# **OSL ASSIGNMENT 1A**

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## 1. echo:

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The echo command is used to display a line of text.
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Syntax: echo [SHORT-OPTION] ... [STRING]...

Description(option):

- -n do not output the trailing newline
- -e enable interpretation of backslash escapes
- -E disable interpretation of backslash escapes (default)

If -e is in effect, the following sequences are recognized:

\\ backslash

\a alert (BEL)

\b backspace

\c produce no further output

\e escape

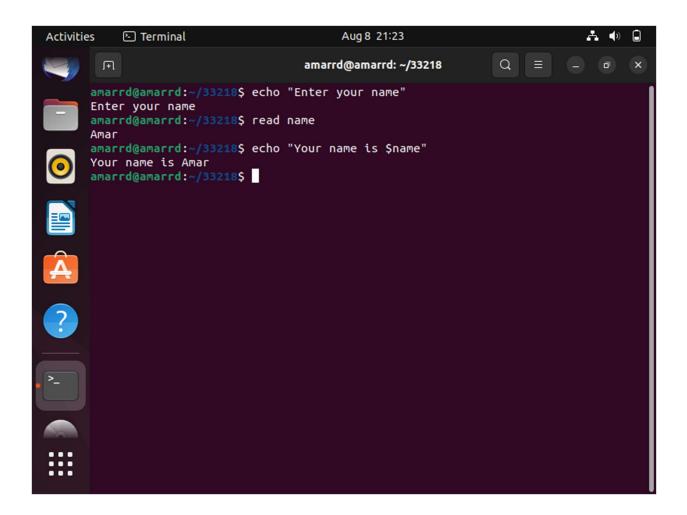
\f form feed

\n new line

\r carriage return

\t horizontal tab

\v vertical tab



# 2. Is

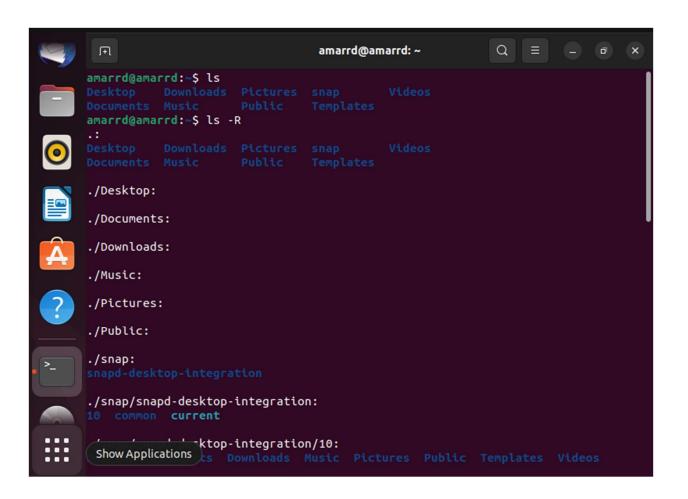
The Is command is used to list directory contents.

Syntax:

Is [OPTION]... [FILE]...

# Description(option):

- -i print index number of each file
- -l use long listing format
- -t sort by modification time, newest first
- -1 list one file per line.



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                               amarrd@amarrd: ~
./Videos:
amarrd@amarrd:~$ ls -a
              .bashrc Documents Pictures .sudo as admin successful
              .cache Downloads .profile Templates
.bash_history .config .local Public
.bash_logout
amarrd@amarrd:~$ ls -al
total 72
drwxr-x--- 14 amarrd amarrd 4096 Aug 8 15:15
d====xr-x 3 root root 4096 Aug 8 14:58
 Help ---- 1 amarrd amarrd
                           8 Aug 8 15:15 .bash_history
-rw-r--r-- 1 amarrd amarrd 220 Aug 8 14:58 .bash_logout
-rw-r--r-- 1 amarrd amarrd 3771 Aug 8 14:58 .bashrc
drwx----- 10 amarrd amarrd 4096 Aug 8 15:10 .cache
drwx----- 10 amarrd amarrd 4096 Aug 8 15:10 .config
drwxr-xr-x 2 amarrd amarrd 4096 Aug 8 15:07 Desktop
drwxr-xr-x 2 amarrd amarrd 4096 Aug 8 15:07 Documents
drwxr-xr-x 2 amarrd amarrd 4096 Aug 8 15:07 Downloads
drwx----- 3 amarrd amarrd 4096 Aug 8 15:07 .local
drwxr-xr-x 2 amarrd amarrd 4096 Aug 8 15:07 Music
drwxr-xr-x 2 amarrd amarrd 4096 Aug 8 15:07 Pictures
-rw-r--r-- 1 amarrd amarrd 807 Aug 8 14:58 .profile
drwxr-xr-x 2 amarrd amarrd 4096 Aug 8 15:07 Public
drwx----- 3 amarrd amarrd 4096 Aug 8 15:07 snap
-rw-r--r-- 1 amarrd amarrd
                             0 Aug 8 15:14 .sudo_as_admin_successful
drwxr-xr-x 2 amarrd amarrd 4096 Aug 8 15:07 Templates
drwxr-xr-x 2 amarrd amarrd 4096 Aug 8 15:07 Videos
amarrd@amarrd:~$
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#### 3. cat

The cat command is used to Concatenate files and print on the standard output.

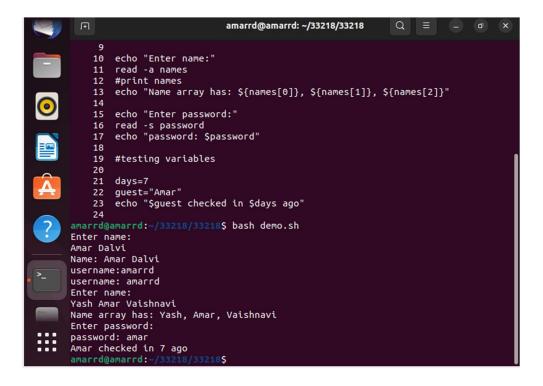
Syntax:

cat [OPTION] [FILE]

Description(option):

- -E: display \$ at end of each line
- -n: number all output lines
- -b: number nonempty output lines, overrides -n

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amarrd@amarrd: ~/33218/33218
                                                                Q = - 0
amarrd@amarrd:~/33218$ cat -n demo.sh
cat: demo.sh: No such file or directory
amarrd@amarrd:-/33218$ cd 33218
amarrd@amarrd:-/33218/33218$ cat -n demo.sh
     1 #!/bin/bash
     3 echo "Enter name: "
4 read fname sname
     5 echo "Name: $fname $sname"
     7 read -p'username:' user_val
8 echo "username: $user_val"
    10 echo "Enter name:"
        read -a names
    12 #print names
    13 echo "Name array has: ${names[0]}, ${names[1]}, ${names[2]}"
    14
    15 echo "Enter password:"
        read -s password
        echo "password: $password"
    18
    19
        #testing variables
    20
        days=7
        guest="Amar"
    23
        echo "$guest checked in $days ago"
    24
amarrd@amarrd:~/33218/33218$
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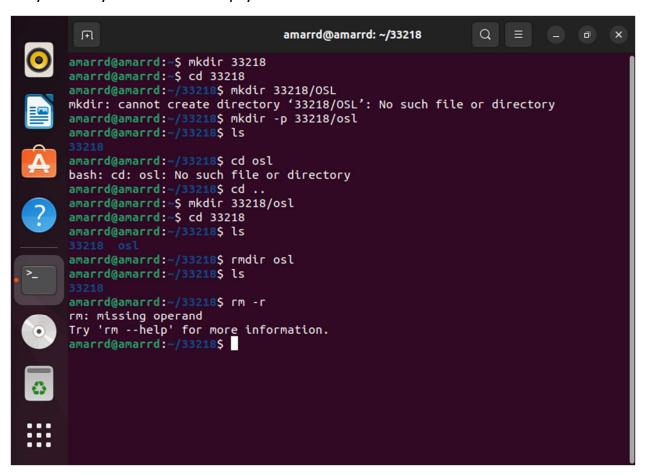


## 4. mkdir

Use mkdir command to make a new directory — if you type mkdir Music it will create a directory called Music.

#### 6. rmdir

If you need to delete a directory, use the rmdir command. However, rmdir only allows you to delete empty directories.



#### 7. touch

The touch command is used to create, change, and modify timestamps of a file

# Syntax:

touch [OPTION] [file name]

# Description(option):

- -c: used to check whether a file is created or not.
- -m: used to change the modification time.

## 8. locate

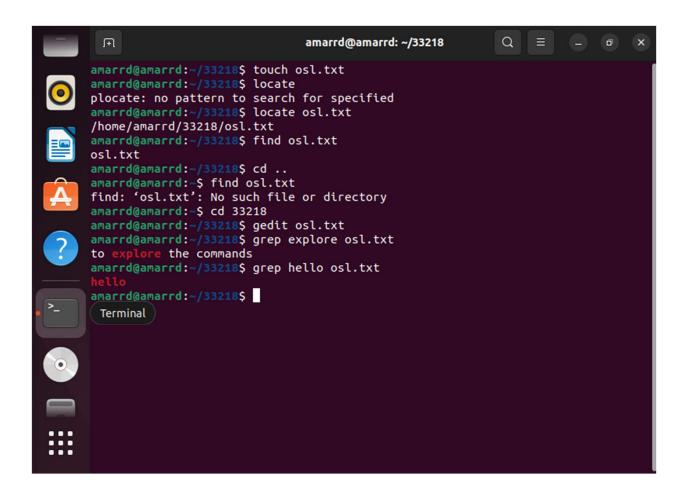
You can use this command to locate a file, just like the search command in Windows. What's more, using the -i argument along with this command will make it caseinsensitive, so you can search for a file even if you don't remember its

#### 9. find

Similar to the locate command, using find also searches for files and directories. The difference is, you use the find command to locate files within a given directory. As an example, find /home/ -name notes.txt command will search for a file called notes.txt within the home directory

# 10.grep command

Another basic Linux command that is undoubtedly helpful for everyday use is grep. It lets you search through all the text in a given file



#### 11. df command

Use df command to get a report on the system's disk space usage, shown in percentage and KBs. If you want to see the report in megabytes, type df -m.

#### 12. du command

If you want to check how much space a file or a directory takes, the du (Disk Usage) command is the answer. However, the disk usage summary will show disk block numbers instead of the usual size format. If you want to see it in bytes, kilobytes, and megabytes, add the -h argument to the command line.

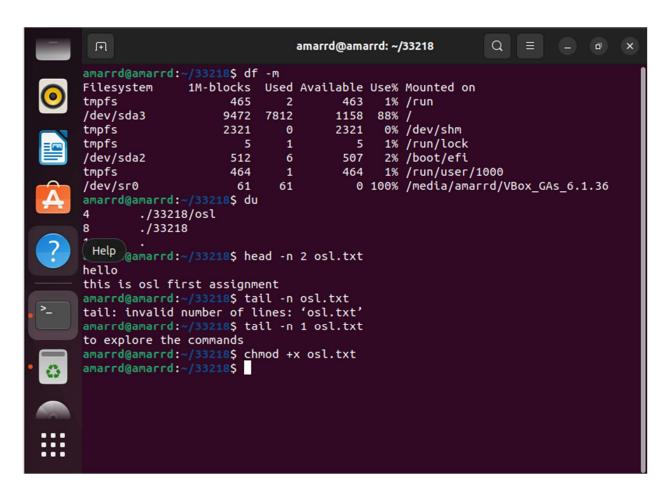
#### 13. head command

The head command is used to view the first lines of any text file. By default, it will show the first ten lines, but you can change this number to your liking.

For example, if you only want to show the first five lines, type head -n 5 filename.ext.

## 14.tail command

This one has a similar function to the head command, but instead of showing the first lines, the tail command will display the last ten lines of a text file. For example, tail -n filename.ext.



# 15. pwd command

Use the pwd command to find out the path of the current working directory (folder) you're in. The command will return an absolute (full) path, which is basically a path of all the directories that starts with a forward slash (/). An example of an absolute path is /home/username

## 16. cd command

To navigate through the Linux files and directories, use the cd command. It requires either the full path or the name of the directory, depending on the current working directory that you're in.

