

Lifehacking

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**“Life Hacks: Tech Secrets of
Over-prolific Alpha Geeks”**

Linus, JWZ, Nathan Torkington,
Guido van Rossum, Eric Raymond,
Simon Cozens, etc.

Commonalities

Shells everywhere

Text everywhere

No complex apps,
just complex scripts

Helping themselves when needed

43Folders.com

Lifehacker.com

lifehack.org

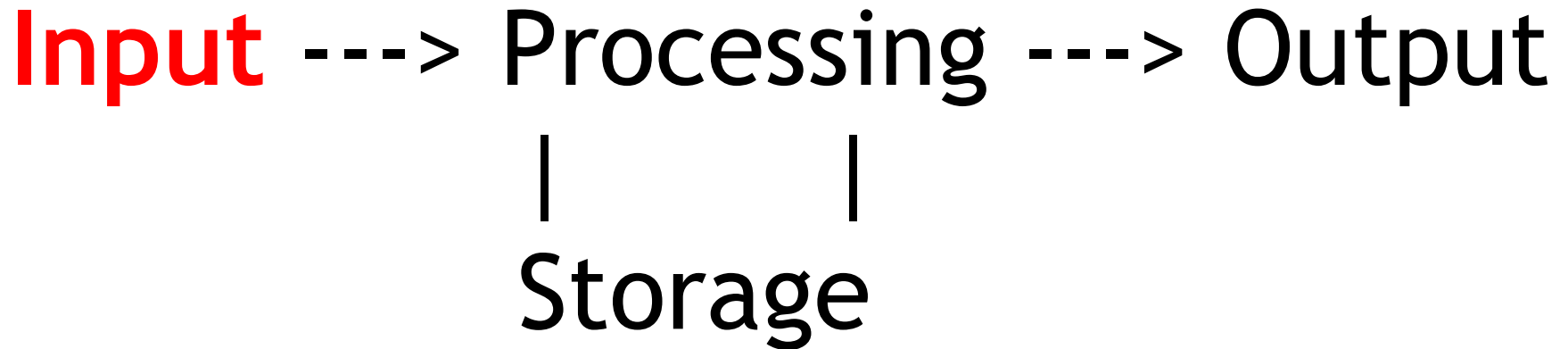
lifehacks.it

I LifeHacks sono

piccole soluzioni

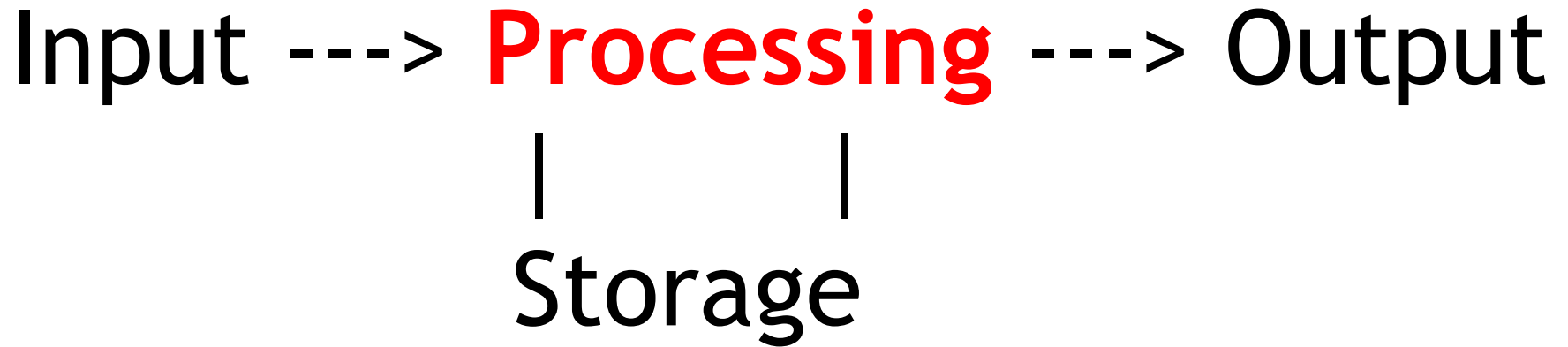
ai problemi quotidiani.

What is Lifehacking NOT?



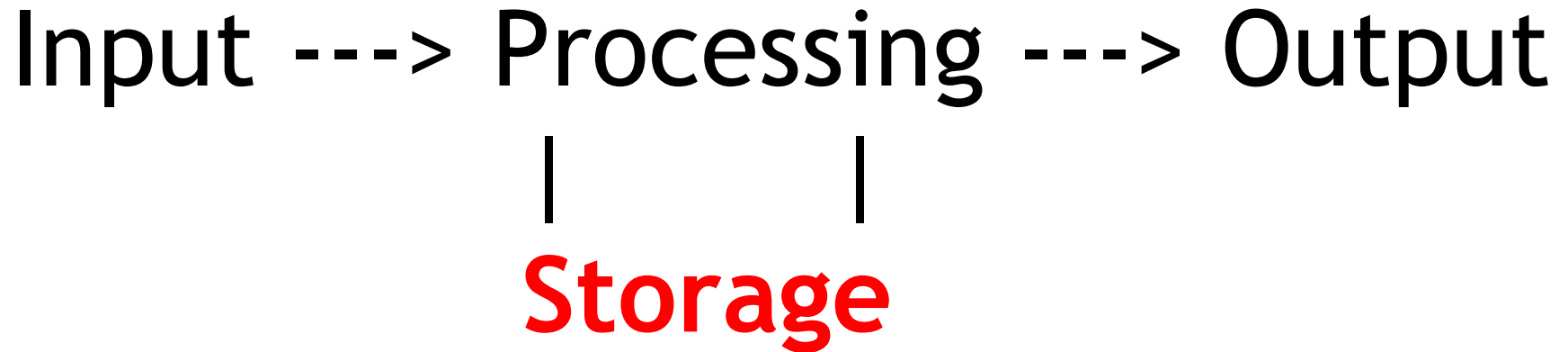
Precursors to Automation:
Standardization
Centralization

Crutches



Batch Processing

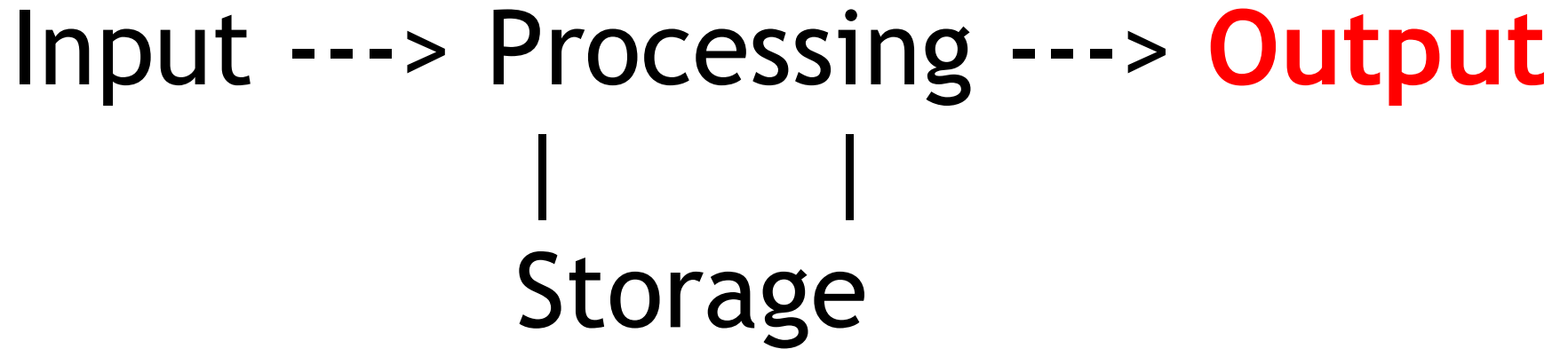
Scheduling interrupts
cron and at



Store files, email, im, web history, etc.

Search becomes **really** important

Lots use **Google**, others grep, beagle.



Good Question!



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00 */2 * * * ${HOME}/.rss2email/r2e run 2>&1 | error_filter.pl rss2email
01 * * * * feedz0r run
55 22 * * 1-5 us-put-call.pl
30 20 * * 1-5 us-equities.pl
00 23 * * 1-5 us-yield.pl
00 12 * * * weather.pl
00 13 * * 1 nag get a date
00 13 * * 0 nag do yer laundry
00 13 * * 1 nag check the generator
00 14 * * 1 nag burn home to cd
45 21 * * * run-days 2006-05-18 14 nag take out the trash by 7
55 12 * * * run-days 2006-05-08 14 nag run payroll
00 06 * * * glsa-check.cron
00 00 * * 1 crontab -l > ${HOME}/.crontab
00 00 * * 1 atjobs.pl > ${HOME}/.atjobs
05 00 * * 1 archive-scripts-configs.sh raq0-scripts-configs.tar.asc
00 00 * * 4 backup-to-box-net.pl test box0-scripts-configs.tar.asc
00 00 * * 4 backup-to-box-net.pl test raq0-scripts-configs.tar.asc
00 00 * * 2 globex-futures-list.pl |sort > ${HOME}/share/futures/globex.dat
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nag me on their birthday

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00 14 24 04 * nag birthday mom
00 14 05 03 * nag birthday dad
00 14 04 04 * nag birthday joanne
00 14 04 11 * nag birthday tom bursey
00 14 18 09 * nag birthday jen lawlin
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