

Command Line













Objective

- Know about the Command Line?
- Why we use Command Line?
- Make files and directory.
- View the files
- Delete and edit them
- How to Navigate











What is Command Line Interface (CLI)?

- CLI is a command line program that accepts text input to execute operating system functions.
- It's a way to interact with your computer
- Text-based
- Not GUI (Graphical User Interface)

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Today, with graphical user interfaces (GUI), most users never use command-line interfaces (CLI).

However, CLI is still used by software developers and system administrators to configure computers, install software, and access features that are not available in the graphical interface.



What can we do with it?

- Editing the files
- Copying & Making files and folders
- Downloading, running programs and Compiling
- Anything!



Common Commands

List all files in the current directory

cd # Change directory

pwd # Where am I

mkdir # Create a directory

rmdir # Remove an empty directory

rm # Remove a file or a directory



Common Commands

clear # Clear the screen

touch # Create a file

man # Show the manual for a given command

cat # Print the content in the terminal

say # Make your computer talk



Paths and Directories

Absolute Paths

The absolute path shows the full path of files and it is unique location within the file system. No other files can have this path.

Absolute paths:

- Start with leading slash '/'
- Always relative to the root directory



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Relative Paths

The Relative paths are the paths described with respect to the current directory.

There are two special relative directories.

- .. parent directory
- . current directory



Finding the Command Line

• Windows:

- Olick the Start menu and type cmd in the search box to locate the Command Line.
- Or, the Command Line should be one of the options under 'Programs' and you can click on the application to open it.

Mac OS:

- Open the terminal by opening the Applications folder, navigating to Utilities and then launching Terminal.
- Or, search for "terminal" to find the application to launch.



Lab: Make a T1000 directory

- ~/T1000
- warmups
- homeworks_labs
- lessons
- — projects





Resources

- Unix Power Tools
- Explain cli w3shools
- Command Line Fu
- Teaching Unix
- Unix Cheat Sheet









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