

The Terminal

Graphical User Interface (**GUI**) versus Command Line Interface (**CLI**)



Function	Command
Display the current terminal shell	echo \$0
Change terminal to zsh	exec zsh
Change terminal to bash	exec bash
Go to the home directory	cd ~
Go to the hard drive (root)	cd /
Go up a directory	cd ..
Go into the same folder	cd .
Print working directory(location)	pwd
List directories (folders)	ls
Open the directory in Finder	open directory name (ex, open images)
Clear the terminal window	clear
Open file in default application	open filename
To open a directory(go into a folder)	cd directory
List command history	history
Make a directory (new folder)	Mkdir directoryname - Can create multiple folders using

	commas, no spaces
Make file	Touch filename
See the user manual for commands	Man command - Type Q to exit the manual
Remove a directory and its contents	rm -r directory name (ex, rm -r Audio)
Remove a file	rm filename(ex, rm index.html