HAS Tools: The command line

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What is the command line, and how do we use it?

- The command line is a text interface for typing commands to the computer.
- The terminal is a program that lets you use the command line.
- Our codespaces have a terminal built-in
- Bash is a Unix shell and command language.
- The shell is a program that interprets commands.
- Bash is the default shell in most Linux distributions and macOS.

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# change desktop to #
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cmd - 2: vabai -m space -focus 2
cmd - 3: yabai -m space - focus 3
cmd - 5: vabai -m space -focus 5
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# HAS Tools: Course Materials for Fall 2024
This repository contains course contents for HWRS 401/501 "Tools for Data Handling and Analysis in Wa
ter, Weather, & Climate" also known as "HAS Tools". This course is intended to introduce the basics
of the modern data science stack for water, weather, and climate research. Folks from other Earth/env
ironmental fields should also find useful lessons here.
The structure of this repository is roughly as follows:
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- Make you look cool: People will think you are an elite hacker when they see you using the command line.

To begin with, let's just get familiar with the layout and progression of the terminal interface, commonly called at text user interface (TUI)

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This repeated pattern is the "prompt". It contains a couple of pieces, and mine is customized here.

Anything to the left of the
}} is part of the prompt, anything to the right is part of the command to be run

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When run, it makes the cow say the message I typed!

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The first real command we will use is 'pwd', which stands for "print working directory"

It just shows you where on the system you currently are.

I am on my laptop, in the CourseMaterials24 repo

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If I want to know what's in my current directory/folder, I can use the 'ls' command.

It just lists out all of the files and folders inside.

Note folders here are highlighted in blue and regular files are just white

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Here I go into the `coding_modules` directory

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Which is then shown in my status line as my current location

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If you aren't sure of the exact names, you can type a partial name and then hit <tab> to get completions

If only one option exists, bash will automatically fill it in when you hit <tab>

Otherwise it will show you a list of options below

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To go up directories (or back) you can use `..` in your `cd` command.

Each `..` goes up one directory.

Since directories are separated by '/' you can do 'cd ../..' to go back 2 levels

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And of course there are other commands that you can use.

We won't cover all of them here, but here are some additional resources:

https://linuxjourney.com/lesson/the-shell

https://www.kea.nu/files/textbook s/humblesec/thelinuxcommandli ne.pdf

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