

Using paste

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paste can be used to combine fields (such as name or phone number) from different files, as well as combine lines from multiple files. For example, line one from **file1** can be combined with line one of **file2**, line two from **file1** can be combined with line two of **file2**, and so on.

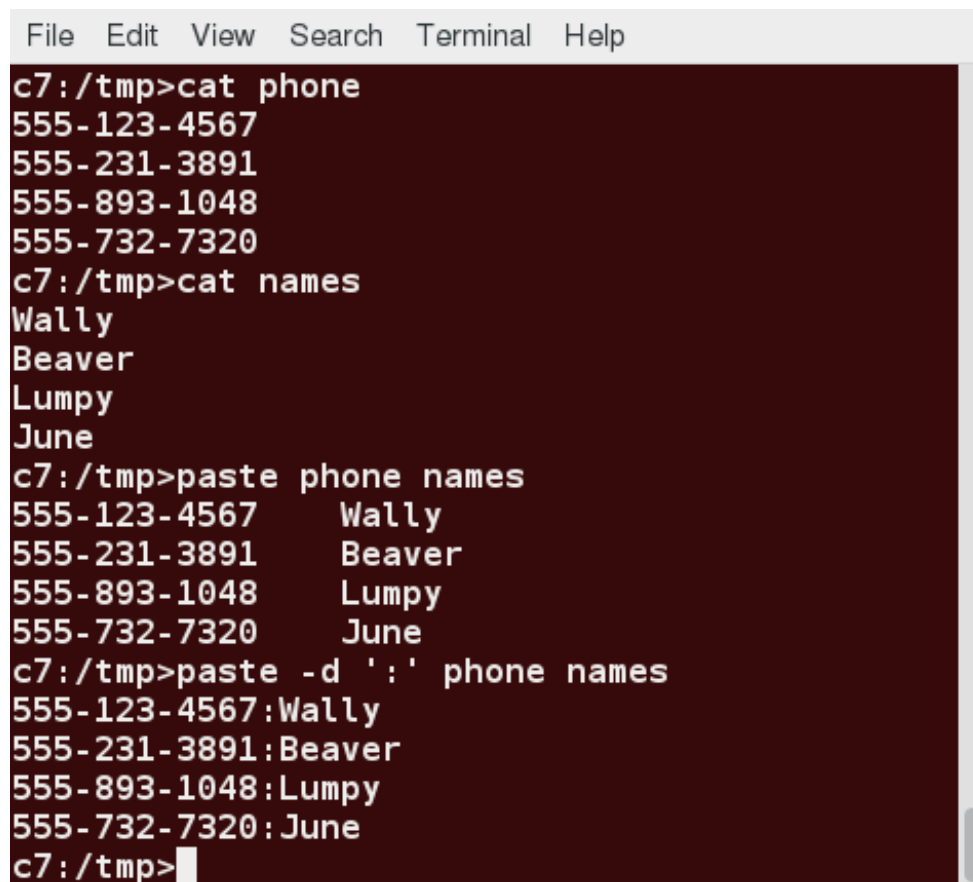
To paste contents from two files, you can do:

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$ paste file1 file2
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The syntax to use a different delimiter is as follows:

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$ paste -d, file1 file2
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Common delimiters are 'space', 'tab', '|', 'comma', etc.



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File Edit View Search Terminal Help
c7:/tmp>cat phone
555-123-4567
555-231-3891
555-893-1048
555-732-7320
c7:/tmp>cat names
Wally
Beaver
Lumpy
June
c7:/tmp>paste phone names
555-123-4567 Wally
555-231-3891 Beaver
555-893-1048 Lumpy
555-732-7320 June
c7:/tmp>paste -d ':' phone names
555-123-4567:Wally
555-231-3891:Beaver
555-893-1048:Lumpy
555-732-7320:June
c7:/tmp>
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