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This paper is designed to give you an overview of how to navigate your way around HP-UX, and how to accomplish some of the everyday tasks that you may perform on MPE.

Questions are encouraged from the audience at any time.

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All examples are from HP-UX 9.04.



On MPE we had the Help command to find out the meaning of and syntax for various commands. On UNIX we have the man command. This is used to display on-line documents, often referred to as the "man pages".

The man pages are divided into logical sections. Sections 6 and 8 are not included on HP-UX. Section 6 is reserved for Games and Section 8 is sometimes classified as Administrative or Maintenance Commands.

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To determine what section you want to read or to get a summary of all
the entries with a particular keyword, you can use the -k option of the
man command.For TechiesThis option only works if you have a man page index file, which can be
found in /usr/lib/whatis. If your system does not have this file, you can
create it easily by logging on as root (superuser) and then doing a catman
-w command.For TechiesThis process takes a long time to run, so we suggest that you run it in the
background by putting an "&" at the end of the command.For TechiesThe man command searches the directories for the man page entries in
the order described by the MANPATH variable. This is just like theFor Techies

the order described by the MANPATH variable. This is just like the HPPATH variable on MPE, but it specifically describes the order in which the man command should search for specific man pages.

You can see the next page of a man page listing by pressing the spacebar. You can stop a man page listing by pressing "q".



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What happens when you log in to an HP-UX system?	For Techies
When you press Return, the getty program wakes up and first displays the contents of the /etc/issue file followed by the login prompt, and then runs the login process.	
Not only is login responsible for validating the username and password, but it places the user in the home directory and starts the default shell defined in the /etc/passwd file.	
At this point, what happens depends on what shell you have configured. For the Bourne, Korn and POSIX shells, the contents of the file /etc/profile is executed globally for each user.	
The shells also have the ability to execute the commands from local files in your home login directory. All the shells have the ability to execute the .profile file. The POSIX and Korn shells can also execute a second local file called .kshrc.	References
The C shell also has both a global and a local file which it executes. The names are /etc/csh.login for the global commands and .login as the local filename.	



"#" usually indicates the beginning of a comment.
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We are used to the concept of system variables on MPE. On HP-UX we have a similar concept called environment variables. As the name implies, these variables describe your environment. There are some common variables that many tools rely upon in order to function properly.	For Techies
Some typical MPE variables are HPPATH, HPACCOUNT, and HPGROUP. Some very common environment variables on HP-UX are the PATH, TERM, and MANPATH variables.	
The PATH variable is the same as the HPPATH variable on MPE.	
The TERM variable describes the type of terminal that you are using. This variable is often used by programs that use the Curses library, such as vi.	
The MANPATH variable is similar to the PATH variable, but is used as a search order for the man utility to find the various pages.	References
These variables must be "export"-ed in order for any child process to reference them.	







The above Hereis document (more on that topic soon) shows how we use a logically named environment variable as opposed to the actual name of our NT development server, which will change names over time.

References



When I first started with MPE, I took the introductory MPE course. We were given the analogy that the file system is like a file cabinet. We can apply this analogy to HP-UX, in which the filing cabinet can be the entire file system, a drawer is a directory, a folder within the drawer is a subdirectory, and a report within a folder can be thought of as a file. The difference on HP-UX is that you can have folders within folders. On MPE we refer to a file by the filename, the group the file resides in, and then finally the account:	For Techies
filename.group.account	
On HP-UX or in the HFS on MPE, the file would map to	
/ACCOUNT/GROUP/filename	
HP-UX and the HFS on MPE allow subdirectories within directories, giving multiple levels to the file system.	References





The UNIX file system divides users into these three categories as it relates to a file: the user who creates or owns the file, the group that may have access to it, and everyone else.	For Techies
Within each of these three categories, users can perform three different operations on a file: Read, Write, and eXecute.	
You can see the permissions of a particular file by using the -l option of the ls command (sometimes aliased to ll). The description of the access and permissions is always in Owner, Group, and Account order, and Read, Write, and eXecute within each classification.	
	References



You can change the permissions of a given file, if allowed, via the chmod command. The syntax is	For Techies
chmod permissions filename	
Permissions can be represented in any number of ways by a slightly confusing numeric representation.	
Given that Read is worth 4, Write is worth 2, and eXecute is worth 1, we know that full access to a file is 7 for each category of Owner, Group, and Other.	e
Therefore, complete access to a file for all categories is 777. If we want to change the permissions of a file in the current directory, we would issue the following chmod command:	
chmod 777 filea	References



By default, the ls command does not list all of the files. To list the files that begin with a period (.), you must use the -a option.

Fcopy, MPEX, and cp

On MPE we could copy files using Fcopy, Copy or the MPEX Copy command. The MPEX Copy command allows the user to specify filesets when selecting file(s). The cp command in HP-UX also allows this by default.

More on filesets and wildcards (regular expressions) in a few minutes.



Purge and rm Beginning with MPE/iX 5.0, we can purge files on MPE with wildcard characters. On HP-UX the command for purging files is rm, which stands for remove files.	For Techies
WARNING: Never use rm -r * because this command will remove all the files from the file system, starting from the root directory.	
Rename and mv On HP-UX the equivalent to the MPE Rename command is mv, which stands for move.	
Overwriting Files One problem with the cp, mv, and rm commands is that, by default, they do not prompt the user when they are going to overwrite an existing file. To prompt the user before overwriting an existing file, you must use the -i option with the commands. I make the -i option the default for some commands by putting an alias command in my .profile file.	References
File Command The file command on HP-UX is not the same as on MPE. On MPE the file command is used to define the attributes of a file when it is built, or on what device it is built.	
On HP-UX the file command attempts to determine the file type. There are no file labels or file codes to indicate the file type on HP-UX. The file command prints out the type of file you have.	



More On MPE we can list files with the Print command. On HP-UX we have the more command, which can display file(s) on a page by page basis. It also allows for intelligent searching of a list of files for strings matching a particular pattern.	For Techies Magnet is a product of Lund Performance Solutions.
Searching Through Files One of the most common operations that we perform on a daily basis as part of software development is searching through a set of files. I use the Magnet Tool on MPE to search through filesets. On HP-UX we have grep.	
Grep is a standard program found on most UNIX systems. It accepts some command options. For example, a searchstring expression followed by a fileset expression.	
By default, grep is case sensitive (use -i to ignore case), and it ignores the context of a string (use -w to match only words).	References
The expressions used for the searchstring are known as Regular Expressions.	



Regular expressions are a symbolic method of describing a pattern to match text within a line. For me, this is the most difficult function to remember in my everyday life. Once you understand regular expressions however, you won't forget.	For Techies
When you type an incorrect regular expression, you get the infamous error message, "Regular Expression botch".	
The backslash character is also known as the "escape" character.	
	References





I/O redirection allows input from a file to be passed into a program and conversely, output from a program to be redirected to a file. This concept is very similar to what we have had on MPE, with a few exceptions.
On MPE redirected output, by default, goes to a temporary file, but because there are no "real" temporary files on HP-UX, this is not a major issue.
On HP-UX there is a third standard file, known as stderr, to which all error messages are written. You can redirect both stdout and stderr with the following command:
prog > file 2 >&1
Starting with MPE/iX 5.5, we will have the stderr file, and will handle the stdin and stdout files exactly the same as on HP-UX.
References











Typically an expression is used with an if statement and *while* or *for* loops. The expression may also include arithmetic operations. (Standard order of operation rules apply.) The expression is usually the part that is inside an if statement.

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The if command/expression evaluation allows for branching in scripts. One tricky part is that the expression needs to have a space after and before each square bracket.







While loops can be used for standard repetitive loops. The loop begins with a do statement and ends with a done. Other looping constructs are	For Techies
untildodone or fordodone	
Another example:	
x=0	
while [\$x != 1]	
do	
mt -t /dev/rmt/0m rew	
if [\$? -ne 0]	
then	
echo "No tape was found please insert."	
sleep 10	References
else	
echo "A tape has been found."	
x=1	
fi	
done	



References

Job streams and cron

- MPE has job streams
- HP-UX has cron
- Cron executes commands at specified times
- Cron never exits and should be run through /etc/rc.
- Files are only checked during initialization or if a file changes
- Sample crontab file entry (/usr/sys/backup/backup.crontab)
 - 55 23 * * 1-5 /usr/sys/backup/backup -archive
- Run backup script at 23:55 every Monday thru Friday

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In summary, I hope this tutorial will help you as you integrate HP-UX into your HP 3000 environment.	For Techies
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