

— Online Help —
Use `ldd` to check which libraries are used by the executable and where they are located. This command is also used to check if a shared library is missing or if the executable is static.
`# ldd /sbin/ifconfig`

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22.5 Simple Makefile

The corresponding minimal Makefile for the multi-source program is shown below. The lines with instructions *must begin with a tab!* The back slash "\\" can be used to cut long lines.

```
CC = g++
CFLAGS = -O
OBJS = IPv4.o simplecpp.o

simplecpp: ${OBJS}
    $(CC) -o simplecpp ${CFLAGS} ${OBJS}

clean:
    rm -f ${TARGET} ${OBJS}
```

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23.1 Documentation

Linux Documentation
Linux Man Pages
Linux Commands directory
Linux doc man howtos
FreeBSD Handbook
FreeBSD Man Pages
FreeBSD user wiki
Solaris Man Pages

en.tldp.org
www.linuxmanpages.com
www.oreillynet.com/linux/cmd
linux.die.net
www.freebsd.org/handbook
www.freebsd.org/cgi/man.cgi
www.freebsdwiki.net
docs.sun.com/app/docs/coll/40.10

23.2 Other Unix/Linux references

Rosetta Stone for Unix
Unix guide cross reference
Linux commands line list
Short Linux reference

bhami.com/rosetta.html (a Unix command translator)
referenceunixguide.net/unixguide.shtml
www.linuxguide.it/commands_list.php
www.pixelbeat.org/cmdline.html

That's all folks!

This document is a collection of Unix/Linux/BSD commands and tasks which are useful for IT work or for advanced users. This is a practical guide with concise explanations, however the reader is supposed to know what s/he is doing.

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1 SYSTEM

has a member to convert an IP address in integer format to the known quad format. This is a minimal C++ program with a class and multi-source compile.

IPv4 class

```
Running kernel and system information
# uname -a
# cat /etc/SUSE-release
# cat /etc/debian_version

use /etc/DISTR-release with DISTR= lsb (Ubuntu), redhat, gentoo, mandrake, sun (Solaris), and
so on.

# uptime
# hostname
# hostname -i
# man hier
# last reboot

# Get the kernel version (and BSD version)
# Get SUSE version
# Get Debian version
```

1.1 Hardware Informations

Kernel detected hardware

```
# dmesg
# lsdev
# dd if=/dev/mem bs=1k skip=768 count=256 2>/dev/null | strings -n 8 # Read BIOS
```

Linux

```
# cat /proc/cpuinfo
# cat /proc/meminfo
# grep MemTotal /proc/meminfo
# watch -n1 'cat /proc/interrupts'
# free -m
# cat /proc/devices
# lspci -tv
# lsusb -tv
# lshal
# dmidecode
```



```
# Detected hardware and boot messages
# information about installed hardware
```

IPv4.cpp:

```
#include "IPv4.h"
#include <iostream>
#include <sstream>
using namespace std;

class IPv4 {
public:
    IPv4() {} // create a namespace
    ~IPv4(); // class definition
    std::string IPint_to_IPquad(unsigned long ip); // member interface
};

namespace GenericUtils { // namespace GenericUtils
    // create a namespace
    // class definition
    std::string IPint_to_IPquad(unsigned long ip); // member interface
}; // namespace GenericUtils
```

IPv4.h:

```
#ifndef IPV4_H
#define IPV4_H
#include <iostream>
#include <string>
using namespace std;

class IPv4 {
public:
    IPv4(); // default constructor/destructor
    ~IPv4(); // use the namespaces
    string IPint_to_IPquad(unsigned long ip); // member implementation
    // use a stringstream
    // Bwise right shift
    std::string ipstr << ((ip &0xff000000) >> 24)
    << ((ip &0x00ff0000) >> 16)
    << ((ip &0x0000ff00) >> 8)
    << ((ip &0x000000ff));
};

return ipstr.str();
```

The program simplecpp.cpp

```
#include "IPv4.h"
#include <iostream>
#include <string>
using namespace std;

int main (int argc, char* argv[]) {
    string ipstr; // define variables
    unsigned long ipint = 1347861486; // The IP in integer form
    GenericUtils::IPv4 iputils; // create an object of the class
    ipstr = iputils.IPint_to_IPquad(ipint); // call the class member
    cout << ipint << "=" << ipstr << endl; // print the result
}

return 0;
```

1.2 Load, statistics and messages

The following commands are useful to find out what is going on on the system.

```
# top
# mpstat 1
# vmstat 2
# iostat 2
# systat -vmstat 1
```

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21.4 Some useful commands

```
# sysstat -tcp 1          # BSD tcp connections (try also -ip)
# sysstat -netstat 1      # BSD active network connections
# sysstat -ifstat 1       # BSD network traffic through active interfaces
echo 'Test' | tr '[lower:]' '[upper:]' # Case conversion
echo foo|bar | cut -d ' ' -f 1          # Returns foo
PID=$!ps axww | grep script.sh | awk '{print $1}' # PID of a running script
IP=$!ifconfig SINTERFACE | sed '/inet addr:/!q;s///;s/.*//'
if [ `diff file1 file2` -eq 0 ]; then [...] fi # File changed?
cat /etc/master.passwd | grep -v root | grep -v '*' | awk -F":" '\
    { print("%s\n", $1, $2) }' > /usr/local/etc/apache2/passwd
testuser=$(cat /usr/local/etc/apache2/passwd | grep -v '*' | grep '^user$')
root | grep -v '*' | awk -F":" '{ print("%s\n", $1) }' | grep '^user$')
```

1.3 Users

```
# id                         # Show the active user id with login and group
# last                        # Show last logins on the system
# who                         # Show who is logged on the system
# groupadd admin              # Add group "admin" and user colin (Linux/Solaris)
# useradd -c "Colin Barschel" -g admin -m colin # Delete user colin (Linux/Solaris)
# userdel colin               # FreeBSD add user joe (interactive)
# rmuser joe                  # FreeBSD delete user joe (interactive)
# pw groupadd admin -m newmember # Use pw on FreeBSD
# pw groupmod admin -m newmember # Add a new member to a group
# pw useradd colin -c "Colin Barschel" -g admin -m -s /bin/tcsh
# pw userdel colin; pw groupdel admin
```

Encrypted passwords are stored in /etc/shadow for Linux and Solaris and /etc/master.passwd on FreeBSD. If the master.passwd is modified manually (say to delete a password), run #
pw_mkdb -p master.passwd to rebuild the database.

To temporarily prevent logins system wide (for all users but root) use nologin. The message in nologin will be displayed.

```
# echo "Sorry no login now" > /etc/nologin           # (Linux)
# echo "Sorry no login now" > /var/run/nologin      # (FreeBSD)
```

1.4 Limits

Some application require higher limits on open files and sockets (like a proxy web server, database). The default limits are usually too low.

Linux

Per shell/script

The shell limits are governed by ulimit. The status is checked with ulimit -a. For example to change the open files limit from 1024 to 10240 do:

Per user/process

Login users and applications can be configured in /etc/security/limits.conf. For example:

```
# cat /etc/security/limits.conf
*        hard    nproc      250
*        hard    nofile   409600
# Limit user processes
# Limit application open files
```

System wide

Kernel limits are set with sysctl. Permanent limits are set in /etc/sysctl.conf.

```
# sysctl -a                                # View all system limits
# sysctl fs.file-max                         # View max open files limit
# sysctl fs.file-max=102400                  # Change max open files limit
# cat /etc/sysctl.conf
```

22 PROGRAMMING

22.1 C basics

```
strcpy(newstr,str)          /* copy str to newstr */
expr1 ? expr2 : expr3      /* if (expr1) expr2 else expr3 */
x = (y > z) ? y : z;        /* if (y > z) x = y; else x = z; */
int a[1]={0,1,2};           /* Initialized array (or a[3]={0,1,2}; */
int a[2][3]={1,1,2,3},{4,5,6}); /* Array of array of ints */
int i = 12345;              /* Convert in i to char str */
char str[10];
sprintf(str, "%d", i);     /*
```

22.2 C example

A minimal c program simple.c:

```
#include <stdio.h>
main() {
    int number=42;
    printf("The answer is %i\n", number);
}
```

Compile with:

```
# gcc simple.c -o simple
# ./simple
The answer is 42
```

22.3 C++ basics

```
// Object pointed to by pointer
// Address of object obj
// Member x of class obj (object obj)
// Member x of class pointed to by pObj
// (*pobj).x and pObj->x are the same
```

22.4 C++ example

As a slightly more realistic program in C++, let's create a class in its own header (IPv4.h) and implementation (IPv4.cpp) and create a program which uses the class functionality. The class

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FreeBSD

Per shell/script
Use the command `limits` in csh or tcsh or as in Linux, use `ulimit` in an sh or bash shell.

Per user/process
The default limits on login are set in `/etc/login.conf`. An unlimited value is still limited by the system maximal value.

System wide

Kernel limits are also set with `sysctl`. Permanent limits are set in `/etc/sysctl.conf` or `/boot/loader.conf`. The syntax is the same as Linux but the keys are different.

```
# sysctl -a
# sysctl kern.maxfiles=xxxx
kern.ipc.nmbclusters=32768
kern.maxfiles=65536
kern.maxfilesperproc=32768
kern.ipc.usmaxconn=8192
# sysctl kern.openfiles
# sysctl kern.ipc.numopensockets
# How many open sockets are in use
```

See The FreeBSD handbook Chapter 11¹ for details.

Solaris

The following values in `/etc/system` will increase the maximum file descriptors per proc:

```
set rlim_fd_max = 4096                                # Hard limit on file descriptors for a single proc
set rlim_fd_cur = 1024                                 # Soft limit on file descriptors for a single proc
```

1.5 Runlevels

Linux

Once booted, the kernel starts `init` which then starts `rc` which starts all scripts belonging to a runlevel. The scripts are stored in `/etc/init.d` and are linked into `/etc/rc.d/rcN.d` with N the runlevel number.

The default runlevel is configured in `/etc/inittab`. It is usually 3 or 5:

```
# grep default: /etc/inittab
id:3:initdefault:
```

The actual runlevel (the list is shown below) can be changed with `init`. For example to go from 3 to 5:

```
# init 5                                              # Enters runlevel 5
0      Shutdown and halt
1      Single-User mode (also S)
2      Multi-user without network
3      Multi-user with network
5      Multi-user with X
6      Reboot
```

Use `chkconfig` to configure the programs that will be started at boot in a runlevel.

```
# chkconfig --list                                         # List all init scripts
# chkconfig --list sshd                                # Report the status of sshd
```

[1. http://www.freebsd.org/handbook/configuring-kernel-limits.html](http://www.freebsd.org/handbook/configuring-kernel-limits.html)

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```

echo $count
sleep 1
count=$(( $count + 1 ))
done

myfunction() {
    find . -type f -name "*.$1" -print           # $1 is first argument of the function
}
myfunction "txt"

Generate a file

MYHOME=/home/colin
cat > testhome.sh << _EOF
# All of this goes into the file testhome.sh
if [ -d "$MYHOME" ] ; then
    echo $MYHOME exists
else
    echo $MYHOME does not exist
fi
_EOF
_sh testhome.sh

```

21.2 Bourne script example

sysctl kern.ipc.humopensockets # How many

Solaris

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Linux

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5		Multi-user with X
6		Reboot

```
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```

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```
M-b    Move cursor back one word
M-f    Move cursor forward one word
M-d    Cut the next word
      Cut the last word
C-w    Cut everything before the cursor
C-u    Cut everything after the cursor (rest of the line)
C-k    Paste the last thing to be cut (simply paste)
C-y    Undo
C-_    Note: C- = hold control, M- = hold meta (which is usually the alt or escape key).
```

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```
# chkconfig sshd --level 35 on          # Configure sshd for levels 3 and 5
# chkconfig sshd off                   # Disable sshd for all runlevels
Debian and Debian based distributions like Ubuntu or Knoppix use the command update-rc.d to manage the runlevels scripts. Default is to start in 2,3,4 and 5 and shutdown in 0,1 and 6.
# update-rc.d sshd defaults           # Activate sshd with the default runlevels
# update-rc.d sshd start 20 2 3 4 5 . stop 20 0 1 6 . # With explicit arguments
# update-rc.d -f sshd remove          # Disable sshd for all runlevels
# shutdown -h now (or # poweroff)     # Shutdown and halt the system
```

21 SCRIPTING

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The Bourne shell (/bin/sh) is present on all Unix installations and scripts written in this language are (quite) portable; man 1 sh is a good reference.

21.1 Basics

Variables and arguments

Assign with variable=value and get content with \$variable

```
MESSAGE="Hello World"          # Assign a string
PI=3.1415                      # Assign a decimal number
N=8                            # Arithmetic expression (only integers)
TWON=`expr $N * 2`              # Other syntax
TWOI=$((N * 2))                # Use bc for floating point operations
TWOI= echo "$PI * 2" | bc -l`   # bc -l
ZERI= echo "c($PI/4)-sqrt(2)/2" | bc -l`
```

The command line arguments are

```
$0, $1, $2, ...
$#
$*
```

Special Variables

```
## The current process ID
$?                                # exit status of last command
command
if [ $? != 0 ]; then
  echo "command failed"
fi
mypath=`pwd`'
mypath=${mypath%/file.txt}
echo ${mypath##*/}
echo ${mypath%.*}
varz=${var:string}
# Display the filename only
# Full path without extention
# Use var if set, otherwise use string
# assign string to var and then to varz.
```

Constructs

```
for file in `ls`'
do
  echo $file
done
count=0
while [ $count -lt 5 ]; do
  mount -o rw /dev/ad4s3a /mnt
  # chroot into /mnt
```

FreeBSD

The BSD boot approach is different from the SysV, there are no runlevels. The final boot state (single user, with or without X) is configured in /etc/ttys. All OS scripts are located in /etc/rc.d/ and in /usr/local/etc/rc.d/ for third-party applications. The activation of the service is configured in /etc/rc.conf and /etc/rc.conf.local. The default behavior is configured in /etc/default/rc.conf. The scripts responds at least to start|stop|status.

```
# /etc/rc.d/sshd status
sshd is running as pid 552.
# shutdown now                         # Go into single-user mode
# exit                                # Go back to multi-user mode
# shutdown -p now                       # Shutdown and halt the system
# shutdown -r now                       # Reboot
```

The process init can also be used to reach one of the following states level. For example # init 6 for reboot.

```
0   Halt and turn the power off (signal USR2)
1   Go to single-user mode (signal TERM)
6   Reboot the machine (signal INT)
c   Block further logins (signal TSTP)
q   Rescan the ttys(5) file (signal HUP)
```

1.6 Reset root password

Linux method 1

At the boot loader (lilo or grub), enter the following boot option:
init=/bin/sh

The kernel will mount the root partition and init will start the bourne shell instead of rc and then a runlevel. Use the command passwd at the prompt to change the password and then reboot. Forget the single user mode as you need the password for that. If, after booting, the root partition is mounted read only, remount it rw:

```
# mount -o remount,rw /
# passwd                                # or delete the root password (/etc/shadow)
# sync; mount -o remount,ro /
# reboot
```

FreeBSD and Linux method 2

FreeBSD won't let you go away with the simple init trick. The solution is to mount the root partition from an other OS (like a rescue CD) and change the password on the disk.

- Boot a live CD or installation CD into a rescue mode which will give you a shell.
- Find the root partition with fdisk e.g. fdisk /dev/sda
- Mount it and use chroot:

```
# mount -o rw /dev/ad4s3a /mnt
# chroot /mnt
```


19.3 Assign quota limits

The quotas are not limited per default (set to 0). The limits are set with `edquota` for single users. A quota can be also duplicated to many users. The file structure is different between the quota implementations, but the principle is the same: the values of blocks and inodes can be limited. Only change the values of *soft* and *hard*. If not specified, the blocks are 1k. The grace period is set with `edquota -t`. For example:

```
# edquota -u colin
```

Linux

```
Disk quotas for user colin (uid 1007):
  Filesystem    blocks      hard      soft
    /dev/sda8     108       1000      0
                                inodes      hard
                                1          0
```

FreeBSD

```
Quotas for user colin:
  /home: kbytes in use: 504184, limits (soft = 700000, hard = 800000)
  inodes in use: 1732, limits (soft = 0, hard = 0)
```

For many users

The command `edquota -p` is used to duplicate a quota to other users. For example to duplicate a reference quota to all users:

```
# edquota -p refuser `awk -F: '$3 > 499 {print $1}' /etc/passwd`
```

```
# edquota -p refuser user1 user2 # Duplicate to 2 users
```

Checks

Users can check their quota by simply typing `quota` (the file `quota.user` must be readable). Root can check all quotas.

```
# quota -u colin
# repquota /home
```

20 SHELLS

Most Linux distributions use the bash shell while the BSDs use tcsh, the bourne shell is only used for scripts. Filters are very useful and can be piped:

```
grep      Pattern matching
sed      Search and Replace strings or characters
cut      Print specific columns from a marker
sort     Sort alphabetically or numerically
uniq    Remove duplicate lines from a file
```

For example used all at once:

```
# ifconfig | sed 's/ /-/g' | cut -d" " -f1 | uniq | grep -E "[a-z0-9]+"
# ifconfig | sed '/.*inet addr:/!d;s///;s/.*//'
# nohup ping -i 60 > ping.log &
```

The first character in the sed pattern is a tab. To write a tab on the console, use `ctrl-v` `ctrl-tab`.

20.1 bash

Redirects and pipes for bash and sh:

2 PROCESSES

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2.1 Listing and PIDs

Each process has a unique number, the PID. A list of all running process is retrieved with `ps`:

```
# ps -auxefw
```

However more typical usage is with a pipe or with `pgrep`:

```
# ps axww | grep cron
  586 ?? 0:01.48 /usr/sbin/cron -
# Find the PIDs of processes by (part of) name
# Pgrep -l sshd
# List processes using port 22
# fuser -va 22/tcp
# List processes accessing the /home partition
# strace df
# Trace system calls and signals
# same as above on FreeBSD/Solaris/Unixware
# truss df
# history | tail -50
# Display the last 50 used commands
```

2.2 Priority

Change the priority of a running process with `renice`. Negative numbers have a higher priority, the lowest is -20 and "nice" have a positive value.

```
# renice -5 586
586: old priority 0, new priority -5
# Stronger priority
```

Start the process with a defined priority with `nice`. Positive is "nice" or weak, negative is strong scheduling priority. Make sure you know if `/usr/bin/nice` or the shell built-in is used (check with `# which nice`).

```
# nice -n -5 top
# nice -n 5 top
# nice +5 top
# Stronger priority (/usr/bin/nice)
# Weaker priority (/usr/bin/nice)
# tcsh builtin nice (same as above!)
```

2.3 Background / Foreground

When started from a shell, processes can be brought in the background and back to the foreground with [Ctrl]-[Z] (^Z), `bg` and `fg`. For example start two processes, bring them in the background, list the processes with `jobs` and bring one in the foreground.

```
# ping cb.vu > ping.log
^Z
# bg
# jobs -1
[1] - 36232 Running
[2] + 36233 Suspended (tty output)
# fg %2
# ping is suspended (stopped) with [Ctrl]-[Z]
# put in background and continues running
# List processes in background
ping cb.vu > ping.log
top
# Bring process 2 back in foreground
```

Use `nohup` to start a process which has to keep running when the shell is closed (immune to hangsups).

```
# nohup ping -i 60 > ping.log &
```

2.4 Top

The program `top` displays running information of processes.

```
# top
```

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While top is running press the key h for a help overview. Useful keys are:

- **u [user name]** To display only the processes belonging to the user. Use + or blank to see all users
- **k [pid]** Kill the process with pid.
- **1** To display all processors statistics (Linux only)
- **R** Toggle normal/reverse sort.

2.5 Signals/Kill

Terminate or send a signal with kill or killall.

```
# ping -i 60 cb.vu > ping.log &
[1] 4712
# kill -s TERM 4712
# killall -1 httpd
# pkill -9 http
# pkill -TERM -u www
# fuser -k -TERM -m /home
```

Important signals are:

```
1 HUP (hang up)
2 INT (interrupt)
3 QUIT (quit)
9 KILL (non-catchable, non-ignorable kill)
15 TERM (software termination signal)
```

3 FILE SYSTEM

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3.1 Permissions

Change permission and ownership with chmod and chown. The default umask can be changed for all users in /etc/profile for Linux or /etc/login.conf for FreeBSD. The default umask is usually 022. The umask is subtracted from 777, thus umask 022 results in a permission of 755.

```
1 --x execute
2 -w- write
3 r-- read
4 ugo=
```

```
# chmod [OPTION] MODE[,MODE] FILE
# chmod 640 /var/log/maillog
# chmod u=rw,g=r,o= /var/log/maillog
# chmod o=r /home/*
# chmod u+r /path/to/prog
# find / -perm -u+r -print
# chown user:group /path/to/file
# chgrp group /path/to/file
```

3.2 Disk information

```
# diskinfo -v /dev/ad2
# hdparm -T /dev/sda
# fdisk /dev/ad2
# smartctl -a /dev/ad2
```

Dump and restore

It can be useful to dump and restore an SQLite database. For example you can edit the dump file to change a column attribute or type and then restore the database. This is easier than messing with SQL commands. Use the command sqlite3 for a 3.x database.

```
# sqlite database.db .dump > dump.sql
# sqlite database.db < dump.sql
```

dump
restore

Convert 2.x to 3.x database

```
sqlite database_v2.db .dump | sqlite3 database_v3.db
```

19 DISK QUOTA

A disk quota allows to limit the amount of disk space and/or the number of files a user or (or member of group) can use. The quotas are allocated on a per-file system basis and are enforced by the kernel.

19.1 Linux setup

The quota tools package usually needs to be installed, it contains the command line tools. Activate the user quota in the fstab and remount the partition. If the partition is busy, either all locked files must be closed, or the system must be rebooted. Add usrquota to the fstab mount options, for example:

```
/dev/sda2 /home reiserfs
# mount -o remount /home
# mount -o remount /home
# Check if usrquota is active, otherwise reboot
```

Initialize the quota.user file with quotacheck.

```
# quotacheck -vum /home
```

Activate the quota either with the provided script (e.g. /etc/init.d/quotad on SuSE) or with quotactl:

```
quotactl -vu /home
```

Check that the quota is active with:

```
quotactl -v
```

19.2 FreeBSD setup

The quota tools are part of the base system, however the kernel needs the option quota. If it is not there, add it and recompile the kernel.

options QUOTA

As with Linux, add the quota to the fstab options (userquota, not usrrquota):

```
/dev/ad0s1 /home ufs rw,noatime,userquota 2 2
# mount /home
# To remount the partition
```

Enable disk quotas in /etc/rc.conf and start the quota.

```
# grep quotas=/etc/rc.conf
enable_quotas="YES"
check_quotas="YES"
# turn on quotas on startup (or NO).
# Check quotas on startup (or NO).
# /etc/rc.d/quota start
```

— Databases —

In this case the restore is started with the database postgres which is better when reloading an empty cluster.

3.3 Boot

18.2 MySQL

Change mysql root or username password

Method 1

```
# /etc/init.d/mysql stop  
or  
# killall mysqld  
# mysqladmin --skip-grant-tables  
# mysqladmin -u root password 'newpassword'  
# /etc/init.d/mysql start
```

Method 2

```
# mysql -u root mysql  
mysql> UPDATE USER SET PASSWORD=PASSWORD("newpassword") WHERE user='root';  
mysql> FLUSH PRIVILEGES;  
mysql> quit
```

Create user and database

```
# mysql -u root mysql  
mysql> CREATE DATABASE bobdb;  
mysql> GRANT ALL ON *.* TO 'bob'@'%' IDENTIFIED BY 'pwd';  
# Use localhost instead of %  
# to restrict the network access  
# Delete database  
mysql> DROP DATABASE bobdb;  
mysql> DROP USER bob;  
mysql> DELETE FROM mysql.user WHERE user='bob' AND host='';  
# Alt. command  
mysql> FLUSH PRIVILEGES;
```

Grant remote access

Remote access is typically permitted for a database, and not all databases. The file /etc/my.cnf contains the IP address to bind to. Typically comment the line bind-address = out.

```
# mysql -u root mysql  
mysql> GRANT ALL ON bobdb.* TO bob@'xxxx.xxxx.xxxx.xxxx' IDENTIFIED BY 'PASSWORD';  
mysql> REVOKE GRANT OPTION ON foo.* FROM bob@'xxxx.xxxx.xxxx.xxxx';  
mysql> FLUSH PRIVILEGES;
```

Backup and restore

Backup and restore a single database:

```
# mysqldump -u root -psecret --add-drop-database dbname > dbname.sql.dump  
# mysql -u root -psecret -D dbname < dbname.sql.dump
```

Backup and restore all databases:

```
# mysqldump -u root -psecret --add-drop-database --all-databases > full.dump  
# mysql -u root -psecret < full.dump
```

Here is "secret" the mysql root password, there is no space after -p. When the -p option is used alone (w/o password), the password is asked at the command prompt.

18.1 SQLite

SQLite¹⁴ is a small powerfull self-contained, serverless, zero-configuration SQL database.

— File System —

To boot an old kernel if the new kernel doesn't boot, stop the boot at during the count down.

FreeBSD

```
# unload  
# Load kernel.old  
# boot
```

3.4 System mount points/Disk usage

```
# mount | column -t  
# df  
# cat /proc/partitions  
# Show mounted file-systems on the system  
# display free disk space and mounted devices  
# Show all registered partitions (Linux)
```

Disk usage

```
# du -sh *  
# du -csh  
# du -ks * | sort -n -r  
# ls -lsr  
# Show mounted file-systems as listing  
# Directory sizes  
# Total directory size of the current directory  
# Sort everything by size in kilobytes  
# Show files, biggest last
```

3.5 Who has which files opened

This is useful to find out which file is blocking a partition which has to be unmounted and gives a typical error of:

```
# umount /home/  
umount: unmount of /home failed: Device busy  
# umount impossible because a file is locking home
```

FreeBSD and most Unixes

```
# fstat -f /home  
# fstat -p PID  
# fstat -u user  
# for a mount point  
# for an application with PID  
# for a user name
```

Find opened log file (or other opened files), say for Xorg:

```
# ps ax | grep Xorg | awk '{print $1}'  
# fstat -p 1252  
USER CMD PID FD MOUNT INUM MODE SZ|DV R/W  
root Xorg 1252 root / 2 drwxr-xr-x 512 r  
root Xorg 1252 text /usr 216016 -rws--x--x 1679848 r  
root Xorg 1252 0 /var 212042 -rw-r--r-- 56987 w
```

The file with inum 212042 is the only file in /var:

```
# find -x /var -inum 212042  
/var/log/Xorg.0.log
```

Linux

Find opened files on a mount point with fuser or lsof:

```
# fuser -m /home  
# lsof /home  
COMMAND PID USER FD TYPE DEVICE SIZE NODE NAME  
tcsh 29029 eedcoba cwd DIR 0,18 12288 1048587 /home/eedcoba (guam:/home)  
lsof 29140 eedcoba cwd DIR 0,18 12288 1048587 /home/eedcoba (guam:/home)
```

About an application:

```
ps ax | grep Xorg | awk '{print $1}'
334
# lssof -p 3324
COMMAND PID USER FD TYPE DEVICE SIZE NODE NAME
Xorg 3324 root 0w REG 8,6 56296 12492 /var/log/Xorg.0.log
About a single file:
```

```
# lssof /var/log/Xorg.0.log
COMMAND PID USER FD TYPE DEVICE SIZE NODE NAME
Xorg 3324 root 0w REG 8,6 56296 12492 /var/log/Xorg.0.log
```

3.6 Mount/remount a file system

For example the cdrom. If listed in /etc/fstab:

```
# mount /cdrom
```

Or find the device in /dev/ or with dmesg

FreeBSD

```
# mount -v -t cd9660 /dev/cd0c /mnt # cdrom
# mount_cd9660 /dev/wcd0c /cdrom # other method
# mount -v -t msdos /dev/fd0c /mnt # floppy
```

Entry in /etc/fstab:

Device	Mountpoint	FSType	Options	Dump	Pass #
/dev/acd0	/cdrom	cd9660	ro,noauto	0	0

To let users do it:

```
# sysctl vfs.usermount=1 # Or insert the line "vfs.usermount=1" in /etc/sysctl.conf
```

Linux

```
# mount -t auto /dev/cdrom /mnt/cdrom # typical cdrom mount command
# mount -t dev/hdc -t iso9660 -r /cdrom # typical IDE
# mount /dev/sdc0 -t iso9660 -r /cdrom # typical SCSI
```

Entry in /etc/fstab:

```
/dev/cdrom /media/cdrom subfs noauto,fs=cdfs,ro,procuid,nosuid,nodev,exec 0 0
```

Mount a FreeBSD partition with Linux

Find the partition number containing with fdisk, this is usually the root partition, but it could be another BSD slice too. If the FreeBSD has many slices, they are the one not listed in the fdisk table, but visible in /dev/sda* or /dev/ida*.

```
# fdisk /dev/sda
# /dev/sda3      *      5357    7905  2047442+ a5  FreeBSD
# mount -t ufs -o ufstype=ufs2,ro /dev/sda3 /mnt
#/dev/sda10 = /tmp; /dev/sdall /usr # The other slices
```

Remount

Remount a device without unmounting it. Necessary for fsck for example

```
# mount -o remount,ro /
# mount -o ro /
# FreeBSD
```

Copy the raw data from a cdrom into an iso image:

```
# dd if=/dev/cd0c of=file.iso
```

17 PRINTING

17.1 Print with lpr

```
# lpr unixtoolbox.ps # Print on default printer
# export PRINTER=hp4500 # Change the default printer
# lpr -P hp4500 #2 unixtoolbox.ps # Use printer hp4500 and print 2 copies
# lpr -o Duplex=DuplexNoTumble ... # Print duplex along the long side
# lpr -o PageSize=A4,Duplex=DuplexNoTumble ...
# lprq # Check the queue on default printer
# lprq -l -P hp4500 # Queue on printer hp4500 with verbose
# lprm - # Remove all users jobs on default printer
# Remove job 3186. Find job nbr with lprq
# lpc status # List all available printers
# lpc status hp4500 # Check if printer is online and queue length
```

18 DATABASES

18.1 PostgreSQL

Change root or a username password

```
# psql -d template1 -U postgres
> alter user postgres with password 'pgsql_password'; # Use username instead of "pgsql"
```

Create user and database

The commands `createuser`, `dropuser`, `createdb` and `dropdb` are convenient shortcuts equivalent to the SQL commands. The new user is `bob` with database `bobdb`; use as root with `psql` the database super user:

```
# createuser -U postgres -P bob # -P will ask for password
# createdb -U postgres -O bob bobdb # new bobdb is owned by bob
# dropdb bobdb # Delete database bobdb
# dropuser bob # Delete user bob
```

The general database authentication mechanism is configured in `pg_hba.conf`

Grant remote access

The file `$PGSQL_DATA_DIR/postgresql.conf` specifies the address to bind to. Typically `listen_addresses = '*'` for PostgreSQL 8.x. The file `$PGSQL_DATA_DIR/pg_hba.conf` defines the access control. Examples:

TYPE	DATABASE	USER	IP-ADDRESS	IP-MASK	METHOD
host	bobdb	bob	212.117.81.42	255.255.255.255	password
host	all	all	0.0.0.0/0		password

Backup and restore

The backups and restore are done with the user `pgsql` or `postgres`. Backup and restore a single database:

```
# pg_dump --clean dbname > dbname.sql.dump
# pgsql dbname < dbname.sql.dump
```

Backup and restore all databases (including users):

```
# pg_dumpall --clean > full.dump
# psql -f full.dump postgres
```

— Convert Media —

— File System —

```
# iconv -f <from_encoding> -t <to_encoding> <input_file>
# iconv -f ISO8859-1 -t UTF-8 -o file.input > file.utf8
# List known coded character sets
```

Without the **-f** option, iconv will use the local char-set, which is usually fine if the document displays well.

16.2 Unix - DOS newlines

Convert DOS (CR/LF) to Unix (LF) newlines within a Unix shell. See also dos2unix and unix2dos if you have them.

```
# sed 's/\r\n/' dosfile.txt > unixfile.txt
```

Convert Unix to DOS newlines within a Windows environment. Use sed from mingw or cygwin.

```
# sed -n p unixfile.txt > dosfile.txt
```

16.3 PDF to Jpeg and concatenate PDF files

Convert a PDF document with gs (GhostScript) to jpeg (or png) images for each page. Also much shorter with convert (from ImageMagick or GraphicsMagick).

```
# gs -dBATCH -dNOPAUSE -sDEVICE=jpeg -r150 -dTextAlphaBits=4 -dGraphicsAlphaBits=4 \
-dMaxStripSize=8192 -sOutputFile=unixtoolbox%0d.jpg unixtoolbox.pdf
# convert unixtoolbox.pdf unixtoolbox-%03d.png
# convert *.jpeg images.pdf # Create a simple PDF with all pictures
```

Ghostscript can also concatenate multiple pdf files into a single one.

```
# gs -q -sPAPERSIZE=a4 -sDEVICE=pdfwrite -sOutputFile=all.pdf \
file1.pdf file2.pdf ...
# On Windows use '#', instead of '='
```

16.4 Convert video

Compress the Canon digicam video with an mpeg4 codec and repair the crappy sound.

```
# mencoder -o videout.avi -oac mp3lame -ovc lavc -srate 11025 \
-channels 1 -af=adv force=1 -lameopts preset=medium -lavcopts \
vcodec=mpeg4v2:vbitrate=600 -mc 0 videoin.AVI
```

16.5 Copy an audio cd

The program cdparanoia¹³ can save the audio tracks (FreeBSD port in audio/cdparanoia/), oggenc can encode in Ogg Vorbis format, lame converts to mp3.

```
# cdparanoia -B
# lame -b 256 in.wav out.mp3
# for i in *.wav; do lame -b 256 $i basename $i .mp3; done
# oggenc in.wav -b 256 out.ogg
# Encode in Ogg Vorbis 256 kb/s
```

3.7 Mount an SMB share

Suppose we want to access the SMB share myshare on the computer smbserver, the address as typed on a Windows PC is \\smbserver\myshare\. We mount on /mnt/smbshare. Warning> cifs wants an IP or DNS name, not a Windows name.

Linux

```
# smbclient -U user -I 192.168.16.229 -L //smbshare/ # List the shares
# mount -t smbfs -o username=winuser //smbserver/myshare /mnt/smbshare
# mount -t cifs -o username=winuser,password=wipwd //192.168.16.229/myshare /mnt/share

Additionally with the package mount.cifs it is possible to store the credentials in a file, for example /home/user/.smb:
username=winuser
password=wipwd
```

And mount as follow:

```
# mount -t cifs -o credentials=/home/user/.smb //192.168.16.229/myshare /mnt/smbshare
```

FreeBSD

Use -I to give the IP (or DNS name); smbserver is the Windows name.

```
# smbutil view -I 192.168.16.229 //winuser@smbserver # List the shares
# mount_smbfs -I 192.168.16.229 //winuser@smbserver/myshare /mnt/smbshare
```

3.8 Mount an image

Linux loop-back

```
# mount -t iso9660 -o loop file.iso /mnt
# mount -t ext3 -o loop file.img /mnt
# Mount a CD image
# Mount an image with ext3 fs
```

FreeBSD

With memory device (do # kldload md.ko if necessary):

```
# mdconfig -a -t vnode -f file.iso /mnt
# mount -t cd9660 /dev/md0 /mnt
# umount /mnt; mdconfig -d -u 0
# Clean up the md device
```

Or with virtual node:

```
# vrootconfig /dev/vn0c file.iso; mount -t cd9660 /dev/vn0c /mnt
# umount /mnt; vnconfig -u /dev/vn0c
# Clean up the vn device
```

Solaris and FreeBSD

with loop-back file interface or lofi:

```
# lofiadm -a file.iso
# mount -F hsfs -o ro /dev/lofi/1 /mnt
# umount /mnt; lofiadm -d /dev/lofi/1
# Clean up the lofi device
```

3.9 Create and burn an ISO image

This will copy the cd or DVD sector for sector. Without conv=notrunc, the image will be smaller if there is less content on the cd. See below and the dd examples (page 38).

¹³<http://xiph.org/paranoia/>

— File System —

Use `mksisofs` to create a CD/DVD image from files in a directory. To overcome the file names restrictions: `-r` enables the Rock Ridge extensions common to UNIX systems, `-J` enables Joliet extensions used by Microsoft systems. `-L` allows ISO9660 filenames to begin with a period.

```
# mksisofs -J -L -r -V TITLE -o imagefile.iso /path/to/dir
```

On FreeBSD, `mksisofs` is found in the ports in `sysutils/cdrtools`.

Burn a CD/DVD ISO image

FreeBSD

FreeBSD does not enable DMA on ATAPI drives by default. DMA is enabled with the `sysctl` command and the arguments below, or with `/boot/loader.conf` with the following entries:

```
# hw.ata.ata_dma="1"  
# hw.ata.atapi_dma="1"
```

Use `burncd` with an ATAPI device (`burncd` is part of the base system) and `cdrecord` (in `sysutils/cdrtools`) with a SCSI drive.

```
# burncd -f /dev/acd0 data imagefile.iso fixate      # For ATAPI drive  
# cdrecord -scansbus                                     # To find the burner device (like 1,0,0)  
# cdrecord dev=1,0,0 imagefile.iso
```

Also use `cdrecord` with Linux as described above. Additionally it is possible to use the native ATAPI interface which is found with:

```
# cdrecord dev=ATAPI -scansbus
```

And burn the CD/DVD as above.

Convert a Nero .nrg file to .iso

Nero simply adds a 300kB header to a normal iso image. This can be trimmed with dd.

```
# dd bs=1k if=imagefile.nrg of=imagefile.iso skip=300
```

Convert a bin/cue image to .iso

The little `bchunk` program² can do this. It is in the FreeBSD ports in `sysutils/bchunk`.

```
# bchunk imagefile.bin imagefile.cue imagefile.iso
```

3.10 Create a file based image

For example a partition of 1GB using the file `/usr/vdisk.img`.

FreeBSD

Due to complex dependencies and runtime linking, programs are difficult to copy to an other system or distribution. However for small programs with little dependencies, the missing libraries can be copied over. The runtime libraries (and the missing one) are checked with `ldd` and managed with `ldconfig`.

```
# ldd /usr/bin/rsync                         # List all needed runtime libraries  
# ldconfig -n /path/to/libs/                  # Add a path to the shared libraries directories  
# ldconfig -m /path/to/libs/                  # FreeBSD  
# LD_LIBRARY_PATH                            # The variable set the link library path
```

16 CONVERT MEDIA

Sometimes one simply need to convert a video, audio file or document to another format.

Linux

```
# dd if=/dev/zero of=/usr/vdisk.img bs=1024k count=1024  
# mkfs.ext3 /usr/vdisk.img
```

[2. http://freshmeat.net/projects/bchunk/](http://freshmeat.net/projects/bchunk/)

— Convert Media —

```
# pkg_info -W smbd                                # FreeBSD show which package smbd belongs to  
# pkginfo                                         # Solaris
```

15.2 Add/ remove software

Front ends: `yast2/yast` for SuSE, `redhat-config-packages` for Red Hat.

```
# rpm -i pkname.rpm                               # install the package (RH, SUSE, RPM based)  
# rpm -e pkname                                 # Remove package
```

Debian

```
# apt-get update                                  # First update the package lists  
# apt-get install emacs                           # Install the package emacs  
# dpkg --remove emacs                          # Remove the package emacs
```

FreeBSD

```
# pkg_add -r rsync                             # Fetch and install rsync  
# pkg_delete /var/db/pkg/rsync-xx               # Delete the rsync package
```

Set where the packages are fetched from with the `PACKAGESITE` variable. For example:

```
# export PACKAGESITE=ftp://ftp.freebsd.org/pub/FreeBSD/ports/i386/packages-6-stable/latest/  
# or ftp://ftp.freebsd.org/pub/FreeBSD/ports/i386/packages-6-stable/latest/
```

FreeBSD Ports

The port tree `/usr/ports/` is a collection of software ready to compile and install. The ports are updated with the program `portsnap`.

```
# portsnap fetch extract                        # Create the tree when running the first time  
# portsnap fetch update                        # Update the port tree  
# cd /usr/ports/net/rsync/                     # Select the package to install  
# make install distclean                       # Install and cleanup (also see man ports)  
# make package                                # Make a binary package for the port
```

15.3 Library path

Due to complex dependencies and runtime linking, programs are difficult to copy to an other system or distribution. However for small programs with little dependencies, the missing libraries can be copied over. The runtime libraries (and the missing one) are checked with `ldd` and managed with `ldconfig`.

```
# ldd /usr/bin/rsync                         # List all needed runtime libraries  
# ldconfig -n /path/to/libs/                  # Add a path to the shared libraries directories  
# ldconfig -m /path/to/libs/                  # FreeBSD  
# LD_LIBRARY_PATH                            # The variable set the link library path
```

Text encoding can get totally wrong, specially when the language requires special characters like ääç. The command `iconv` can convert from one encoding to an other.

— Install Software —

The screen session is terminated when the program within the running terminal is closed and you logout from the terminal.

14.7 Find

Some important options:

- x (on BSD) -xdev (on Linux) Stay on the same file system (dev in fstab).
- exec cmd {} \; Execute the command and replace {} with the full path
- iname Like -name but is case insensitive
- ls Display information about the file (like ls -la)
- size n n is +n (k M G T P)
File's status was last changed n minutes ago.
- cmin n

```
# find . -type f ! -perm -444 # Find files not readable by all
# find . -type d ! -perm -111 # Find dirs not accessible by all
# find /home/user/ -min 10 -print # Files created or modified in the last 10 min.
# find . -name '*.[ch]' | xargs grep -E 'expr' # Search 'expr' in this dir and below.
# find / -name '*.core' | xargs rm # Find core dumps and delete them
# find / -name '*.core' -exec rm {} \; # Other syntax
# find . \(\ -name '*.*.png' -o -name '*.*.jpg' \) -print
# find . \(\ -iname '*.*.png' -o -iname '*.*.jpg' \) -print -exec tar -rf images.tar {} \;
# find . -type f -name '*.*txt' ! -name README.txt -print # Exclude README.txt files
# find /var/ -size +1M -exec ls -lh {} \;
# find /var/ -size +1M -ls # This is simpler
# find . -size +10M -size -50M -print
# find /usrports/ -name work -type d -print -exec rm -rf {} \; # Clean the ports
# find / -type f -name work -exec rm -rf {} \; # Find files with SUID; those file have to be kept secure
# find / -type f -user root -perm -4000 -exec ls -l {} \;
```

14.8 Miscellaneous

```
# which command # Show full path name of command
# time command # See how long a command takes to execute
# time cat
# whereis java
# set | grep $USER
# cal -3
# date [-ul|-utc] [--universal] [MMDDHhmm [CCYY] [.ss]]
# date 10022155 # Set date and time
# whatis grep # Display a short info on the command or word
# whereis java # Search path and standard directories for word
# setenv varname value # Set env. variable varname to value (csh|tcsh)
# export varname="value" # set env. variable varname to value (sh/ksh/bash)
# pwd # Print working directory
# mkdir -p /path/to/dir # no error if existing, make parent dirs as needed
# rmdir /path/to/dir # Remove directory and its content (force)
# rm -rf /path/to/dir # Archive and hard link files instead of copy
# cp -la /dir1 /dir2 # Same for FreeBSD
# cp -lpr /dir1 /dir2 # Rename a directory
# mv /dir1 /dir2 # Check the "media" field on FreeBSD
# arp -a # Check the router (or host) ARP entry (all OS)
# ping cb.vu # The first thing to try...
# traceroute cb.vu # Print the route path to destination
# mi-diag -F 100baseTx-FD eth0 # Force 100Mbit full duplex (Linux)
# mi-diag exp0 media 100baseTX mediaopt full-duplex # Same for FreeBSD
# netstat -s # System-wide statistics for each network protocol
```

15 INSTALL SOFTWARE

15.1 List installed packages

```
# rpm -qa # List installed packages (RH, Suse, RPM based)
# dpkg -l # Debian, Ubuntu
# FreeBSD list all installed packages
```

— Network —

```
# mount -o loop /usr/vdisk.img /mnt
# umount /mnt; rm /usr/vdisk.img # Cleanup
```

Linux with losetup

/dev/zero is much faster than urandom, but less secure for encryption.

```
# dd if=/dev/urandom of=/usr/vdisk.img bs=1024k count=1024
# losetup /dev/loop0 /usr/vdisk.img
# mkfs.ext3 /dev/loop0
# mount /dev/loop0 /mnt
# losetup -a # Check used loops
# losetup -d /dev/loop0 # Detach
# rm /usr/vdisk.img
```

3.11 Create a memory file system

A memory based file system is very fast for heavy IO application. How to create a 64 MB partition mounted on /memdisk:

FreeBSD

```
# mount_mfs -o rw -s 64M md /memdisk
# umount /memdisk; mdconfig -d -u 0
md /memdisk mfs rw, -s64M 0 0 # /etc/fstab entry
```

Linux

```
# mount -t tmpfs -o size=64m tmpfs /memdisk
```

3.12 Disk performance

Read and write a 1 GB file on partition ad4s3c (/home)

```
# time dd if=/dev/ad4s3c of=/dev/null bs=1024k count=1000
# time dd if=/dev/zero bs=1024k count=1000 of=/home/1Gb.file
# hparm -tT /dev/hda # Linux only
```

4 NETWORK

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4.1 Debugging (See also Traffic analysis) (page 18)

```
# mi-diag eth0 # Show the link status (Linux)
# ifconfig exp0 # Check the "media" field on FreeBSD
# arp -a # Check the router (or host) ARP entry (all OS)
# ping cb.vu # The first thing to try...
# traceroute cb.vu # Print the route path to destination
# mi-diag -F 100baseTx-FD eth0 # Force 100Mbit full duplex (Linux)
# ifconfig exp0 media 100baseTX mediaopt full-duplex # Same for FreeBSD
# netstat -s # System-wide statistics for each network protocol
```

4.2 Routing

Print routing table

```
# route -n          # Linux, BSD and UNIX
# netstat -rn      # Linux, BSD and UNIX
# route print      # Windows
```

Add and delete a route

```
FreeBSD
# route add 212.117.0.0/16 192.168.1.1
# route delete 212.117.0/16
# route add default 192.168.1.1
```

Add the route permanently in /etc/rc.conf

```
static.routes="myroute"
route_myroute="net 212.117.0.0/16 192.168.1.1"
```

Linux

```
# route add -net 192.168.20.0 netmask 255.255.255.0 gw 192.168.16.254
# ip route add 192.168.20.0/24 via 192.168.16.254           # same as above with ip route
# route add -net 192.168.20.0 netmask 255.255.255.0 dev eth0
# route add default gw 192.168.51.254
# ip route add default via 192.168.51.254
route delete -net 192.168.20.0 netmask 255.255.255.0
```

Windows

```
# Route add 192.168.50.0 mask 0.0.0.0 192.168.51.253
```

Use add -p to make the route persistent.

4.3 Configure additional IP addresses

Linux

```
# ifconfig eth0 192.168.50.254 netmask 255.255.255.0      # First IP
# ifconfig eth0:0 192.168.51.254 netmask 255.255.255.0       # Second IP
```

FreeBSD

```
# ifconfig fxp0 inet 192.168.50.254/24                      # First IP
# ifconfig fxp0 alias 192.168.51.254 netmask 255.255.255.0   # Second IP
ifconfig_fxpo="inet 192.168.50.254 netmask 255.255.255.0"
ifconfig_fxpo_alias0="192.168.51.254 netmask 255.255.255.0"
```

4.4 Change MAC address

```
# ifconfig eth0 hw ether 00:01:02:03:04:05      # Linux
# ifconfig fxp0 link 00:01:02:03:04:05        # FreeBSD
```

4.5 Ports in use

Listening open ports:

write zeros at the destination. Accordingly it is important to set the block size equal or smaller than the disk block size. A 1k size seems safe, set it with `bs=1k`. If a disk has bad sectors and the data should be recovered from a partition, create an image file with `dd`, mount the image and copy the content to a new disk. With the option `noerror`, `dd` will skip the bad sectors and write zeros instead, thus only the data contained in the bad sectors will be lost.

```
# dd if=/dev/hda of=/dev/null bs=1m
# dd if=/dev/hda of=/dev/null bs=1m
# dd if=/dev/hda of=/dev/null bs=1k
root@fry 'dd of=/dev/hd1.gz bs=1k'
# dd if=/dev/zero of=/dev/hdc
# dd if=/dev/urandom of=/dev/hdc
# mount -o loop /hd1.img /mnt
# sync -ax /mnt /newdisk/
# dd if=/dev/hda of=/dev/hda
# The above is useful to refresh a disk. It is perfectly safe, but must be unmounted.
```

Delete

```
# dd if=/dev/zero of=/dev/hdc count=1           # Delete MBR and partition table
# dd if=/dev/zero of=/dev/hdc
# dd if=/dev/urandom of=/dev/hdc
# kill -USR1 PID
# View dd progress (Linux only!)
```

14.6 screen

Screen has two main functionalities:

- Run multiple terminal session within a single terminal.
- A started program is decoupled from the real terminal and can thus run in the background. The real terminal can be closed and reattached later.

Short start example

start screen with:

```
# screen
```

Within the screen session we can start a long lasting program (like top). Detach the terminal and reattach the same terminal from an other machine (over ssh for example).

```
# top
```

Now detach with **Ctrl-a Ctrl-d**. Reattach the terminal with

```
# screen -r
```

or better:

```
# screen -R -D
```

Attach here and now. In detail this means: If a session is running, then reattach. If necessary detach and logout remotely first. If it was not running create it and notify the user.

Screen commands (within screen)

All screen commands start with **Ctrl-a**.

- **Ctrl-a ?** help and summary of functions
- **Ctrl-a c** create an new window (terminal)
- **Ctrl-a Ctrl-n and Ctrl-a Ctrl-p** to switch to the next or previous window in the list, by number.
- **Ctrl-a N** where N is a number from 0 to 9, to switch to the corresponding window.
- **Ctrl-a "** to get a navigable list of running windows
- **Ctrl-a a** to clear a missed Ctrl-a
- **Ctrl-a Ctrl-d** to disconnect and leave the session running in the background
- **Ctrl-a x** lock the screen terminal with a password

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Create

```
# cd /
# tar -cf home.tar home/          # archive the whole /home directory (c for create)
# tar -czf home.tgz home/         # same with zip compression
# tar -cjf home.tbz home/         # same with bzip2 compression
```

Only include one (or two) directories from a tree, but keep the relative structure. For example archive /usr/local/etc and /usr/local/www and the first directory in the archive should be local/.

```
# tar -C /usr -czf local.tgz local/etc local/www
# tar -C /usr -xzf local.tgz      # To untar the local dir into /usr
# cd /usr; tar -xzf local.tgz    # Is the same as above
```

Extract

```
# tar -tzf home.tgz             # look inside the archive without extracting (list)
# tar -xf home.tar              # extract the archive here (x for extract)
# tar -xzf home.tgz             # same with zip compression
# tar -xjf home.tgz             # same with bzip2 compression
# tar -xf home.tgz home/colin/file.txt # Restore a single file
```

More advanced

```
# tar c dir/ | gzip | ssh user@remote 'dd of=dir.tgz' # arch dir/ and store remotely.
# tar cvf - `find . -print` > backup.tar           # arch the current directory.
# tar -cf - -C /etc . | tar xf - -C /backup/etc     # Copy directories
# tar -cf - -C /etc . | ssh user@remote tar xpf - -C /backup/etc   # Remote copy.
# tar -czf home.tgz --exclude '*.*' --exclude 'tmp/*' home/
```

14.5 dd

The program dd (disk dump) is used to copy partitions and disks and for other copy tricks.

Typical usage:

```
# dd if=<source> of=<target> bs=<byte size> conv=<conversion>
```

Important conv options:

```
notrunc  do not truncate the output file, all zeros will be written as zeros.
noerror  continue after read errors (e.g. bad blocks)
sync     pad every input block with Nulls to lba-size
```

The default byte size is 512 (one block). The MBR, where the partition table is located, is on the first block, the first 63 blocks of a disk are empty. Larger byte sizes are faster to copy but require also more memory.

Backup and restore

```
# dd if=/dev/hda of=/dev/hdc bs=16065b          # Copy disk to disk (same size)
# dd if=/dev/sda7 of /home/root.ing bs=4096 conv=notrunc,noerror # Backup /
# dd if=/home/root.ing of=/dev/sda7 bs=4096 conv=notrunc,noerror # Restore /
# dd bs=1M if=/dev/ad4s3e | gzip -c > ad4s3e.gz      # Zip the backup
# gunzip -dc ad4s3e.gz | dd of=/dev/ad4s3e bs=1M      # Restore the zip
# dd bs=1M if=/dev/ad4s3e | gzip | ssh eedoba@host 'dd of=/dev/ad4s3e.gz' # also remote
# gunzip -dc ad4s3e.gz | ssh eedoba@host 'dd of=/dev/ad4s3e bs=1M'
# dd if=/dev/ad1 of=/dev/ad2 skip=1 seek=1 bs=4k conv=noerror # Skip MBR
# This is necessary if the destination (ad2) is smaller.
```

Recover

The command dd will read every single block of the partition, even the blocks. In case of problems it is better to use the option conv=sync, noerror so dd will skip the bad block and

```
# netstat -an | grep LISTEN
# lsof -i
# socklist
# Linux list all Internet connections
# display list of open sockets
# netstat -4
# FreeBSD application listing
# netstat -anp --tcp --udp
# netstat -tupl
# netstat -tulp
# netstat -ano
# netstat -ano
```

4.6 Firewall

Check if a firewall is running (typical configuration only):

Linux

```
# iptables -L -n -v          # For status
# iptables -Z                 # Zero the packet and byte counters in all chains
# iptables -F                 # Flush all chains
# iptables -X                 # Delete all chains
# iptables -P INPUT           ACCEPT
# iptables -P FORWARD         ACCEPT
# iptables -P OUTPUT          ACCEPT
# iptables -P FORWARD         ACCEPT
# ipfw show                  # For status
# ipfw list 65535            # if answer is "65535 deny ip from any to any" the fw is disabled
# sysctl net.inet.ip.fw.enable=0 # Disable
# sysctl net.inet.ip.fw.enable=1 # Enable
```

FreeBSD

```
# ipfw show
# ipfw list 65535
# if answer is "65535 deny ip from any to any" the fw is disabled
# sysctl net.inet.ip.forwarding=0=off, 1=on
# echo 1 > /proc/sys/net/ipv4/ip_forward
or edit /etc/sysctl.conf with:
net.ipv4.ip_forward = 1
```

4.7 IP Forward for routing

Linux

Check and then enable IP forward with:

```
# cat /proc/sys/net/ipv4/ip_forward # Check IP forward 0=off, 1=on
# echo 1 > /proc/sys/net/ipv4/ip_forward
or edit /etc/sysctl.conf with:
net.ipv4.ip_forward = 1
```

FreeBSD

Check and enable with:

```
# sysctl net.inet.ip.forwarding=1          # Check IP forward 0=off, 1=on
# sysctl net.inet.ip.forwarding=1
# sysctl net.inet.ip.fastforwarding=1
Permanent with entry in /etc/rc.conf:
gateway_enable="YES"
```

4.8 NAT Network Address Translation

Linux

```
# iptables -t nat -A POSTROUTING -o eth0 -j MASQUERADE          # to activate NAT
# iptables -t nat -A PREROUTING -p tcp -d 78.31.70.238 -dport 20022 -j DNAT \
--to 192.168.1.6:44:22 # Port forward 20022 to internal IP port ssh
```

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```
# iptables -t nat -A PREROUTING -p tcp -d 78.31.70.238 --dport 993:995 -j DNAT \
--to 192.168.16.254:993:995 # Port forward of range 993-995
# ip route flush cache
# iptables -L -t nat # Check NAT status
Delete the port forward with -D instead of -A.
```

FreeBSD

```
# natd -s -m -u -dynamic -f /etc/natd.conf -n fpx0
Or edit /etc/rc.conf with:
firewall_enable="YES" # Set to YES to enable firewall functionality
firewall_type="open" # Firewall type (see /etc/rc.firewall)
natd_enable="YES" # Enable natd (if firewall_enable == YES).
natd_interface="tun0" # Public interface or IP address to use.
natd_flags="-s -m -u -dynamic -f /etc/natd.conf"
```

Port forward with:

```
# cat /etc/natd.conf
same_ports yes
use_sockets yes
unregistered_only
# redirect_port tcp insideIP:2300-2399 3300-3399 # port range
redirect_port udp 192.168.51.103:7777 7777
```

4.9 DNS

On Unix the DNS entries are valid for all interfaces and are stored in /etc/resolv.conf. The domain to which the host belongs is also stored in this file. A minimal configuration is:

```
nameserver 78.31.70.238
search sleepyowl.net intern.lab
domain sleepyowl.net
```

Check the system domain name with:

```
# hostname -d # Same as dnsdomainname
```

Windows

On Windows the DNS are configured per interface. To display the configured DNS and to flush the DNS cache use:

```
# ipconfig /?
# ipconfig /all
# ipconfig /flushdns
```

Forward queries

Dig is you friend to test the DNS settings. For example the public DNS server 213.133.105.2 ns.second-ns.de can be used for testing. See from which server the client receives the answer (simplified answer).

```
# dig sleepyowl.net
; SERVER: 192.168.51.254#53 (192.168.51.254)
      600   TN    A    78.31.70.238
```

The router 192.168.51.254 answered and the response is the A entry. Any entry can be queried and the DNS server can be selected with @:

```
# dig MX google.com
# dig 6127.0.0.1 NS sun.com # To test the local server
# dig @204.97.212.10 NS MX heise.de # Query an external server
# dig AXFR @ns1.xname.org cb.vu # Get the full zone (zone transfer)
```

14.2 vi

Vi is present on ANY Linux/Unix installation and it is therefore useful to know some basic commands. There are two modes: command mode and insertion mode. The commands mode is accessed with [ESC], the insertion mode with i.

Quit

:w newfilename	save the file to newfilename
:wq or :x	save and quit
:q!	quit without saving

Search and move

/string	Search forward for string
?string	Search back for string
n	Search for next instance of string
N	Search for previous instance of string
{	Move a paragraph back
}	Move a paragraph forward
1G	Move to the first line of the file
nG	Move to the n th line of the file
G	Move to the last line of the file
:%s/OLD/NEW/g	Search and replace every occurrence

Delete text

dd	delete current line
D	Delete to the end of the line
dw	Delete word
x	Delete character
u	Undo last
U	Undo all changes to current line

14.3 mail

The mail command is a basic application to read and send email, it is usually installed. To send an email simply type "mail user@domain". The first line is the subject, then the mail content. Terminate and send the email with a single dot (.) in a new line. Example:

```
# mail c@cb.vu
Subject: Your text is full of typos
"For a moment, nothing happened. Then, after a second or so,
nothing continued to happen."
.
```

BTW
#

This is also working with a pipe:

```
# echo "This is the mail body" | mail c@cb.vu
```

This is also a simple way to test the mail server.

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14.4 tar

The command tar (tape archive) creates and extracts archives of file and directories. The archive .tar is uncompressed, a compressed archive has the extension .tgz or .tar.gz (zip) or .tbz (bzip2). Do not use absolute path when creating an archive, you probably want to unpack it somewhere else. Some typical commands are:

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```
project1-developers = joe, jack, jane  
# Give write access to the developers  
[project1:]  
@project1-developers = rw
```

13.2 SVN commands and usage

See also the Subversion Quick Reference Card¹¹. Tortoise SVN¹² is a nice Windows interface.

Import

A new project, that is a directory with some files, is imported into the repository with the import command. Import is also used to add a directory with its content to an existing project.

```
# svn help import          # Get help for any command  
# svn import /project1/newdir http://host.url/svn/project1/trunk/src -m 'add newdir'  
# svn import /project1/newdir http://host.url/svn/project1/trunk/src -m 'add newdir'
```

Typical SVN commands

```
# svn co http://host.url/svn/project1/trunk      # Checkout the most recent version  
# Tags and branches are created by copying  
# svn mkdir http://host.url/svn/project1/tags/  
# svn copy -m "Tag rcl rei." http://host.url/svn/project1/trunk \  
# Commit the changes with a message  
# svn status [--verbose]  
# svn add src/file.h src/file.cpp  
# svn commit -m 'Added new class file'  
# svn ls http://host.url/svn/project1/tags/  
# List all tags  
# Move (rename) files  
# Delete files  
# svn move foo.c bar.c  
# svn delete some_old_file
```

14 USEFUL COMMANDS

```
less (p36) | vi (p37) | mail (p37) | tar (p37) | dd (p38) | screen (p39) | find (p40) |  
Miscellaneous (p40)
```

14.1 less

The less command displays a text document on the console. It is present on most installation.

```
# less unixtoolbox.xhtml
```

Some important commands are (^N stands for [control]-[N]):

h H	good help on display
f ^F ^V SPACE	Forward one window (or N lines).
b ^B ESC-v	Backward one window (or N lines).
F	Forward forever; like "tail -f".
/pattern	Search forward for (N-th) matching line.
?pattern	Search backward for (N-th) matching line.
n	Repeat previous search (for N-th occurrence).
N	Repeat previous search in reverse direction.
q	quit

Find the name belonging to an IP address (in-addr.arp.a.). This can be done with dig, host and nslookup:

```
# dig -x 78.31.70.238  
# host -t MX cb.vu  
# host -t NS -T sun.com  
# host -a sleepyowl.net  
  
# nslookup 78.31.70.238  
# nslookup 78.31.70.238  
  
sleepyowl.net  sleepyowl
```

Single hosts can be configured in the file /etc/hosts instead of running named locally to resolve the hostname queries. The format is simple, for example:

```
78.31.70.238     sleepyowl.net  sleepyowl
```

The priority between hosts and a dns query, that is the name resolution order, can be configured in /etc/nsswitch.conf AND /etc/host.conf. The file also exists on Windows, it is usually in:

```
C:\WINDOWS\SYSTEM32\DRIVERS\ETC  
  
4.10 DHCP
```

Linux

Some distributions (SuSE) use dhcpcd as client. The default interface is eth0.

```
# dhcpcd -n eth0          # Trigger a renew  
# dhcpcd -k eth0          # release and shutdown
```

The lease with the full information is stored in:

```
/var/lib/dhcpcd/dhcpcd-eth0.info
```

FreeBSD

FreeBSD (and Debian) uses dhclient. To configure an interface (for example bge0) run:

```
# dhclient bge0  
# /var/db/dhclient.leases.bge0
```

The lease with the full information is stored in:

```
Use /etc/dhclient.conf  
/etc/dhclient.lease  
# cat /etc/dhclient.conf  
interface "r10" {  
    prepend domain-name-servers 127.0.0.1;  
    default domain-name "sleepyowl.net";  
    supersede domain-name "sleepyowl.net";  
}
```

Windows

The dhcp lease can be renewed with ipconfig:

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```
# ipconfig /renew          # renew all adapters
# ipconfig /release LAN    # renew the adapter named "LAN"
# ipconfig /release WLAN   # release the adapter named "WLAN"
```

Yes it is a good idea to rename you adapter with simple names!

4.11 Traffic analysis

Bmon³ is a small console bandwidth monitor and can display the flow on different interfaces.

Sniff with tcpdump

```
# tcptrace -nL -i bge0 not port ssh and src \ (192.168.16.121 or 192.168.16.54\)
# tcptrace -l > dump && tail -f dump
# tcptrace -i r10 -w traffic.r10
# tcptrace -r traffic.r10
# tcptrace port 80
# tcptrace host google.com
# tcptrace -i eth0 -X port \(110 or 143\)
# tcptrace -n -i eth0 icmp
# tcptrace -i eth0 -s 0 -a port 80 | grep GET
# -A Print each packets in clear text (without header)
# -X Print packets in hex and ASCII
# -1 Make stdio line buffered
# -D Print all interfaces available
```

On Windows use windump from www.winpcap.org. Use windump -D to list the interfaces.

Scan with nmap

Nmap⁴ is a port scanner with OS detection, it is usually installed on most distributions and is also available for Windows. If you don't scan your servers, hackers do it for you...

```
# nmap cb.vu           # scans all reserved TCP ports on the host
# nmap -sP 192.168.16.0/24 # Find out which IP are used and by which host on 0/24
# nmap -sS -sV -o cb.vu  # Do a stealth SYN scan with version and OS detection
PORT      STATE SERVICE          VERSION
22/tcp    open  ssh
25/tcp    open  smtp
80/tcp    open  http
[...]
Running: FreeBSD 5.X
Uptime 33.120 days (since Fri Aug 31 11:41:04 2007)
```

4.12 Traffic control (QoS)

Traffic control manages the queuing, policing, scheduling, and other traffic parameters for a network. The following examples are simple practical uses of the Linux and FreeBSD capabilities to better use the available bandwidth.

Limit upload

DSL or cable modems have a long queue to improve the upload throughput. However filling the queue with a fast device (e.g. ethernet) will dramatically decrease the interactivity. It is therefore useful to limit the device upload rate to match the physical capacity of the modem, this should greatly improve the interactivity. Set to about 90% of the modem maximal (cable) speed.

— SVN —

Now the access to the repository is made possible with:

- file:// Direct file system access with the svn client with. This requires local permissions on the file system.
- svn:// or svn+ssh:// Remote access with the svnservice server (also over SSH). This requires local permissions on the file system.
- http:// Remote access with webdav using apache. No local users are necessary for this method.

Using the local file system, it is now possible to import and then check out an existing project. Unlike with CVS it is not necessary to cd into the project directory, simply give the full path:

```
# svn import /project1/ file:///home/svn/project1
# svn checkout svn+ssh://hostname/home/svn/project1
```

The new directory "trunk" is only a convention, this is not required.

Remote access with ssh

No special setup is required to access the repository via ssh, simply replace file:// with svn+ssh/hostname. For example:

```
# svn checkout svn+ssh://hostname/home/svn/trunk
```

As with the local file access, every user needs an ssh access to the server (with a local account) and also read/write access. This method might be suitable for a small group. All users could belong to a subversion group which owns the repository, for example:

```
# groupadd subversion
# groupmod -A user1 subversion
# chmod -R root:subversion /home/svn
# chmod -R 770 /home/svn
```

Remote access with http (apache)

Remote access over http (https) is the only good solution for a larger user group. This method uses the apache authentication, not the local accounts. This is a typical but small apache configuration:

```
<Location /svn>
  DAV svn
  # any "/svn/foo" URL will map to a repository /home/svn/foo
  SVNParentPath /home/svn
  AuthName "Subversion repository"
  AuthType Basic
  AuthzSVNAccessFile /etc/apache2/svn-acl
  AuthUserFile /etc/apache2/svn-passwd
  Require valid-user
</Location>
```

The apache server needs full access to the repository:

```
# chown -R www:www /home/svn
```

Create a user with htpasswd2:

```
# htpasswd -c /etc/svn-passwd user1 # -c creates the file
Access control svn.acl example
# Default it read access. "*" would be default no access
[ / ]
* = r
[groups]
```

³<http://people.suug.ch/~tg/bmon/>

⁴<http://insecure.org/nmap/>

12.4 CVS commands and usage

Import

The import command is used to add a whole directory, it must be run from within the directory to be imported. Say the directory /devel/ contains all files and subdirectories to be imported. The directory name on the CVS (the module) will be called "myapp".

```
# cvs import [options] directory-name vendor-tag release-tag
# cd ./devel
# cvs import myapp Company R1_0 # Release tag can be anything in one word
After a while a new directory "/devel/tools/" was added and it has to be imported too.
# cd ./devel/tools
# cvs import myapp/tools Company R1_0
```

Checkout update add commit

```
# cvs co -r R1_1 myapp # Will only checkout the directory tools
# Checkout myapp at release R1_1 (is sticky)
# A typical CVS update
# cvs update -A # Reset any sticky tag (or date, option)
# Add a new file
# cvs add newfile
# Add a new binary file
# cvs add -kb newfile
# Commit the two files only
# cvs commit file1 file2
# Commit all changes done with a message
```

Create a patch

It is best to create and apply a patch from the working development directory related to the project, or from within the source directory.

```
# cd ./devel/project
# diff -Naur olddir newdir > patchfile # Create a patch from a directory or a file
# diff -Naur oldfile newfile > patchfile
```

Apply a patch

Sometimes it is necessary to strip a directory level from the patch, depending how it was created. In case of difficulties, simply look at the first lines of the patch and try -p0, -p1 or -p2.

```
# cd ./devel/project
# patch --dry-run -p0 < patchfile # Test the path without applying it
# patch -p0 < patchfile
# patch -p1 < patchfile # strip off the 1st level from the path
```

Linux

For a 512 Kbit upload modem.

```
# tc qdisc add dev eth0 root tbm rate 480kbit latency 50ms burst 1540
# tc -s qdisc ls dev eth0 # Status
# tc qdisc del dev eth0 root # Delete the queue
# tc qdisc change dev eth0 root tbm rate 220kbit latency 50ms burst 1540

FreeBSD
FreeBSD uses the dummynet traffic shaper which is configured with ipfw. Pipes are used to set limits the bandwidth in units of [K|M]{bit/s|Byte/s}, 0 means unlimited bandwidth. Using the same pipe number will reconfigure it. For example limit the upload bandwidth to 500 kbit.
```

```
# kldload dummynet
# ipfw pipe 1 config bw 500kbit/s
# ipfw add pipe 1 ip from me to any
```

Quality of service

Linux

Priority queuing with tc to optimize VoIP. See the full example on voip-info.org or www.howtoforge.com. Suppose VoIP uses udp on ports 10000-11024 and device eth0 (could also be ppp0 or so). The following commands define the QoS to three queues and force the VoIP traffic to queue 1 with QoS 0x1e (all bits set). The default traffic flows into queue 3 and QoS Minimize-Delay flows into queue 2.

```
# tc qdisc add dev eth0 root handle 1: prio priomap 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 0
# tc qdisc add dev eth0 parent 1:1 handle 10: seq
# tc qdisc add dev eth0 parent 1:2 handle 20: sfq
# tc qdisc add dev eth0 parent 1:3 handle 30: sfq
# tc filter add dev eth0 protocol ip parent 1: prio 1 u32 \
    match ip dport 10000 0x1c00 flowid 1:1 # use server port range
    match ip dst 123.23.0.1 flowid 1:1 # or and use server IP
# tc qdisc del dev eth0 root
# queue status
# delete all QoS
```

Status and remove with

```
# tc -s qdisc ls dev eth0
# tc qdisc del dev eth0 root
```

Calculate port range and mask

The tc filter defines the port range with port and mask which you have to calculate. Find the 2^N ending of the port range, deduce the range and convert to HEX. This is your mask. Example for 10000 -> 11024, the range is 1024.

```
# 2^13 (8192) < 10000 < 2^14 (16384)
# echo "obase=16; (2^14)-1024" | bc
# ending is 2^14 = 16384
# mask is 0x3C00
```

FreeBSD

The max link bandwidth is 500Kbit/s and we define 3 queues with priority 100:10:1 for VoIP:ssh:all the rest.

```
# ipfw pipe 1 config bw 500kbit/s
# ipfw queue 1 config pipe 1 weight 100
# ipfw queue 2 config pipe 1 weight 10
# ipfw queue 3 config pipe 1 weight 1
# ipfw add 10 queue 1 proto udp dst-port 10000-11024
# ipfw add 11 queue 1 proto udp dst-ip 123.23.0.1 # or and use server IP
# ipfw add 20 queue 2 dst-port ssh
# ipfw add 30 queue 3 from me to any # all the rest
```

Status and remove with

```
# svradmin create --fs-type fss /home/svn/project1
```

[9.http://subversion.tigris.org/](http://subversion.tigris.org/)
<10.http://svnbook.red-bean.com/en/1.4/>

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12.2 Test it

```
# ipfw list          # rules status
# ipfw pipe list   # pipe status
# ipfw flush        # deletes all rules but default
```

Test the login as normal user (for example here me)

```
# cvs -d :pserver:colin@192.168.50.254:/usr/local/cvs login
Logging in to :pserver:colin@192.168.50.254:2401/usr/local/cvs
CVS password:
```

Some commands which should work on a well configured NIS client:

```
# ypwhich           # get the connected NIS server name
# domainname       # The NIS domain name as configured
# YPcat group      # should display the group from the NIS server
# cd /var/yp & make # Rebuild the yp database
```

Is yppbind running?

```
# ps auxww | grep yppbind
/usr/sbin/yppbind -s -m -S servername1,servername2           # FreeBSD
/usr/sbin/yppbind                                         # Linux
# yppoll passwd.byname
Map passwd.byname has order number 1190635041. Mon Sep 24 13:57:21 2007
The master server is servername.domain.net.
```

Linux

```
# ps auxww | grep yppbind
/usr/sbin/yppbind -s -m -S servername1,servername2           # FreeBSD
/usr/sbin/yppbind                                         # Linux
# yppoll passwd.byname
Map passwd.byname has order number 1190635041. Mon Sep 24 13:57:21 2007
The master server is servername.domain.net.
```

Public key (p20) | Fingerprint (p21) | SCP (p21) | Tunneling (p21)

5.1 Public key authentication

Connect to a host without password using public key authentication. The idea is to append your public key to the authorized_keys2 file on the remote host. For this example let's connect **host-client** to **host-server**, the key is generated on the client.

- Use ssh-keygen to generate a key pair. `~/.ssh/id_dsa` is the private key, `~/.ssh/id_dsa.pub` is the public key.
- Copy only the public key to the server and append it to the file `~/.ssh/authorized_keys2` on your home on the server.

```
# ssh-keygen -t dsa -N ''
# cat ~/.ssh/id_dsa.pub | ssh you@host-server "cat - >> ~/.ssh/authorized_keys2"
```

Using the Windows client from ssh.com

The non commercial version of the ssh.com client can be downloaded the main ftp site: <http://ftp.ssh.com/pub/ssh/>. Keys generated by the ssh.com client need to be converted for the OpenSSH server. This can be done with the ssh-keygen command.

- Create a key pair with the ssh.com client: Settings - User Authentication - Generate New...
- I use Key type DSA; key length 2048.
- Copy the public key generated by the ssh.com client to the server into the `~/.ssh` folder.
- The keys are in `C:\Documents and Settings\%USERNAME%\Application Data\SSH\UserKeys`.
- Use the ssh-keygen command on the server to convert the key:

```
# cd ~/ssh
# ssh-keygen -i -f keyfilename.pub >> authorized_keys2
```

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CVSROOT variable

This is an environment variable used to specify the location of the repository we're doing operations on. For local use, it can be just set to the directory of the repository. For use over the network, the transport protocol must be specified. Set the CVSROOT variable with `setenv CVSROOT` string on a csh, tcsh shell, or with `export CVSROOT=string` on a sh, bash shell.

```
# setenv CVSROOT :pserver:<username>@<host>:/cvsdirectory
For example:
# setenv CVSROOT /usr/local/cvs
# setenv CVSROOT :local:/usr/local/cvs
# setenv CVSROOT :ext:user@cvsserver:/usr/local/cvs
# setenv CVS_RSH ssh
# setenv CVSROOT :pserver:user@cvsserver.254:/usr/local/cvs
# Used locally only
# Same as above
# Direct access with SSH
# for the ext access
# network with pserver
```

When the login succeeded one can import a new project into the repository: **cd** into your project root directory

```
cvs import <module name> <vendor tag> <initial tag>
cvs -d :pserver:colin@192.168.50.254:/usr/local/cvs import MyProject MyCompany START
```

Where `MyProject` is the name of the new project in the repository (used later to checkout). Cvs will import the current directory content into the new project.

To checkout:

```
# cvs -d :pserver:colin@192.168.50.254:/usr/local/cvs checkout MyProject
or
# setenv CVSROOT :pserver:colin@192.168.50.254:/usr/local/cvs
# cvs checkout MyProject
```

12.3 SSH tunneling for CVS

We need 2 shells for this. On the first shell we connect to the cvs server with ssh and port-forward the cvs connection. On the second shell we use the cvs normally as if it where running locally.

```
on shell 1:
# ssh -L2401:localhost:2401 colin@cvs_server # Connect directly to the CVS server. Or:
ssh -L2401:cvs_server:2401 colin@gateway # Use a gateway to reach the CVS
```

on shell 2:

```
# setenv CVSROOT :pserver:colin@localhost:/usr/local/cvs
# cvs login
Logging in to :pserver:colin@localhost:2401/usr/local/cvs
CVS password:
cvs checkout MyProject/src
```

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```
# cvs checkout CVSROOT
# cd CVSROOT
edit config ( fine as it is)
# cvs commit config
cat >> writers
# Create a writers file (optionally also readers)
# Add the file writers into the repository
cvs add writers
# cvs edit checkoutlist
# cat >> checkoutlist
writers
^D
# cvs commit
# Commit all the configuration changes
```

Add a **readers** file if you want to differentiate read and write permissions **Note:** Do not (ever) edit files directly into the main cvs, but rather checkout the file, modify it and check it in. We did this with the file **writers** to define the write access.

There are three popular ways to access the CVS at this point. The first two don't need any further configuration. See the examples on CVSROOT below for how to use them:

- Direct local access to the file system. The user(s) need sufficient file permission to access the CS directly and there is no further authentication in addition to the OS login. However this is only useful if the repository is local.
- Remote access with ssh with the ext protocol. Any use with an ssh shell account and read/write permissions on the CVS server can access the CVS directly with ext over ssh without any additional tunnel. There is no server process running on the CVS for this to work. The ssh login does the authentication.

• Remote access with pserver. This is the preferred use for larger user base as the users are authenticated by the CVS pserver with a dedicated password database, there is therefore no need for local users accounts. This setup is explained below.

Network setup with inetd

The CVS can be run locally only if a network access is not needed. For a remote access, the daemon inetd can start the pserver with the following line in /etc/inetd.conf (/etc/xinetd.d/cvs on SuSE):

```
cvsserver stream tcp nowait cvs /usr/bin/cvs
--allow-root=/usr/local/cvs pserver
```

It is a good idea to block the cvs port from the Internet with the firewall and use an ssh tunnel to access the repository remotely.

Separate authentication

It is possible to have cvs users which are not part of the OS (no local users). This is actually probably wanted too from the security point of view. Simply add a file named **passwd** (in the CVSROOT directory) containing the users login and password in the crypt format. This is can be done with the apache htpasswd tool.

Note: This passwd file is the only file which has to be edited directly in the CVSROOT directory. Also it won't be checked out. More info with htpasswd --help

```
# htpasswd -cb passwd user1 password1 # -c creates the file
# htpasswd -b passwd user2 password2
```

Now add :cvs at the end of each line to tell the cvs server to change the user to cvs (or whatever your cvs server is running under). It looks like this:

```
# cat passwd
user1:x$Ejh02u8Fuo:cvs
user2:vnefJOSmnyToM:cvs
```

— SSH SCP —

Notice: We used a DSA key, RSA is also possible. The key is not protected by a password.

Using putty for Windows

Putty⁵ is a simple and free ssh client for Windows.

- Create a key pair with the puTTYgen program.
- Save the public and private keys (for example into C:\Documents and Settings\%USERNAME%\ssh).
- Copy the public key to the server into the `~/.ssh` folder:

scp .ssh/puttykey.pub root@192.168.51.254:.ssh/
- Use the `ssh-keygen` command on the server to convert the key for OpenSSH:

cd ~/.ssh
ssh-keygen -i -f puttykey.pub >> authorized_keys2

- Point the private key location in the putty settings: Connection - SSH - Auth

5.2 Check fingerprint

At the first login, ssh will ask if the unknown host with the fingerprint has to be stored in the known hosts. To avoid a man-in-the-middle attack the administrator of the server can send you the server fingerprint which is then compared on the first login. Use `ssh-keygen -l` to get the fingerprint (on the server)

```
# ssh-keygen -l -f /etc/ssh/ssh_host_rsa_key.pub # For RSA key
2048 61:33:be:9b:ae:6c:36:31:fd:83:98:b7:99:2d:9f:cd /etc/ssh/ssh_host_rsa_key.pub
# ssh-keygen -l -f /etc/ssh/ssh_host_dsa_key.pub # For DSA Key (default)
2048 14:4a:aa:d9:73:25:46:6d:0a:48:35:c7:f4:16:44:ee /etc/ssh/ssh_host_dsa_key.pub
```

Now the client connecting to this server can verify that he is connecting to the right server:

```
# ssh linda
The authenticity of host 'linda (192.168.16.54)', can't be established.
DSA key fingerprint is 14:4a:aa:d9:73:25:46:6d:0a:48:35:c7:f4:16:44:ee.
Are you sure you want to continue connecting (yes/no)? yes
```

5.3 Secure file transfer

Some simple commands:

```
# scp file.txt host-two:/tmp
# scp joe@host-two:/* www/www/tmp
# scp -r joe@host-two:www/www/tmp
```

In Konqueror or Midnight Commander it is possible to access a remote file system with the address **fish://user@gate**. However the implementation is very slow. Furthermore it is possible to mount a remote folder with **sshfs** a file system client based on SCP. See fuse **sshfs**⁶.

5.4 Tunneling

SSH tunneling allows to forward or reverse forward a port over the SSH connection, thus securing the traffic and accessing ports which would otherwise be blocked. This only works with TCP. The general nomenclature for forward and reverse is (see also **ssh** and **NAT** example):

ssh -L localport:desthost:destport user@gate # desthost as seen from the gate
ssh -R destport:desthost:localport user@gate # forwards your localport to destination
ssh -X user@gate # To force X forwarding

5.<http://www.chiarik-greenend.org.uk/~gratnham/putty/download.html>
6.<http://fuse.sourceforge.net/sshfs.html>

This will connect to gate and forward the local port to the host desthost:destport. Note desthost is the destination host as seen by the gate, so if the connection is to the gate, then desthost is localhost. More than one port forward is possible.

Direct forward on the gate

Let say we want to access the CVS (port 2401) and http (port 80) which are running on the gate. This is the simplest example, desthost is thus localhost, and we use the port 8080 locally instead of 80 so we don't need to be root. Once the ssh session is open, both services are accessible on the local ports.

```
# ssh -L 2401:localhost:2401 -L 8080:localhost:80 user@gate
```

Netbios and remote desktop forward to a second server

Let say a Windows smb server is behind the gate and is not running ssh. We need access to the smb share and also remote desktop to the server.

```
# ssh -L 139:smbserver:139 -L 3388:smbserver:3389 user@gate
```

The smb share can now be accessed with \\127.0.0.1\, but only if the local share is disabled, because the local share is listening on port 139.

It is possible to keep the local share enabled, for this we need to create a new virtual device with a new IP address for the tunnel, the smb share will be connected over this address. Furthermore the local RDP is already listening on 3389, so we choose 3388. For this example let's use a virtual IP of 10.1.1.

- With putty use Source port=10.1.1.1:139. It is possible to create multiple loop devices and tunnel. On Windows 2000, only putty worked for me.
- With the ssh.com client, disable "Allow local connections only". Since ssh.com will bind to all addresses, only a single share can be connected.

Now create the loopback interface with IP 10.1.1.1:

- # System->Control Panel->Add Hardware # Yes, Hardware is already connected # Add a new hardware device (at bottom).
- # Install the hardware that I manually select # Network adapters # Microsoft , Microsoft Loopback Adapter.
- Configure the IP address of the fake device to 10.1.1.1 mask 255.255.255.0, no gateway.
- advanced->WINS, Enable LMHosts Lookup; Disable NetBIOS over TCP/IP.
- # Enable Client for Microsoft Networks, # Disable File and Printer Sharing for Microsoft Networks.

I HAD to reboot for this to work. Now connect to the smb share with \\10.1.1.1 and remote desktop to 10.1.1.1:3388.

Debug

If it is not working:

- Are the ports forwarded: netstat -an? Look at 0.0.0.0:139 or 10.1.1.1:139
- Does telnet 10.1.1.1 139 connect?
- You need the checkbox "Local ports accept connections from other hosts".
- Is "File and Printer Sharing for Microsoft Networks" disabled on the loopback interface?

Connect two clients behind NAT

Suppose two clients are behind a NAT gateway and client cladmin has to connect to client cluser (the destination), both can login to the gate with ssh and are running Linux with sshd. You don't need root access anywhere as long as the ports on gate are above 1024. We use 2022 on gate. Also since the gate is used locally, the option GatewayPorts is not necessary.

On client cluser (from destination to gate):

```
# ssh -R 2022:localhost:22 user@gate
```

On client cladmin (from host to gate):

11.6 Create united certificate

The certificate request has to be signed by the CA to be valid, this step is usually done by the vendor. Note: replace "servername" with the name of your server in the next commands.

```
# cat newreq.pem newkey.pem > new.pem
# openssl ca -policy policy_anything -out servernamecert.pem \
> config /etc/ssl/openssl.cnf -infiles new.pem
# mv newkey.pem servernamekey.pem
```

Now servernamekey.pem is the private key and servernamecert.pem is the server certificate.

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12.1 Server setup

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To view the certificate information simply do:

```
# openssl x509 -text -in servernamecert.pem           # View the certificate info
# openssl req -noout -text -in server.csr             # View the request info
```

Initiate the CVS

Decide where the main repository will rest and create a root cvs. For example /usr/local/cvs (as root):

```
# mkdir -p /usr/local/cvs
# setenv CVSROOT /usr/local/cvs          # Set CVSROOT to the new location (local)
# cvs init                                # Creates all internal CVS config files
# cd /root
```

11 SSL CERTIFICATES

So called SSL/TLS certificates are cryptographic public key certificates and are composed of a public and a private key. The certificates are used to authenticate the endpoints and encrypt the data. They are used for example on a web server (https) or mail server (imaps).

11.1 Procedure

- We need a certificate authority to sign our certificate. This step is usually provided by a vendor like Thawte, Verisign, etc., however we can also create our own.
- Create a certificate signing request. This request is like an unsigned certificate (the public part) and already contains all necessary information. The certificate request is normally sent to the authority vendor for signing. This step also creates the private key on the local machine.
- Sign the certificate with the certificate authority.
- If necessary join the certificate and the key in a single file to be used by the application (web server, mail server etc.).

11.2 Configure OpenSSL

We use /usr/local/certs as directory for this example check or edit /etc/ssl/openssl.cnf accordingly to your settings so you know where the files will be created. Here are the relevant part of openssl.cnf:

```
[CA_default]
dir      = /usr/local/certs/CA
certs   = $dir/certs
crl_dir = $dir/crl
database = $dir/index.txt
# database index file.
```

Make sure the directories exist or create them

```
# mkdir -p /usr/local/certs/CA
# cd /usr/local/certs/CA
# mkdir certs crl newcerts private
# echo "01" > serial
# touch index.txt
# Only if serial does not exist
```

11.3 Create a certificate authority

If you do not have a certificate authority from a vendor, you'll have to create your own. This step is not necessary if one intend to use a vendor to sign the request. To make a certificate authority (CA):

```
# openssl req -new -x509 -days 730 -config /etc/ssl/openssl.cnf \
-keystore CA/private/cakey.pem -out CA/cacert.pem
```

11.4 Create a certificate signing request

To make a new certificate (for mail server or web server for example), first create a request certificate with its private key. If your application do not support encrypted private key (for example UW-IMAP does not), then disable encryption with -nodes.

```
# openssl req -new -keyout newkey.pem -out newreq.pem \
-config /etc/ssl/openssl.cnf
# openssl req -nodes -new -keyout newkey.pem -out newreq.pem \
-config /etc/ssl/openssl.cnf
# No encryption for the key
```

```
# ssh -L 3022:localhost:2022 admin@gate           # forwards client 3022 to gate:2022
Now the admin can connect directly to the client cluser with:
# ssh -p 3022 admin@localhost                      # local:3022 -> gate:2022 -> client:22
```

Connect to VNC behind NAT

Suppose a Windows client with VNC listening on port 5900 has to be accessed from behind NAT. On client clwin to gate:

```
# ssh -R 15900:localhost:5900 user@gate
On client cladmin (from host to gate):
# ssh -L 5900:localhost:15900 admin@gate
Now the admin can connect directly to the client VNC with:
# vncconnect -display :0 localhost
```

6 VPN WITH SSH

As of version 4.3, OpenSSH can use the tun/tap device to encrypt a tunnel. This is very similar to other TLS based VPN solutions like OpenVPN. One advantage with SSH is that there is no need to install and configure additional software. Additionally the tunnel uses the SSH authentication like pre shared keys. The drawback is that the encapsulation is done over TCP which might result in poor performance on a slow link. Also the tunnel is relying on a single (fragile) TCP connection. This technique is very useful for a quick IP based VPN setup. There is no limitation as with the single TCP port forward, all layer 3/4 protocols like ICMP, TCP/UDP, etc. are forwarded over the VPN. In any case, the following options are needed in the sshd_config file:

```
PermitRootLogin yes
PermitTunnel yes
```

6.1 Single P2P connection

Here we are connecting two hosts, hclient and hserver with a peer to peer tunnel. The connection is started from hclient to hserver and is done as root. The tunnel end points are 10.0.1.1 (server) and 10.0.1.2 (client) and we create a device tun5 (this could also be an other number). The procedure is very simple:

- Connect with SSH using the tunnel option -W
- Configure the IP addresses of the tunnel. Once on the server and once on the client.

Connect to the server

Connection started on the client and commands are executed on the server.

Server is on Linux

```
cli# ssh -W5:5 root@hserver
srv# ifconfig tun5 10.0.1.1 netmask 255.255.255.252      # Executed on the server shell
```

Server is on FreeBSD

```
cli> ssh -W5:5 root@hserver
srv># ifconfig tun5 10.0.1.1 10.0.1.2      # Executed on the server shell
```

Configure the client

Commands executed on the client:

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```
cli># ifconfig tun5 10.0.1.2 netmask 255.255.255.252 # Client is on Linux  
cli># ifconfig tun5 10.0.1.2 10.0.1.1 # Client is on FreeBSD
```

The two hosts are now connected and can transparently communicate with any layer 3/4 protocol using the tunnel IP addresses.

6.2 Connect two networks

In addition to the p2p setup above, it is more useful to connect two private networks with an SSH VPN using two gates. Suppose for the example, **netA** is 192.168.51.0/24 and **netB** 192.168.16.0/24. The procedure is similar as above, we only need to add the routing. NAT must be activated on the private interface only if the gates are not the same as the default gateway of their network.

- Connect with SSH using the tunnel option -W.
 - Add the routing for the two networks.
 - If necessary, activate NAT on the private interface of the gate.

The setup is *started from gateA in netA*.

Connect from **gateA** to **gateB**

Connection is started from **gateA** and commands are executed on **gateB**.

gateB is on Linux

```
gateA># ssh -W5.5 root@gateB  
gateB># ifconfig tun5 10.0.1.1 netmask 255.255.255.252 # Executed on the gateB shell  
gateB># route add -net 192.168.51.0 netmask 255.255.255.0 dev tun5  
gateB># echo 1 > /proc/sys/net/ipv4/ip_forward # Only needed if not default gw  
gateB># iptables -t nat -A POSTROUTING -o eth0 -j MASQUERADE
```

gateB is on FreeBSD

```
gateA># ssh -W5.5 root@gateB  
gateB># ifconfig tun5 10.0.1.1 10.0.1.2  
gateB># route add 192.168.51.0/24 10.0.1.2  
gateB># sysctl net.inet.ip.forwarding=1  
gateB># natd -s -m -u -dynamic -n ffp0  
gateA># sysctl net.inet.ip.fw.enable=1  
# Only needed if not default gw  
# see NAT (page 15)
```

Configure gateA

Commands executed on **gateA**:

gateA is on Linux

```
gateA># ifconfig tun5 10.0.1.2 netmask 255.255.255.252  
gateA># route add -net 192.168.16.0 netmask 255.255.255.0 dev tun5  
gateA># echo 1 > /proc/sys/net/ipv4/ip_forward  
gateA># iptables -t nat -A POSTROUTING -o eth0 -j MASQUERADE
```

gateA is on FreeBSD

```
gateA># ifconfig tun5 10.0.1.2 10.0.0.1.1  
gateA># route add 192.168.16.0/24 10.0.0.1.2  
gateA># sysctl net.inet.ip.forwarding=1  
gateA># natd -s -m -u -dynamic -n ffp0  
gateA># sysctl net.inet.ip.fw.enable=1  
# see NAT (page 15)
```

The two private networks are now transparently connected via the SSH VPN. The IP forward and NAT settings are only necessary if the gates are not the default gateways. In this case the clients would not know where to forward the response, and nat must be activated.

Use password and key

I use those settings for a typical disk encryption, it uses a passphrase AND a key to encrypt the master key. That is you need both the password and the generated key `/root/adl.key` to attach the partition. The master key is stored inside the partition and is not visible. See below for typical USB or file based image.

Create encrypted partition

```
# dd if=/dev/random of=/root/adl.key bs=64 count=1 # this key encrypts the master key  
# geli init -s 4096 -K /root/adl.adl.key /dev/adl # 8192 is also OK for disks  
# geli attach -k /root/adl.key /dev/adl # DO make a backup of /root/adl.key  
# dd if=/dev/random of=/dev/adl.adl.eli bs=1m # Optional and takes a long time  
# newfs /dev/adl.adl.eli  
# mount /dev/adl.adl.eli /mnt
```

Attach

```
# geli attach -k /root/adl.key /dev/adl  
# fsck -ny -t ffs /dev/adl.adl.eli  
# mount /dev/adl.adl.eli /mnt # In doubt check the file system
```

Detach

```
The detach procedure is done automatically on shutdown.  
# umount /mnt  
# geli detach /dev/adl.adl.eli
```

/etc/fstab

The encrypted partition can be configured to be mounted with `/etc/fstab`. The password will be prompted when booting. The following settings are required for this example:

```
# grep geli /etc/rc.conf  
geli_devices="ad1"  
geli_ad1_flags="k /root/adl.key"  
# grep geli /etc/fstab  
/dev/adl.adl.eli /home/private  
ufs rw 0 0
```

Use password only

It is more convenient to encrypt a USB stick or file based image with a passphrase only and no key. In this case it is not necessary to carry the additional key file around. The procedure is very much the same as above, simply without the key file. Let's encrypt a file based image /crypteedfile of 1 GB.

```
# dd if=/dev/zero of=/crypteedfile bs=1M count=1000 # 1 GB file  
# mdconfig -at vnode -f /crypteedfile  
# geli init /dev/md0  
# geli attach /dev/md0  
# newfs -U -m 0 /dev/md0.eli  
# mount /dev/md0.eli /mnt  
# umount /dev/md0.eli  
# geli detach md0.eli
```

It is now possible to mount this image on an other system with the password only.

```
# mdconfig -at vnode -f /crypteedfile  
# geli attach /dev/md0  
# mount /dev/md0.eli /mnt
```

10.1 Linux

Those instructions use the Linux `dm-crypt` (device-mapper) facility available on the 2.6 kernel. In this example, lets encrypt the partition `/dev/sdc1`, it could be however any other partition or disk, or USB or a file based partition created with `lsof`. In this case we would use `/dev/loop0`. See file image partition. The device mapper uses labels to identify a partition. We use `sdc1` in this example, but it could be any string.

dm-crypt with LUKS

LUKS with dm-crypt has better encryption and makes it possible to have multiple passphrase for the same partition or to change the password easily. To test if LUKS is available, simply type `# cryptsetup --help`, if nothing about LUKS shows up, use the instructions below Without LUKS. First create a partition if necessary: `fdisk /dev/sdc1`.

Create encrypted partition

```
# dd if=/dev/urandom of=/dev/sdc1          # Optional. For paranoid's only (takes days)
# cryptsetup luksFormat /dev/sdc1          # This destroys any data on sdc1
# cryptsetup luksOpen /dev/sdc1 sdc1
# mkfs.ext3 /dev/mapper/sdc1              # create ext3 file system
# mount -t ext3 /dev/mapper/sdc1 /mnt
# umount /mnt
# cryptsetup luksClose sdc1              # Detach the encrypted partition
```

Attach

```
# cryptsetup luksOpen /dev/sdc1 sdc1
# mount -t ext3 /dev/mapper/sdc1 /mnt
```

Detach

```
# umount /mnt
# cryptsetup luksClose sdc1
```

dm-crypt without LUKS

```
# cryptsetup -y create sdc1 /dev/sdc1      # or any other partition like /dev/loop0
# dmsetup ls                                # check it, will display: sdc1 (254, 0)
# mkfs.ext3 /dev/mapper/sdc1                # This is done only the first time!
# mount -t ext3 /dev/mapper/sdc1 /mnt
# umount /mnt/
# cryptsetup remove sdc1                   # Detach the encrypted partition
```

Do exactly the same (without the `mkfs` part!) to re-attach the partition. If the password is not correct, the mount command will fail. In this case simply remove the map `sdc1` (`cryptsetup remove sdc1`) and create it again.

10.2 FreeBSD

The two popular FreeBSD disk encryption modules are `gbde` and `geli`. I now use `geli` because it is faster and also uses the crypto device for hardware acceleration. See The FreeBSD handbook Chapter 18.6⁸ for all the details. The `geli` module must be loaded or compiled into the kernel:

```
options GEOM_ELI
device crypto
# echo 'geom_eli_load="YES"' >> /boot/loader.conf   # or as module:
# or do: kldload geom_elide
```

7 RSYNC

Rsync can almost completely replace cp and scp, furthermore interrupted transfers are efficiently restarted. A trailing slash (and the absence thereof) has different meanings, the man page is good... Here some examples:

Copy the directories with full content:

```
# rsync -a /home/colin/ /backup/colin/
# rsync -a /var/ /var_bak/
# rsync -ar --delete-during /home/user/ /backup/           # use relative (see below)
```

Same as before but over the network and with compression. Rsync uses SSH for the transport per default and will use the ssh key if they are set. Use ":" as with SCP. A typical remote copy:

```
# rsync -axSrzv /home/user/ user@server:/backup/user/
```

Exclude any directory `tmp` within `/home/user/` and keep the relative folders hierarchy, that is the remote directory will have the structure `/backup/home/user/`. This is typically used for backups.

```
# rsync -azR --exclude '/tmp' /home/user/ user@server:/backup/
Use port 20022 for the ssh connection:
```

```
# rsync -az -e 'ssh -p 20022' /home/colin/ user@server:/backup/colin/
Using the rsync daemon (used with "::") is much faster, but not encrypted over ssh. The location of /backup is defined by the configuration in /etc/rsyncd.conf. The variable RSYNC_PASSWORD can be set to avoid the need to enter the password manually.
```

```
# rsync -axSrz /home/ ruser@hostname::rmodule/backup/
# rsync -axSrz ruser@hostname::rmodule/backup/ /home/           # To copy back
```

Some important options:

<code>-a,</code>	<code>--archive</code>	archive mode; same as <code>-rlptgoD</code> (no <code>-H</code>)
<code>-r,</code>	<code>--recursive</code>	recurse into directories
<code>-R,</code>	<code>--relative</code>	use relative path names
<code>-H,</code>	<code>--hard-links</code>	preserve hard links
<code>-S,</code>	<code>--sparse</code>	handle sparse files efficiently
<code>-x,</code>	<code>--one-file-system</code>	don't cross file system boundaries
	<code>--exclude=PATTERN</code>	exclude files matching PATTERN
	<code>--delete-during</code>	receiver deletes during xfer, not before
	<code>--delete-after</code>	receiver deletes after transfer, not before

7.1 Rsync on Windows

Rsync is available for Windows through cygwin or as stand-alone packaged in cwsync⁷. This is very convenient for automated backups. Install one of them (*not both*) and add the path to the Windows system variables: # Control Panel -> System -> tab Advanced, button Environment Variables. Edit the "Path" system variable and add the full path to the installed rsync, e.g. C:\Program Files\cwsync\bin or C:\cygwin\bin. This way the commands rsync and ssh are available in a Windows command shell.

Public key authentication

Rsync is automatically tunneled over SSH and thus uses the SSH authentication on the server. Automatic backups have to avoid a user interaction, for this the SSH public key authentication can be used and the rsync command will run without a password. All the following commands are executed within a Windows console. In a console (Start -> Run -> cmd) create and upload the key as described in SSH, change "user" and "server" as

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appropriate. If the file `authorized_keys2` does not exist yet, simply copy `id_dsa.pub` to `authorized_keys2` and upload it.

```
# ssh-keygen -t dsa -N ''                                # Creates a public and a private key
# rsync user@server:ssh/authorized_keys2 .               # Copy the file locally from the server
# cat id_dsa.pub >> authorized_keys2                  # Or use an editor to add the key
# rsync authorized_keys2 user@server:.ssh/              # Copy the file back to the server
# del authorized_keys2                                  # Remove the local copy
```

Now test it with (in one line):

```
rsync -rv "/cygdrive/c/Documents and Settings/%USERNAME%/" \
'@user@server:My\ Documents/' \
@ECHO OFF
REM rsync the directory My Documents
SETLOCAL
SET CWRSSYNCHOME=C:\PROGRAM FILES\CWRSSYNC
SET CYGWIN=ntntec
SET CWDMPATH=%PATH%
REM uncomment the next line when using cygwin
SET PATH=%CWRSSYNCHOME%\BIN;%PATH%
echo Press control-C to abort
rsync -av "%cygdrive/c/Documents and Settings/%USERNAME%/" \
'@user@server:My\ Documents/' \
pause
```

8 SUDO

Sudo is a standard way to give users some administrative rights without giving out the root password. Sudo is very useful in a multi user environment with a mix of server and workstations. Simply call the command with sudo:

```
# sudo /etc/init.d/dhcpcd restart
# sudo -u sysadmin whoami
# Run cmd as an other user
```

8.1 Configuration

Sudo is configured in `/etc/sudoers` and must only be edited with visudo. The basic syntax is (the lists are comma separated):

```
user hosts = (runas) commands          # In /etc/sudoers
users one or more users or %group (like %wheel) to gain the rights
hosts list of hosts (or ALL)
runas list of users (or ALL) that the command rule can be run as. It is enclosed in ()!
```

commands list of commands (or ALL) that will be run as root or as (runas)

Additionally those keywords can be defined as alias, they are called `User_Alias`, `Host_Alias`, `Runas_Alias` and `Cmnd_Alias`. This is useful for larger setups. Here a sudoers example:

```
# cat /etc/sudoers
# Host aliases are subnets or hostnames.
Host_Alias DMZ = 212.118.81.40/28
Host_Alias DESKTOP = work1, work2
# User aliases are a list of users which can have the same rights
```

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User_Alias	ADMINS	= colin, luca, admin
User_Alias	DEVEL	= joe, jack, julia
Runas_Alias	DBA	= oracle,pgsql

```
# Command aliases define the full path of a list of commands
Cmnd_Alias SYSTEM = /sbin/reboot,/usr/bin/kill,/sbin/halt,/sbin/shutdown,/etc/init.d/
Cmnd_Alias PW = /usr/bin/passwd [A-z]*,!/usr/bin/passwd root # Not root pwd!
Cmnd_Alias DEBUG = /usr/sbin/tcpdump,/usr/bin/wireshark,/usr/bin/imap
```

Automatic backup

Use a batch file to automate the backup and add the file in the scheduled tasks (Programs -> Accessories -> System Tools -> Scheduled Tasks). For example create the file `backup.bat` and replace `user@server`.

```
@ECHO OFF
REM sync the directory My Documents
```

```
SET CYGWIN=ntntec
SET CWDMPATH=%PATH%
```

```
REM uncomment the next line when using cygwin
SET PATH=%CWRSSYNCHOME%\BIN;%PATH%
```

```
echo Press control-C to abort
```

```
rsync -av "%cygdrive/c/Documents and Settings/%USERNAME%/" \
'@user@server:My\ Documents/' \
pause
```

```
# The actual rules
root,ADMINS ALL = (ALL) NOPASSWD: ALL      # ADMINS can do anything w/o a password.
sysadmin DMZ = (ALL) NOPASSWD: ALL      # Developers have full right on desktops
DEVEL DESKTOP = (ALL) NOPASSWD: ALL      # Developers can debug the DMZ servers.
DEVEL DMZ = (ALL) NOPASSWD: DEBUG        # Group dba can run as database user.

# User sysadmin can mess around in the DMZ servers with some commands.
sysadmin DMZ = (ALL) NOPASSWD: SYSTEM,FW,DEBUG
sysadmin ALL,!DMZ = (ALL) NOPASSWD: ALL      # Can do anything outside the DMZ.
%dba ALL = (DBA) ALL                         # Group dba can run as database user.

# anyone can mount/unmount a cd-rom on the desktop machines
ALL DESKTOP = NOPASSWD: /sbin/mount /cdrom
ALL DESKTOP = NOPASSWD: /sbin/umount /cdrom
```

9 ENCRYPT FILES

9.1 A single file

Encrypt and decrypt:

```
# openssl des -salt -in file -out file.des
# openssl des -d -salt -in file.des -out file
```

Note that the file can of course be a tar archive.

9.2 tar and encrypt a whole directory

```
# tar -cf - directory | openssl des -salt -out directory.tar.gz.des           # Encrypt
# openssl des -d -salt -in directory.tar.gz.des | tar -x                         # Decrypt
```

9.3 tar zip and encrypt a whole directory

```
# tar -zcf - directory | openssl des -salt -out directory.tar.gz.des           # Encrypt
# openssl des -d -salt -in directory.tar.gz.des | tar -xz                      # Decrypt
```

- Use `-k mysecretpassword` after `des` to avoid the interactive password request. However note that this is highly insecure.
- Use `des3` instead of `des` to get even stronger encryption (Triple-DES Cipher). This uses also more CPU.

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There are (many) other alternative methods to encrypt disks, I only show here the methods I know and use. Keep in mind that the security is only good as long the OS has not been tampered with. An intruder could easily record the password from the keyboard events. Furthermore the data is freely accessible when the partition is attached and will not prevent an intruder to have access to it in this state.