

DIS08 – Data Modeling

03 - The Shell - Tutorial Session

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Open Questions



Quiz Time!

How do you print the current working directory?

- a) pwd
- b) mkdir
- c) cd
- d) Is

BONUS: What does the command stand for?

What is a directory?

- a) A command to a computer
- b) A tree structure
- c) A file
- d) A folder used to store files

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BONUS: Where does cd ../.. lead to?

How would you create a file named text.txt in the directory "media", that is stored in your current directory?

Post your commands in chat!

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- 6) To make it so when you type la, the ls -a command will run you must ____ (tip: use alias)



- The dataset we work with is available in Moodle (shell-lesson.zip). Download and unzip in a directory of your choice. (you can use your shell to unzip the file! → "unzip shell-lesson.zip" in the file's directory)
- please don't add it to git.
- The dataset mimics some real-life task: You have been handed some files, and your task as a data scientist is to inspect them before you can do some analysis.

- Some example tasks:
 - List the content of the directory. List all files in long format, with human-readable size. Order files by timestamp. Order files by size.
 - Have a look at the files' contents. View the complete content, or just peak at the first few lines. Control how many lines you will see. Have a look at the last few lines to see how a long file ends.
 - · Count the number of lines, characters or words in a file.
 - Count the number of lines, characters or words for all files, sort them by one of the counts.
 - When working with CSV files (file extension .csv or .tsv): Have a look at the header, i.e. column names. Store the column names to another file for reference.
 - Create a new directory for backups. Move files to that directory.
 Remove files. Remove the whole directory.

Some example commands:

```
1s
ls -a
ls -1h
ls -alht
cat diary.html
less diary.html
head diary.html
head -n 5 diary.html
tail diary.html
head -n 1 2014-01_JA.tsv
head -n 1 2014-01_JA.tsv > header.csv
head -n 1 2014-02-02_JA-britain.tsv >> header.csv
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Some more example commands:

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wc diary.html
wc *.tsv
wc -1 *.tsv
wc -w *.tsv | sort
mkdir backup
mv header.csv backup/
rm backup/header.csv
rm -r backup/
rmdir backup/
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Shell: Getting help and helping yourself

- Usually, each command has an entry in the manual. The manual explains the command's purpose, usage and options.
- In fact, the manual itself is a program, so there's a command man to access it.
 - Unfortunately, this doesn't work on git Bash for Windows.
 - There's also an online version, see References.
- Besides the manual, there's often a --help option available for each command.
- If you're stuck in some output (e.g. from less) or some process that won't stop, you can either use the q key, or Ctrl+C to exit.

Time for your Assignment and Questions



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