

CSc 352

# Text Processing and Regex

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# Capture Groups

Use the ( ) to specify a capture group

Can use to capture a subset of the full regular expression

For example:

```
sed -n 's/\([aeiou][aeiou]\)/\1\1/p' sample.txt
```

What does this regular expression do?

file.txt:

The great large ant

Should be over those hills to the left

Command:

```
sed -n 's/\b\(...\)\b/"\1"/p' file.txt
```

# Man page for sed, grep

Let's take a look!

# Common sed patterns (learn these!)

*# Open in.txt and replace every match of search\_regex with to\_replace and send to out.txt*

```
sed -E 's/search_regex/to_replace/g' in.txt > out.txt
```

*# Open in.txt and print the lines that have a match for search\_regex*

```
sed -n -E '/search_regex/p' in.txt
```

*# Open in.txt and replace search\_regex with to\_replace in a case insensitive manner and send to out.txt*

```
sed -E 's/search_regex/to_replace/i' in.txt > out.txt
```

*# More!*

<https://www.gnu.org/software/sed/manual/sed.html>

# Download resources

Look at the man pages for **curl** and **wget**

What do these do?

# NBA Rosters

<https://www.nba.com/suns/roster>

# Write the command (or sequence of commands)

- Fetch the roster for the Phoenix Suns (or your favorite team)
- Extract the first / last names of each player on the team and print one per line
- The URL:  
<https://www.nba.com/suns/roster>

*For example:*

```
$ your_command . . .  
Deandre Ayton  
Bismack Biyombo  
Devin Booker  
.  
.  
.  
.  
$
```



# NBA Rosters

```
#!/bin/bash
```

```
wget https://www.nba.com/suns/roster 2> /dev/null
```

```
cat roster | sed 's/[{}]/\n/g' > roster2
```

```
sed -n -E 's/Person", "name": "([A-Za-z ]+)/\1/p' roster2 | cut -d '"' -f 4
```

# Icelandic currency exchange

<https://apis.is/currency/m5>

# Write the command (or sequence of commands)

- Fetch the Icelandic currency data
- Extract the currency conversion info and print it out as shown
- The URL:

<https://apis.is/currency/m5>

*For example:*

```
$ your_command . . .  
1 USD = 128.54 Icelandic krona  
1 DKK = 18.771 Icelandic krona  
1 EUR = 139.6 Icelandic krona  
1 NOK = 14.682 Icelandic krona  
1 GBP = 167.47 Icelandic krona  
1 CHF = 137.47 Icelandic krona  
1 SEK = 13.586 Icelandic krona  
1 TWI = 177.12 Icelandic krona  
$
```

# Icelandic currency exchange

```
$ wget https://apis.is/currency/m5 -O currency.json
```

```
$ cat currency.json | sed 's/},{/\n/g' > out.txt
```

```
$ cat out.txt | sed -rn
```

```
's/.*"shortName":"([A-Z]{3})".*"value":([1-9.]+),"ask."/1 \1 = \2 Icelandic  
krona/p'
```

```
$
```

# Further Reading

Good reading material for sed:

<https://www.digitalocean.com/community/tutorials/the-basics-of-using-the-sed-stream-editor-to-manipulate-text-in-linux>

<https://www.digitalocean.com/community/tutorials/using-grep-regular-expressions-to-search-for-text-patterns-in-linux>