Getting Started in Loew 207  
CSE Bridge Workshop, August 2008

Log On

The lab computers run Linux and have a huge assortment of open-source software on them. If you’re new to Linux you should find things work about like you’d expect if you’re used to Windows or Macs. One exception is that on this version of Linux, a mouse single click often does the same thing as a double-click on those other systems.

We’ll use this lab for the workshop, but it will also be available for you to use throughout the year. You have individual, permanent accounts in the lab. Your user name is your UW NetID and your initial password is your student ID number. Be patient, it takes a while to get files set up initially. In the future you can log on to any machine in the lab. It’s a bit faster if you use the same machine, but if you use a different one, your files will be copied over.

You can change your password (probably a good idea) by entering the yppasswd command in a terminal window (see below for how to start a terminal window). When you’re done, be sure to log out.

Get the Software

You need a copy of the JES media programming environment and a folder containing image samples. From the System pop-up menu (2nd icon from the left on the bottom), select storage-media and open the remote share icon. Open the folder named CSE-BRIDGE inside and copy the folders you find there onto your desktop.

Running JES

From the run (K) menu, select Debian > Applications > Terminal Emulators > xterm. That should open a terminal window where you can enter commands. Enter the following commands (assuming that JES is in the jes folder on your desktop):

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cd Desktop/jes
./JES.sh
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That should launch JES. The first time it starts up it asks you to enter some information for an automatic assignment turn-in program. We aren’t using this, so enter any bogus information you want and click save to make it go away.