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Conclusion

This booklet should have enabled you to do plenty of work manipulating your text files. It only scratches the surface of what the tools (especially `awk`) are capable of. Hopefully, you will now have the courage and confidence (if you lacked them previously) to tackle the `man` pages for the commands. Further reading about the commands is available from the O'Reilly book "`sed` and `awk`"[1].

Finally, if you don't know whether something will work, don't be afraid to *experiment*. If this gives you no joy, the University Computing Service Help Desk can try to answer queries for current staff and students of the University. E-mail to `help-desk@ucs.cam.ac.uk`, telephone `34681` on the University exchange, or visit them opposite the Reception on the second floor of the Cockcroft building on the New Museums Site. They are open from 9 am until 5 pm Monday to Friday.

Happy hacking,
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[1] Title: "`sed` and `awk`", Author: Dale Dougherty,
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