Homework 3: CS114 Unix Tools, Fall 2007

Due electronically (via CMS) on Wednesday 17 October 2007, 11:59PM

1 Softlinks

The file /home/ejb34/HW3/start is a softlink. What is the full absolute path of the file that start points to? That file is a softlink also; what is the full absolute path that it points to? Continue this chain until you reach a real directory.

Turn in a file softlinks.txt containing, one per line, in order, the full paths of each file in this chain.

2 Mountpoints

Recall that mount with no arguments prints all disks on the current machine and where in the filesystem they are mounted. For each of the following files, indicate what the name of the device is (e.g. /dev/sda25) that the file is actually on, and the path relative to the mountpoint. For example, if /dev/sda2 is mounted on /boot, then for the path /boot/foo/bar you would write "/dev/sda2 foo/bar".

/usr/bin/yes
/etc/passwd
/var/mail/root

Turn in a file mountpoints.txt containing, one per line, the mountpoints and paths for this section.

3 Pipelines

Write a one-line command which prints out all users on empire who have a user id (UID) less than 5. The information you need is in the file /etc/passwd, and you can find out about the format of this file by doing man 5 passwd (the 5 means you're looking in "section 5" of the manual). Your command should not rely on the value of the current directory, and should be a single pipeline. Helpful commands: tr, awk. The result should be root, bin, daemon, adm, and lp (that is, it should print those five usernames, one per line, to standard output, in some order).

Turn in a file pipeline.txt containing the command you write here. Make sure to test the command!

4 Regular Expressions

A web url is a string of the form http://domainname/some/complicated/path. For example, the path to this file is http://www.cs.cornell.edu/courses/cs114/2007fa/HW3.pdf,

in which the domain is www.cs.cornell.edu and the path is courses/cs114/2007fa/HW3.pdf. Your goal in this problem is to write a sed command to extract domain names.

Specifically, write a pipeline which reads from a file urls and prints to standard output every unique domain name that appears in a url in that file. You may assume that there is only one url per line (if this problem is easy for you, consider how to handle multiple urls per line). Each domain name should appear only once in your output.

For example, if urls contains this text

Eric is teaching http://www.cs.cornell.edu/courses/cs114 but last semester he TA'd http://www.cs.cornell.edu/courses/cs312 A very useful resource is http://www.google.com Good luck!

your pipeline should print out

www.cs.cornell.edu www.google.com

Useful commands for this problem: sed, grep, sort -u.
Turn in a file regex.txt containing your solutions to this problem.