LINUX

Redirection

The coolest feature of command line is input/output redirection .
With this we can redirect input and output of command from and to a file .
We can also connect multiple command to make powerful command pipelines .

Some basic command are :

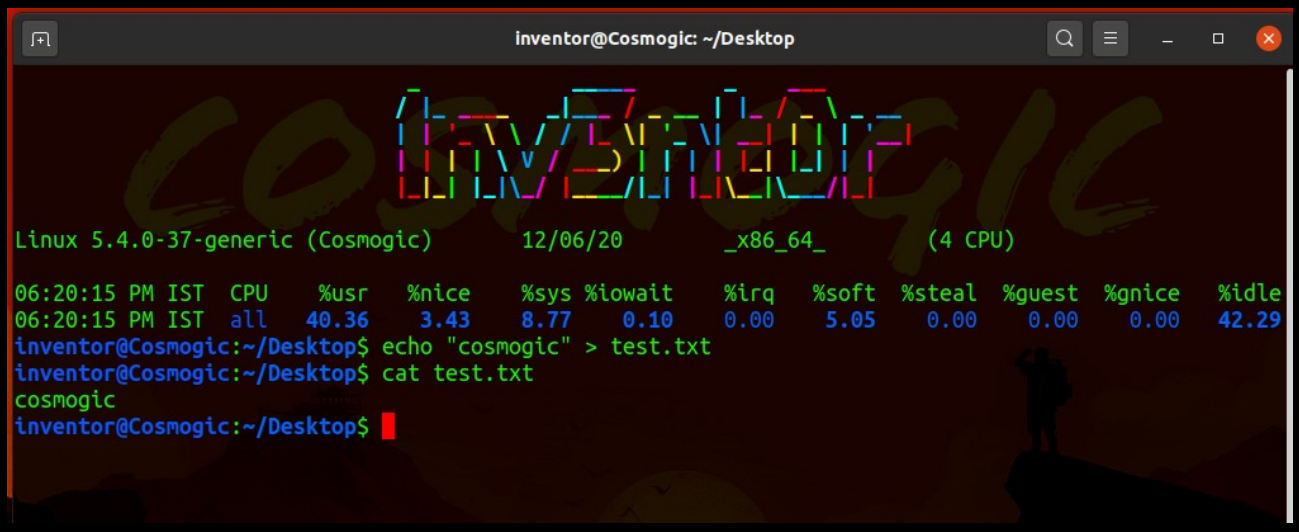
- echo
- cat
- sort
- uniq
- wc
- grep
- tee

From previous pdf's we know how to create a file and how to use ls command .
Using redirection we can store any output in file for example
ls -la /usr/bin > output.txt
this will show all the output in a text file
and we can do this with any command


inventor@Cosmogic: ~/Desktop
Linux 5.4.0-33-generic (Cosmogic) 10/06/20 _x86_64_ (4 CPU)
06:57:44 PM IST CPU %usr %nice %sys %iowait %irq %soft %steal %guest %gnice %idle
06:57:44 PM IST all 35.59 2.07 7.98 0.12 0.00 4.31 0.00 0.00 0.00 49.93
inventor@Cosmogic:~$ cd Desktop/
inventor@Cosmogic:~/Desktop$ ls -la /usr/bin > output.txt
inventor@Cosmogic:~/Desktop$ cat output.txt
total 236984
drwxr-xr-x 2 root root 49152 Jun 7 19:21 .
drwxr-xr-x 14 root root 4096 Apr 23 13:04 ..
-rwxr-xr-x 1 root root 59736 Sep 5 2019 [
-rwxr-xr-x 1 root root 96 Apr 7 17:35 2to3-2.7
-rwxr-xr-x 1 root root 31248 May 19 22:29 aa-enabled
-rwxr-xr-x 1 root root 35344 May 19 22:29 aa-exec
-rwxr-xr-x 1 root root 22912 Mar 4 22:16 aconnect
-rwxr-xr-x 1 root root 19016 Nov 28 2019 acpi_listen
-rwxr-xr-x 1 root root 7258 Apr 16 15:27 add-apt-repository
-rwxr-xr-x 1 root root 30952 Apr 2 20:59 addpart
lrwxrwxrwx 1 root root 26 Apr 7 17:12 addr2line -> x86_64-linux-gnu-addr2line
-rwxr-xr-x 1 root root 47552 Mar 4 22:16 alsabat
-rwxr-xr-x 1 root root 85296 Mar 4 22:16 alsaloop
-rwxr-xr-x 1 root root 72432 Mar 4 22:16 alsamixer
-rwxr-xr-x 1 root root 14720 Mar 4 22:16 alsatplg
-rwxr-xr-x 1 root root 31528 Mar 4 22:16 alsaucm
-rwxr-xr-x 1 root root 31112 Mar 4 22:16 amidi
-rwxr-xr-x 1 root root 63952 Mar 4 22:16 amixer
-rwxr-xr-x 1 root root 2668 Mar 22 19:20 amuFormat.sh
-rwxr-xr-x 1 root root 274 Oct 2 2017 apg
-rwxr-xr-x 1 root root 26696 Oct 2 2017 apgbfm
-rwxr-xr-x 1 root root 84400 Mar 4 22:16 aplay
-rwxr-xr-x 1 root root 27016 Mar 4 22:16 aplaymidi
lrwxrwxrwx 1 root root 30 Apr 27 21:54 appletviewer -> /etc/alternatives/appletviewer
-rwxr-xr-x 1 root root 2558 Dec 5 2019 apport-bug
-rwxr-xr-x 1 root root 13367 May 13 04:04 apport-cli
lrwxrwxrwx 1 root root 10 May 13 04:04 apport-collect -> apport-bug
-rwxr-xr-x 1 root root 2068 May 13 04:04 apport-unpack
-rwxr-xr-x 1 root root 14648 Feb 29 11:59 appres
-rwxr-xr-x 1 root root 67816 Mar 14 21:10 appstreamcli
lrwxrwxrwx 1 root root 6 Apr 27 18:46 apropos -> whatis
-rwxr-xr-x 1 root root 18824 May 13 01:32 apt
lrwxrwxrwx 1 root root 18 Apr 27 18:46 apt-add-repository -> add-apt-repository

In the same way if we want to create a txt file by giving some input we can use echo command (with redirection) .

echo "Cosmogic" > test.txt



talking about echo its a builtin shell command used to display text that are passed as an argument.
If we just write echo with any text it will just display the same text

Options available with echo command are

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Echo the STRING(s) to standard output.

-n      do not output the trailing newline

-e      enable interpretation of backslash escapes

-E      disable interpretation of backslash escapes (default)

--help display this help and exit

--version
        output version information and exit

If -e is in effect, the following sequences are recognized:

\\      backslash

\a      alert (BEL)

\b      backspace

\c      produce no further output

\e      escape

\f      form feed

\n      new line

\r      carriage return

\t      horizontal tab

\v      vertical tab

\0NNN   byte with octal value NNN (1 to 3 digits)

\xHH    byte with hexadecimal value HH (1 to 2 digits)
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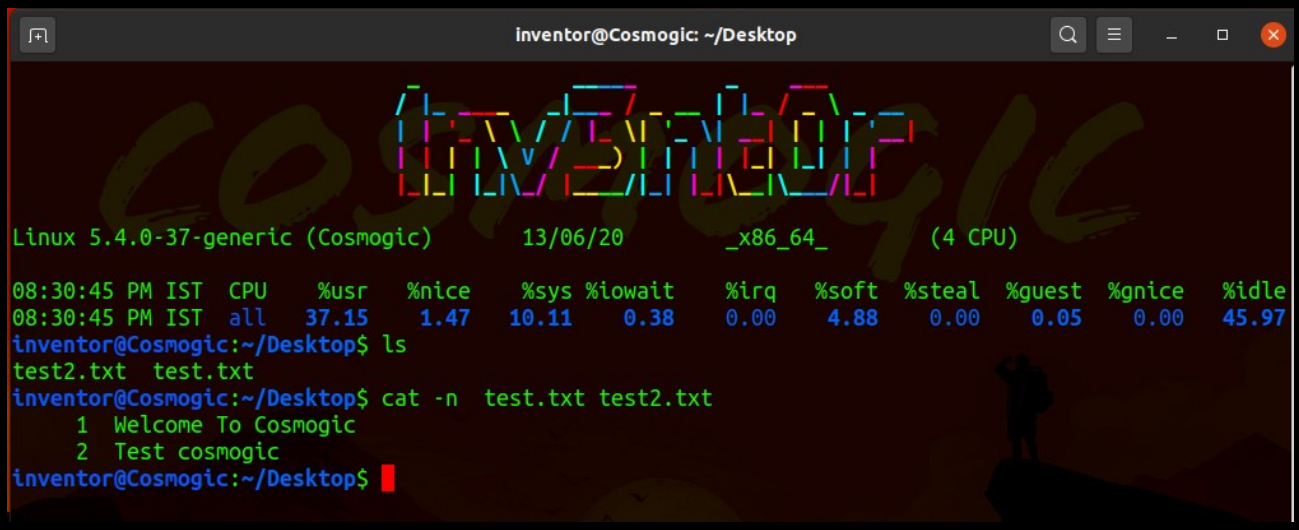
you can try all different combination to get results
for ex :- echo -e "Cosmogic \bBeyond \bLimits "
This will remove space from the string and
CosmogicBeyondLimits will be printed .

CAT :- cat is used to concatenate files . If we wish to see the content of a file we write
cat (name of the file)

Options available in cat command are :

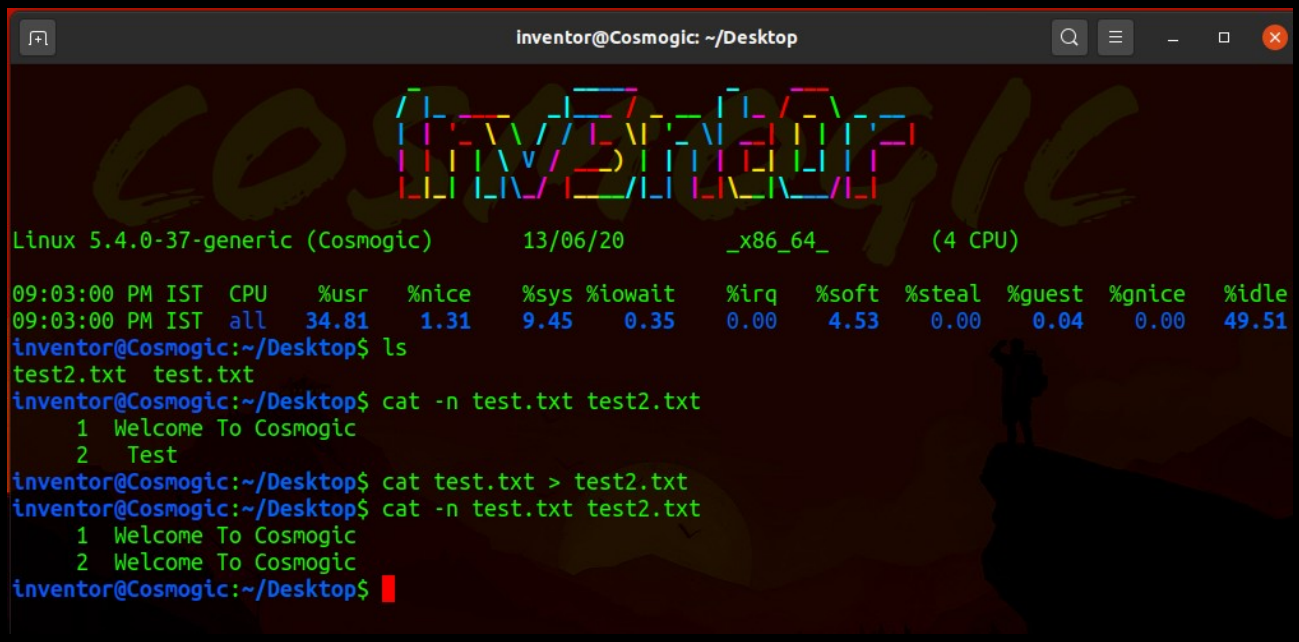
we can also cat two file to get the combined results
cat first file second file

to get the linear output we can use -n in the command
cat -n file1 file2



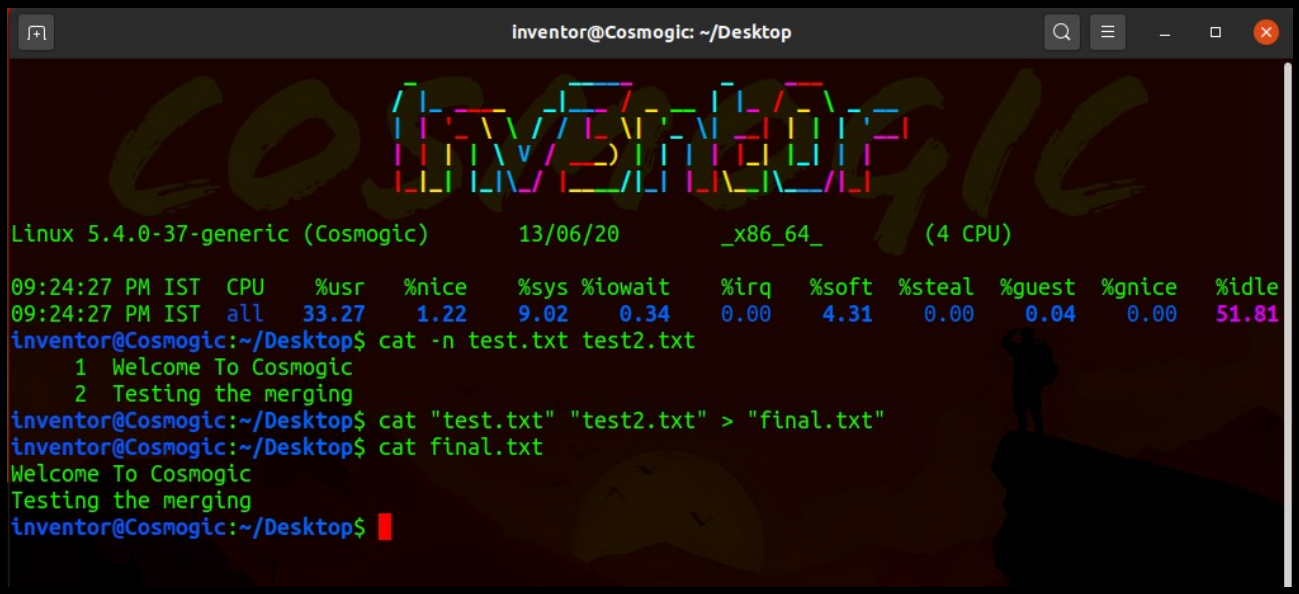
we can also copy content of one file to another with help of cat and redirection

cat source file > destination file



In the same way if we want to merge data of multiple files we can do :

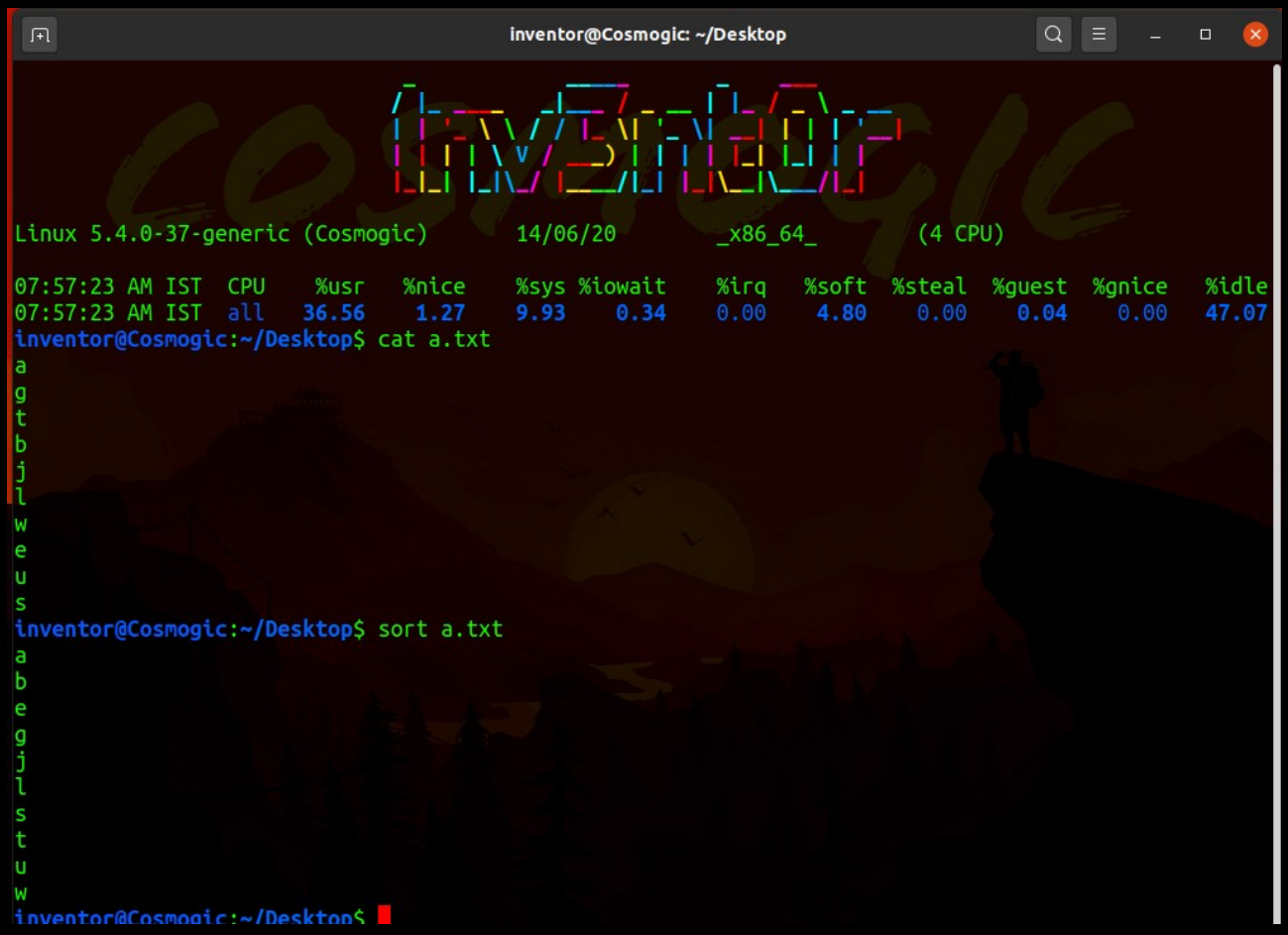
cat "file 1" "file 2" "file 3" > "final file"



If we want to view the content of some type of files for ex .txt we can write
cat *.txt It will display all the content of files having .txt extension

we can also get output in reverse order using tac command
tac filename

Sort :- As it's name suggest it's used for shorting for example :- sort filename



but this is not permanent if we will cat the file again we will get the unsorted result .

We can use redirection hear to save the sorted result in another file or -o can be used to achieve same results in case of -o command like :

(sort -o result file input file)

To get the sorted result in reverse order we can use -r with sort command like :

sort -r filename

Option available with sort command are :

```
Mandatory arguments to long options are mandatory for short options too.
Ordering options:

  -b, --ignore-leading-blanks  ignore leading blanks
  -d, --dictionary-order      consider only blanks and alphanumeric characters
  -f, --ignore-case           fold lower case to upper case characters
  -g, --general-numeric-sort  compare according to general numerical value
  -i, --ignore-nonprinting    consider only printable characters
  -M, --month-sort            compare (unknown) < 'JAN' < ... < 'DEC'
  -h, --human-numeric-sort    compare human readable numbers (e.g., 2K 1G)
  -n, --numeric-sort          compare according to string numerical value
  -R, --random-sort           shuffle, but group identical keys.  See shuf(1)
      --random-source=FILE    get random bytes from FILE
  -r, --reverse               reverse the result of comparisons
      --sort=WORD             sort according to WORD:
                                general-numeric -g, human-numeric -h, month -M,
                                numeric -n, random -R, version -V
  -V, --version-sort          natural sort of (version) numbers within text

Other options:

      --batch-size=NMERGE   merge at most NMERGE inputs at once;
                            for more use temp files
  -c, --check, --check=diagnose-first  check for sorted input; do not sort
  -C, --check=quiet, --check=silent  like -c, but do not report first bad line
      --compress-program=PROG  compress temporaries with PROG;
                              decompress them with PROG -d
      --debug               annotate the part of the line used to sort,
                              and warn about questionable usage to stderr
      --files0-from=F       read input from the files specified by
                            NUL-terminated names in file F;
                            If F is - then read names from standard input
  -k, --key=KEYDEF          sort via a key; KEYDEF gives location and type
  -m, --merge               merge already sorted files; do not sort
  -o, --output=FILE         write result to FILE instead of standard output
  -s, --stable              stabilize sort by disabling last-resort comparison
  -S, --buffer-size=SIZE    use SIZE for main memory buffer
  -t, --field-separator=SEP  use SEP instead of non-blank to blank transition
  -T, --temporary-directory=DIR  use DIR for temporaries, not $TMPDIR or /tmp;
                              multiple options specify multiple directories
      --parallel=N          change the number of sorts run concurrently to N
  -u, --unique              with -c, check for strict ordering;
                              without -c, output only the first of an equal run
  -z, --zero-terminated     line delimiter is NUL, not newline
      --help     display this help and exit
      --version  output version information and exit
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-u is used to remove duplicate from the list

If we have two column in a file and we want to sort by any specific column we can use -k

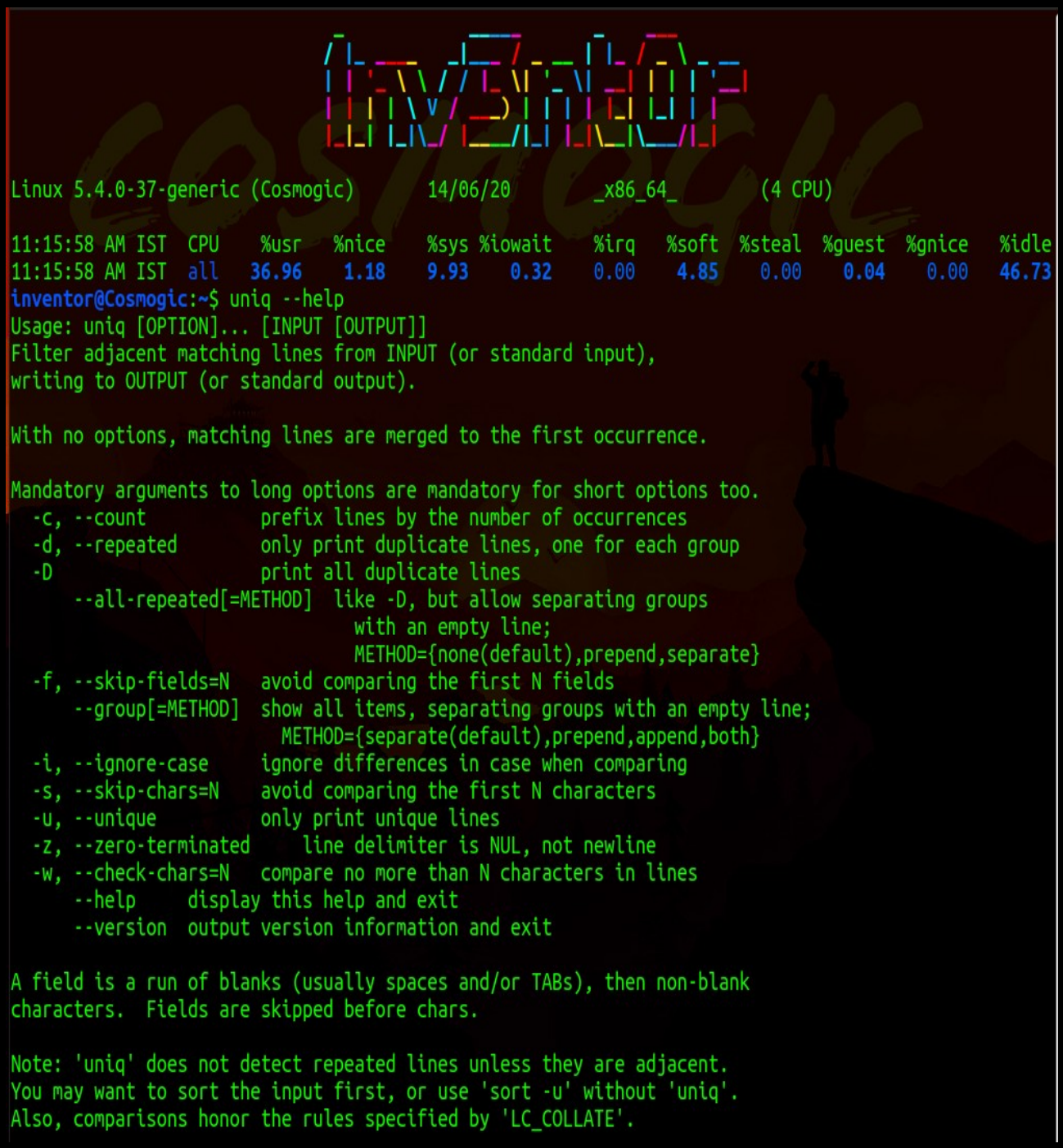
Pipelines

The ability of commands to read data from standard input and send to
standard output is utilized by a shell feature called pipelines. Using the pipe
operator | (vertical bar), the standard output of one command can be piped
into the standard input of another.
For example

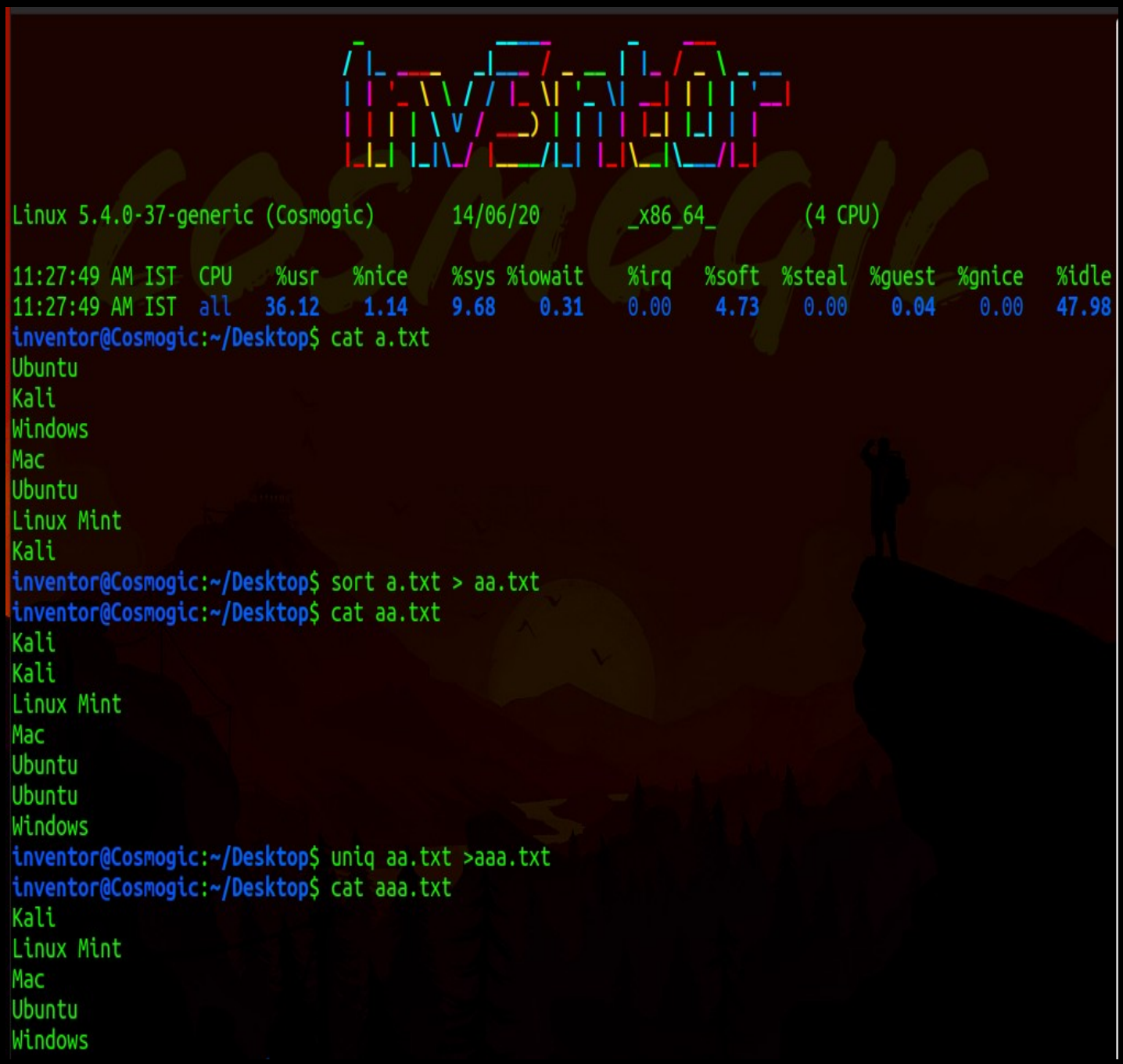
using this we can merge different command to get desired results

UNIQ

This command is used to remove all repeated lines from a file and it is designed to work with sort command options available with uniq command are :



to remove the same lines from the file first we need to sort them in a file then we can remove the same line as uniq does not detect repeated lines unless they are adjacent .



WC :- wc stands for word count ans as we can understand by the name it's used for counting purpose It is used to find out number of lines, word count, byte and characters count in the files
By default four columns are displayed in the output First column shows number of lines present in a file specified, second column shows number of words present in the file, third column shows number of characters present in file and fourth column itself is the file name which are given as argument.

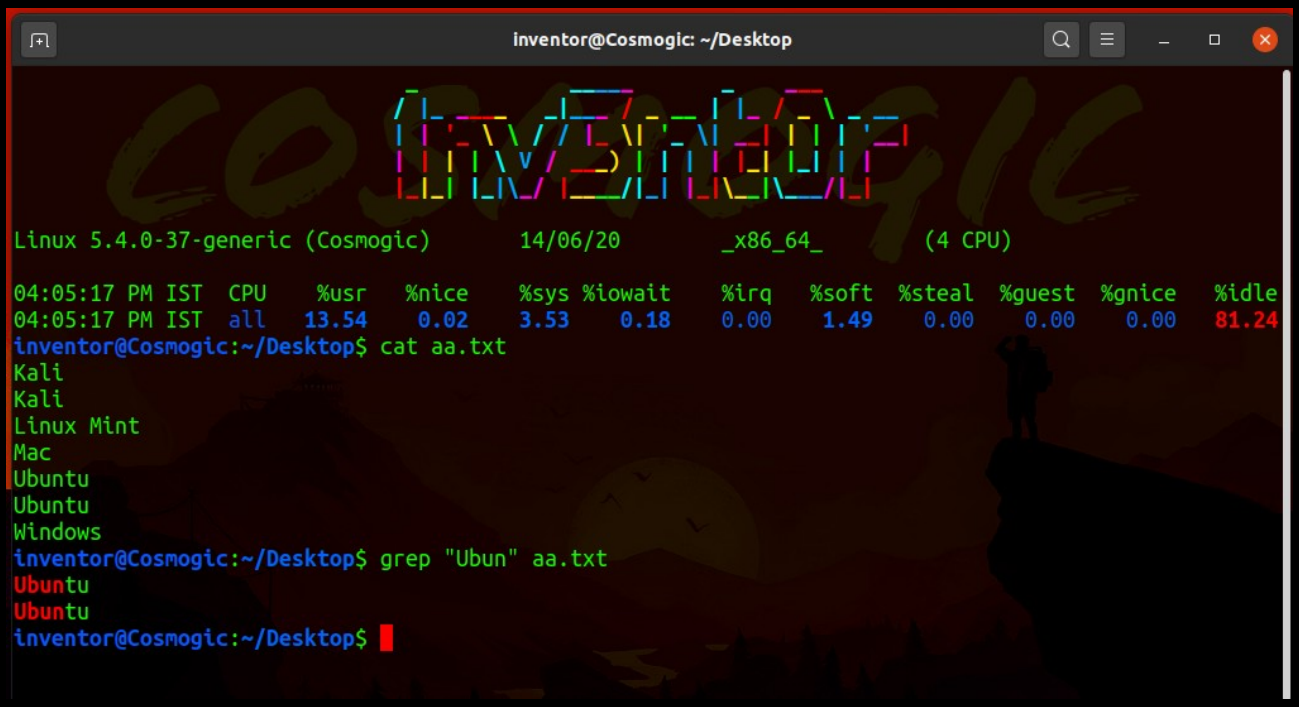
Different options available in wc command are :

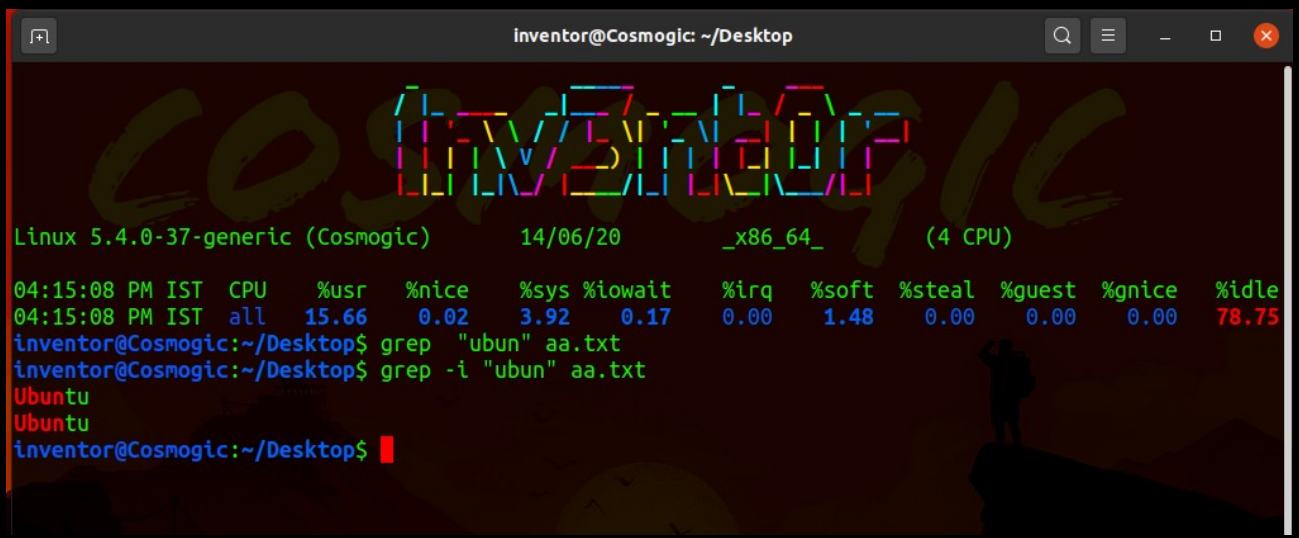
GREP

It is one of the most powerful and widely used command of Linux operating system . It is used to find a pattern specified by us in the file

to find something we write

grep "what ever we want to find" filename





Options present in grep command are :

```
Usage: grep [OPTION]... PATTERNS [FILE]...
Search for PATTERNS in each FILE.
Example: grep -i 'hello world' menu.h main.c
PATTERNS can contain multiple patterns separated by newlines.

Pattern selection and interpretation:
  -E, --extended-regexp     PATTERNS are extended regular expressions
  -F, --fixed-strings       PATTERNS are strings
  -G, --basic-regexp        PATTERNS are basic regular expressions
  -P, --perl-regexp         PATTERNS are Perl regular expressions
  -e, --regexp=PATTERNS     use PATTERNS for matching
  -f, --file=FILE           take PATTERNS from FILE
  -i, --ignore-case         ignore case distinctions in patterns and data
      --no-ignore-case      do not ignore case distinctions (default)
  -w, --word-regexp         match only whole words
  -x, --line-regexp         match only whole lines
  -z, --null-data           a data line ends in 0 byte, not newline

Miscellaneous:
  -s, --no-messages         suppress error messages
  -v, --invert-match        select non-matching lines
  -V, --version             display version information and exit
      --help                display this help text and exit

Output control:
  -m, --max-count=NUM       stop after NUM selected lines
  -b, --byte-offset         print the byte offset with output lines
  -n, --line-number         print line number with output lines
      --line-buffered       flush output on every line
  -H, --with-filename       print file name with output lines
  -h, --no-filename         suppress the file name prefix on output
      --label=LABEL         use LABEL as the standard input file name prefix
  -o, --only-matching       show only nonempty parts of lines that match
  -q, --quiet, --silent     suppress all normal output
      --binary-files=TYPE   assume that binary files are TYPE;
                            TYPE is 'binary', 'text', or 'without-match'
  -a, --text                equivalent to --binary-files=text
  -I                        equivalent to --binary-files=without-match
  -d, --directories=ACTION  how to handle directories;
                            ACTION is 'read', 'recurse', or 'skip'
  -D, --devices=ACTION      how to handle devices, FIFOs and sockets;
                            ACTION is 'read' or 'skip'
  -r, --recursive           like --directories=recurse
  -R, --dereference-recursive  likewise, but follow all symlinks
      --include=GLOB        search only files that match GLOB (a file pattern)
      --exclude=GLOB        skip files that match GLOB
      --exclude-from=FILE   skip files that match any file pattern from FILE
      --exclude-dir=GLOB    skip directories that match GLOB
  -L, --files-without-match  print only names of FILEs with no selected lines
  -l, --files-with-matches  print only names of FILEs with selected lines
  -c, --count               print only a count of selected lines per FILE
  -T, --initial-tab         make tabs line up (if needed)
  -Z, --null                print 0 byte after FILE name

Context control:
  -B, --before-context=NUM  print NUM lines of leading context
  -A, --after-context=NUM   print NUM lines of trailing context
  -C, --context=NUM         print NUM lines of output context
  -NUM                      same as --context=NUM
      --color[=WHEN],
      --colour[=WHEN]       use markers to highlight the matching strings;
                            WHEN is 'always', 'never', or 'auto'
  -U, --binary              do not strip CR characters at EOL (MSDOS/Windows)
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We use
-c to show how many times the pattern matched
-l to show how many files have that pattern
-n to print which line have that pattern
-v to print that doesn't match

try to explore grep command more with the help of the list given in page 18 .
you can also try combining different command to get some specific results .

Tee

It reads the input and writes to both the output and one more file .
We can understand it as the T splitter we use in water connection .
We use it to store the output and display at the same time . Option available are :

```
Linux 5.4.0-37-generic (Cosmogic)       14/06/20        _x86_64_        (4 CPU)

04:41:46 PM IST  CPU    %usr   %nice    %sys %iowait    %irq   %soft  %steal  %guest  %gnice   %idle
04:41:46 PM IST  all   14.70    0.02    3.63    0.15    0.00    1.48    0.00    0.00    0.00   80.01
inventor@Cosmogic:~/Desktop$ tee --help
Usage: tee [OPTION]... [FILE]...
Copy standard input to each FILE, and also to standard output.

  -a, --append              append to the given FILEs, do not overwrite
  -i, --ignore-interrupts   ignore interrupt signals
  -p                        diagnose errors writing to non pipes
      --output-error[=MODE]   set behavior on write error.  See MODE below
      --help     display this help and exit
      --version  output version information and exit
```

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Linux 5.4.0-37-generic (Cosmogic)       14/06/20        _x86_64_        (4 CPU)

04:43:07 PM IST  CPU    %usr   %nice    %sys %iowait    %irq   %soft  %steal  %guest  %gnice   %idle
04:43:07 PM IST  all   14.72    0.02    3.64    0.15    0.00    1.49    0.00    0.00    0.00   79.98
inventor@Cosmogic:~/Desktop$ grep -vin "ubu" aa.txt |tee test.txt
1:Kali
2:Kali
3:Linux Mint
4:Mac
7:Windows
inventor@Cosmogic:~/Desktop$ cat test.txt
1:Kali
2:Kali
3:Linux Mint
4:Mac
7:Windows
```

Source code of commands :

echo
https://github.com/coreutils/coreutils/blob/master/src/echo.c

cat
https://github.com/coreutils/coreutils/blob/master/src/cat.c

sort
https://github.com/coreutils/coreutils/blob/master/src/sort.c

uniq
https://github.com/coreutils/coreutils/blob/master/src/uniq.c

wc
https://github.com/coreutils/coreutils/blob/master/src/wc.c

grep
https://www.gnu.org/software/grep/

tee
https://github.com/coreutils/coreutils/blob/master/src/tee.c

Thank you
—1nv3ntor