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HowTo: Edit a File Under Linux

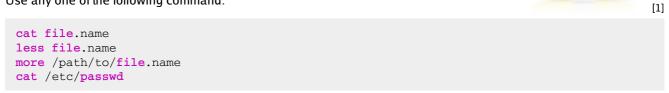
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Can tell me a Linux commands to edit a text file?

You can easily edit a text file under Linux using a text editor called vi or vim.

View a File

Use any one of the following command:



Edit a File

You need to use any one of the following text editor:

- vi / vim
- pico

pico command

pico demo.txt

New user should start with pico command. For example, edit a file called demo.txt, enter:

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File Edit View Terminal Help

GNU nano 2.0.9 File: demo.txt Modified

this is a demo.
Linux is easy to use.

^G Get Hel^0 WriteOu^R Read Fi^Y Prev Pa^K Cut Tex^C Cur Pos^X Exit ^J Justify^W Where I^V Next Pa^U UnCut T^T To Spel
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Fig.01: pico text editor in action

Keyboard Shortcut

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- To see help press [CTRL+G]
- To exit press [CTRL+X]
- To save file press [CTRL+O]
- To delete current like press [CTRL+K]
- To undo press [CTRL+U]
- To search text [CTRL+W] (again to search same word press [CTRL+W])

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