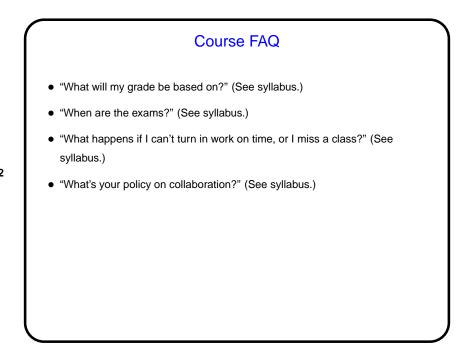
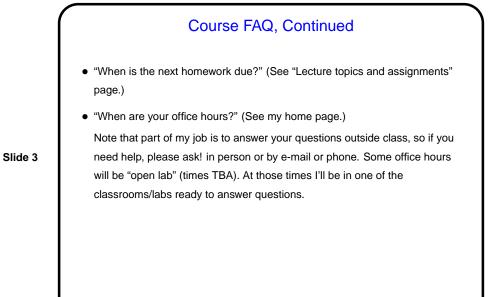


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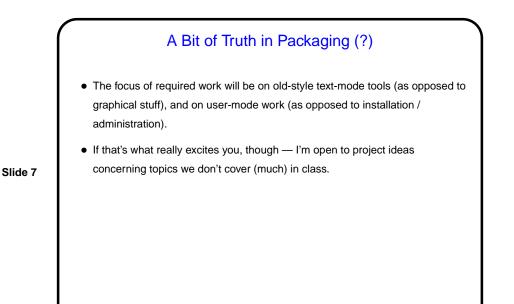
Course FAQ, Continued • "Do I need to buy a book?" (See syllabus.) Short answer: No, but you might want to. Slide 4

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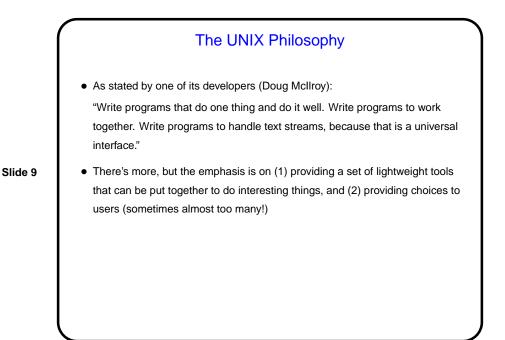
Course FAQ, Continued "What computer(s) can I use to do homework?" Easiest option may be department's Linux lab machines. There are others. You should have physical access (via your TigerCard) to four rooms containing such machines any time the building is open. You should have remote access to any that are booted into Linux. Returning students should already have accounts set up. (If you've forgotten your password, go to the ITS help desk and ask for it to be reset.) To change your password, open a terminal window and type passwd.

What I Hope You Will Get From This Class
More things in your "bag of tricks" — shell features, shell scripts, makefiles, a text editor, etc., etc.,
(Most of what we talk about will be applicable to all UNIX systems, not just Linux.)
Practice in reading man pages and otherwise learning more.
Exposure to a different operating system / user interface paradigm.

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"UNIX is obsolete — history goes back to 1969!" You can fix a lot of bugs in 40 years, and the odds are better that what you learn will still be useful years from now.
"It's not user-friendly!" Sure it is; it's just choosy about its friends. Designed by programmers for programmers — "expert-friendly" as opposed to "novice-friendly." Particularly good if you want to automate something.
"Everyone knows GUIs are better!" For some things and some people, maybe so. But which is more expressive, pointing and gesturing or speech?
(You don't have to agree with me; listen and decide for yourself!)



Minute Essay
What are your goals for this course? Are there specific topics you're interested in?
Do you have access to a Linux or UNIX system other than the department's lab machines? (Yes, Mac OS X counts.)
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Have you bought / will you buy a copy of one of the recommended books? ("No" is okay — I just want to know.)