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Week Report 6

Wildcards

Wildcard represents letters and characters used to specify a file name for searches

* Wildcards

the * wildcard matches from 0 to any number of characters

- Examples:
 - · List all the text file in a directory
 - 'ls *.txt'
 - List all the files that start with the word file
 - 'ls file*'
 - Copy all the mp4 files
 - 'cp Downloads/*.mp4 ~/Videos/Movies/'

? Wildcards

The ? wildcard matches a single character *Example: list all the files that have 3 characters and are followed by the word file in the name * ls ???File list all the files that have 2 characters and are followed by the word card in the name * ls ??card list all the files that have 4 characters and are followed by the word wild in the name * ls ????wild

∏ Wildcards

The [] matches a single character in a range *Example

- to match all the files that have a vowel after f
 - ls f[aeiou]*
- · to match all files that do not have a vowel after letter f
 - ls f[!aeiou]*
- to macth all files that have a range of letters after f
 - ls f[a-z]*

Brace Expansion

Brace expansion {} is not a wildcard but another feature of bash that allows you to generate arbitrary strings to use with commands

- to create a whole directory structure in a single command
 - mkdir -p music/{jazz,rock}/{mp3files,videos,oggfiles}/new{1..3}
- to create a N number of files use
 - touch website{1..5}.html *remove multiple files in a single directory
 - rm -r {dir1,dir2,dir3,file.txt,file.py}

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keven@cis106:~/wildcardpractice$ ls [a-z]*.???

allfiles.lst baik.pdf beatk.exe beatk.xml bk.pdf book.exe book.xml file.log randomtext.txt sample1.doc sample.pdf
baik.exe baik.xml beatk.pdf bk.exe bk.xml book.pdf fail.log logo100x100.png sample123.csv sample1.xls

keven@cis106:-/wildcardpractice$ ls [A-Z]*[0-9]*

Sample1234.csv keven@cis106:-/wildcardpractice$ ls [0-9][0-9][0-9]*

2020-08-27-capture.raw 2021-04-10-screenshot.jpeg 2022-02-02-camera.jpg

keven@cis100:-/wildcardpractice$ ls [IAEIOUaeiou]*

2020-08-27-capture.raw 78food.txt baik.xml beatk.xml book.xml logo100x100.png randomtext.txt sample1.doc samplejsonfile.json samplesite.html

2021-04-10-screenshot.jpeg baik.exe beatk.exe bk.exe book.exe fail.log random.csv Sample1234.csv sample1.xls sample.pdf

keven@cis106:-/wildcardpractice$ ls [[:punct:]]*

keven@cis106:-/wildcardpractice$ _

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