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## cat:

**Definition:** The cat command is used for displaying the content of a file. **Cat** is short for concatenate.

### Usage:

- `cat + option + file(s) to display`

### Examples:

- `cat todo.lst`
- `cat ~/Documents/todo.lst`
- `cat -n ~/Documents/todo.lst`

## tac:

**Definition:** The tac command is used for displaying the content of a file in reverse order.

### Usage:

- `tac + option + file(s) to display`

### Examples:

- `tac todo.md`
- `tac ~/Documents/todo.md`
- `tac cars.csv`

## head:

**Definition:** The head command displays the top N number of lines of a given file. By default, it prints the first 10 lines. If more than one file name is provided then data from each file is preceded by its file name.

### Usage:

- `head + option + file(s)`

### Examples:

- `head ~/Documents/Books/dracula.txt`
- `head -5 ~/Documents/Books/dracula.txt`
- `head -n 1 *.csv *.py`

## tail:

**Definition:** The tail command displays the last N number of lines of a given file. By default, it prints the last 10 lines. If more than one file name is provide then data from each file is preceded by its file name.

**Usage:**

`tail +option+file`

Examples:

- `tail ~/Documents/Books/dracula.txt`
- `tail -5 ~/Documents/Books/dracula.txt`
- `tail -v -n 7 ~/Documents/Books/dracula.txt`

## cut:

**Definition:** The cut command is used to extract a specific section of each line of a file and display it to the screen.

**Usage:**

`cut+option+file(s)`

Examples:

- `cut -d ':' -f1 /etc/passwd`
- `cut -d ':' -f1,7 /etc/passwd`
- `cut -d ',' -f1 cars.csv`

## sort:

**Definition:** The sort command is used for sorting files. The sort command supports sorting alphabetically, in reverse order, by number, and by month. Unless specified otherwise:

- Lines starting with a number appear before lines starting with a letter
- lines starting with a letter that appears earlier in the alphabet will appear before lines starting with a letter that appears earlier in the alphabet
- lines starting with a lowercase letter will appear before lines starting with the same letter in uppercase

**Usage:**

`sort+option+file`

Examples:

- `sort users.lst`
- `sort -o sorted.lst users.lst`
- `sort -t ';' -k3 cereal.csv`

## WC:

**Definition:** The wc command is used for printing the number of lines, character and bytes in a file

### Usage:

```
wc +option+file(s)
```

Examples:

- `wc -m users.txt`
- `wc -l users.txt`
- `wc -w users.txt`

## tr:

**Definition:** The tr command is used for translating or deleting character form standard output

### Usage:

```
Standard output | tr+option+set+set
```

Examples:

- `cat file.txt | tr '.' ','`
- `cat program.py | tr '[:space:]' '\t'`
- `cat files.py | tr -s '[:space:]' '`

## diff:

**Definition:** The diff command compares files and displays the differences between them

### Usage:

```
diff+option+file1+file2
```

Examples:

- `diff cars.csv cars-backup.csv`
- `diff -y cars.csv cars-backup.csv`
- `diff -u cars.csv cars-backup.csv`

## grep:

**Definition:** Grep is used to search text in given file. Grep works line by line basis (it matches the search criteria in a line by line basis)

### Usage:

```
grep+option+search criteria+file(s)
```

## Examples:

- `grep 'dracula' ~/Documents/dracula.txt`
- `grep -i 'dracula' ~/Documents/dracula.txt`
- `grep -in 'dracula' ~/Documents/dracula.txt`