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Administrivia

- Homework 1 due 5pm today.
- Homework 2 due 5pm tomorrow. Final version on Web ("under construction" notes removed, paragraph on individual reports added).

• Questions about either homework?

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Files and Filesystems, a Bit More

- Skim discussion of conventions for system directories/files on pp. 64ff and table on p. 65.
- E.g., if you want to install "extra" stuff, /usr/local/bin is the traditional place to put the executable(s).

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Serial Devices (Chapter 7)

• Lots of details about serial devices, some probably of limited practical interest for typical PC hardware.

- How logins on (virtual) consoles work look at /etc/inittab.
- stty command still good to know about; e.g., stty sane should restore a terminal (or terminal emulator) that has been trashed, for example by a program that crashed or by an attempt to cat a binary file.

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More about Disks (Chapter 8)

- Disk partitions and filesystems.
- Swap partition.
- Displaying info about filesystems df.
- Displaying info about partitions fdisk.
- Mounting/unmounting disks mount, umount, and /etc/fstab.
- Checking a filesystem fsck.

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Periodic Processes (Chapter 9)

 \bullet To do something regularly (daily, weekly, etc.) — <code>crontab</code>.

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Minute Essay

• None — sign in.

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