



# 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@Cosmagic: ~/Desktop

Linux 5.4.0-33-generic (Cosmagic)      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@Cosmagic:~$ cd Desktop/
inventor@Cosmagic:~/Desktop$ ls -la /usr/bin > output.txt
inventor@Cosmagic:~/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 "Cosmogenic" > test.txt
```

A terminal window titled 'inventor@Cosmogenic: ~/Desktop' showing system information and a file creation command. The background features a large, stylized 'COSMOGIC' logo in a light green, pixelated font. The terminal output includes the Linux version, date, architecture, and CPU count, followed by a table of system statistics. The user then runs 'echo "cosmogenic" > test.txt' and 'cat test.txt', which outputs 'cosmogenic'.

```
Linux 5.4.0-37-generic (Cosmogenic)      12/06/20      _x86_64_      (4 CPU)

06:20:15 PM IST  CPU    %usr   %nice    %sys %iowait    %irq   %soft  %steal  %guest  %gnice   %idle
06:20:15 PM IST  all    40.36    3.43    8.77    0.10     0.00   5.05    0.00    0.00    0.00   42.29

inventor@Cosmogenic:~/Desktop$ echo "cosmogenic" > test.txt
inventor@Cosmogenic:~/Desktop$ cat test.txt
cosmogenic
inventor@Cosmogenic:~/Desktop$
```

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

A terminal window titled 'inventor@Cosmogenic: ~/Desktop' showing system information and the output of the 'echo' command. The background features a large, stylized 'COSMOGIC' logo in a light green, pixelated font. The terminal output includes the Linux version, date, architecture, and CPU count, followed by a table of system statistics. The user then runs 'echo "COSMOGIC"', which outputs 'COSMOGIC'.

```
Linux 5.4.0-37-generic (Cosmogenic)      12/06/20      _x86_64_      (4 CPU)

06:36:23 PM IST  CPU    %usr   %nice    %sys %iowait    %irq   %soft  %steal  %guest  %gnice   %idle
06:36:23 PM IST  all    37.06    2.95    8.04    0.10     0.00   4.65    0.00    0.00    0.00   47.20

inventor@Cosmogenic:~/Desktop$ echo "COSMOGIC"
COSMOGIC
inventor@Cosmogenic:~/Desktop$
```



options available with echo command are

```
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)
```

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)

```

Inventor@Cosmogic: ~/Desktop
Linux 5.4.0-37-generic (Cosmogic)      13/06/20      _x86_64_      (4 CPU)
06:07:56 PM IST  CPU    %usr   %nice    %sys %iowait    %irq   %soft  %steal  %guest  %gnice   %idle
06:07:56 PM IST  all    35.50    1.44     9.65    0.38     0.00    4.68    0.00    0.05    0.00   48.29
inventor@Cosmogic:~/Desktop$ ls
test.txt
inventor@Cosmogic:~/Desktop$ cat test.txt
Welcome To Cosmogic
inventor@Cosmogic:~/Desktop$

```

Options available in cat command are :

```

Linux 5.4.0-37-generic (Cosmogic)      13/06/20      _x86_64_      (4 CPU)
06:10:32 PM IST  CPU    %usr   %nice    %sys %iowait    %irq   %soft  %steal  %guest  %gnice   %idle
06:10:32 PM IST  all    35.25    1.43     9.59    0.38     0.00    4.66    0.00    0.05    0.00   48.65
inventor@Cosmogic:~/Desktop$ cat --help
Usage: cat [OPTION]... [FILE]...
Concatenate FILE(s) to standard output.

With no FILE, or when FILE is -, read standard input.

-A, --show-all           equivalent to -vET
-b, --number-nonblank     number nonempty output lines, overrides -n
-e                        equivalent to -vE
-E, --show-ends          display $ at end of each line
-n, --number              number all output lines
-s, --squeeze-blank       suppress repeated empty output lines
-t                        equivalent to -vT
-T, --show-tabs           display TAB characters as ^I
-u                        (ignored)
-v, --show-nonprinting   use ^ and M- notation, except for LFD and TAB
--help                   display this help and exit
--version                output version information and exit

```

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

```
inventor@Cosmotic: ~/Desktop

Linux 5.4.0-37-generic (Cosmotic)      13/06/20      _x86_64_      (4 CPU)

08:24:36 PM IST  CPU    %usr    %nice    %sys %iowait    %irq    %soft    %steal    %guest    %gnice    %idle
08:24:36 PM IST  all   37.62    1.51   10.24    0.38     0.00    4.95     0.00     0.05     0.00   45.25
inventor@Cosmotic:~/Desktop$ cat test.txt test2.txt
Welcome To Cosmotic
Test cosmotic
inventor@Cosmotic:~/Desktop$
```

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

```
inventor@Cosmotic: ~/Desktop

Linux 5.4.0-37-generic (Cosmotic)      13/06/20      _x86_64_      (4 CPU)

08:30:45 PM IST  CPU    %usr    %nice    %sys %iowait    %irq    %soft    %steal    %guest    %gnice    %idle
08:30:45 PM IST  all   37.15    1.47   10.11    0.38     0.00    4.88     0.00     0.05     0.00   45.97
inventor@Cosmotic:~/Desktop$ ls
test2.txt  test.txt
inventor@Cosmotic:~/Desktop$ cat -n test.txt test2.txt
     1  Welcome To Cosmotic
     2  Test cosmotic
inventor@Cosmotic:~/Desktop$
```



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

```
inventor@Cosmogic: ~/Desktop

Linux 5.4.0-37-generic (Cosmogic)      13/06/20      _x86_64_      (4 CPU)

09:03:00 PM IST  CPU    %usr   %nice    %sys %iowait    %irq   %soft  %steal  %guest  %gnice   %idle
09:03:00 PM IST  all    34.81    1.31    9.45    0.35     0.00   4.53    0.00    0.04    0.00   49.51

inventor@Cosmogic:~/Desktop$ ls
test2.txt  test.txt
inventor@Cosmogic:~/Desktop$ cat -n test.txt test2.txt
     1  Welcome To Cosmogic
     2  Test
inventor@Cosmogic:~/Desktop$ cat test.txt > test2.txt
inventor@Cosmogic:~/Desktop$ cat -n test.txt test2.txt
     1  Welcome To Cosmogic
     2  Welcome To Cosmogic
inventor@Cosmogic:~/Desktop$
```

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"

```
inventor@Cosmogic: ~/Desktop

Linux 5.4.0-37-generic (Cosmogic)      13/06/20      _x86_64_      (4 CPU)

09:24:27 PM IST  CPU    %usr   %nice    %sys %iowait    %irq   %soft  %steal  %guest  %gnice   %idle
09:24:27 PM IST  all    33.27    1.22    9.02    0.34     0.00   4.31    0.00    0.04    0.00   51.81

inventor@Cosmogic:~/Desktop$ cat -n test.txt test2.txt
     1  Welcome To Cosmogic
     2  Testing the merging
inventor@Cosmogic:~/Desktop$ cat "test.txt" "test2.txt" > "final.txt"
inventor@Cosmogic:~/Desktop$ cat final.txt
Welcome To Cosmogic
Testing the merging
inventor@Cosmogic:~/Desktop$
```



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

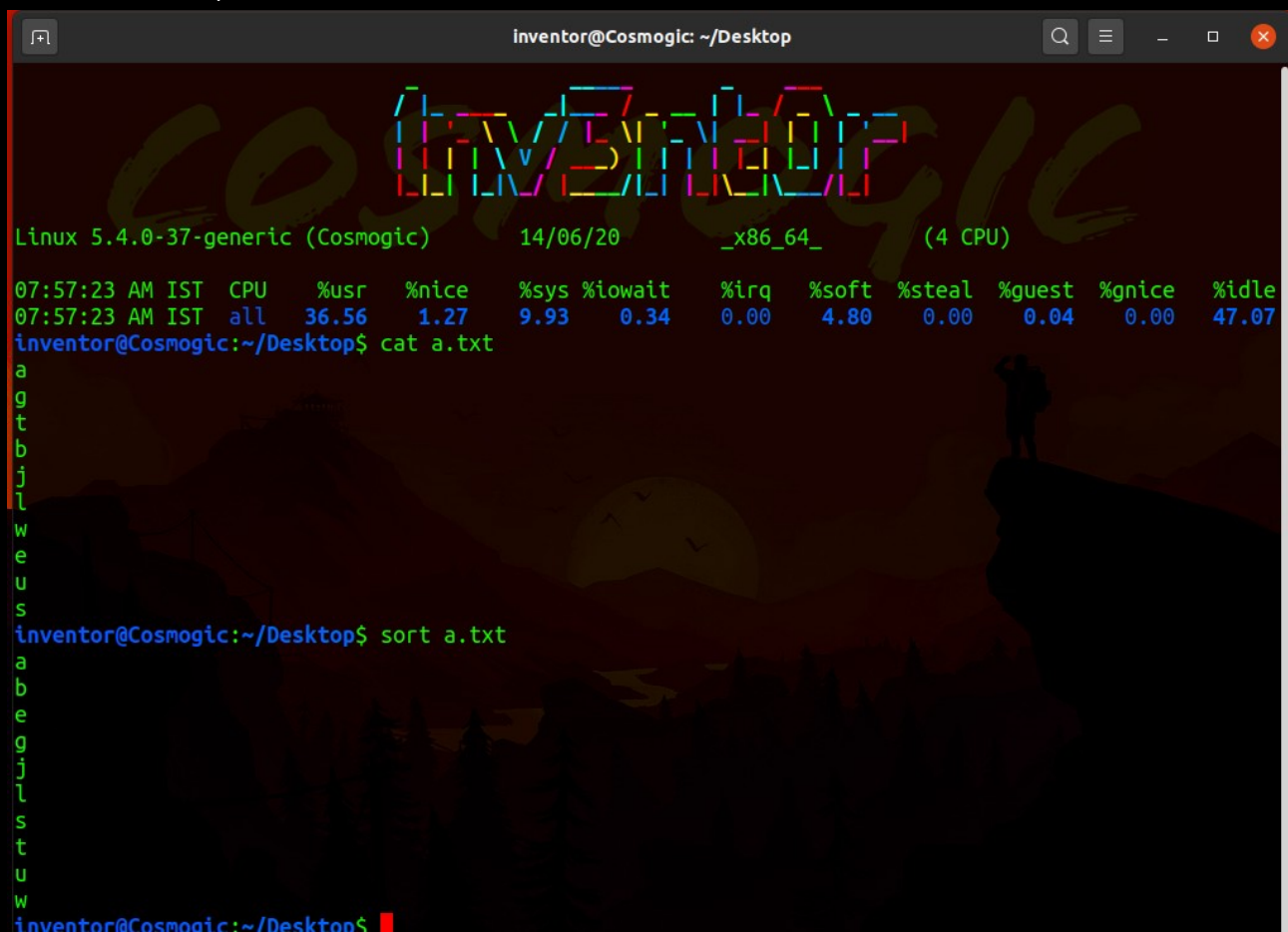
```
inventor@Cosmogic: ~/Desktop
Linux 5.4.0-37-generic (Cosmogic)      14/06/20      _x86_64_      (4 CPU)
05:09:05 AM IST CPU    %usr    %nice    %sys %iowait    %irq    %soft    %steal    %guest    %gnice    %idle
05:09:05 AM IST all    36.05    1.29     9.80    0.34     0.00    4.70     0.00     0.04     0.00    47.78
inventor@Cosmogic:~/Desktop$ ls
final.txt test2.txt test.txt
inventor@Cosmogic:~/Desktop$ cat *.txt
Welcome To Cosmogic
Testing the merging
Testing the merging
Welcome To Cosmogic
inventor@Cosmogic:~/Desktop$
```

we can also get output in reverse order using tac command

tac filename

```
Linux 5.4.0-37-generic (Cosmogic)      14/06/20      _x86_64_      (4 CPU)
05:13:24 AM IST CPU    %usr    %nice    %sys %iowait    %irq    %soft    %steal    %guest    %gnice    %idle
05:13:24 AM IST all    35.72    1.27     9.71    0.33     0.00    4.67     0.00     0.04     0.00    48.26
inventor@Cosmogic:~/Desktop$ cat final.txt
Welcome To Cosmogic
Testing the merging
Testing the merging
Welcome To Cosmogic
inventor@Cosmogic:~/Desktop$ tac final.txt
Welcome To Cosmogic
Testing the merging
Testing the merging
Welcome To Cosmogic
inventor@Cosmogic:~/Desktop$
```

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

A terminal window titled 'inventor@Cosmotic: ~/Desktop' with a dark background and a colorful 'COSMAGIC' logo. The terminal shows the output of 'cat a.txt' as 'a', 'g', 't', 'b', 'j', 'l', 'w', 'e', 'u', 's'. Then, the 'sort a.txt' command is executed, resulting in the sorted output: 'a', 'b', 'e', 'g', 'j', 'l', 's', 't', 'u', 'w'.

```
inventor@Cosmotic: ~/Desktop
Linux 5.4.0-37-generic (Cosmotic)      14/06/20      _x86_64_      (4 CPU)
07:57:23 AM IST  CPU    %usr   %nice    %sys %iowait    %irq   %soft  %steal  %guest  %gnice   %idle
07:57:23 AM IST  all    36.56   1.27    9.93   0.34     0.00   4.80    0.00    0.04    0.00   47.07
inventor@Cosmotic:~/Desktop$ cat a.txt
a
g
t
b
j
l
w
e
u
s
inventor@Cosmotic:~/Desktop$ sort a.txt
a
b
e
g
j
l
s
t
u
w
inventor@Cosmotic:~/Desktop$
```

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

We can use redirection here 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

```



`-u` is used to remove duplicate from the list

```
Linux 5.4.0-37-generic (Cosmogic)      14/06/20      _x86_64_      (4 CPU)
09:30:45 AM IST  CPU    %usr   %nice    %sys %iowait    %irq   %soft  %steal  %guest  %gnice   %idle
09:30:45 AM IST  all    37.08    1.24   10.04    0.33     0.00    4.87    0.00    0.04    0.00   46.40
inventor@Cosmogic:~/Desktop$ cat b.txt
Ubuntu
Kali
Mac
Widows
Ubuntu
Linux Mint
Kubuntu
inventor@Cosmogic:~/Desktop$ sort -u b.txt
Kali
Kubuntu
Linux Mint
Mac
Ubuntu
Widows
inventor@Cosmogic:~/Desktop$
```

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

```
Linux 5.4.0-37-generic (Cosmogic)      14/06/20      _x86_64_      (4 CPU)
09:41:32 AM IST  CPU    %usr   %nice    %sys %iowait    %irq   %soft  %steal  %guest  %gnice   %idle
09:41:32 AM IST  all    36.38    1.20   9.82    0.32     0.00    4.79    0.00    0.04    0.00   47.44
inventor@Cosmogic:~/Desktop$ sort a.txt
A      1343
h      4567
I      1500
L      5645
R      132
inventor@Cosmogic:~/Desktop$ sort -k 2n a.txt
R      132
A      1343
I      1500
h      4567
L      5645
```



# 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



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

09:50:36 AM IST  CPU    %usr   %nice    %sys %iowait    %irq   %soft  %steal  %guest  %gnice   %idle
09:50:36 AM IST  all    35.74    1.17    9.64    0.31     0.00    4.71    0.00    0.04    0.00   48.38

inventor@Cosmotic:~$ ls
Android Desktop Documents Downloads Music Pictures Public snap Templates Videos
inventor@Cosmotic:~$ ls | sort
Android
Desktop
Documents
Downloads
Music
Pictures
Public
snap
Templates
Videos
inventor@Cosmotic:~$ ls | sort -r
Videos
Templates
snap
Public
Pictures
Music
Downloads
Documents
Desktop
Android
inventor@Cosmotic:~$
```

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 :

```

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

11:15:58 AM IST  CPU    %usr   %nice    %sys %iowait    %irq   %soft  %steal  %guest  %gnice   %idle
11:15:58 AM IST  all    36.96   1.18    9.93   0.32     0.00   4.85    0.00   0.04    0.00   46.73

inventor@Cosmogic:~$ uniq --help
Usage: uniq [OPTION]... [INPUT [OUTPUT]]
Filter adjacent matching lines from INPUT (or standard input),
writing to OUTPUT (or standard output).

With no options, matching lines are merged to the first occurrence.

Mandatory arguments to long options are mandatory for short options too.
-c, --count          prefix lines by the number of occurrences
-d, --repeated        only print duplicate lines, one for each group
-D                  print all duplicate lines
    --all-repeated[=METHOD] like -D, but allow separating groups
                           with an empty line;
                           METHOD={none(default),prepend,separate}
-f, --skip-fields=N   avoid comparing the first N fields
    --group[=METHOD]  show all items, separating groups with an empty line;
                           METHOD={separate(default),prepend,append,both}
-i, --ignore-case     ignore differences in case when comparing
-s, --skip-chars=N    avoid comparing the first N characters
-u, --unique          only print unique lines
-z, --zero-terminated line delimiter is NUL, not newline
-w, --check-chars=N   compare no more than N characters in lines
    --help           display this help and exit
    --version        output version information and exit

A field is a run of blanks (usually spaces and/or TABs), then non-blank
characters. Fields are skipped before chars.

Note: 'uniq' does not detect repeated lines unless they are adjacent.
You may want to sort the input first, or use 'sort -u' without 'uniq'.
Also, comparisons honor the rules specified by 'LC_COLLATE'.

```

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 .

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

11:27:49 AM IST  CPU    %usr   %nice    %sys %iowait    %irq   %soft  %steal  %guest  %gnice   %idle
11:27:49 AM IST  all    36.12   1.14    9.68   0.31     0.00   4.73   0.00   0.04   0.00   47.98

inventor@Cosmologic:~/Desktop$ cat a.txt
Ubuntu
Kali
Windows
Mac
Ubuntu
Linux Mint
Kali
inventor@Cosmologic:~/Desktop$ sort a.txt > aa.txt
inventor@Cosmologic:~/Desktop$ cat aa.txt
Kali
Kali
Linux Mint
Mac
Ubuntu
Ubuntu
Windows
inventor@Cosmologic:~/Desktop$ uniq aa.txt > aaa.txt
inventor@Cosmologic:~/Desktop$ cat aaa.txt
Kali
Linux Mint
Mac
Ubuntu
Windows
```



WC :- wc stands for word count and 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.

```
Linux 5.4.0-37-generic (Cosmologic) 14/06/20 _x86_64_ (4 CPU)
11:41:04 AM IST CPU %usr %nice %sys %iowait %irq %soft %steal %guest %gnice %idle
11:41:04 AM IST all 35.28 1.10 9.44 0.30 0.00 4.63 0.00 0.04 0.00 49.21
inventor@Cosmologic:~/Desktop$ wc aa.txt
 7  8 47 aa.txt
inventor@Cosmologic:~/Desktop$
```

Different options available in wc command are :

```
Linux 5.4.0-37-generic (Cosmologic) 14/06/20 _x86_64_ (4 CPU)
11:42:21 AM IST CPU %usr %nice %sys %iowait %irq %soft %steal %guest %gnice %idle
11:42:21 AM IST all 35.21 1.10 9.41 0.30 0.00 4.63 0.00 0.04 0.00 49.32
inventor@Cosmologic:~/Desktop$ wc --help
Usage: wc [OPTION]... [FILE]...
  or: wc [OPTION]... --files0-from=F
Print newline, word, and byte counts for each FILE, and a total line if
more than one FILE is specified. A word is a non-zero-length sequence of
characters delimited by white space.

With no FILE, or when FILE is -, read standard input.

The options below may be used to select which counts are printed, always in
the following order: newline, word, character, byte, maximum line length.
-c, --bytes          print the byte counts
-m, --chars          print the character counts
-l, --lines          print the newline counts
--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
-L, --max-line-length print the maximum display width
-w, --words          print the word counts
--help              display this help and exit
--version           output version information and exit
```



## 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

```
inventor@Cosmotic: ~/Desktop

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

04:05:17 PM IST  CPU    %usr    %nice    %sys %iowait    %irq    %soft    %steal    %guest    %gnice   %idle
04:05:17 PM IST  all    13.54    0.02    3.53    0.18    0.00    1.49    0.00    0.00    0.00    81.24

inventor@Cosmotic:~/Desktop$ cat aa.txt
Kali
Kali
Linux Mint
Mac
Ubuntu
Ubuntu
Windows
inventor@Cosmotic:~/Desktop$ grep "Ubun" aa.txt
Ubuntu
Ubuntu
inventor@Cosmotic:~/Desktop$
```

```
inventor@Cosmotic: ~/Desktop

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

04:15:08 PM IST  CPU    %usr    %nice    %sys %iowait    %irq    %soft    %steal    %guest    %gnice   %idle
04:15:08 PM IST  all    15.66    0.02    3.92    0.17    0.00    1.48    0.00    0.00    0.00    78.75

inventor@Cosmotic:~/Desktop$ grep "ubun" aa.txt
inventor@Cosmotic:~/Desktop$ grep -i "ubun" aa.txt
Ubuntu
Ubuntu
inventor@Cosmotic:~/Desktop$
```

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)
```

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

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

04:27:31 PM IST  CPU    %usr   %nice    %sys %iowait    %irq   %soft  %steal  %guest  %gnice   %idle
04:27:31 PM IST  all    14.64    0.02    3.65    0.16    0.00    1.42    0.00    0.00    0.00    80.12

inventor@Cosmologic:~/Desktop$ grep -ci "ubu" aa.txt
2
inventor@Cosmologic:~/Desktop$ grep -ni "ubu" aa.txt
5:Ubuntu
6:Ubuntu
inventor@Cosmologic:~/Desktop$ grep -vi "ubu" aa.txt
Kali
Kali
Linux Mint
Mac
Windows
inventor@Cosmologic:~/Desktop$ grep -vin "ubu" aa.txt
1:Kali
2:Kali
3:Linux Mint
4:Mac
7:Windows
inventor@Cosmologic:~/Desktop$ grep -il "ubu" a.txt aa.txt aaa.txt
a.txt
aa.txt
inventor@Cosmologic:~/Desktop$
```

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 (Cosmologic)      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@Cosmologic:~/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

```

```

Linux 5.4.0-37-generic (Cosmologic)      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@Cosmologic:~/Desktop$ grep -vin "ubu" aa.txt |tee test.txt
1:Kali
2:Kali
3:Linux Mint
4:Mac
7:Windows
inventor@Cosmologic:~/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

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