

HDFS Commands

commonly used commands

mkdir

```
hadoop fs -mkdir <paths>
```

List the file

```
hadoop fs -ls <args>
```

View the contents

```
hadoop fs -cat <path[filename]>
```

Put

```
hadoop fs -put <source:localFile> <destination>
```

Get

```
hadoop fs -get <source> <dest:localFileSystem>
```

copy from local

```
hadoop fs -copyFromLocal <src:localFileSystem>  
<dest:Hdfs>
```

copy to local

```
hadoop fs -copyToLocal <src:Hdfs> <dest:localFileSystem>
```

move

```
hadoop fs -mv <src> <dest>
```

remove

hadoop fs -rm <arg>

Open a terminal window to the current working directory.
/home/training

1. Print the Hadoop version
hadoop version

2. List the contents of the root directory in HDFS

hadoop fs -ls /

3. Report the amount of space used and
available on currently mounted filesystem

hadoop dfsadmin -report

4. Count the number of directories,files and bytes under
the paths that match the specified file pattern
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hadoop dfsadmin -report

5. Run a DFS filesystem checking utility

hadoop fsck - /

6. Run a cluster balancing utility

hadoop balancer

7. Create a new directory named “hadoop” below the
/user/training directory in HDFS. Since you’re
currently logged in with the “training” user ID,
/user/training is your home directory in HDFS.

hadoop fs -mkdir /user/training/hadoop

8. Add a sample text file from the local directory
named “data” to the new directory you created in HDFS
during the previous step.

```
#
hadoop fs -put data/sample.txt /user/training/hadoop

# 9. List the contents of this new directory in HDFS.
#
hadoop fs -ls /user/training/hadoop

# 10. Add the entire local directory called "retail" to the
# /user/training directory in HDFS.
#
hadoop fs -put data/retail /user/training/hadoop

# 11. Since /user/training is your home directory in HDFS,
# any command that does not have an absolute path is
# interpreted as relative to that directory. The next
# command will therefore list your home directory, and
# should show the items you've just added there.
#
hadoop fs -ls /

# 12. See how much space this directory occupies in HDFS.
#
hadoop fs -du /hadoop/retail

# 13. Delete a file 'customers' from the "retail" directory.
#
hadoop fs -rm /hadoop/retail/customers

hadoop fs -rmr /hadoop/retail - for directory removal

# 14. Ensure this file is no longer in HDFS.
#
hadoop fs -ls hadoop/retail/customers

# 15. Delete all files from the "retail" directory using a wildcard.
#
hadoop fs -rm hadoop/retail/*

# 16. To empty the trash
#
hadoop fs -expunge
```

18. List the hadoop directory again

#

```
hadoop fs -ls /hadoop
```

19. Add the purchases.txt file from the local directory

named “/home/training/” to the hadoop directory you created in HDFS

#

```
hadoop fs -copyFromLocal /home/training/purchases.txt hadoop/
```

20. To view the contents of your text file purchases.txt

which is present in your hadoop directory.

#

```
hadoop fs -cat hadoop/purchases.txt
```

21. Add the purchases.txt file from “hadoop” directory which is present in HDFS directory

to the directory “data” which is present in your local directory

#

```
hadoop fs -copyToLocal hadoop/purchases.txt /home/training/data
```

22. cp is used to copy files between directories present in HDFS

#

```
hadoop fs -cp /user/training/*.txt /user/training/hadoop
```

23. ‘-get’ command can be used alternatively to ‘-copyToLocal’ command

#

```
hadoop fs -get hadoop/sample.txt /home/training/
```

24. Display last kilobyte of the file “purchases.txt” to stdout.

#

```
hadoop fs -tail hadoop/purchases.txt
```

25. Move a directory from one location to other

#

```
hadoop fs -mv hadoop apache_hadoop
```

26 Command to make the name node leave safe mode

#

```
hadoop fs -expunge
```

```
sudo -u hdfs dfsadmin -safemode leave
```

27. List all the hadoop file system shell commands

#

```
hadoop fs
```

```
# 28. Last but not least, always ask for help!  
#  
hadoop fs -help
```

29. `hadoop fs touchz`

The `hadoop touchz` command creates a zero byte file. This is similar to the `touch` command in unix. The syntax is shown below:

```
hadoop fs -touchz /user/hadoop/filename
```