

# Command line on steroids

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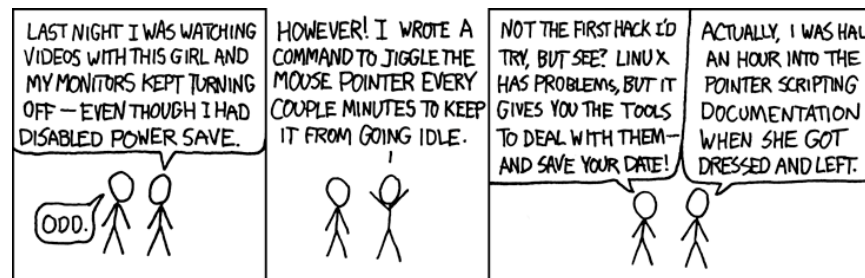


Figure 1.

You can configure a shortcut very easily to open a terminal:

Applications → Paramètres → Clavier → Raccourci d'applications

Enter the command and the shortcut as below:

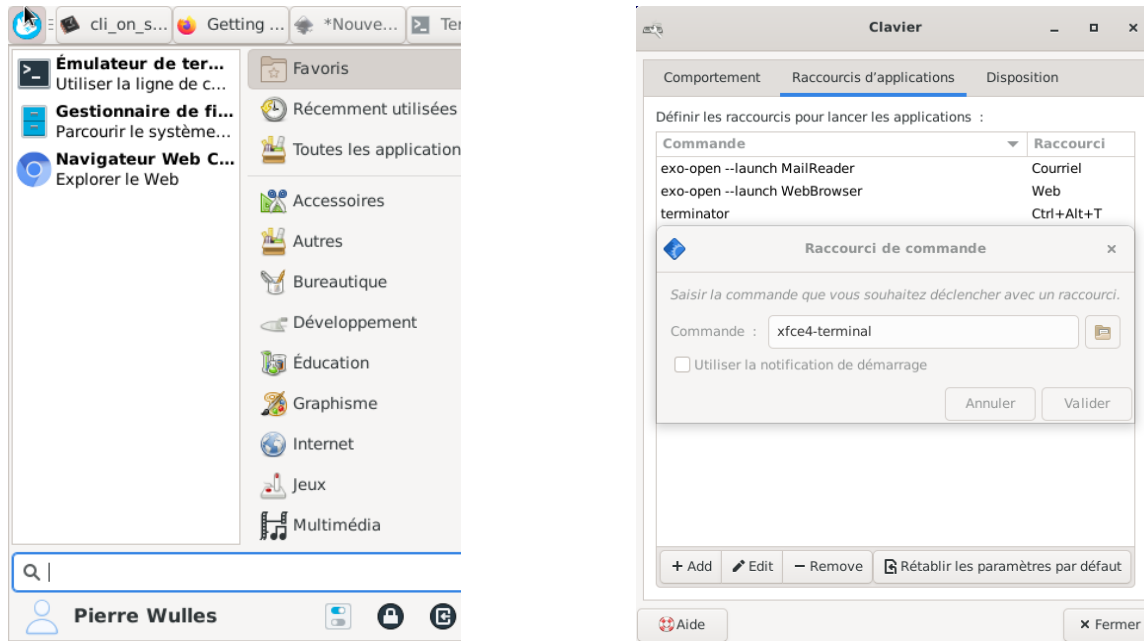


Figure 2.

Moving on a big command:

`Ctrl+a` , `Ctrl+e` , `Ctrl→` and `Ctrl←`

```
wulles@pc-wulles:~$ gcc -lm -Wall source.c -o exe && ./exe
```

**Ctrl+a**

**Ctrl+e**

Removing part of a command:

`Ctrl+u` and `Ctrl+k`

```
wulles@pc-wulles:~$ gcc -lm -Wall source.c -o exe && ./exe
```

**Ctrl+k**

To reprint what have been « killed »: `Ctrl+y`

Copy and paste into a terminal: **NOT** `Ctrl+c` !!! but:

`Ctrl+Maj+c` and `Ctrl+Maj+v`

- To recall a command with sudo on the front:

```
$ install blabla  
$ sudo !!
```

- The following commands are equivalent:

```
$ cd /home/pierre/  
$ cd ~  
$ cd
```

- To search in the history of command, use `Ctrl+r`, use it several time to cycle through different suggestions.
- Multiple command can be done several ways, what are the differences ?

```
$ ls | grep truc  
$ ls ; pwd  
$ ls && pwd
```

- Going back to a directory

```
$ cd -
```

- Differ the execution of a command:

```
$ sleep 100 && ls
```

- Apply a command to a list or argument

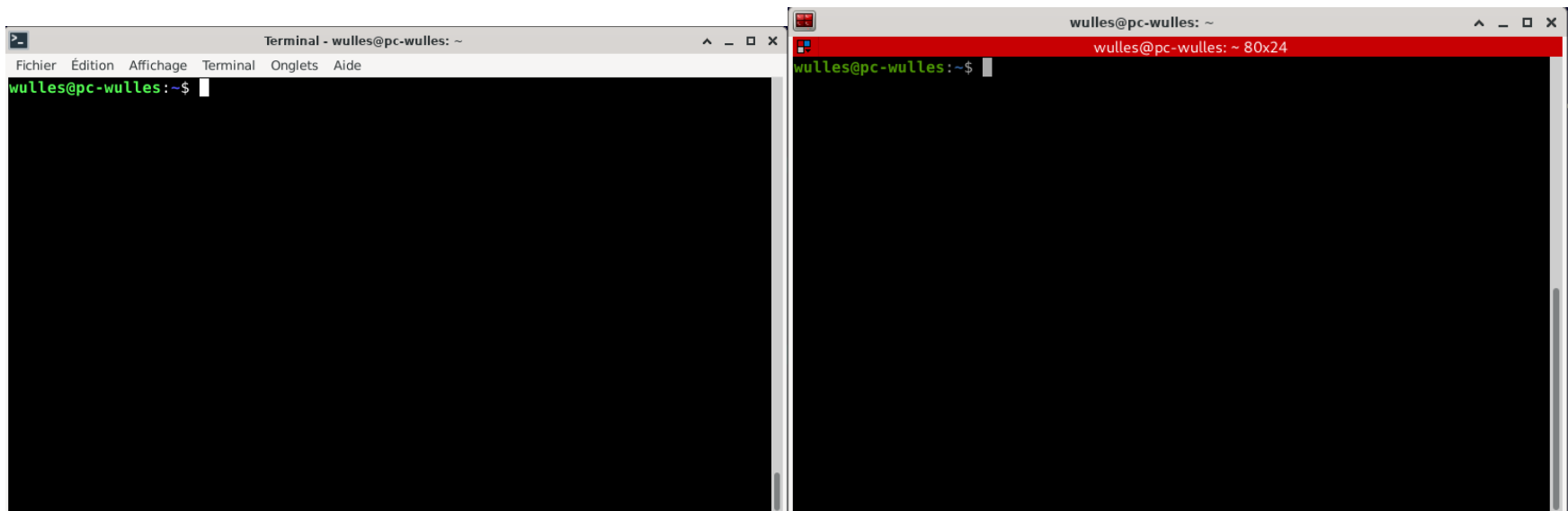
```
$ mkdir {test0,test1,test2}
```

**Warning: bash does not like extra space!**

- Apply a command on a list of file (Python style):

```
$ for i in *.dat; do echo $i; done
```

- lightweight
- grid structure
- lots of keyboards shortcuts
- installed at the lab, thanks to Jean-Daniel



**Figure 3.** Comparison between xfce4-terminal and terminator

You can create multiple windows by splitting:

`Ctrl+Maj+e` and `Ctrl+Maj+o`

and resizing via:

`Ctrl+Maj+↑` , `Ctrl+Maj+↓` , `Ctrl+Maj+→` and `Ctrl+Maj+←`

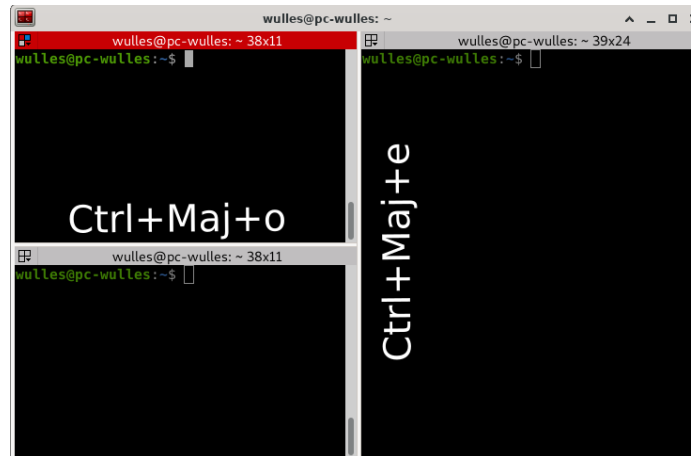


Figure 4.

Switch windows with: `Alt+↑` , `Alt+←` , `Alt+→` and `Alt+↓`



You can broadcast commands to several terminals:

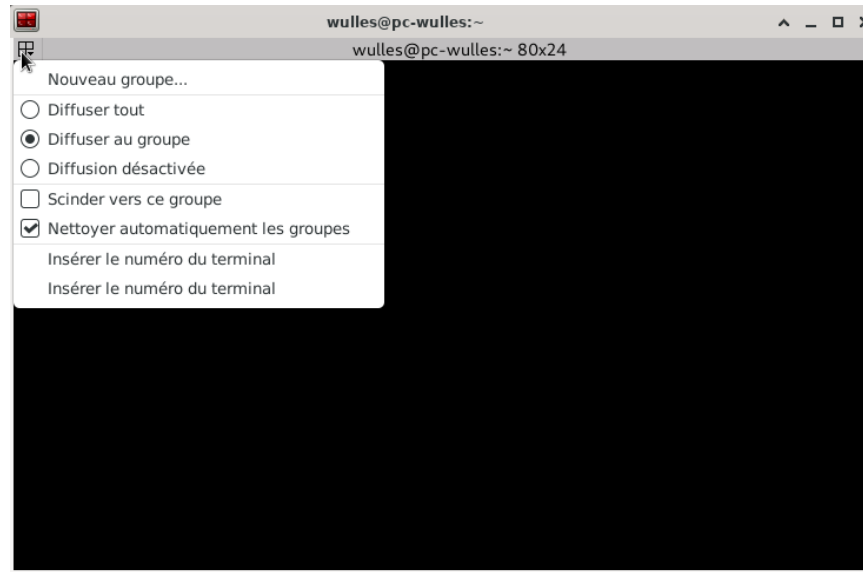


Figure 5.

Useful when doing *ssh* or for the same set of instructions. Otherwise not really.

Possible also to manage tabs.

- It's a shell (like bash)
- Entirely bash compatible
- By default on macOS or archlinux
- Very good auto-completion and *globbing*
- Extensive git support

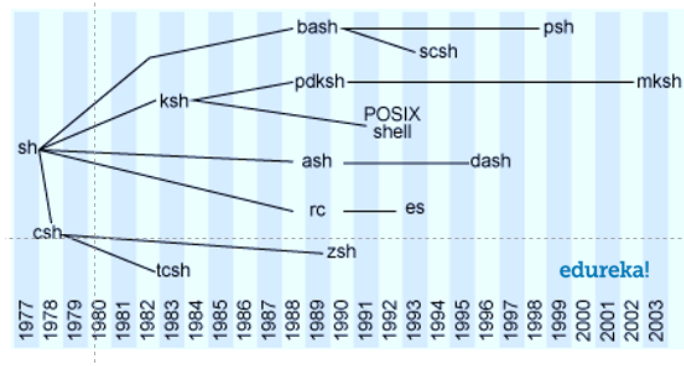


Figure 6.

Bad sides:

- compatibility with other shells can be tricky

- configuring zsh is a pain, but we have



A screenshot of the Oh My Zsh website. The background is dark grey. There are three main sections, each with an icon, a title, a paragraph of text, and a button. 1. Plugins: Icon is a puzzle piece. Title is 'Plugins'. Text: 'Oh My Zsh comes bundled with plugins that'll make your life as a software developer easier and leave you feeling like a superhero.' Button: 'Browse 275+ plugins'. 2. Community: Icon is two people. Title is 'Community'. Text: 'Oh My Zsh has a vibrant community of happy users and delightful contributors. Without all the time and help from our contributors, it wouldn't be so awesome.' Button: 'Start contributing'. 3. Themes: Icon is a paint palette. Title is 'Themes'. Text: 'We'll admit it. Early in the Oh My Zsh world, we may have gotten a bit too theme happy. We currently ship with 150 themes bundled.' Button: 'Find your new theme'.

Figure 7.

- To avoid spending hours in configuring zsh, use in home directory:

```
$ sh -c '$(wget https://raw.githubusercontent.com/ohmyzsh/ohmyzsh/master/tools/install.sh -O -)'
```

- You can also install zsh-autosuggestions:

```
$ git clone https://github.com/zsh-users/zsh-autosuggestions  
~/.oh-my-zsh/plugins/zsh-autosuggestions
```

and add in the file `.zshrc`:

```
plugins=(  
  git # by default  
  zsh-autosuggestions  
)
```

- Interactive auto completion ♡ with `Tab+↑↓→←` and auto-correct:

```
(~)-----(wulles@pc-wulles:pts/9)
(16:40:17)→ cd /----- (mer., nov.03)
(/)----- (wulles@pc-wulles:pts/9)
(16:40:20)→ cd mnt/
bin/      home/      media/      root/      srv/      var/
boot/     lib/         mnt/        run/       sys/
dev/      lib64/       opt/        sbin/      tmp/
etc/      lost+found/  proc/       scratch/   usr/
```

- Smart history ♡, takes into account what is typed.

```
(~)----- (wulles@pc-wulles:pts/11)
(16:42:47)→ ls /usr/include----- (mer., nov.03)
```

- A lot of aliases:

```
(/)----- (wulles@pc-wulles:pts/9)
(16:40:20)→ alias----- (mer., nov.03)
-= 'cd -'
...= ../..
....= ../..../..
.....= ../..../..../..
```

- Basic usage, access a directory everywhere:

```
$ cd **/myDirectory
$ for i in **/test; do mkdir $/truc; done
```

- You can precise extensions:

```
$ cd **/*.py
```

- Precise the path:

```
$ cd test/abc/glob
$ cd t/a/g # + Tab
```

- Filter by size:

```
$ ls -lh **/*(.Lm+250)
$ ls -lh **/*(.Lk-10) # m g k available
```

- Or by modification date:

```
$ ls -lh **/*(.md-1) # d w m available, doc
```

Edit the file .zshrc:

```
ZSH_THEME='mytheme'
```

The figure consists of three terminal screenshots. The top-left screenshot shows a terminal window with a red title bar and a cursor at the prompt. The top-right screenshot shows a terminal window with a dark background and a light-colored prompt, displaying the command `cd localization-of-light-in-2d` and `git:(main)`. The bottom screenshot shows a terminal window with a dark background and a light-colored prompt, displaying the command `ps -aux | grep tex` and its output.

```
(wulles@pc-wulles:pts/8) ~  
[15:27:17] S |  
  
wulles@pc-wulles:pts/8 ~/home/wulles_(0)  
> cd localization-of-light-in-2d  
git:(main)  
wulles@pc-wulles:pts/8 ~/home/wulles/localization-of-light-in-2d_(0)  
>  
|  
  
(wulles@pc-wulles:pts/8) ~  
[15:32:30] -> ps -aux | grep tex  
wulles 12303 7.2 2.1 520008 354040 pts/4 S+ 14:54 2:48 tex:macs.bin  
wulles 13900 0.0 0.0 6196 664 pts/8 S+ 15:32 0:00 grep --color=auto --exclude-dir=.bzip --exclude-dir=CVS --exclude-dir=.git --exclude-dir=.hg --exclude-dir=.svn --exclude-dir=.idea --exclude-dir=.tox tex  
(wulles@pc-wulles:pts/8) ~  
[15:32:59] -> |
```

Figure 8. amuse,linuxonly,jonathan, default

## RTFM:

- [zsh doc](#)
- [terminator doc](#)
- [oh-my-zsh website](#): lot of really interesting plugins (python, spotify!,...) themes, ...

## Cheatsheet:

- [Linux - Commandes fondamentales](#)
- [bash cheatsheet](#)
- [zsh cheatsheet](#)





Figure 9.