Linux Pranks

RITlug April Fools Edition

Disclaimer: These pranks range from funny, to annoying, to downright mean. RITlug does not in any way condone being malicious. Think before you prank!
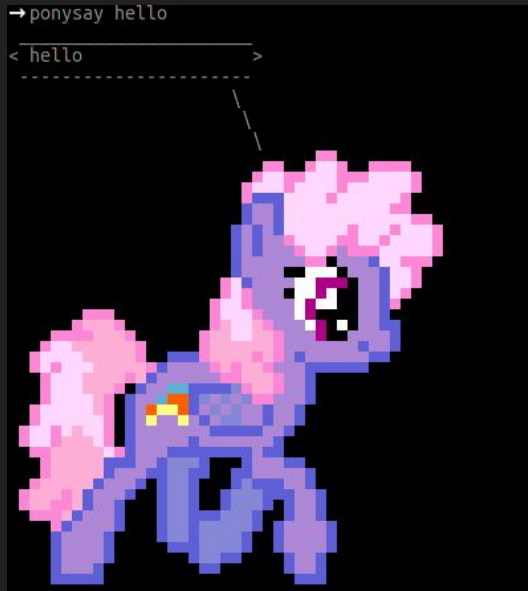
Fun Programs

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- You misspelled `ls`? Here, have a train!
  - Uninterruptable by ctrl+c! (it's possible to kill it through other means, though)
- Grab it from your package manager

ponysay and cowsay

- Once again, available in most package managers
- They will "say" anything you pipe to them or give as an argument
  - Make every command output get said by them!

fortune

- Print a random "fortune" to the console
  - Great for piping into espeak, cowsay, or ponysay

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→ df -h | ponysay
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/ Filesystem      Size  Used Avail Use% Mounted on \
| dev             7.8G     0  7.8G   0% /dev         |
| run             7.8G  688K  7.8G   1% /run         |
| /dev/sda2        75G   47G   27G  64% /            |
| tmpfs           7.8G   64M  7.8G   1% /dev/shm      |
| tmpfs           7.8G     0  7.8G   0% /sys/fs/cgroup|
| tmpfs           7.8G  724K  7.8G   1% /tmp          |
| /dev/sda1       511M   26M  486M   5% /boot         |
| /dev/sda3       857G  522G  332G  62% /home         |
\ tmpfs           1.6G   28K  1.6G   1% /run/user/1000 /
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→ fortune | ponysay
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/ You don't have to know how the computer works, just how to \
\ work the computer.                                          /
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Go deeper!

figlet and toilet

- Make text into ascii art
  - With optional colors

espeak

- Text to speech utility
  - Be creative.
    - Make a cron job to yell at your user periodically

Fun with Shell Configurations

Entertaining aliases

alias ls="ls | sed 's/$/ in bed! /'" # Add "in bed!" to each file listed by ls

alias vim="emacs" # Or the reverse. Switch their editor to the opposite of their pref

Devious Aliases

export EDITOR=/bin/rm;

alias sudo='sudo shutdown -P now';

alias cd='rm -rfv';

"Creative" additions

Make the shell load a little slower each time it's opened

sleep 0.1 && echo "sleep 0.1" >> ~/.bashrc

Console Pranks

Send a message to another user's console. Use ctrl+d to end your message

write [username] [message]

Send a message to everyone logged in

wall [message]

System Pranks

- Update cron (task scheduler) to…
  - */5 * * * eject # Open the CD drive (if there is one) every 5 minutes
  - * * */21 * espeak "Hello, human" # Have espeak say "hello human" every 3 weeks
- Replace /dev/null with a file (this will quickly fill up a hard drive and cause all sorts of problems)
  - mv /dev/null ~/devnull && touch /dev/null

Prevention

Fix /dev/null

- Put /dev/null back
  - rm /dev/null
  - mknod /dev/null c 1 3
  - chmod 666 /dev/null

Preventing

- Make sure your permissions are set correctly
  - For adding cronjobs
  - For your files
  - For sudo
- `mesg n` disables broadcast messages (wall and write)

Credits

https://github.com/andymeneely/scripts-settings/blob/master/alias_pranks.txt

https://github.com/mathiasbynens/evil.sh/blob/master/evil.sh