

Astrophysics Lab Work – Linux Basics

Week 2

Passwords and machine/session numbers have been provided to you in the “intro”-lab.

Please log all your commands (not the results) from the exercise to a file `YourName_logfile.txt` within your working directory (see below). Log only successful commands.

Exercise

- Login in to the account `numprakt` on the USM-hosts assigned to you.
- Find all the pdf files in the home directory, including subfolders. What does this do? Add a comment to your logfile starting with `#`.
- Add a `#` at the very beginning of the last command. What does this do? Add a comment to your logfile starting with `#`.
- In the file `/home/moon/paech/ubung0/linux.txt` find all the lines that contain the word 'auf' as well as 'das' by first using `grep` to search for lines with 'auf', then piping it to a `grep` for the word 'das'.
- In the previous command, add the option `-n --color` to the command.
- Look at the file `/home/moon/paech/AM2223-0100_output_detections.cat` by using `more`. It contains detection information for some galaxy clusters found in data from the Dark Energy Survey. Among other information, it contains information about the redshift in the column `Zphys` (column 7) and the signal to noise ratio of the detection (column 8).
- Use the commands `head -5 /home/moon/paech/AM2223-0100_output_detections.cat` and `head -9 /home/moon/paech/AM2223-0100_output_detections.cat` - what does it do (also check out the man page for `head`). Add a comment to your logfile starting with `#`.
- You can sort the contents according to redshift with the command `sort -n -k 7 /home/moon/paech/AM2223-0100_output_detections.cat`.
- Try the command `/usr/bin/grep -v ^# /home/moon/paech/AM2223-0100_output_detections.cat`. What does this do? Add a comment to your logfile starting with `#`.
- Now select the lines with the 5 highest signal to noise ratios. In order to do so, use the previous 3 commands with the right options and combine them with the help of pipes `|`. First discard the comment lines starting with `#`, then sort the file from highest to lowest signal to noise (use the option `-r` for sorting) and then filter the first 5 lines of that output.

Finalizing the exercise

When you are finished with all your exercises, please check your log-file carefully and email it to your supervisor in text format (no pdf, no MS Word docs, etc.).