

System Administration and Networking



Topics

1. System Administration 1
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Able to

- use vi to edit text files
- Use the command line and Graphical User Interface to manage users and groups



- Learning the VI (improved) Editor
- User and Group Administration

What is vi?



- A screen-based editor used by many Unix users
- Included with ALL Linux distributions

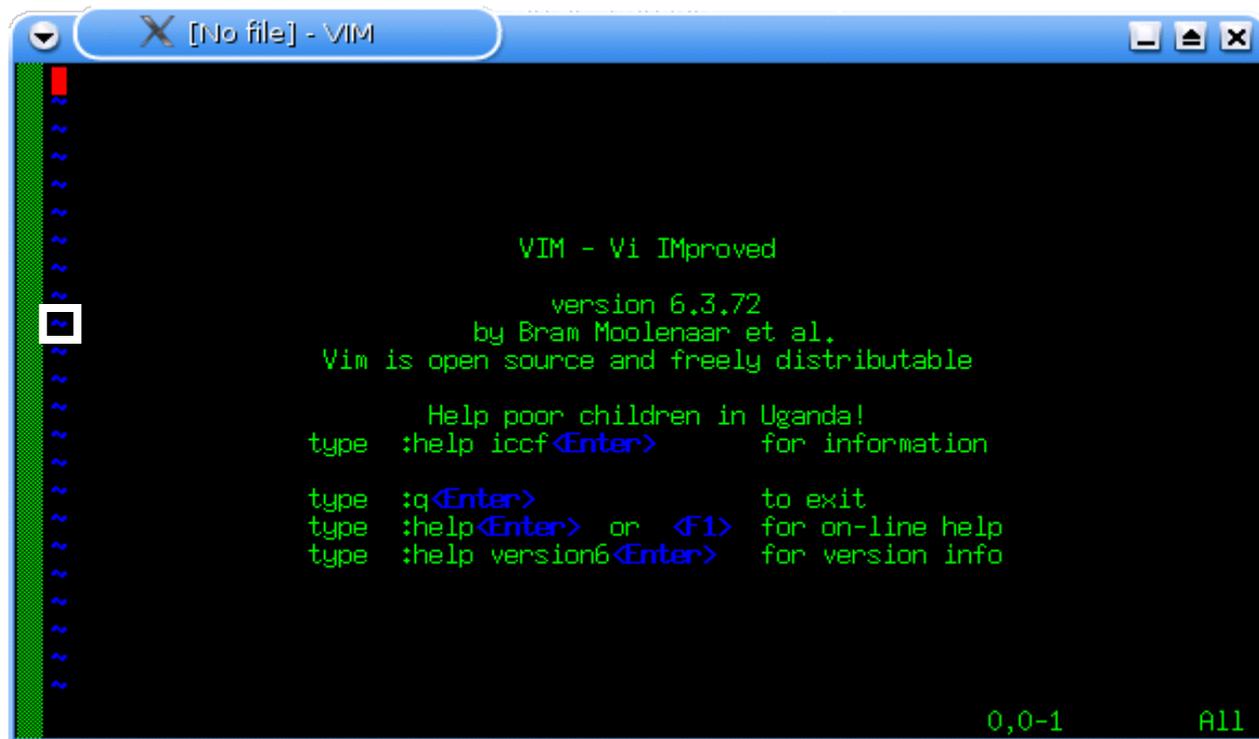


- Necessary when fixing system problems, and your graphical desktop refuses to start.



- vi
- vi *filename*

~ indicates lines that are not in file.



```
[No file] - VIM

VIM - Vi IMproved
      version 6.3.72
      by Bram Moolenaar et al.
Vim is open source and freely distributable

  Help poor children in Uganda!
type  :help iccf<Enter>      for information

type  :q<Enter>              to exit
type  :help<Enter> or <F1>   for on-line help
type  :help version6<Enter> for version info

                                0,0-1      All
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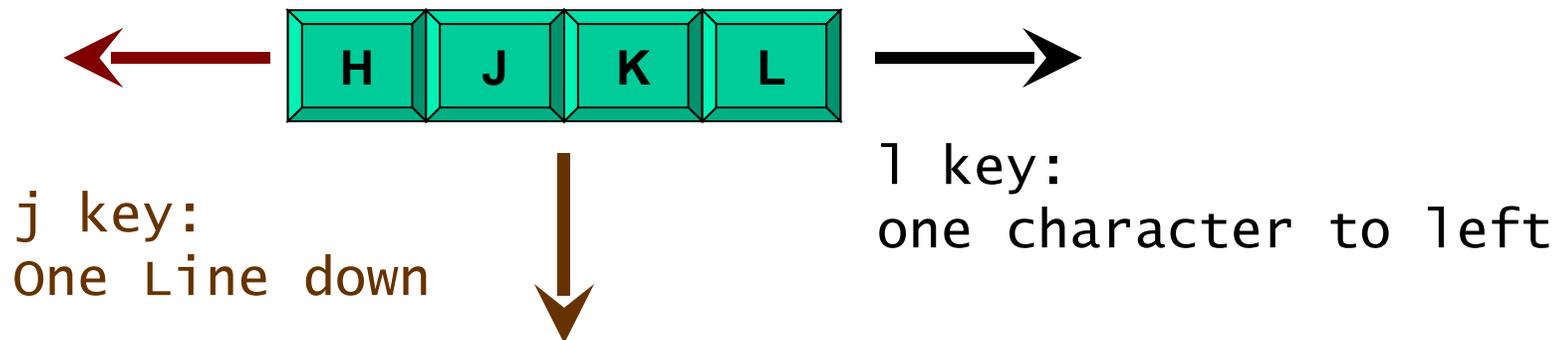
Command	Result
<code>ZZ</code>	Write file and quit vi
<code>:w!</code>	Save/overwrite the file
<code>:q</code>	Quit vi only if there is no unsaved edits
<code>:q!</code>	Quit without saving, even if there have been changes to the file
<code>e!</code>	Return to the last saved version of a file without edits

Moving the cursor



h key:
One character to right

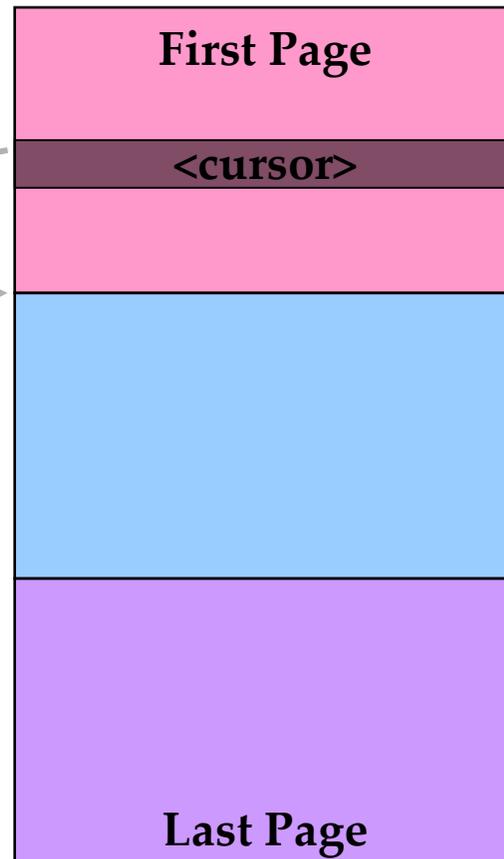
k key:
One Line up



Moving the cursor: Other commands



L key:
Move to bottom of
screen

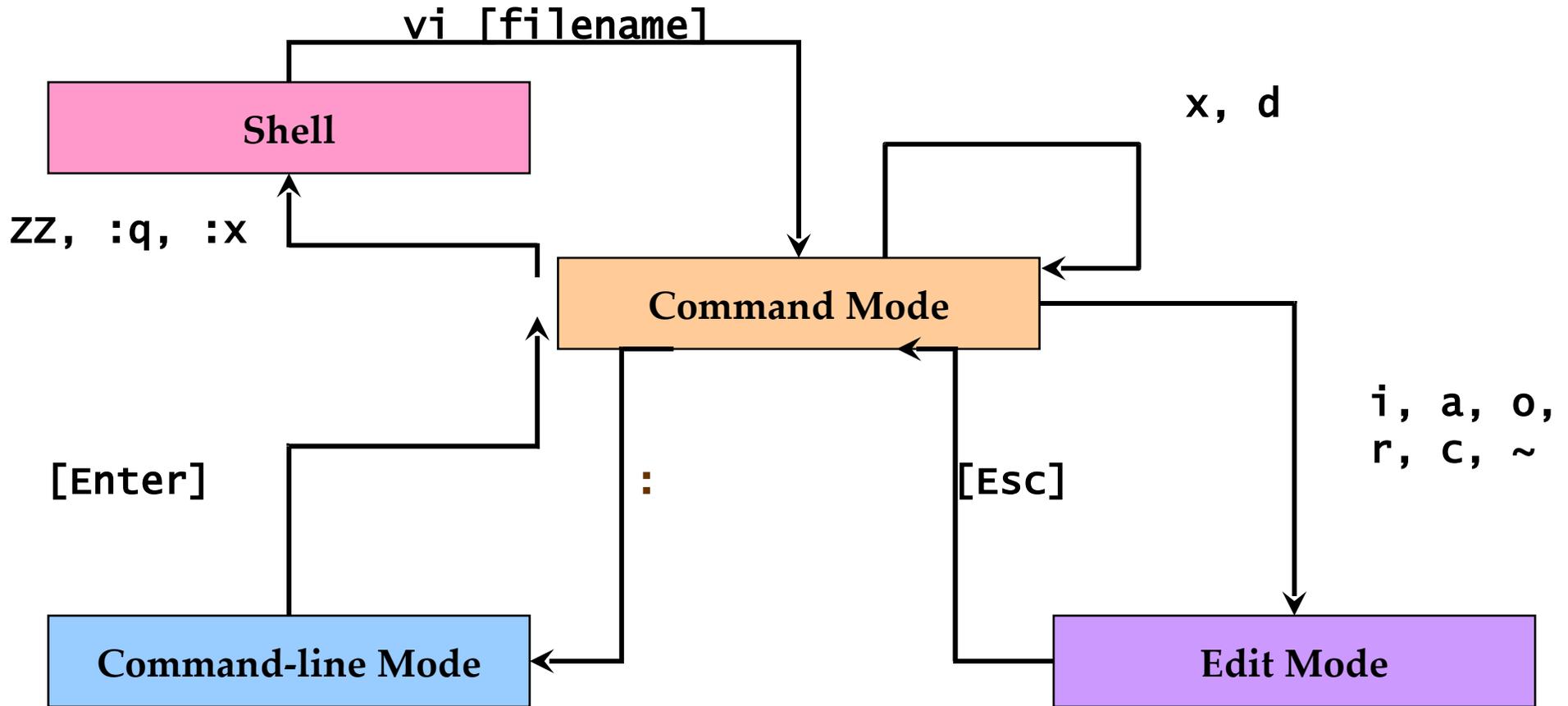


H key:
Move to top of
screen

G key:
Move to end of
file



- Three Modes
 - Command mode
 - Edit mode
 - Last Line mode





Command	Result
<code>append</code>	Place text just after the cursor
<code>insert</code>	Place text just before the cursor
<code>open</code>	Open a new line below the cursor and begins inserting text there



Command	Result
<code>change</code>	Change from cursor to end of line -- delete and start insert mode
<code>replace</code>	Replace a single character with another character
<code>~</code>	switch a single character from uppercase/lowercase to lowercase/uppercase



Command	Result
dl	Delete the next character
dw	Delete the current word
dG	Delete to end-of-file
dd	Delete the current line.
d\$	Delete to end-of-line
x	Delete the character where the cursor is

Copy & Paste in Command Mode



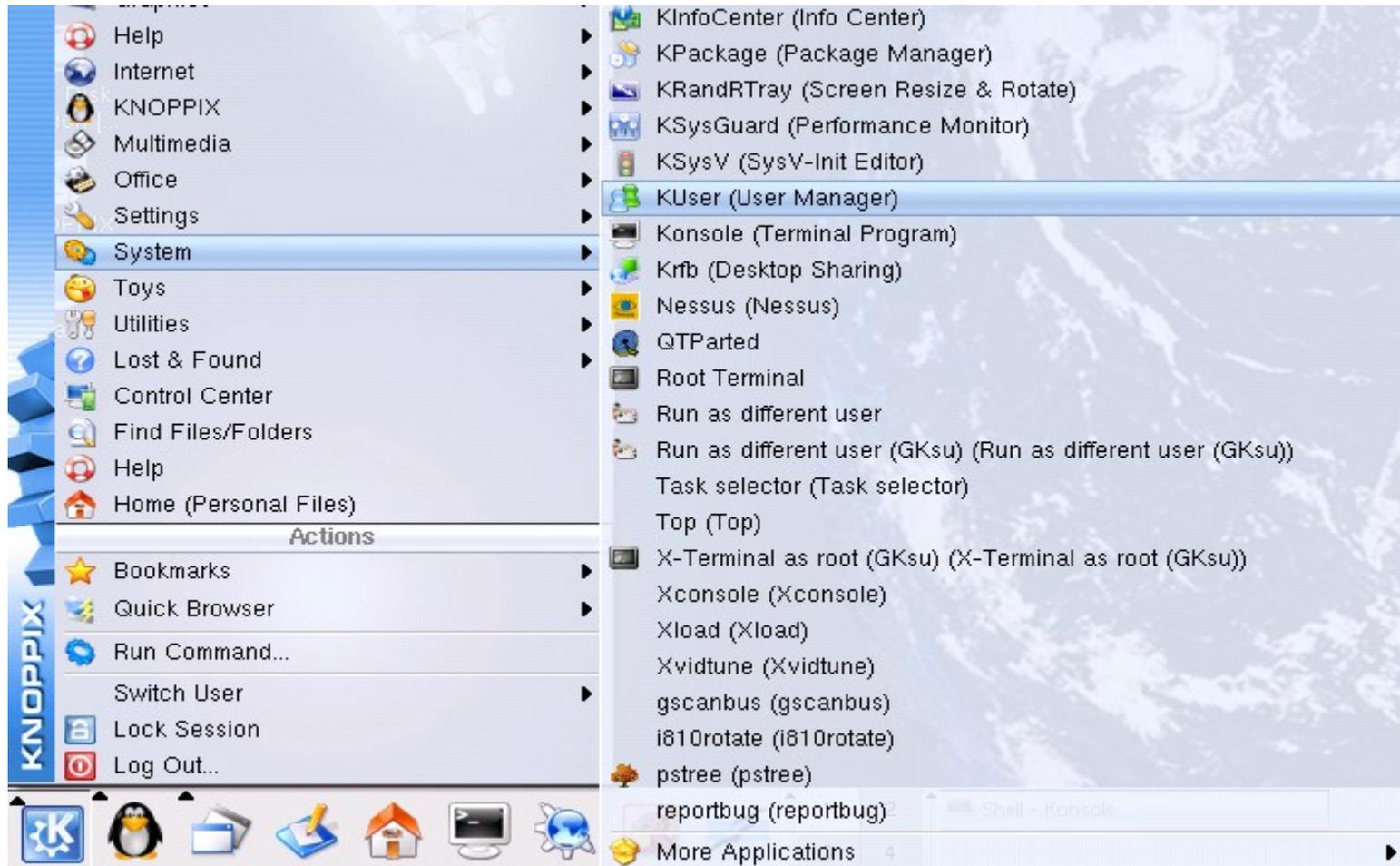
Command	Result
yy	Yank the current line into buffer
dw	Delete word.
x	Delete the character where the cursor is



- Learning the VI Editor
- User and Group Administration



- Necessary to differentiate the users using the system
- Allows each user to keep a set of private file
- Allow user customization of the working environment





The screenshot shows the KDE User Manager window titled "KDE User Manager - KUser". The window has a menu bar with "File", "User", "Group", "Settings", and "Help". Below the menu bar is a toolbar with icons for "ADD", "EDIT", "DEL", "ADD", "EDIT", "DEL", and a refresh icon. The main area has two tabs: "Users" (selected) and "Groups". Below the tabs is a table listing system users.

UID	User Login	Full Name	Home Directory	Login Shell
0	root	root	/root	/bin/bash
1	daemon	daemon	/usr/sbin	/bin/sh
2	bin	bin	/bin	/bin/sh
3	sys	sys	/dev	/bin/sh
4	sync	sync	/bin	/bin/sync
5	games	games	/usr/games	/bin/sh
6	man	man	/var/cache/man	/bin/sh
7	lp	lp	/var/spool/lpd	/bin/sh
8	mail	mail	/var/mail	/bin/sh
9	news	news	/var/spool/news	/bin/sh
10	uucp	uucp	/var/spool/uucp	/bin/sh
13	proxy	proxy	/bin	/bin/sh
30	majordom	Majordomo	/usr/lib/majordomo	/bin/sh
31	postgres	postgres	/var/lib/postgres	/bin/sh

Ready

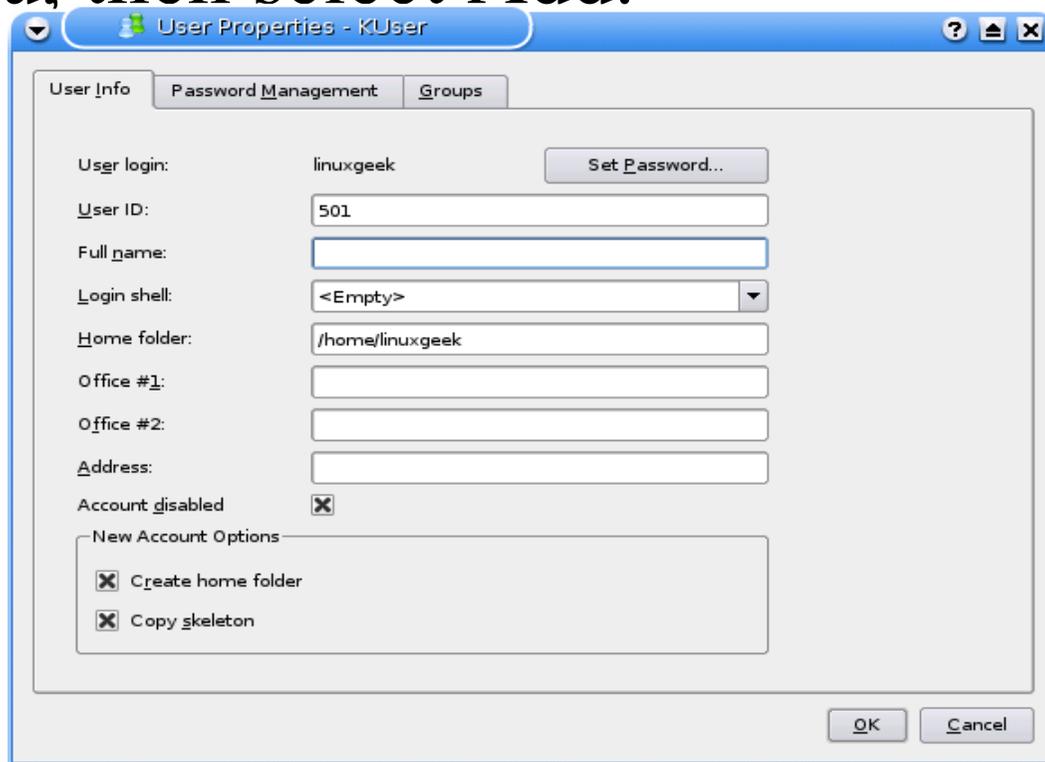


- Click on User menu, then select Add.



A dialog box titled "KUser" with a blue header bar. It contains a text input field with the placeholder text "Please type the name of the new user:". Below the input field are three buttons: "Clear", "OK", and "Cancel".

After entering the
username



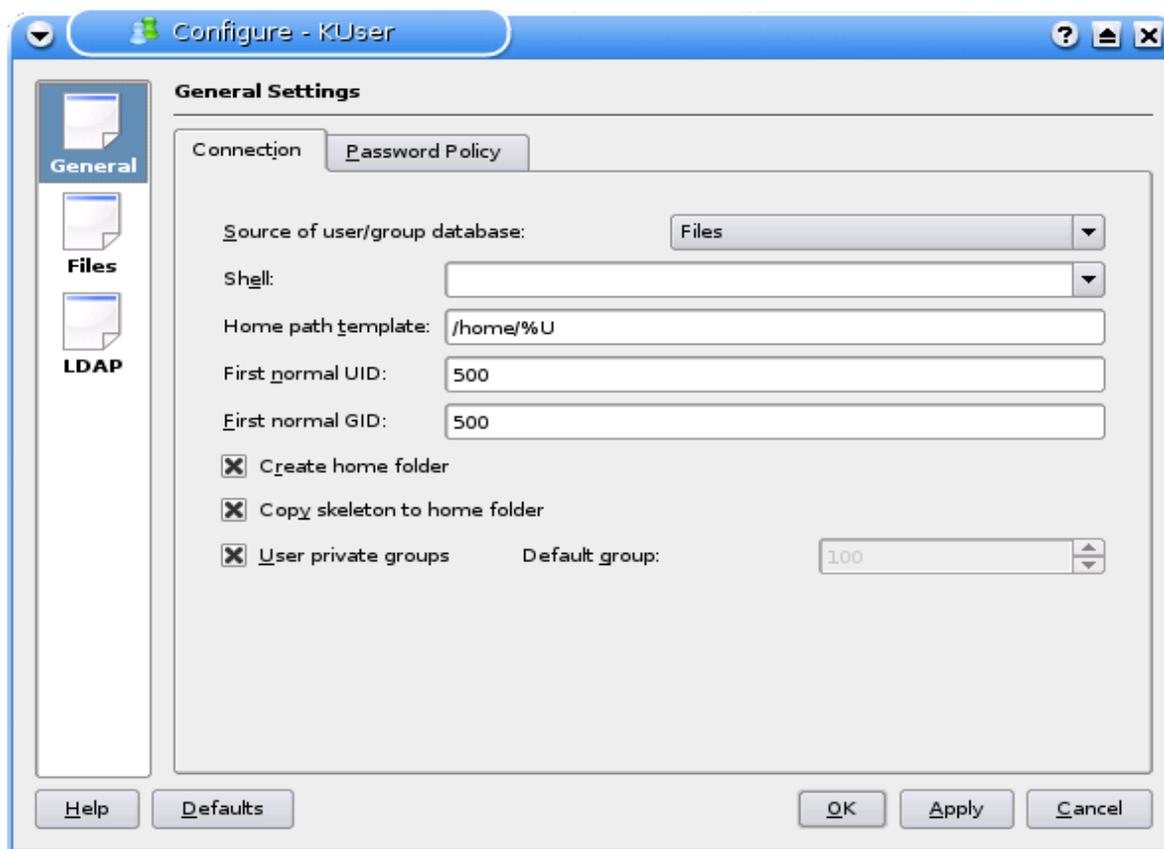
A dialog box titled "User Properties - KUser" with a blue header bar. It has three tabs: "User Info", "Password Management", and "Groups". The "User Info" tab is active. It contains several fields and checkboxes:

- User login: linuxgeek (with a "Set Password..." button)
- User ID: 501
- Full name: (empty text box)
- Login shell: <Empty> (dropdown menu)
- Home folder: /home/linuxgeek
- Office #1: (empty text box)
- Office #2: (empty text box)
- Address: (empty text box)
- Account disabled:
- New Account Options:
 - Create home folder
 - Copy skeleton

At the bottom right are "OK" and "Cancel" buttons.



- Click the menu Settings->Configure KUser...





- Located in /etc

```
root:x:0:0:root:/root:/bin/bash
daemon:x:1:1:daemon:/usr/sbin:/bin/sh
bin:x:2:2:bin:/bin:/bin/sh
sys:x:3:3:sys:/dev:/bin/sh
sync:x:4:65534:sync:/bin:/bin/sync
games:x:5:60:games:/usr/games:/bin/sh
```



- Varies slightly across distribution

UID Range	Purpose
0 – 99	Used for system accounts allocated by the Debian project. The "root" account is UID 0
100 – 999	Are for system users which have not been allocated by the Debian project.
1000 – 29999	are normal user accounts.
65534	User "nobody", an account with no rights or permissions.

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Command	Description
useradd	To add a new user to the system.
userdel	To remove an existing user from the system
usermod	To modify the information on a user
passwd	Allows a user to change his password.



- Create the following users each with a home directory `/home/<Username>`.

Username	Group Name		
	apollo	ares	athena
joe	X	X	
jason		X	X
john	X	X	X
jimmy		X	

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System Administration 2





- You wanted to restrict the people that can access your files and what they can do with them.



Permission	Description
Read (R)	Allows you to read the content of a file. For a directory, it allows the ls command to list all the file names in the directory.
Write (W)	Allows you to modify the file. For a directory, you can create or delete files inside that directory.
Execute (X)	Allows you to run the file. This means that the file either have to be an executable Linux commands or a shell script.

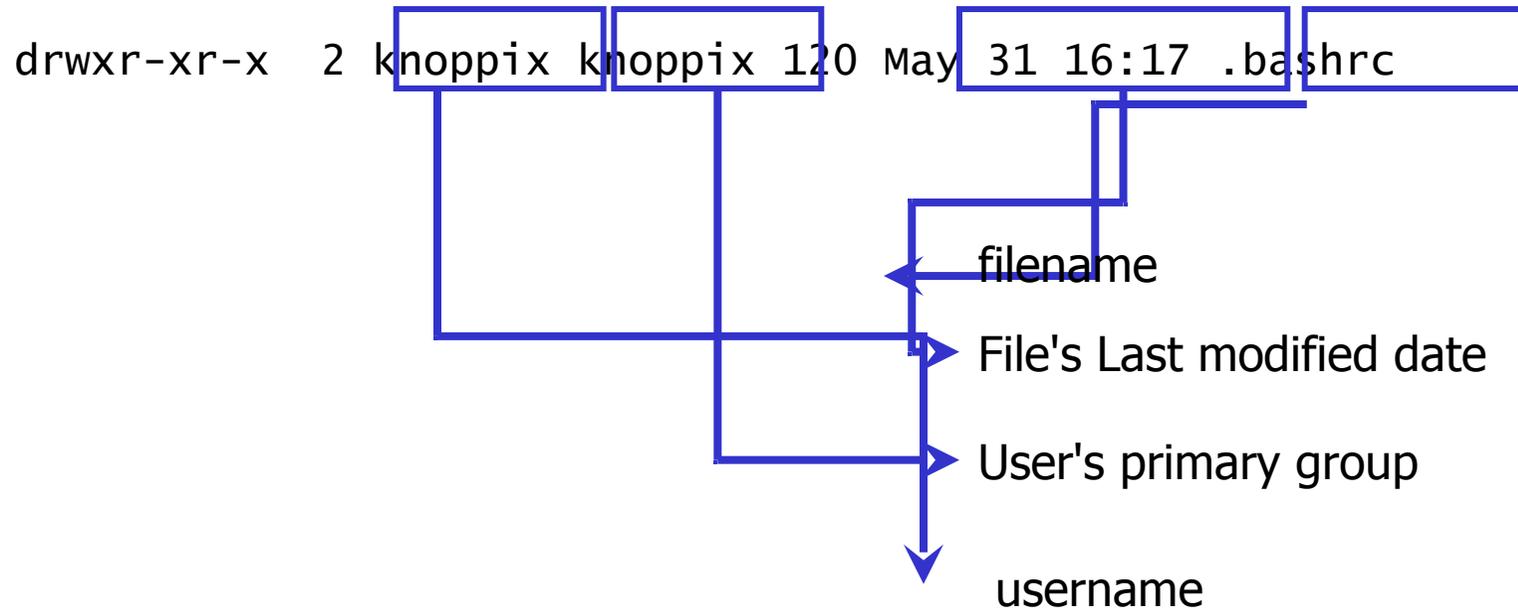
Understanding file ownership and permission



- The first character is a hyphen (-) if it is a file or d if it is a directory.
- The 2nd to 10th characters represents the user, group and "other" permission.

```
drwxr-xr-x 2 knoppix knoppix 120 May 31 16:17 .bashrc
```

Other information in the ls command





- `chmod [a|u|g|o][+|-]<permission> <file>`
- Example
`chmod g+rwx data.txt`

Changing Permission using graphical interface

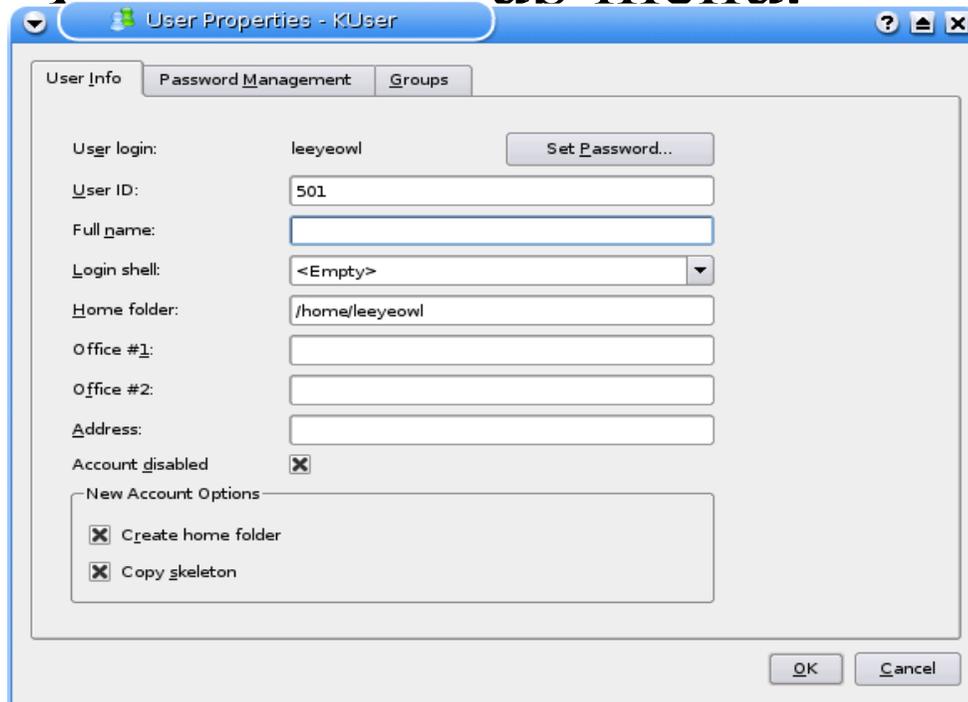


Click on the Konqueror icon.

Managing Software packages: The Graphical Way (2)



- Select any file. Right click, and select properties from the popup menu.





- Create two groups, alpha and beta.
- Create two users, elise and mary. Elise belongs to the group alpha. Mary belong to the group beta.
- Create a file that belongs to elise in her home directory. Change the permission so that mary can view the file.



- Defines the state of the system

Run Level	Action
1	System shutdown
2	Single-user mode
3	Multi-user mode without network
4	Multi-user mode with network
5	Multi-user mode with network and GUI
6	System Reboot

Managing Software packages: Motivation



- Wanted additional programs to work more efficiently
- Upgrade of existing programs when new versions are available

Managing Software packages: The Graphical Way (1)



- kpackage (available with KDE)



The KPackage Tool



The screenshot shows the KPackage application window. The left pane displays a tree view of installed packages under 'DEBAPT', with 'apt-show-versions' selected. The right pane shows the properties for this package.

Package	Mark	Summary
DEBAPT		
OTHER		
wavtools	o	WAV play, record, and com
admin		
alien	o	install non-native packages
anacron	o	a cron-like program that doe
apmd	o	Utilities for Advanced Power
apt-show-versio...	o	lists available package versi
apt-utils	o	APT utility programs
arpwatch	o	Ethernet/FDDI station activi
at	o	Delayed job execution and t
bacula-client	o	Network backup, recovery a
bacula-common	o	Network backup, recovery a
bacula-console	o	Network backup, recovery a
bacula-fd	o	Network backup, recovery a
bluez-utils	o	Bluetooth tools and daemons
brltty	o	Access software for a blind p
cdbackup	o	CD-R(W) backup utility
convertfs	o	in-place filesvstem conversi

apt-show-versions	
name	apt-show-versions
summary	lists available package versions with distribution
version	0.08
status	install ok installed
group	admin
size	34000
description	apt-show-versions parses the dpkg status file and the APT lists for the installed and available package versions and distribution and shows upgrade options within the specific distribution of the selected package. . This is really useful if you have a mixed stable/testing environment and want to list all packages which are from testing and can be upgraded in testing.
architecture	all

Managing Software packages: Installing with kpackage



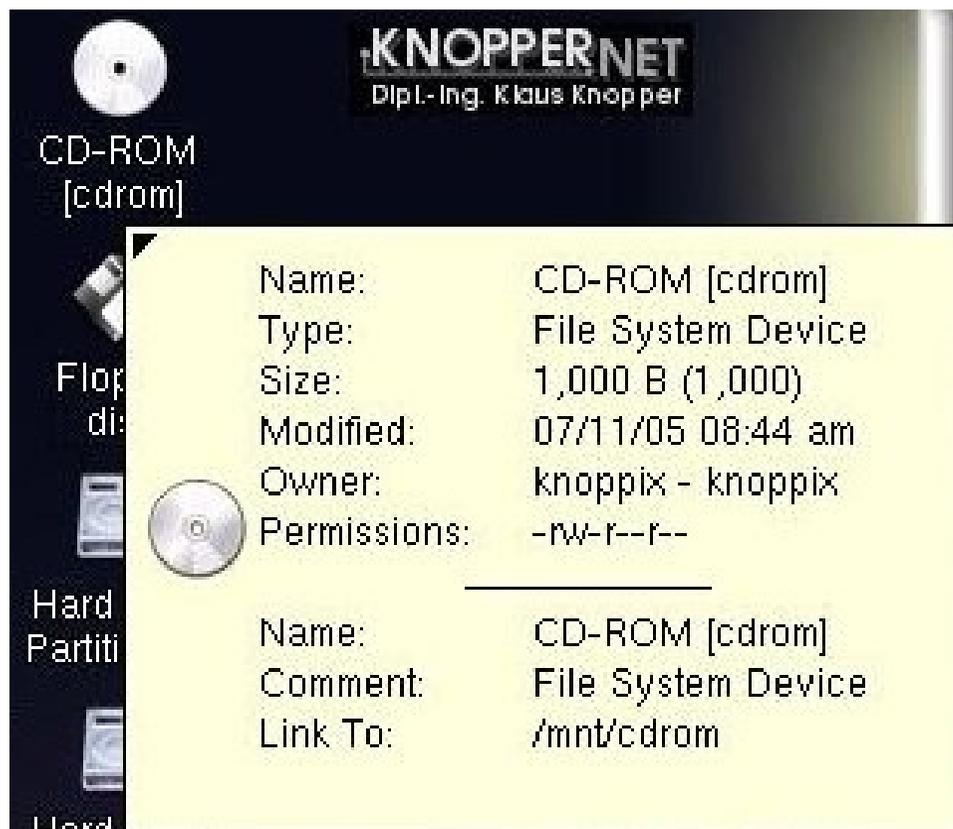
- Download pkg file to hard disk.
- In KPackage, from the File menu, select Open. In the dialog, select the pkg file.



- Find out what nano is. Using KPackage, install nano.



Move the mouse pointer over the first icon on the Knoppix Desktop and hold it for a short while. You should see a pop-up window like this:

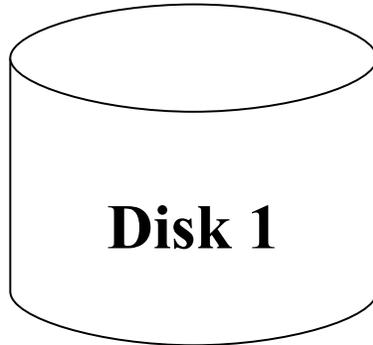


Let us now try to understand how Knoppix, or Linux, organizes the directories and files. We also want to understand the ownership and permissions.

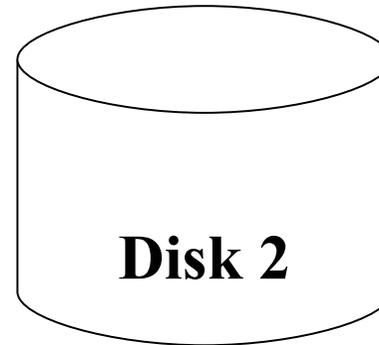
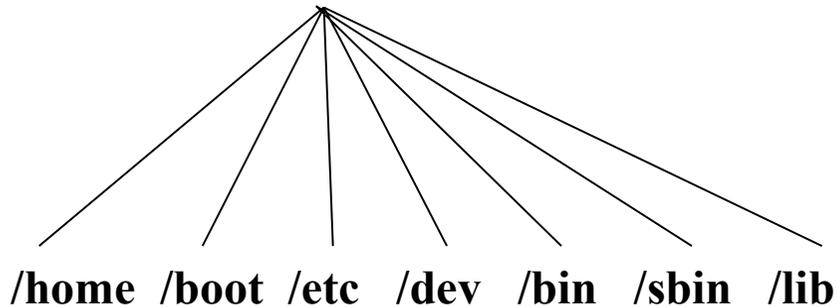


- Linux treats all devices as files and has actual files that represent each device. In Linux, these device files are located in the /dev directory.

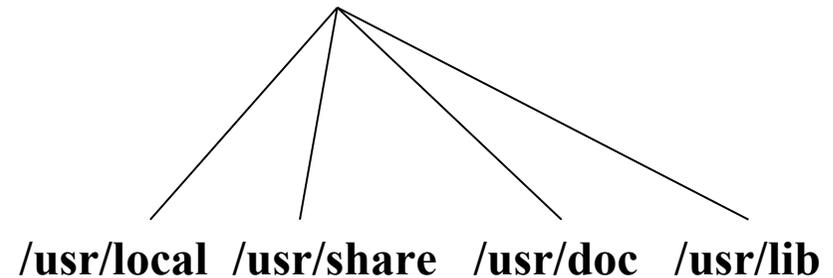
Name	Description
/dev/hda	First Integrated Drive Electronics (IDE) hard drive (the C: drive in DOS and Windows)
/dev/hdb	Second IDE hard drive (the D: drive in DOS and Windows)
/dev/sda	First Small Computer System Interface (SCSI) drive
/dev/sdb	Second SCSI drive
/dev/fd0	First floppy drive (the A: drive in DOS)
/dev/fd1	Second floppy drive (the B: drive in DOS)



/(root)



/usr



An example of mounting the Linux file system on two partitions



- Click the icon representing the terminal.
- A window will pop up and you will see the black window screen which you can type some commands.
- Type the command: **pwd** and press the Enter key
- This will show you where you are at, in this case, it will be `/home/knoppix`.
- Please note that forward slashes are used in the Linux file system.

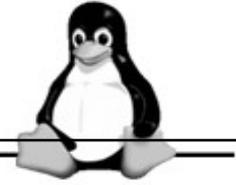
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Here are some commands which you can try out:



MS-DOS command	Linux command
cd path	cd path
cd \	cd /
cd ..	cd ..
cls	clear
Ctrl-Alt-Del	Ctrl-Alt-Del or shutdown -r now
copy	cp
date	date
del filename	rm filename
del *.*	rm *
dir	dir or ls
diskcopy	No direct equivalent
format	
md	mkdir
rd	rmdir
ren	mv filename new-filename
Time	Date
type filename	less filename (Ctrl-z to exit)

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Linux command

Linux command	Description
cal	print a calendar for current month
df	show how much disk space is free
du	show disk usage information
free	display memory information
ls	list files and folders
ls -a	list all files (including hidden files)
ls -s	list files and their size
ls -t	list files in time order (newest first)
mkdir	make directory
mvdir	move a directory
passwd	set or change a password
pwd	print the name of the current directory
rm	remove a file
rm -R	remove folder and its contents
rmdir	remove a directory
umount	unmount a device such as a disk drive



You can use the following commands to locate files:

Linux command	Example of usage	Example result
find <i><starting directory></i> -name <i><filename></i>	find / -name sound	/usr/src/linux-2.0.34/drivers/sound /etc/rc.d/init.d/sound
	find ~/ -ctime 2 (search my home directory for files that have been modified in the last two days)	/home/kinchew/getip.c /home/kinchew/a.out
	find ~/ -size 1024K	/home/kinchew/bochs/bochs-980513/core /home/kinchew/postgres51/core
locate	locate sound	/etc/sysconfig/soundcard /home/kinchew/icons/sound1.gif
whereis	whereis time	time: /usr/bin/time /usr/include/time.h /usr/man/man2/time.2 /usr/man/mann/time.n
which	which time	/usr/bin/time



- Use any text editor (e.g. pico or gvim) to type some text. Save the file with a name like “testfile” and save it on the desktop.
- Go to a terminal window and change its file permission such that the owner has all read, write and execute permissions; the group and the world (i.e. everybody else) have only read and execute permissions.
- Binary bits for Read-Write-Execute: 111 (i.e. full permissions) Decimal value: 7
- Binary bits for Read-Write-No Execute: 110 Decimal value: 6
- Binary bits for Read-No Write-Execute: 101 Decimal value: 5
- In the example above, please set the permission for testfile as: `chmod 755 testfile`
- Please check the permissions by typing: `ls -la`



Understanding the file permissions

- One advantage of the Linux system over Microsoft Windows (especially before Windows XP software) is that you can assign different types of permissions on every file or sub-directory.
- Move the mouse pointer over the icon labeled “KNOPPIX” on the desktop.
- After a while you will see the following appearing on the screen:
 - Type: Desktop Config File
 - Size: 190 B
 - Modified: 05/02/0306:17 pm
 - Owner: knoppix - knoppix
 - Permissions: -rw-r--r--
 - Name: KNOPPIX



Explanation of the Linux File System:

- Linux file systems have a single root directory (/).
- You don't need to care what drives are where.
- Linux commands and filenames are case-sensitive.
- Files have 3 attributes - read (r), write (w), execute (x)
- Everything belongs to somebody.

lrwxr-xr-x 2	root	root	2048	Oct 21	07:46	bin -> /usr/bin
drwxr-xr-x 2	root	root	1024	Oct 15	14:28	boot
-rwxr-xr-x 2	root	root	1382760	Oct 21	07:43	vmlinux



lrwxr-xr-x2	root	root	2048	Oct 21	07:46	bin -> /usr/bin
drwxr-xr-x	2	root	root	1024	Oct 15	14:28 boot
-rwxr-xr-x2	root	root	1382760	Oct 21	07:43	vmlinux

- First letter - link, directory or normal file (-)
- Next 9 characters - first 3 for file's **owner**; second 3 for file's **group** and last 3 for **everybody else**.
- So, in the above example of KNOPPIX having the permissions “-rw-r--r--“, we have the following:
 - KNOPPIX is a file.
 - The owner has read (r) and write (w) but not execute (x) permissions.
 - The group only has read (r) permission.
 - Everybody else only has read (r) permission.



Owner Group Others

d r w x r w x r w x

File type:

. = file

d = directory

l = link

Execute

Write

Read



File permissions

r	w	x
2^2	2^1	2^0
4	2	1

Example:
`chmod 755 filename`

Full permission for the owner, read & execute access for group and others.

Commands - 1



chmod -	to change permissions for users, groups and others
chmod +	to turn on the permission
chmod -	to turn off the permission
chown username filename	to change the owner of the file
chown -R username directoryname	R is for recursive
chgrp groupname filename	Changing the groupname
chgrp -R groupname directoryname	Changing the groupname recursively

Commands - 2



Command	Explanation
<code>chmod u+r filename</code>	Turns on read permission for user (i.e. owner)
<code>chmod g-w filename</code>	Turns off write permission for group
<code>chmod o-rwx filename</code>	Turns off all permissions for non-group users

Exercise

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- Complete the following table



S/No.	Request	Instruction
1	Make a text file, abc, executable by everybody	
2	Ensure that all files in ../config/includes are writable by everybody	
3	Change the owner of a file named "asiaoss1.txt" to root	
4	Activate group write permissions for file named "magical-beans.gz"	
5	Change group name of "magical-beans.gz" file to "admins"	

Networking & Samba

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- **Recap <YLLee>**
- Networking
 - Setting up network
 - Trouble shooting
- Samba
 - What is samba
 - Why samba and not NFS
 - Sharing files across the network
 - Checking files over the network

Recap





- Setting up Networking in KNOPPIX/Debian
 - Autoconfiguration
 - Manual
- Autoconfiguration
 - Networking should have been configured upon booting the system
- Manual



- Step 01 – Identify the hardware
 - Using Knoppix's KInfoCenter
 - Start the Kmenu -> System -> KInfoCenter
 - Click on “Network Interfaces”
 - Click on “PCI”
 - Using lspci
 - Run the command “lspci” in a terminal window
 - Using dmesg
 - Run the command “dmesg | grep eth” in a terminal window



- Step 02 – load the driver
 - Load the device driver for the appropriate driver
 - **<need the machines to list>**
 - Check that the driver is not already loaded by running the “lsmod” command
 - lsmod
 - Use the “modprobe” command to load the driver
 - modprobe <driver name>



- Step 03 – Identify the network interface
 - Names to note
 - lo – The loopback interface – always 127.0.0.1
 - eth – The ethernet interface for ethernet devices
 - ppp – The Point 2 Point Protocol interface for dial up modems
 - wlan – The wireless lan interface
 - Identify the name of your network interface with:
 - `dmesg | less`
 - `ip addr`



- Step 04 – Bringing the network interface up
 - Click on Kmenu -> KNOPPIX -> Network/Internet -> Network card configuration
 - Ifconfig eth0 192.168.1.1/24 up
 - dhclient eth0
 - dhcpcd -i eth0



- Step 05 – Finding the gateway
 - Using “ip route” to find the gateway
 - Using “route” to find the gateway



- Step 06 – Checking the network
 - Running “ping” to verify that the network is running



- Samba Network File Sharing
 - Network file sharing with Windows machines
 - Allow Windows users to access and share files from a linux server
 - Granular access control
 - Demonstrate simple file sharing with user based authentication



- Step 01 – Samba Control Center
 - Click on Kmenu -> Control Center -> Internet & Network -> Samba
 - Click on the “Administrator Mode” button



- Step 02 – Base Settings
 - Ensure that Security Level -> User
 - Further Options -> Allow guest logins



- Step 03 – Adding a Share
 - Click on the “Shares” tab
 - Click on “Add New Share...” button
 - Type the Directory -> Path
 - Fill in the Identifier -> Name and Identifier -> Comment
 - Click on the Users tab
 - All Unspecified Users -> Allow
 - This allows all users to access this share



- Step 04 – Testing with smbclient
 - Running smbclient -L KNOPPIX



- Test other features to test and optimize samba
- Learn to use Samba in “Domain” mode

Using the Printer & Scanner

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- Printing under Linux works on the basis of print queues.
- De-queuing is known as spooling.
- Spooler – the process that sends the print jobs from the queue to the printer. Spooler can be one of the many programs.
- CUPS (Common Unix Printing System) – platform-independent printing system – popular in UNIX and Linux world.
- CUPS uses the Internet Printing Protocol (IPP).
- KDE uses CUPS transparently.
- LPD is the second spooler which has been around for a long time.



- Connecting to the Internet with a modem
- Instant messaging with GAIM
- Email:
 - KMail
 - Evolution



- Useful Websites:
 - gaim.sourceforge.net
 - www.jabber.org
 - www.jabberstudio.org/project/?cat=5