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UNIX PIPES - EXT 0.1

### Process Substitution

The `cat`, `sort`, and other commands can work with multiple files, for example:

```
$ cat 03.txt 03.txt
```

is going to print the contents of the file `03.txt` 2 times.

The shell also allows you to use commands instead of files.

For example:

```
$ cat <(cat 03.txt | head -2) \  
    <(cat 03.txt | tail -3)
```

The shell will run `cat | head` and stream its output to `/dev/fd/11`, and `cat | tail` and stream to `/dev/fd/12`, 11 and 12 are made on demand by the shell.

After it prepares the streams, it starts `cat` with those streams as arguments:

```
$ cat /dev/fd/11 /dev/fd/12
```

So the result of the command will print the first and the last lines of `03.txt`

This game requires The UNIX Pipes Game version 0, you can get it at:

<https://punkx.org/unix-pipe-game/>

It contains `sort`, `cat` and other commands needed in order to solve the tasks in this game expansion.

The rules are the same:

- > 1. The youngest players picks a task from the tasks card. You can not pick the same task twice.
- > 2. Shuffle the cards from both decks.
- > 3. Put the cards face down on the table.
- > 4. Going clockwise each player picks the top card from the deck and try to complete the task
- > 5. The first player who completes the task gets a point.
- > 6. **IF** there are no more tasks, **GOTO** 8
- > 7. **GOTO** 1.
- > 8. **GAME OVER. INSERT COIN. GOTO** 8

Rank	Title	Year	Rating	Votes
2	Prometheus	2012	7	485820
3	Split	2016	7.3	157606
4	Sing	2016	7.2	60545
5	Suicide Squad	2016	6.2	393727
6	The Great Wall	2016	6.1	56036
7	La La Land	2016	8.3	258682
8	Mindhorn	2016	6.4	2490
9	The Lost City of Z	2016	7.1	7188
10	Passengers	2016	7	192177
12	Hidden Figures	2016	7.8	93103
13	Rogue One	2016	7.9	323118
14	Moana	2016	7.7	118151
15	Colossal	2016	6.4	8612
17	Hacksaw Ridge	2016	8.2	211760
18	Jason Bourne	2016	6.7	150823
19	Lion	2016	8.1	102061
20	Arrival	2016	8	340798
21	Gold	2016	6.7	19053
23	Hounds of Love	2016	6.7	1115
24	Trolls	2016	6.5	38552
26	Paris pieds nus	2016	6.8	222
28	Dead Awake	2016	4.7	523
29	Bad Moms	2016	6.2	66540
30	Assassin's Creed	2016	5.9	112813
31	Why Him?	2016	6.3	48123
32	Nocturnal Animals	2016	7.5	126030
33	X-Men: Apocalypse	2016	7.1	275510
34	Deadpool	2016	8	627797
37	Interstellar	2014	8.6	1047747
38	Doctor Strange	2016	7.6	293732

## TASKS

- \* swap the rating and title column
- \* print the last row's votes
- \* remove the Rank and Votes column
- \* print only the title column  
uppercased
- \* print the first and the last movie
- \* print the votes difference between  
the top and bottom voted movie
- \* sum the votes
- \* sum the votes of movies from 2016
- \* show the best ranked title, only  
title, no other columns
- \* replace commas with tabs, remove space
- \* print the titles but as a giant  
string: Sing Interstellar ...
- \* compute the average rating  
 $\text{sum}(\text{rating})/(\text{amount of movies})$

> 05 <  
/usr/bin/paste

`paste` is one of the most underused commands, and it has incredible power, this card is not enough to give it justice, so be sure to read `man paste`.

Imagine you have 3 files:

03.txt	04.txt	05.txt
foo	qux	quux
bar	fred	corge
baz	thud	waldo

and you want to make a single output merging each line of each file with a comma:

```
$ paste -d, 03.txt 04.txt 05.txt
foo,qux,quux
bar,fred,corge
baz,thud,waldo
```

the `-s` options processes one file at a time and apply the delimiter per line:

```
$ paste -sd, 03.txt 04.txt 05.txt
foo,bar,baz
qux,fred,thud
quux,corge,waldo
```

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/usr/bin/cut

`cut` is incredible tool, it does what it says, it cuts the stream. Make sure to see its man page with `man cut`.

In this example we will use cut on a file example.txt containing:

```
hello world
this is the best
unix pipe game
ever
```

```
$ cat example.txt | cut -f 1 -d ' '
or
$ cut -f 1 -d ' ' example.txt
```

will print the following:

```
hello
this
unix
pipe
ever
```

```
$ cat example.txt | cut -f 2 -d ' '
world
is
pipe
```

```
-> 07 <-  
/usr/bin/tr
```

`tr` is a tool to help you transform text, you can change and delete anything use `man tr` to see its potential!

imagine file example.txt containing:

```
99 Bottles on the wall!  
98 Bottles.  
97 Bottles to rule them all.  
96 Bottles to bind them.
```

```
$ cat example.txt | tr '[:digit:]' 'a'  
aa Bottles on the wall!  
aa Bottles.  
aa Bottles to rule them all.  
aa Bottles to bind them.
```

```
$ cat example.txt | tr '[a-z]' '[A-Z]'  
99 BOTTLES ON THE WALL!  
98 BOTTLES.  
97 BOTTLES TO RULE THEM ALL.  
96 BOTTLES TO BIND THEM.
```

```
$ cat example.txt | tr -d '\n'  
99 Bottles on the wall!98 Bottles.97 B..
```

```
$ cat example.txt | tr -d '[bB]'  
99 ottles on the wall!  
...  
96 ottles to ind them.
```

```
-> 08 <-  
/usr/bin/bc
```

`bc` is actually a calculator language but I call it 'bizarre calculator'.

Imagine you have a file 03.txt having:

```
1  
3  
6
```

If I convert the new lines to '+' for example using `paste`:

```
$ cat 03.txt | paste -sd+  
1+3+6
```

So now we have 1+3+6, if we pipe that into bc, it will do what you think

```
$ cat 03.txt | paste -sd+ | bc  
10
```

As expected the result of 1+3+6 is 10.

To compute 1/3/6 we use delimiter /  
\$ cat 03.txt | paste -sd/ | bc -l  
0.05555555555555555555

bc -l uses scale=20, as bc is arbitrary precision you can specify how precise you want to be, by default its scale=0.



## OTHER COMMANDS

The UNIX-like command line is absolutely amazing. A lot of those programs are 50 years old. The concept of pipes and text communication between programs is so powerful that it is still one of the most productive ways to use a computer today.

Check out the following to get started:

```
$ man cut
$ man sed
$ man awk
$ man tr
$ man grep
$ man head
$ man tail
$ man paste
$ man sort
$ man uniq
$ man cat
$ man tac
$ man bc
$ man find
$ man ls
$ man shuf
$ man split
$ man tar
$ man gz
$ man nc
```

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| cut -fFIELDS -dDELIMITER

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cut: cut the line

-> 11 <-

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| tr -d 'SET1'
```

```
| tr 'SET1' 'SET2'
```

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tr: transform or delete characters

tr SET1 SET2: transform SET1 to SET2

tr -d SET1: delete characters in SET1

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bc: calculator language  
bc -l: default to scale=20

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