

Creating Files & Folders



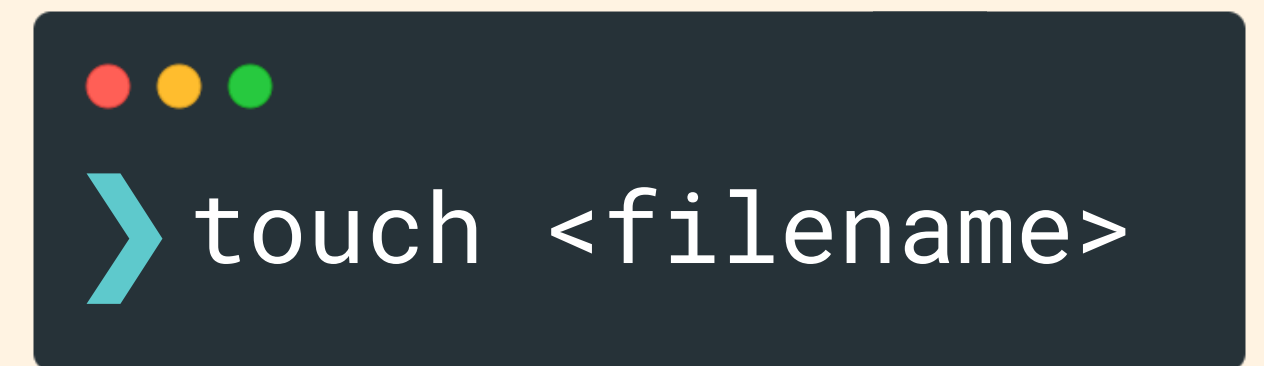


touch

To create a new file from the command line, use the **touch** command. Provide a filename, and that file will be created for you (assuming it doesn't already exist)

For example, **touch chicken.txt** would create a chicken.txt file in the current directory.

If you try to use touch with a file that already exists, it will simply update the access and modification dates to the current time.





file

The file command can be used to determine the file type of a specified file. It's honestly not that important!

For example, running `file contract.pdf` will tell us the file type of contract.pdf

"contract.pdf: PDF document, version 1.4"

Note, it does not use the file extension to "decide" on the file type. We could have a pdf file named app.png



```
> file <filename>
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mkdir

To create new directories, we use the make directory (mkdir) command. We provide one or more directory names, and it will create them for us.

For example, to create two new folders, images and styles, we could run `mkdir images styles`

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> mkdir <foldername>
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