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# PRACTICAL COMPUTING



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# Assignment 1

## Question 1

- A) List out all the files present in the system (including hidden ones)
  - B) list all the files with their size
  - C) sort all the listed files with time and date.

Solution - a) ls -a

```
$ ls -a
. .bash_profile .jupyter-blobs-v0.db .ssh GAMES linuxcommands.txt
.. .bashrc .new.term-0.term .terminal.term-0.term Games.txt new.term
.2020-08-20-092011.term-0.term .config .sage .z.term-0.term 'Practical Computing' sample.txt
.2020-08-23-041714.term-0.term .gitconfig .smc 2020-08-13-124334 Puzzle z.term
'.Welcome to CoCalc.term-0.term' .gitexcludes .snapshots 2020-08-23-041714.term file2
```

b) ls -al in long format

```
$ ls -al
total 22
drwxr-xr-x 8 user user    20 Aug 22 21:45 .
drwxr-xr-x 1 root root 4096 Aug 12 20:40 ..
-rw-r--r-- 1 user user 4102 Aug 22 21:59 .2020-08-20-092011.term-0.term
-rw-r--r-- 1 user user 1961 Aug 22 21:46 .Welcome to CoCalc.term-0.term'
lrwxrwxrwx 1 user user     18 Aug  6 03:28 .bash_profile -> /home/user/.bashrc
-rw-r--r-- 1 user user 2355 Aug  6 03:28 .bashrc
drwx----- 3 user user     3 Aug  6 03:28 .config
-rw-r--r-- 1 user user    47 Aug  6 03:28 .gitconfig
-rw-r--r-- 1 user user   918 Aug  6 03:28 .gitexcludes
-rw-r--r-- 1 user user 8192 Aug  6 03:28 jupyter-blobs-v0.db
drwxr-xr-x 2 user user     2 Aug  6 03:28 .sage
lrwxrwxrwx 1 user user    12 Aug 22 21:45 .smc -> /tmp/.cocalc
dr-xr-xr-x 2 user user     2 Aug 22 21:55 .snapshots
drwxr-xr-x 2 user user     3 Aug 22 21:45 .ssh
drwxr-xr-x 2 user user   10 Aug 13 07:18 2020-08-13-124334
-rw-r--r-- 1 user user     0 Aug 22 21:50 2020-08-20-092011.term
drwxr-xr-x 2 user user     2 Aug  6 03:29 GAMES
-rw-r--r-- 1 user user     0 Aug  6 03:30 Games.txt
-rw-r--r-- 1 user user     0 Aug 22 21:45 'Welcome to CoCalc.term'
-rw-r--r-- 1 user user    13 Aug 20 03:50 file2
~$ ls -l
```

c) ls -alt

```
~$ ls -alt
total 22
-rw-r--r-- 1 user user 5832 Aug 22 22:01 .2020-08-20-092011.term-0.term
dr-xr-xr-x 2 user user 2 Aug 22 21:55 .snapshots
-rw-r--r-- 1 user user 0 Aug 22 21:50 2020-08-20-092011.term
-rw-r--r-- 1 user user 1961 Aug 22 21:46 '.Welcome to CoCalc.term-0.term'
-rw-r--r-- 1 user user 0 Aug 22 21:45 'Welcome to CoCalc.term'
drwxr-xr-x 2 user user 3 Aug 22 21:45 .ssh
drwxr-xr-x 8 user user 20 Aug 22 21:45 .
lrwxrwxrwx 1 user user 12 Aug 22 21:45 .smc -> /tmp/.cocalc
-rw-r--r-- 1 user user 13 Aug 20 03:50 file2
drwxr-xr-x 2 user user 10 Aug 13 07:18 2020-08-13-124334
drwxr-xr-x 1 root root 4096 Aug 12 20:40 ..
-rw-r--r-- 1 user user 0 Aug 6 03:30 Games.txt
drwxr-xr-x 2 user user 2 Aug 6 03:29 GAMES
-rw-r--r-- 1 user user 47 Aug 6 03:28 .gitconfig
-rw-r--r-- 1 user user 918 Aug 6 03:28 .gitexcludes
drwxr-xr-x 2 user user 2 Aug 6 03:28 .sage
-rw-r--r-- 1 user user 8192 Aug 6 03:28 .jupyter-blobs-v0.db
drwx----- 3 user user 3 Aug 6 03:28 .config
lrwxrwxrwx 1 user user 18 Aug 6 03:28 .bash_profile -> /home/user/.bashrc
-rw-r--r-- 1 user user 2355 Aug 6 03:28 .bashrc
```

## Question 2

We have a file sample.txt.

- A) How can we use this redirection operator as “>”?
- B) Also, the other redirection operator as “>>”

## Solution

The “>” operator is used to write on a file and if certain contents are already present it will automatically overwrite the contents of the file.

Whereas, the “>>” operator is used to append contents to the existing file.

```
~$ touch sample.txt
~$ cat sample.txt
~$ cat > sample.txt
There are various Games I like to play.
```

```
~$ cat sample.txt
There are various Games I like to play.
~$ cat >> sample.txt
Cricket is my favourite game.
```

```
~$ cat sample.txt
There are various Games I like to play.
Cricket is my favourite game.
~$ cat > sample.txt
I dont play any sport any more.
```

```
~$ cat sample.txt
I dont play any sport any more.
~$ █
```

## Question 3

How to copy a file in Linux?

## Solution

To copy a file in Linux, we use cp command.

Syntax - cp SourceFile TargetFile

```
~$ ls
2020-08-13-124334  2020-08-23-041714.term  GAMES  Games.txt  PUZZLE  file2  sample.txt  sx
~$ cp Games.txt PUZZLE
~$ ls
2020-08-13-124334  2020-08-23-041714.term  GAMES  Games.txt  PUZZLE  file2  sample.txt  sx
~$ ls PUZZLE
Games.txt
```

## Question 4

How would you delete a directory in Linux? Execute both the commands.

## Solution - rmdir

```
~$ ls
2020-08-13-124334  2020-08-23-041714.term  FAKE1  FAKE2  GAMES  Games.txt  PUZZLE  file2  sample.txt  sx
~$ rmdir FAKE1 FAKE2
~$ rm sx
~$ ls
2020-08-13-124334  2020-08-23-041714.term  GAMES  Games.txt  PUZZLE  file2  sample.txt
~$ █
```

## Question 5

How does the case sensitivity affects the way you use commands?

Solution - Linux is case sensitive. The commands that are running in lowercase won't run in uppercase.

```
~$ MKDIR THAPAR
bash: MKDIR: command not found
~$ DATE
bash: DATE: command not found
~$ CAL
bash: CAL: command not found
~$ ECHO GAME
bash: ECHO: command not found
```

## Question 6

- A) How can we switch from present directory to any other directory?
- B) Create one directory with the name practical computing.
- C) Create a file in practical computing directory with the name as commands.txt.
- D) Write the basic commands in that particular file
- E) Copy the content of commands.txt to linuxcommands.txt
- F) Check if the contents have been written on the new file
- G) Remove the previous file i.e. commands.txt from the directory itself

## Solution -

- A) To switch from parent to any other directory, use command cd followed by the directory you want to switch.

```
~$ ls
2020-09-20-155047.term  Downloads
~$ pwd
/home/user
~$ cd Downloads
~/Downloads$ cd ~
```

The next commands for all the operation in question are as follows :

```
~$ ls
2020-08-13-124334  2020-08-23-041714.term  GAMES  Games.txt  PUZZLE  file2  sample.txt
~$ mkdir Practical\ Computing
~$ ls
2020-08-13-124334  2020-08-23-041714.term  GAMES  Games.txt  'Practical Computing'  PUZZLE  file2  sample.txt
~$ touch commands.txt
~$ cat > commands.txt
ls
echo
date
calendar
mkdir
rmdir
cp
del
who
whoami
pwd
find
touch
cat
tree
```

```
~$ ls
2020-08-13-124334  2020-08-23-041714.term  GAMES  Games.txt  'Practical Computing'  PUZZLE  commands.txt  file2  new.term  sample.txt  z.term
~$ touch linuxcommands.txt
~$ ls
2020-08-13-124334      GAMES      'Practical Computing'  commands.txt  linuxcommands.txt  sample.txt
2020-08-23-041714.term  Games.txt  PUZZLE          file2        new.term          z.term
~$ cp commands.txt linuxcommands.txt
~$ cat linuxcommands.txt
ls
echo
date
calendar
mkdir
rmdir
cp
del
who
whoami
pwd
find
touch
cat
tree
~$ rm commands.txt
~$ ls
2020-08-13-124334  2020-08-23-041714.term  GAMES  Games.txt  'Practical Computing'  PUZZLE  file2  linuxcommands.txt  new.term  sample.txt  z.term
```

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