CS 134 Operating Systems

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Selecting Using the Mouse

To select multiple words:

Use command keys!

Double-click to select a word

Drag to extend the selection (word-at-a-time)

To select multiple lines:

Triple-click to select a line

Drag to extend the selection (line-at-a-time)

Editing code: to move one or more lines:

Triple-click select and cut

Move to beginning of the desired paste line

Paste

Bonus: Don't delete selected text before typing

Job Handling in Bash

```
Run command in background command &
```

List background and suspended jobs jobs

Suspend foreground job < Ctrl-Z>

Put current suspended job in background bg

Bring background job to foreground

%job number

Directory Stack

```
Change directories and push onto stack
  pushd dirName
Pop current directory off stack
  popd
Swap top two directories
  pushd
List directories
  dirs
Switch to last directory you were in (doesn't use
the stack)
  cd -
```

Show contents of top two directories

ls ~1 ~2

History

```
Show last 20 commands
  history 20
Rerun last command
Rerun command with given number
  !command number
Rerun last command beginning with prefix
  !bla
Rerun last command containing string
  !?bla
```

History (continued)

Run last command substituting foo for bar ^foo^bar

Rerun last command substituting all instances of foo with bar

```
!!:gs/bar/foo
```

List (don't run) last command starting with foo ! foo:p

Last parameter of last command ! \$

All parameters of last command

! *

Editor mode in the shell

```
Add to ~/.bashrc
  set -o vi
Enter vi mode
  <ESC>
Within vi mode:
  Use vi commands (f, ^, $, i, ...)
Exit vi mode:
  <ESC> (or <return> to execute command)
```

Screen

```
Window manager in terminal window
Create new screen session
  screen
Restore existing screen session
  screen -r
Create new screen
  <Ctrl-A>c
Switch screens
  <Ctrl-A>p
```

Enter/exit scrollback mode

<Ctrl-A><ESC>

Help

<Ctrl-A>?

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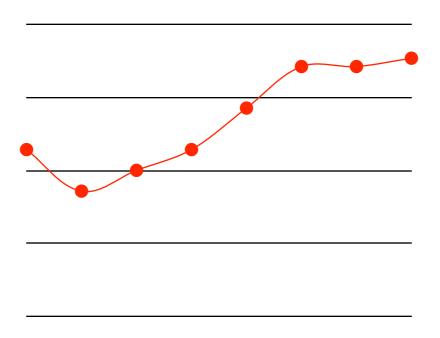
Learn your tools

Become {bash,vim,emacs,Eclipse,...}-savvy

Keep notes

~/notebook

Performance curve when learning:

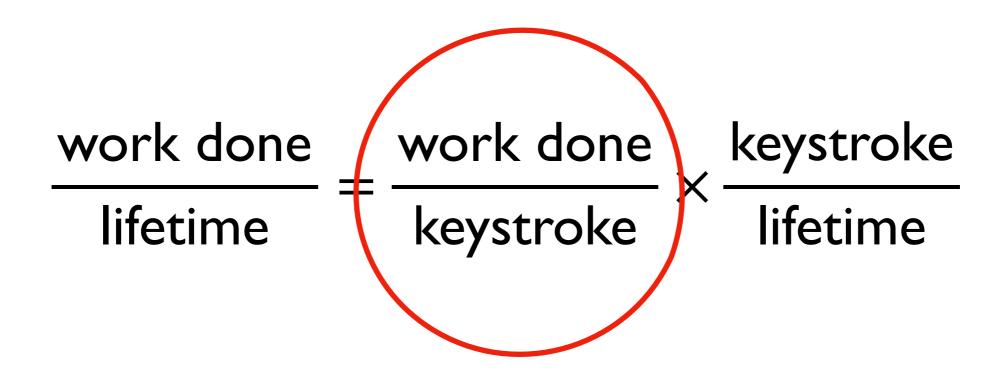


Learning is an investment: pay some immediate productivity for increased future productivity

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Vitamin-D

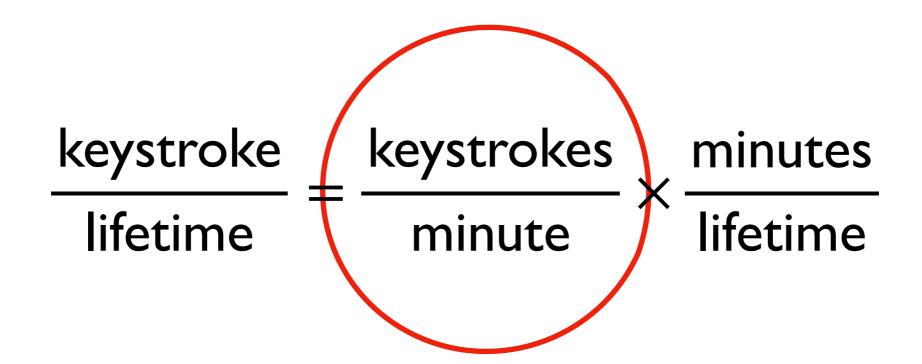
Fish oil

Get plenty of sleep

Exercise regularly, including strength training

Avoid sugar/carbohydrates

Increase the number of keystrokes in your lifetime



Option 1: Increase the frequency of keystrokes

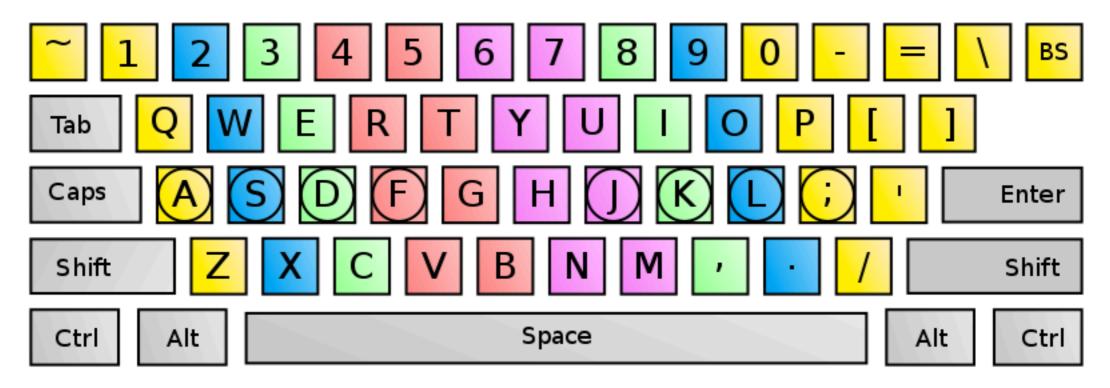
Type faster!

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Learn to touch-type in 4 easy steps:

1. Print out keyboard chart

Chart from http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Touch typing



- 2. Mount chart near your monitor
- 3. Don't ever look at your keyboard while typing (if temptation is too great, buy a <u>keyboard with</u> <u>blank keys</u>)
- 4. Always use the "correct" fingering