

CSCI 2132 - Assignment 3 - Sample Solution

This is only the answer for Q1 and Q2. The Q3 answer is provided as code.

Question 1

- (a) A process is any program being executed on the system. A job is a process started from the current shell.
- (b) A foreground process has access to the terminal's output and keyboard input. A background process has access only to the former. While a foreground process is running, the shell cannot start more processes (because this would require access to the keyboard). No such restriction exists when running a background process.
- (c) With a centralized version control system, there is only one repository that all operations are applied to. With a distributed version control system, there may exist an arbitrary number of repositories with support to exchange commits between repositories.
- (d) The job can be suspended by pressing `^Z`. To resume it, we use the `fg` shell command.
- (e) You add an `&` to the end of the command line.

(f) You suspend the job by pressing `^Z`. Then the job is resumed in the background using the `bg` shell command.

Question 2

- (a) `ls -l` ^ which less`
- (b) `numlines = `cat file.txt | wc -l`;` (`numlines = $numlines / 2`); `head -n $numlines file.txt`
- (c) `egrep '(...).*\1.*\1' /usr/share/dict/linux.words`
- (d) Regex: `^[\d]{1,3}(\.\d{1,3}){3}\$`