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Navigating Basic Command Syntax



Arguments

```
command [options...] [arguments...]
```

An argument can be used to specify something for the command to act upon. The `ls` command can be given the name of a directory as an argument, and it will list the contents of that directory. In the next example, the `Documents` directory will be used as an argument:

```
sysadmin@localhost:~$ ls Documents
School      alpha-second.txt  food.txt    linux.txt   os.csv
Work        alpha-third.txt   hello.sh    longfile.txt people
adjectives.txt alpha.txt     hidden.txt  newhome.txt profiles
alpha-first.txt animals.txt letters.txt numbers.txt red.t
```

The resulting output is a list of files contained with the `Documents` directory.

Because Linux is open source, there are some interesting secrets that have been added by developers. For example, the `aptitude` command is a package management tool available on some Linux distributions. This command will accept `moo` as an argument:

```
sysadmin@localhost:~$ aptitude moo
There are no Easter Eggs in this program.
```

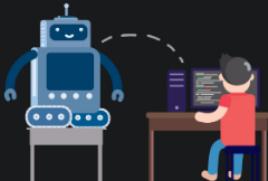
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