UNIX Bash Basics

Most important commands to navigate your UNIX OS



Commands Without Flags

man	Display help and information for a command
pwd	Display the absolute path to the folder your CLI is currently in
ls	List the content of the current directory
cd	Switch to a different folder
open	Open an existing program on your computer
ср	Copy a file
mv	Move a file to a different location, or rename it in the same location
rm	Delete a file
mkdir	Create a new empty folder
rmdir	Delete an empty folder. The folder needs to be empty

Important Flags

ls -al	Display all contents of a folder including additional information
rm -rf	Delete everything in a nested directory structure, also folders with content
cd ∼	Navigate to your home directory
cd	Move one directory up from your current location