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- Local login
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- Remote login, command ssh

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Local vs Remote Access



Local Login

Local terminals (historical order):

- six text terminals (F1 ... F6)
- one **graphical terminal** (F7, F8, ...)
- toggled using the keys Ctrl + Alt + F1 ... Ctrl + Alt + F7

Local terminals (new order, Ubuntu > 18.04):

- login to graphic terminal (F1)
- graphic terminals according to use (F2, F3,...)
- text terminals according to use (F2, F3,...)
- toggle using the keys **Ctrl + Alt + F1 ... Ctrl + Alt + F7**

Login:

 loginname (username) and password (password) must be entered

The Linux operating system is very flexible and allows other ways of local login, such as using identification cards or cryptographic keys. More can be found in the help of PAM system (Pluggable Authentication Modules). \$ man 8 pam

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Local Login

Text terminal

- > makes the command line (CLI command line interface)
- > the default directory is /home/username (home directory)
- graphics applications (X11) can only be run with export the display to a remote graphics terminal
- > log off command exit

Graphic terminal

- starts X11 server or Wayland composer and the window manager (KDE, Unity, GNOME, etc.)
- window manager (desktop environment) can be selected before self login
- allows direct launch of graphical programs (GUI graphical user interface)
- > the command line is available through special applications
 - > xterm
 - console
 - > gnome-terminal
- > log out using the menu in the menu window manager



Local Login



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GNOME Desktop



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Terminals

The command line is accessible directly from text terminals. In a graphical environment (X11/Wayland), it is necessary to run a suitable application emulating a text terminal:

- > gnome-terminal (Terminal)
- > console

The default directory is: /home/username

≻ xterm

gnome-terminal



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Command Line



The command is executed by pressing the **Enter** key.

History: Use the up and down arrow keys to scroll through the list of commands you have already entered. The command s from the history can be reused or modified and then used in the modified form. The history is also accessible by command **history**.

Autocomplete: by pressing the Tab key (tab) the command line interpreter tries to complete the spelled word. Command names, paths and file names are added (if one press does not cause anything, there are more options to add, repeated press will display them).

Copying text: Do not use Ctrl + C! To copy text from the terminal, just highlight the text, press the mouse wheel (middle button) to paste it.

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Remote Login



nested login

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Remote Login

There are several remote login options (rsh, XDMCP, etc.) but the most used and the safest is the use of the ssh command (secure shell).

Examples of use:

- \$ ssh wolf01.ncbr.muni.cz
- \$ ssh wolf01 who

Log out:

The remote interactive login (session) is terminated by the command **exit**.

Initial Remote Login

[kulhanek@pes ~]\$ ssh skirit.ics.muni.cz The authenticity of host 'skirit.ics.muni.cz (2001:718:ff01:1:216:3eff:fe20:382)' can't be established. ECDSA key fingerprint is SHA256:Splg9bGTNCeVSLE0E4tB30pcLS80sWuv0ezHrH1p0xE. Are you sure you want to continue connecting (yes/no)? yes Warning: Permanently added 'skirit.ics.muni.cz' (ECDSA) to the list of known hosts.

[kulhanek@**skirit** ~]\$

When logging in for the first time, it is necessary to confirm the authenticity of the machine we are logging to. In a trusted network, we can accept the fingerprint without verification. However, it is a good idea to verify the machine's fingerprint in an independent way (for example, by sending a thumbprint by mail from the remote machine administrator) in an insecure environment. This is protection against MITM (Man-in-the-middle) attack.

Note:

On a WOLF cluster, all computers are verified against each other, so this confirmation is not required.

Remote Login

Using the command ssh, it is possible to do **nested remote login**.



With each new level of remote login **overhead grows**, therefore, if possible, we will use **the most direct remote login**.

Nested remote login must be used to access computers on non-public networks (e.g., supercomputers in IT4I). (details in supercomputing C2115).

WOLF Cluster - Where to login?



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Exercise 1

- 1. Remotely login onto the workstation *wolf02.ncbr.muni.cz*
 - From MS Windows (any version) use Putty (see separate presentation)
 - From Linux or macOS, use the command ssh
- 2. Verify the remote workstation name using the command: **hostname**
- 3. Print the full computer name using: hostname -f
- 4. Print your login name: whoami
- 5. List the logged users: **w** or **who** or **last**
- 6. List the contents of your home directory: **Is**
- 7. Print the path to your home directory: **pwd**
- 8. From the node *wolf02* log on to the node *wolf10* via the command **ssh**.
- 9. Repeat tasks 2 through 7 on node wolf10.
- 10. Log out from the wolf10 node: exit
- 11. From the node *wolf02* run the command **hostname** remotely on the node *wolf16*.
- 12. From the node *wolf02* run the command **Is** remotely on the node *wolf16*.
- 13. Log out from the node *wolf02*: **exit**

Exercise 2

- 1. Open two terminal sessions on the workstation *wolf02.ncbr.muni.cz*
- 2. Enter commands from a previous exercise (e.g. last, w, etc.).
- 3. Sign out.



- 1. Open two terminal sessions, one on the workstation *wolf02.ncbr.muni.cz* and the other on *wolf10.ncbr.muni.cz*
- 2. Enter commands from a previous exercise (e.g. last, w, etc.).
- 3. Sign out.



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