

UNIX Command Quick Reference

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Command	Description
<code>pwd</code>	P rint w orking d irectory
<code>ls</code>	L ist contents of a directory
<code>cd</code>	C hange d irectory
<code>cp</code>	C opy a file or directory. Use <code>cp -r</code> to copy a directory
<code>mv</code>	M ove or rename a file or directory
<code>touch</code>	Create an new (empty) file, or update file modification date to "now"
<code>mkdir</code>	M ake a new d irectory
<code>rm</code>	<i>Permanently</i> Remove a file or directory. Use <code>rm -r</code> to remove a directory
<code>wc</code>	Count the number of words, lines, characters, and/or bytes in a file
<code>less</code>	View the contents of a file in the terminal
<code>head</code> (<code>tail</code>)	Display the first (last) ten lines of a file
<code>gzip</code>	Compress a file to <code>.gz</code> format
<code>gunzip</code>	Decompress a <code>.gz</code> -compressed file
<code>curl</code>	Download the contents of a website
<code>echo</code>	Print
<code>man</code>	See a command's documentation in the manual