

# The Terminal

Graphical User Interface (GUI) versus Command Line Interface (CLI)



Function	Command
Display current terminal shell	echo \$0
Change terminal shell	exec zsh or exec bash
Go to home directory (folder)	cd ~
Go to hard drive the root folder	cd /
Go up directory (folder)	cd ..
Go to the same directory (folder)	cd.
Print your working directory (current location)	pwd
Open a directory in finder	open directory name
List the contents of directory (folder)	ls
Open file in the default application	open file name
Change to directory (folder)	cd
Clear terminal window	clear
Show terminal history	history
Make a directory (folder)	mkdir directoryname or "directory name"
Make a file	Touch filename (e.g. touch index.html)
Remove a file	rm filename

Remove a folder	rm -r directoryname (e.g. rm -r "My webpage")
See user manual for commands	man command (e.g., man touch) q to close manual