IT 1100: Introduction to Operating Systems

Chapter 8

Advanced keyboard tricks

Keyboard shortcuts have existed since before the mouse, before Windows, before Linux and before the personal PC. Keyboard shortcuts exist in every Operating System and in many of the programs that you use every day. Even your web browser has an extensive list of keyboard shortcuts available for your use.

Chapter 8 contains a lot of helpful keyboard shortcuts for the Bash command line. You need to read the chapter, but you do not need to memorize all the Keyboard shortcuts provided.

However, it is suggested that for your experience you try them and find some that work for you. They will save you a lot of typing.

The shortcuts that you should learn and will use frequently are:

- ctrl -c
- ctrl -d
- ctrl -l
- ; (semicolon)
- tab kev
- up arrow
- down arrow
- history
- !n
- !!
- !?

Watch for these in your reading. The common uses are all defined in the study guide.