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# **File/directory commands:**

| sample usage |
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| cd    | change directory          | cd bin cd ~/          | /2350/hw cd      |
|-------|---------------------------|-----------------------|------------------|
| chgrp | change group ownership    | chgrp appm2350 index. | html             |
| chmod | change permissions        | chmod 664 myfile.html | L                |
| сp    | copy file(s)              | cp thisfile newfile   | cp file* subdir/ |
| ls    | list files                | ls -l                 | ls -alrt *.html  |
| mkdir | make new directory        | mkdir 2005fall        |                  |
| mv    | move/rename file(s)       | mv a.out ProgramE     | mv file* subdir/ |
| pwd   | present working directory | pwd                   |                  |
| rm    | remove/delete file(s)     | rm -i *.aux           | rm -rf subdir/   |
| rmdir | delete empty directory    | rmdir 1999fall        |                  |

# **Editing, Email, Documentation:**

#### sample usage

| emacs    | text editor           | emacs mythesis.tex            |  |
|----------|-----------------------|-------------------------------|--|
| vi       | text editor           | vi mythesis.tex               |  |
| nedit    | text editor           | nedit mythesis.tex            |  |
| pico     | text editor           | pico mythesis.tex             |  |
| pine     | email                 | pine                          |  |
| mailx    | email                 | mailx mailx smith@hotmail.com |  |
| latex    | compiles DVI document | latex mythesis.tex            |  |
| pdflatex | compiles PDF document | pdflatex mythesis.tex         |  |

# Remote login and file copying:

#### sample usage

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|------|--------------------------|---|
| scp  | copy between computers   | <pre>scp myfile amath.colorado.edu:subdir/file8</pre> |
| sftp | copy between computers   | sftp  |
| ssh  | log onto remote computer | ssh amath.colorado.edu -l username                    |

### **Text filters:**

#### sample usage

| cat   | display text contents      | cat file1.txt file2.txt file3.txt |
|-------|----------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| grep  | find word/string           | grep keyword file1 file2 file3    |
| head  | display first few lines    | head -5 file.txt                  |
| more  | display 20 lines at a time | more file.txt                     |
| sort  | re-order text lines        | sort -r -n file.txt               |
| spell | find misspelled words      | spell file.txt                    |
| tail  | display last few lines     | tail -5 file.txt                  |
| wc    | word count                 | wc file.txt cat *.tex   wc        |

### **Other Utilities:**

#### sample usage

|      |                         | <del>-</del>                |  |
|------|-------------------------|-----------------------------|--|
| man  | manual page             | man ls man -k editor        |  |
| cal  | calendar                | cal 12 2005                 |  |
| date | current date/time       | date                        |  |
| du   | total size of directory | du -k   sort -n             |  |
| echo | print to screen         | echo "This is great stuff." |  |
| look | suggest words           | look stri                   |  |

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### **Process control:**

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| file  | type of file     | file *                   |
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| jobs  | in current shell | jobs                     |
| kill  | stop process     | kill 23098 kill -9 23098 |
| nice  | process priority | nice ./a.out             |
| ps    | list processes   | ps -ef   sort   more     |
| which | command filename | which netscape           |

**Customizing:** 

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| alias  | command shortcut | alias dir '/bin/ls -al \!*   more'   |
|--|------------------|--------------------------------------|
| finger   | user identity    | finger smith finger @newton          |
| passwd   | change password  | passwd                               |
| set  | variables        | set path=(\$path /usr/local/tex/bin) |
| setenv variables setenv TEXHOME /usr/local/tex |                  | setenv TEXHOME /usr/local/tex        |
| w who whoami                                   | user identities  | w who whoami                         |

**Compilers and file utilities:** 

#### sample usage

| cc c++ gcc g++                    | C and C++ compilers                   | cc -o myprogram progA.c                    |  |
|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------------|--|--|
| £77 £90 £95 Fortran compilers     |                                       | f90 -o myprogram progA.f90                 |  |
| diff                              | line-by-line difference               | diff file1.txt file2.txt                   |  |
| strings text embedded in binary s |                                       | strings a.out                              |  |
| tar archiving files               |                                       | tar cf myarchive.tar file1 file2 dir3 dir4 |  |
| gzip                              | gzip compress file gzip myarchive.tar |  |  |
| gunzip uncompress file            |                                       | gunzip myarchive.tar.gz                    |  |

**SYNTAX:** 

#### sample usage

| &          | run in background       | nice ./a.out &                                   |
|------------|-------------------------|--|
| >          | redirect to file        | nice ./a.out > results.out &                     |
| >>         | append to file          | nice ./a.out >> more.out &                       |
| <          | input from file         | nice ./a.out < input.dat > results.out &         |
|            | pipe to another program | cat *.dat   more                                 |
| ;          | separates commands      | ./a.out < input1.dat ; ./a.out < input2.dat ; ls |
| \$VARIABLE | variables               | set ; echo \$PATH                                |
| * and ?    | wildcard characters     | ls *.tex ; ls a* ; ls *.??? ; ls file?.txt       |
| !! \$!     | last command, last word | echo "!!"  |

**FILES:** 

| ~/.cshrc           | initialization file | define shell variables and aliases                      |
|--------------------|---------------------|---|
| ~/.login           | initialization file | set 1-time login information                            |
| ~/.ssh/known_hosts | ssh keys file       | keys accepted from other hosts; sometimes needs editing |