

< Good Morning #BrightonSEO >

Server Logs

After Excel Fails
@ohgm

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Prepare for walls of text.

About Me

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What I'd like to do today

1. Talk about access logs.
2. Show you some *command line tools*.
3. Show you some ways to apply these tools to common scenarios.
4. Sit back down.

This talk is on the first significant difficulty spike in server log analysis – *having too much information*.

Assumptions.

Assumptions

1. Your client is retaining their logs.
2. You don't have access to your client's server.

What is an Access.log?

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1. The host responding to the request.
2. The IP that serviced the request.
3. The date and time of the request.
4. The HTTP method: GET, POST, PUT, HEAD, or DELETE.
5. The resource requested.
6. The HTTP Version {HTTP/1.0|HTTP/1.1|HTTP/2}
7. The server response.
8. The download size.
9. The referring URL.
10. The reported User-Agent.
11. The IP that made the request.

Configurations vary substantially.

Why SEOs Like Them.

There is a lack of overlap between server logs and crawl simulation tools.

Access logs show what's being accessed rather than what's simply accessible.

We find correlation between crawl efficiency improvements and organic performance. Access logs are one of the best tools for identifying crawl waste.

Why 'Excel Fails'?

Microsoft Excel currently supports
1,048,576 rows of data.

There are no plans to increase this.

Agency Scenario

Your manager has sold a Server Log Analysis project, requesting 1 month of access logs from the client, a UK high street retailer.

You receive 15 *access_log.gz* files, totalling 17.6GB. **Excel *won't* open** any of them. You don't know it yet, but they are unfiltered.

Good Luck.

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access_log_201759.log
access_log_201764.log
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access_log_201779.log

We also load balance on 6 servers.



Microsoft Excel



Microsoft Excel has stopped working

Windows is collecting more information about the problem.
This might take several minutes...



Cancel

“Just use a sample.”

NO.

“How do I even get a sample?”

Command Line Tools



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root@localhost:~# analyse access logs
analyse: command not found
root@localhost:~# open access logs
Couldn't get a file descriptor referring to the console
root@localhost:~# please open access logs
please: command not found
root@localhost:~# ok please open access logs
ok: command not found
root@localhost:~# cortana please open access logs
No command 'cortana' found, did you mean:
  Command 'cortina' from package 'cortina' (universe)
cortana: command not found
root@localhost:~# command line tutorial

root@localhost:~# help
GNU bash, version 4.3.11(1)-release (x86_64-pc-linux-gnu)
These shell commands are defined internally.  Type 'help' to
see this list.
Type 'help name' to find out more about the function 'name'.
Use 'info bash' to find out more about the shell in general.
Use 'man -k' or 'info' to find out more about commands not
in this list.

A star (*) next to a name means that the command is disabled.

job_spec [&]                history [-c] [-d offset]>
(( expression ))           if COMMANDS; then COMMAND>
. filename [arguments]     jobs [-lnprs] [jobspec ...>
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Advantages of Command Line Tools.

- They're fast.
- They're not *in the cloud*.
- The main limit is you, not a development queue.

Disadvantages of Command Line Tools.

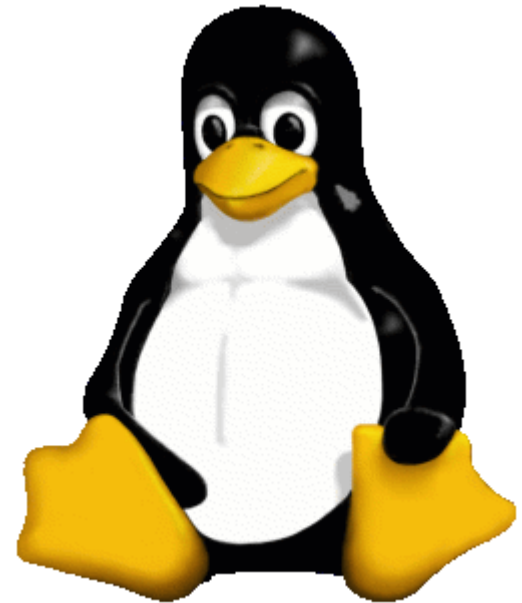
- They're scary at first.
- You can delete your computer.
- Don't delete your computer.

Installation

If you're on Mac, you're ready.



If you're on Linux, you're ready.



If you're on Windows, you probably aren't ready*.



Microsoft is adding the **Linux** command line to **Windows 10**
[The Verge](#) - 30 Mar 2016

Microsoft is reaching out to **Linux** developers in a way that the company never has before. "The Bash shell is coming to **Windows**. Yes, the real ...

Bash on Windows: Only the beginning of the Microsoft-Linux ...
[InfoWorld](#) - 30 Mar 2016

Ubuntu (not **Linux) on Windows: How it works**

In-Depth - [ZDNet](#) - 30 Mar 2016

Perhaps it's me, but surely **Linux** in **Windows** is a bad thing?

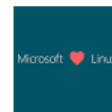
Opinion - [Inquirer](#) - 1 Apr 2016

Microsoft Unveils Ubuntu for Windows

Blog - [Wall Street Journal \(blog\)](#) - 30 Mar 2016

Microsoft Allows Ubuntu **Linux To Run On Windows 10**

In-Depth - [Forbes](#) - 31 Mar 2016



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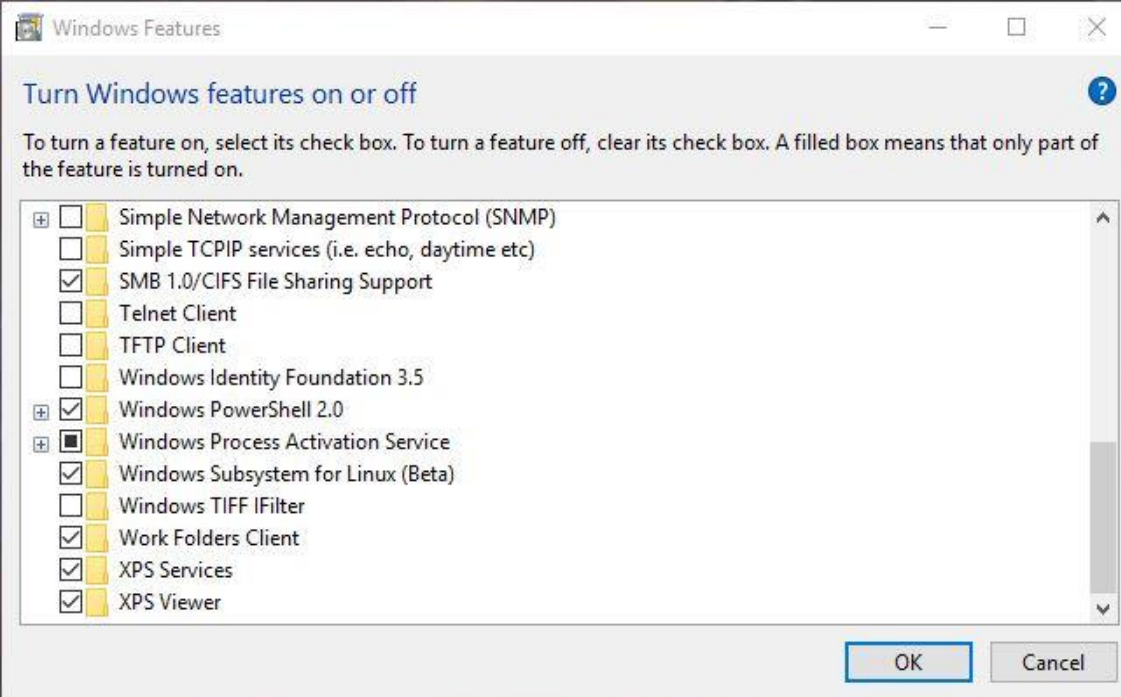
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*Unless 'Ubuntu on Windows' becomes part of the non-developer release.



Get Insider Preview builds



Microsoft account

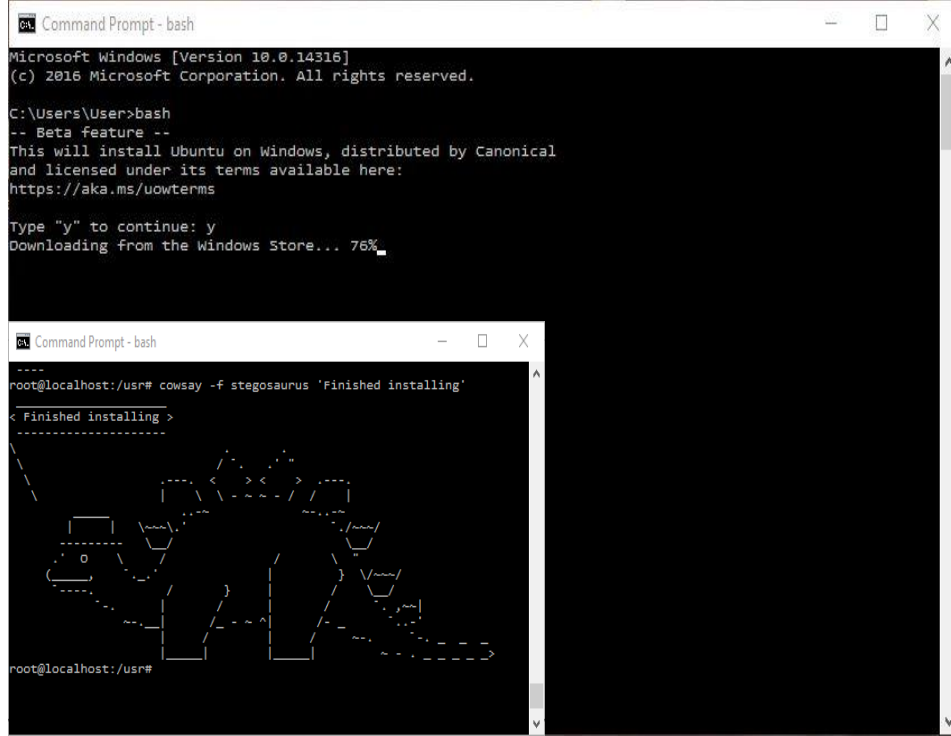
You are all set to receive Insider Preview builds.

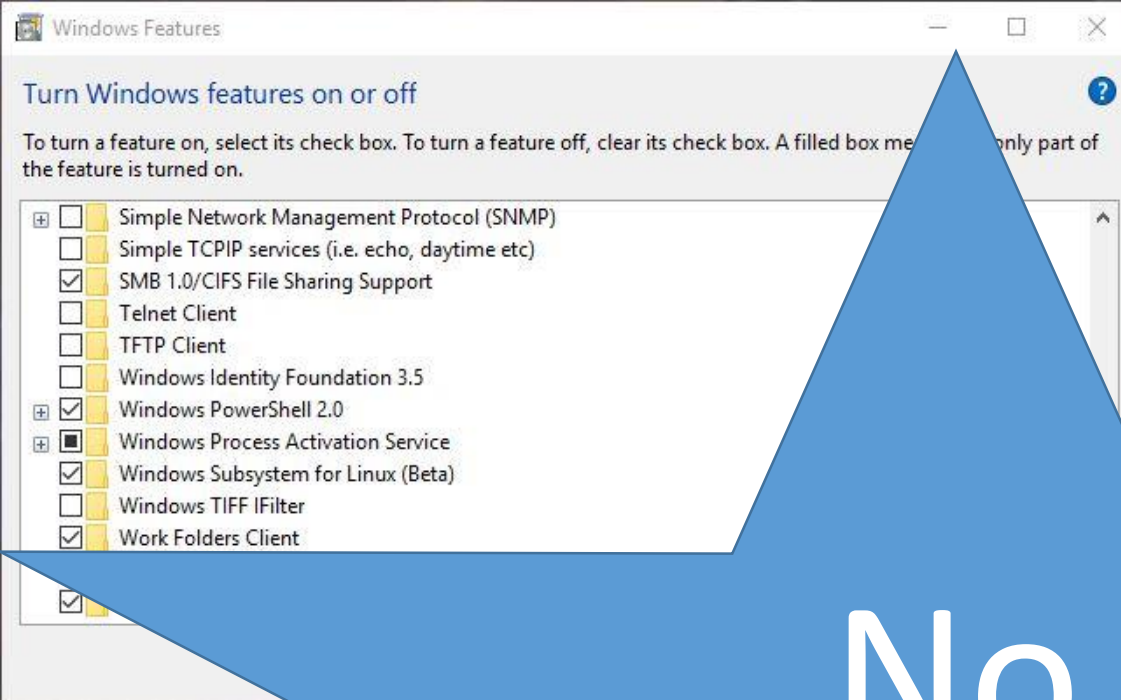
Stop Insider Preview builds

Choose your Insider level. It will take some time to receive a build after changing your settings:

Fast: Best for Insiders who enjoy being the first to get access to Feature Updates, and who like to identify issues and provide suggestions and ideas to make Windows devices great.

1. **Windows Update > Update Settings > Advanced > Get Insider Preview Builds.**
2. Install **Build 14316** or greater.
3. Enable **'Windows Subsystem for Linux (Beta)'**.
4. Open **cmd** and type **'bash'**.
5. Type **'y'** and hit enter at the prompt.





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Gow - The lightweight alternative to Cygwin

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Author: Brent R. Matzelle

ABOUT

Install [GNU ON WINDOWS](#)
(or [Cygwin](#)) instead.

Gow (Gnu On Windows) is the lightweight alternative to Cygwin. It uses a convenient Windows installer that installs about 130 extremely useful open source UNIX applications compiled as native win32 binaries. It is designed to be as small as possible, about 10 MB, as opposed to Cygwin which can run well over 100 MB depending upon options.

Here are a couple quotes from happy Gow users:

"Gow is one of the few things that makes Windows bearable/usable"

"I use Gow constantly. It's awesome."

"I just wanted to let you know that the GOW Suite is simply great - it is far lighter than the Cygwin tool, and is extremely useful. "

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C:\Users\User\Desktop>gow
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Gow 0.8.0 - The lightweight alternative to Cygwin
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Usage: gow OPTION
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Options:
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-l, --list	Lists all executables
-V, --version	Prints the version
-h, --help	Show this message

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C:\Users\User\Desktop>gow -l
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Available executables:
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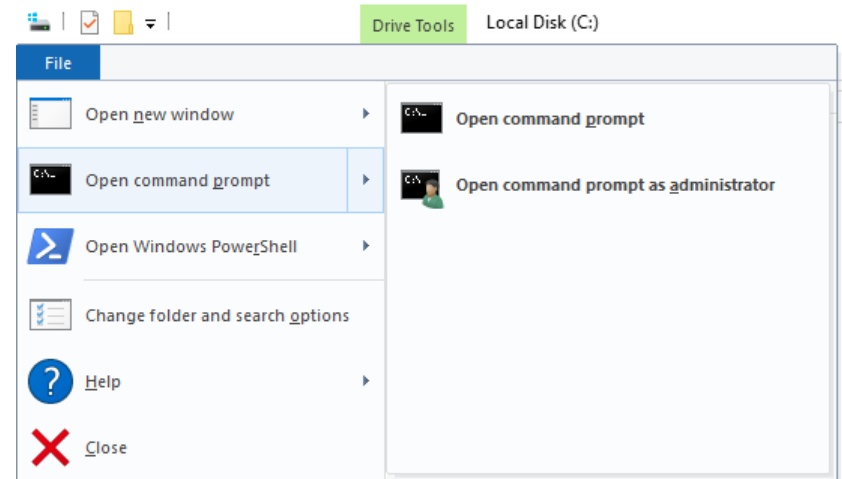
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awk, basename, bash, bc, bison, bunzip2, bzip2, bzip2recover, cat,
chgrp, chmod, chown, chroot, cksum, clear, cp, csplit, curl, cut, dc,
dd, df, diff, diff3, dirname, dos2unix, du, egrep, env, expand, expr,
factor, fgrep, flex, fmt, fold, gawk, gfind, gow, grep, gsar, gsort,
gzip, head, hostid, hostname, id, indent, install, join, jwhois, less,
lesskey, ln, ls, m4, make, md5sum, mkdir, mkfifo, mknod, mv, nano,
ncftp, nl, od, pageant, paste, patch, pathchk, plink, pr, printenv,
printf, pscp, psftp, putty, puttygen, pwd, rm, rmdir, scp, sdiff, sed,
seq, sftp, shasum, shar, sleep, split, ssh, su, sum, sync, tac, tail,
tar, tee, test, touch, tr, uname, unexpand, uniq, unix2dos, unlink,
unrar, unshar, uudecode, uuencode, vim, wc, wget, whereis, which,
whoami, xargs, yes, zip
```

```
C:\Users\User\Desktop>
```

Installation
Done

Getting Started

- Navigate to the folder containing the downloaded files.
- Open your chosen terminal (cmd, terminal, or bash).



CTRL+SHIFT+Rclick inside a folder is an alternate method.



Command Prompt



Microsoft Windows [Version 10.0.14316]

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C:\Users\User>

~\$ type-commands-here

Then hit enter.

~\$ echo hello.

hello.

The Title of The Talk
Was a Lie and We're
Going to Try to Use
Excel Anyway. Sorry.

.....

Until Excel Fails @ohgm

Sorry about the walls of text.

Combining
Files.

Combine Multiple Log Files

We navigate to a folder containing all our server logs, open the terminal, and type:

```
~$ cat *.log >> combined.log
```

*“Take **every** **.log file** in the folder and **append** each to **combined.log**”*

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But they gave me files in lots of different folders.

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Combine Multiple Files in Multiple Folders

```
~$ find . -name '*.log' -exec cat {} >> combined.log ;
```

*“**Search** the **current folder**, and all subfolders for filenames ending with **.log**. Append the contents of these files to a new file called combined.log.”*

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**They're compressed.
Multiple times.**

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Combine Multiple Files in Multiple Folders Some of Which are compressed

```
~$ find . -name *.gz -exec gzip -dkr {} +  
&& find . -name '*.log' -exec cat {} >> combined.log ;
```

“Find all the files with the .gz extension beneath the current folder.

Recursively Decompress all files. Keep the originals.

Once finished, find all the .log files, append them to a new combined.log file.”

Preview Huge Files with less

less *streams* the contents of a file to the terminal without loading the whole file into memory.

```
$~ less combined.log
```

You can use less to review access logs without crippling your machine.

HELP.

R.T.F.M

READ THE *FRIENDLY* MANUAL

RTFM

If at any time you get stuck:

`~$ toolname --help`

or

`~$ man toolname`

or

Google what you are trying to do.

The **--help** (often **-h**) flag will usually give you what you need to know. **'man'** (manual) tends to be much more in depth. Both are read from the command line.

We now have
one large file.

UA Filtering: Googlebot

Our combined access logs are in a single file:

combined.log – 16.4GB

Too large to open in Excel.

Too large to open in Notepad.

*Examining it with **less**?*

It's too full of filthy human data.

We need to cut it down to Googlebot.

grep

grep is a tool that extracts lines from text files based on a regular expression. Using **grep** is pretty simple:

```
~$ grep [options] [pattern] [file]
```

...

```
~$ grep 'Googlebot' combined.log
```

*"Give me all the lines containing Googlebot in
combined.log"*

Press Enter.

http://www.343-303.org/33

We forgot to store it somewhere.

Filtering Scenario: Googlebot

So we'll store this output to a new file using '>>':

```
~$ grep 'Googlebot' combined.log >> googlebot.log
```

Append** all lines in **combined.log** that contain **Googlebot** into a new file, **googlebot.log

grep

Like other tools, **grep** has a number of optional *argument flags*. The **count** flag ‘**-c**’ can provide a useful summary for direct questions:

```
~$ grep [options] [pattern] [file]
```

...

```
~$ grep -c "POST /wp-login" april.log
```

*“Show me the **count** of **login attempts** in **April on ohgm.co.uk**”*

```
C:\Users\User\Desktop\Brightontests>grep -c "POST /wp-login.php" april.log
54001
```

```
C:\Users\User\Desktop\Brightontests>
```

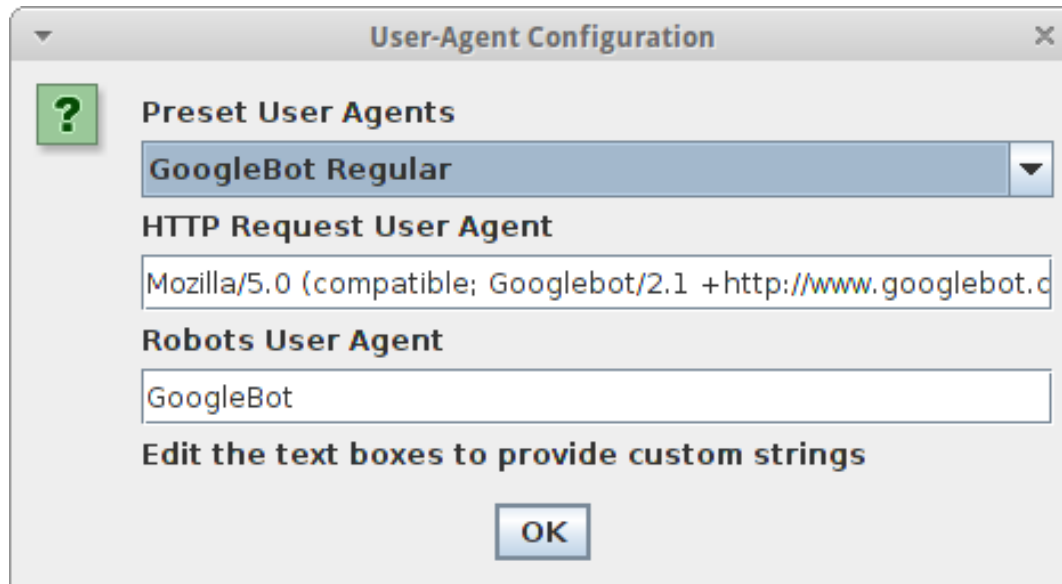
54001

54001

"POST /wp-login.php" april.log

Filtering Scenario – Googlebot

You can't just verify Googlebot by name.



Apparently some people aren't honest on the internet.

IP Filtering

Filtering Scenario – IP Ranges

Start	End
64.233.160.0	64.233.191.255
66.102.0.0	66.102.15.255
66.249.64.0	66.249.95.255
72.14.192.0	72.14.255.255
74.125.0.0	74.125.255.255
209.85.128.0	209.85.255.255
216.239.32.0	216.239.63.255

If we were masochistic, we could write a regular expression to capture these all...

Filtering Scenario – IP Ranges

The **-E** flag lets **grep** use **Extended Regular Expressions**.

```
~$ grep -E "((\b(64)\.233\. (1([6-8][0-9]|9[0-1]
1))))|(\b(66)\.102\. ([0-9]|1[0-5]))|(\b(66)\.249\. (6[4-9]|
[7-8][0-9]|9[0-5]))|(\b(72)\.14\. (1(9[2-9])|2([0-4][0-9]|5[0-5]
)))|(\b(74)\.125\. (25[0-5]|2[0-4][0-9]|([01]?[0-9][0-9]?))|(209\
.85\. (1(2[8-9]|3[0-9])|2([0-4][0-9]|5[0-5]
)))|(\b(216)\.239\. (25[0-5]|2[0-4][0-9]|([01]?[0-9][0-9]?))\
. (25[0-5]|2[0-4][0-9]|([01]?[0-9][0-9]?))"
GbotUA.log > GbotIP.log
```

This shouldn't work, but it does*.

*WOMM

Filtering Scenario – Impostors

The **-v** flag **inverts** the **grep** query to find impostors:

```
~$ grep -vE "((\b(64)\.233\. (1([6-8][0-9]|9[0-1]
1))))|(\b(66)\.102\. ([0-9]|1[0-5]))|(\b(66)\.249\. (6[4-9]|7-
8)[0-9]|9[0-5]))|(\b(72)\.14\. (1(9[2-9])|2([0-4][0-9]|5[0-
5])))|(\b(74)\.125\. (25[0-5]|2[0-4][0-9]| [01]?[0-9][0-
9]?))|(209\.85\. (1(2[8-9]| [3-9][0-9])|2([0-4][0-9]|5[0-
5])))|(216\.239\. (25[0-5]|2[0-4][0-9]| [01]?[0-9][0-
9]?)))).(25[0-5]|2[0-4][0-9]| [01]?[0-9][0-9]?)" GbotUA.log >
Impostors.log
```

*“Give me every request that claims to be Googlebot, but **doesn’t** come from this IP range. Put them in an impostors file.”*

Filtering Scenario – Verifying Googlebot

- **Disclaimer:** don't blindly use awful regex (check with [Regexr](#)) or IP ranges, especially if you're analysing logs for a site using IP detection for international SEO purposes. Read more about Googlebot's Geo-distributed Crawling [here](#) first.
- Use the correct [reverse DNS > forward DNS lookup](#) when it's important to be right. This can be automated.

Filtering Scenario – IP Ranges

Anyone cloaking today
will have a good list.

You might find them at the bar.

“I Just Want
A Sample.”

The file is still too big.

Fine.

I Want A Sample

The **sort** and **split** utilities do what you'd expect:

```
~$ sort -R combined.log | split -l 1048576
```

*“**Randomly sort** the lines in the combined.log. **split** the output of this command into multiple files (up to 1048576 **lines** long.”*

A **pipe** **|** takes the output of one command as the input of another.

shuf is easier, but not default OSX/GOW.

**“I Just Want it
in Excel.”**

Fine.

I Just Want it in Excel.

Use **wc** to check it has fewer than 1,048,576 rows.

```
~$ wc -l sample.log
```

*“**Count** the number of **lines** in sample.log.”*

FILE HOME INSERT PAGE LAYOUT FORMULAS DATA REVIEW VIEW SECTIONS

Get External Data Refresh All Connections Properties Edit Links Sort Filter Sort & Filter Clear Reapply Advanced Text to Columns Flash Fill Remove Duplicates Data Validation

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3	ohgm.co.uk	141.101.99.116	- -	[11/Apr/2016:01:10:20 +0100]	"POST /wp-cron.php?doing_wp_cro				
4	ohgm.co.uk	199.27.133.72	- -	[11/Apr/2016:01:10:19 +0100]	"GET /feed/ HTTP/1.1" 304 - "-" "Feed				
5	ohgm.co.uk	141.101.105.148	- -	[11/Apr/2016:01:14:03 +0100]	"GET /preventing-tiered-link-spam				
6	ohgm.co.uk	141.101.105.148	- -	[11/Apr/2016:01:14:03 +0100]	"GET /fun-unnatural-outbound-link				
7	ohgm.co.uk	162.158.92.95	- -	[11/Apr/2016:01:22:28 +0100]	"GET /feed/ HTTP/1.1" 304 - "http://o				
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14	ohgm.co.uk	141.101.99.116	- -	[11/Apr/2016:01:22:34 +0100]	"GET /faster-google-penalty-remov				
15	ohgm.co.uk	141.101.99.116	- -	[11/Apr/2016:01:22:34 +0100]	"GET /automate-linkedin-stalking				

The Text Wizard has determined that your data is Fixed Width.

If this is correct, choose Next, or choose the data type that best describes your data.

Original data type

Choose the file type that best describes your data:

- ☒ Delimited - Characters such as commas or tabs separate each field.
- ☐ Fixed width - Fields are aligned in columns with spaces between each field.

Preview of selected data:

2	ohgm.co.uk 108.162.216.145 - - [11/Apr/2016:01:00:17 +0100] "GE"	^
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This screen lets you set the delimiters your data contains. You can see how your text is affected in the preview below.

Delimiters

☐ Tab

☐ Semicolon

☐ Comma

☒ Space

☐ Other:

☒ Treat consecutive delimiters as one

Text qualifier: ▼

Data preview

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phgm.co.uk	141.101.99.116	-	-	[11/Apr/2016:01:10:20	+0100]
phgm.co.uk	199.27.133.72	-	-	[11/Apr/2016:01:10:19	+0100]

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4	ohgm.co.uk	199.27.133.72	-	-	[11/Apr/2011:01:00:00]	GET /feed/ HTTP/1.1	304	-	-		Feedly/1.0	199.27.133.72
5	ohgm.co.uk	141.101.105.14	-	-	[11/Apr/2011:01:00:00]	GET /preventing-tiered-	200	8639	http://go		Mozilla/5.0	141.101.105.14
6	ohgm.co.uk	141.101.105.14	-	-	[11/Apr/2011:01:00:00]	GET /fun-unnatural-outk	200	8709	http://go		Mozilla/5.0	141.101.105.14
7	ohgm.co.uk	162.158.92.95	-	-	[11/Apr/2011:01:00:00]	GET /feed/ HTTP/1.1	304	-	http://ohgm.co.uk		Mozilla/5.0	162.158.92.95
8	ohgm.co.uk	141.101.99.110	-	-	[11/Apr/2011:01:00:00]	GET /sitemap_index.xml	200	274	-		W3 Total C	141.101.99.110
9	ohgm.co.uk	141.101.99.110	-	-	[11/Apr/2011:01:00:00]	GET /post-sitemap.xml	200	5982	-		W3 Total C	141.101.99.110
10	ohgm.co.uk	141.101.99.110	-	-	[11/Apr/2011:01:00:00]	GET /block-googlebot-cr	200	9004	-		-	141.101.99.110
11	ohgm.co.uk	141.101.99.110	-	-	[11/Apr/2011:01:00:00]	GET /crawl-indexation/	200	7131	-		-	141.101.99.110
12	ohgm.co.uk	141.101.99.110	-	-	[11/Apr/2011:01:00:00]	GET /page-sitemap.xml	200	371	-		W3 Total C	141.101.99.110
13	ohgm.co.uk	141.101.99.110	-	-	[11/Apr/2011:01:00:00]	POST /wp-cron.php?do	200	20	-		WordPres	141.101.99.110
14	ohgm.co.uk	141.101.99.110	-	-	[11/Apr/2011:01:00:00]	GET /faster-google-pena	200	8899	-		-	141.101.99.110
15	ohgm.co.uk	141.101.99.110	-	-	[11/Apr/2011:01:00:00]	GET /automate-linkedin	200	7544	-		-	141.101.99.110
16	ohgm.co.uk	141.101.99.110	-	-	[11/Apr/2011:01:00:00]	GET /icann-drop-your-dc	200	12110	-		-	141.101.99.110
17	ohgm.co.uk	141.101.99.110	-	-	[11/Apr/2011:01:00:00]	GET / HTTP/1.1	200	6812	-		-	141.101.99.110
18	ohgm.co.uk	108.162.221.14	-	-	[11/Apr/2011:01:00:00]	GET /robots.txt HTTP/1.1	304	-	-		python-re	108.162.221.14
19	ohgm.co.uk	141.101.99.110	-	-	[11/Apr/2011:01:00:00]	POST /wp-cron.php?do	200	20	-		WordPres	141.101.99.110
20	ohgm.co.uk	173.245.50.110	-	-	[11/Apr/2011:01:00:00]	GET /feed/ HTTP/1.1	200	136953	-		rogerbot/	173.245.50.110
21	ohgm.co.uk	141.101.105.14	-	-	[11/Apr/2011:01:00:00]	GET /server-logs-subdor	200	7684	-		Mozilla/5.0	141.101.105.14
22	ohgm.co.uk	141.101.105.14	-	-	[11/Apr/2011:01:00:00]	GET /robots.txt HTTP/1.1	304	-	-		Mozilla/5.0	141.101.105.14
23	www.ohgm.co.uk	173.245.52.170	-	-	[11/Apr/2011:01:00:00]	GET / HTTP/1.1	301	20	-		Netcraft S	173.245.52.170
24	ohgm.co.uk	199.27.133.72	-	-	[11/Apr/2011:01:00:00]	GET /feed/ HTTP/1.1	304	-	-		Feedly/1.0	199.27.133.72
25	ohgm.co.uk	141.101.99.110	-	-	[11/Apr/2011:01:00:00]	GET /sitemap_index.xml	200	274	-		W3 Total C	141.101.99.110
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27	ohgm.co.uk	141.101.99.110	-	-	[11/Apr/2011:01:00:00]	GET /learning-to-type-fa	200	8867	-		-	141.101.99.110
28	ohgm.co.uk	141.101.99.110	-	-	[11/Apr/2011:01:00:00]	GET /watch-googlebot-c	200	9556	-		-	141.101.99.110
29	ohgm.co.uk	141.101.99.110	-	-	[11/Apr/2011:01:00:00]	GET /wayback-machine-	200	9079	-		-	141.101.99.110
30	ohgm.co.uk	141.101.99.110	-	-	[11/Apr/2011:01:00:00]	GET /bulk-inspect-http-r	200	8211	-		-	141.101.99.110
31	ohgm.co.uk	141.101.99.110	-	-	[11/Apr/2011:01:00:00]	GET /page-sitemap.xml	200	371	-		W3 Total C	141.101.99.110

The Title of The Talk
Wasn't a Lie And We
Aren't Going to Use Excel
And Are Going to Answer
Questions Just Using The
Command Line I Hope
That's OK. Sorry.

Asking Useful Questions

Formulating Questions

Work a basic hypothesis. Decides what needs to be done if it is **true**, **false**, or **indeterminate** before you get the data.

“Google is ignoring robots.txt” may not be **action guiding**, whilst *“Googlebot is ignoring search console parameter restrictions”* just might be.

Formulating Questions

Some things just
aren't very useful to
know.

Example Questions

How **deep** is Googlebot crawling?

Where is the **wasted crawl**? What proportion of requests are currently wasted?

Where is Googlebot **POST**ing?

What are the most popular **non-200/304** resources?

How many **unique resources** are being crawled?

Which is the more **popular** form of product page?

Which sitemap pages **aren't** being crawled?

Always pivot with other data.

Getting Useful Answers

AWK

AWK is a programming language focused on text manipulation.

We are going to use it to print some columns from our log files. That's it.

AWK

```
~$ awk '{print $8, $10}' Googlebot.log >> Gbot_responses.txt
```

*“Output the **requested resource** and **server response** of Googlebot.log to Gbot_responses.txt.”*

/	200
/robots.txt	304
/robots.txt	500
/amazing-blog-post	200
/forgotten-blog-post	404
/forbidden-blog-post	403
/	200

Tailor the command to the access log format in use.

uniq

uniq takes text as an input and returns **unique** lines.

uniq -c returns these lines prefixed with a count.

uniq -d returns only repeated lines.

uniq -u returns only non-repeated lines.

AWK

Like **grep**, **awk** also matches patterns, using **/pattern/**.

```
~$ awk '/bingbot/ {print $10}' combined.log | uniq -c
```

*“Look for lines containing **bingbot** in the unfiltered logs and print their **server response codes**. **Deduplicate** these and **return a summary**.”*

216663 -	302
109232 -	200
18395 -	301
2568 -	404
2147 -	304
274 -	500
261 -	403

Example Use: Site Migrations

Ultimate Guide to Site Migrations

Get a big list of old URLs.

301 redirect them once to the
right places.

Make sure they get crawled.

Site Migrations

“We want a list of all URLs requested by Googlebot in our pre-migration dataset, sorted by popularity (number of requests).”

e.g.

/	49587
/index.html	25169
/robots.txt	23334
/home	19417

Site Migrations

```
~$ awk '/Googlebot/ {print $7}' combined.log |  
    uniq -c | sort -nr >> unique_requests.txt
```

*“Take all access log requests, and filter to **Googlebot**.
Extract and output the **requested resources**.
Deduplicate these and **return a summary**.
Sort these by number in descending order.”*

Site Migrations – Encouraging Crawl

“We want our migration to switch as quickly as possible.”

Get the list of redirects (URI stems) you want Google to crawl into a file.

grep can use this file as the match criteria (lines matching this OR this OR this).

Site Migrations – Encouraging Crawl

We want the URLs Google has not yet crawled.

```
~$ grep -f wishlist.txt postmigration.log | awk  
'/Googlebot/ {print $8}' | uniq >> wishlist-hits.txt
```

*“Filter the post-migration log for **lines that match wishlist.txt**. Return the **resources requested** by Googlebot. **Deduplicate** and save.”*

Site Migrations – Encouraging Crawl

```
~$ cat wishlist-hits.txt wishlist.txt | uniq -u >>  
uncrawled.txt
```

*“Read the contents of **both files**. Save wishlist entries that **don’t** appear in the access logs.”*

Tip: use an indexing service like [linklicious](#) to encourage [crawling the uncrawled](#).

Taking This
Further

Keep Learning
Unix Utilities.
Learn SQL.

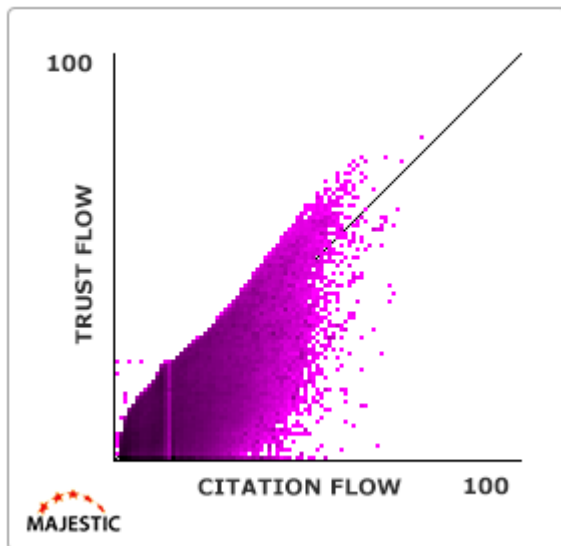
Also

These Techniques Apply to Other SEO Activities.

External Backlinks	Referring Domains	Referring IPs	Referring Subnets
31,702,766	289,050	164,435	77,501

In the last 5 years

<u>366,350,866</u>	<u>752,866</u>	<u>327,250</u>	<u>125,441</u>
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Enterprise Link Audits.
Enterprise Keyword Research.
Enterprise Spamming.

Thanks.

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Resources

GOW: <https://github.com/bmatzelle/gow>

Cygwin: <http://cygwin.com/install.html>

Command Line Crash Course:

<http://cli.learncodethehardway.org/book/>

Shameless links to my own stuff:

<http://ohgm.co.uk/filter-server-logs-to-googlebot/>

<http://ohgm.co.uk/watch-googlebot-crawling/>

<http://ohgm.co.uk/preserve-link-equity-with-file-aliasing/>

<http://ohgm.co.uk/wayback-machine-seo/>

Tools Used in this Talk

grep

sort

split

shuf

find

uniq

awk

wc

cowsay