITIVE
- - r = REVERSE
- -g = numbers
- - **R** = random

GREP (line matching)

grep OPTIONS PATTERN (FILE)

Can search over FILES or STDIN

Also, can search ONE FILE or MANY (check -d or -R)

useful flags:

- -i (case insensitive)
- -v (invert search/show NON-matches)
- (just show matching FILES, not lines)