

INTRODUCTION to CLI

Session 2

Ghosts in the Shell

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LET'S Recap!

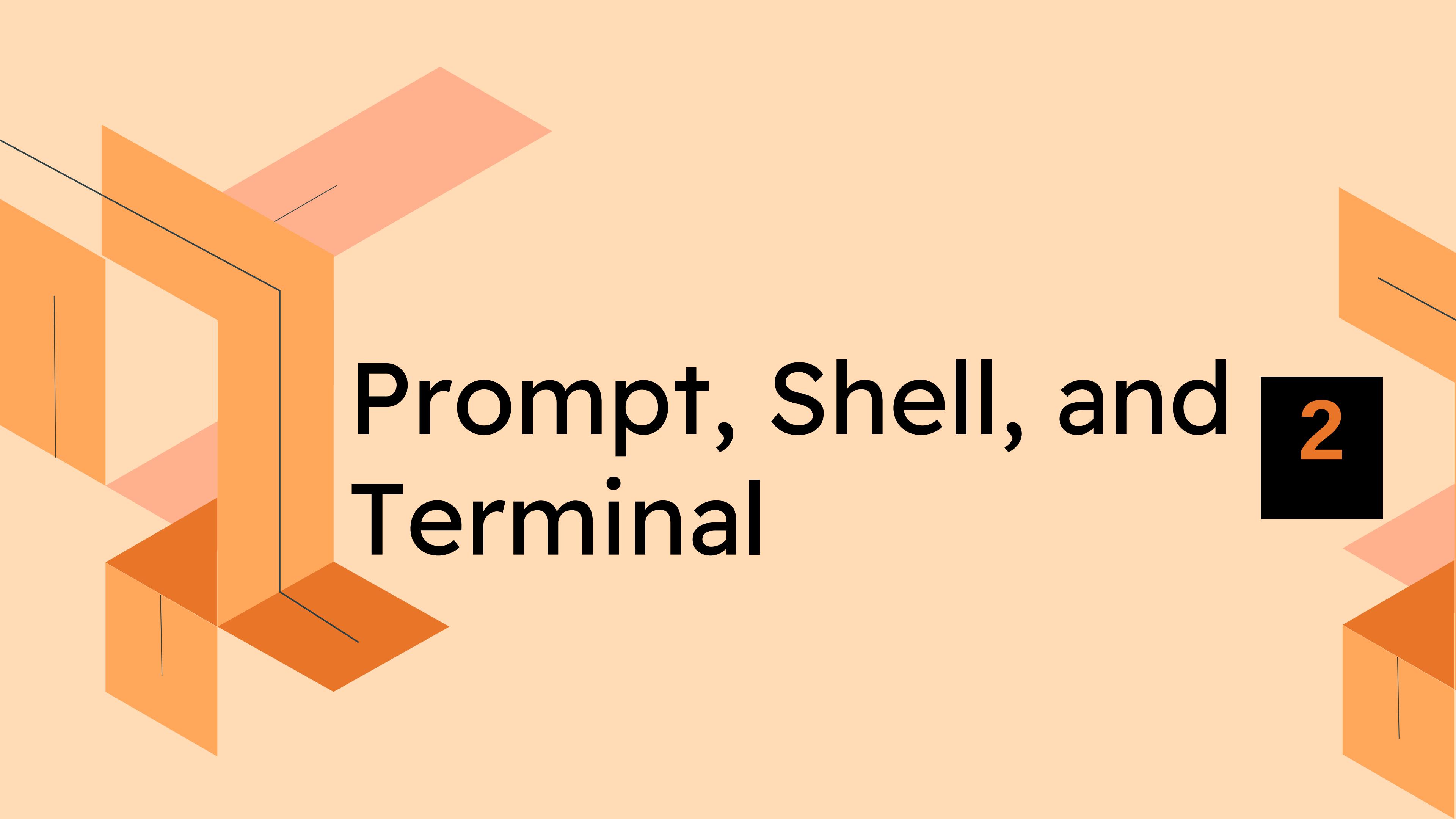
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Recap: Basic Commands

- How to list files in the current directory?
- How do you create a new directory?
- I want to shows current working directory?
- Which command can you use to create an empty file?
- How do you move or rename a file?
- How do you copy a file?
- Move a file ?

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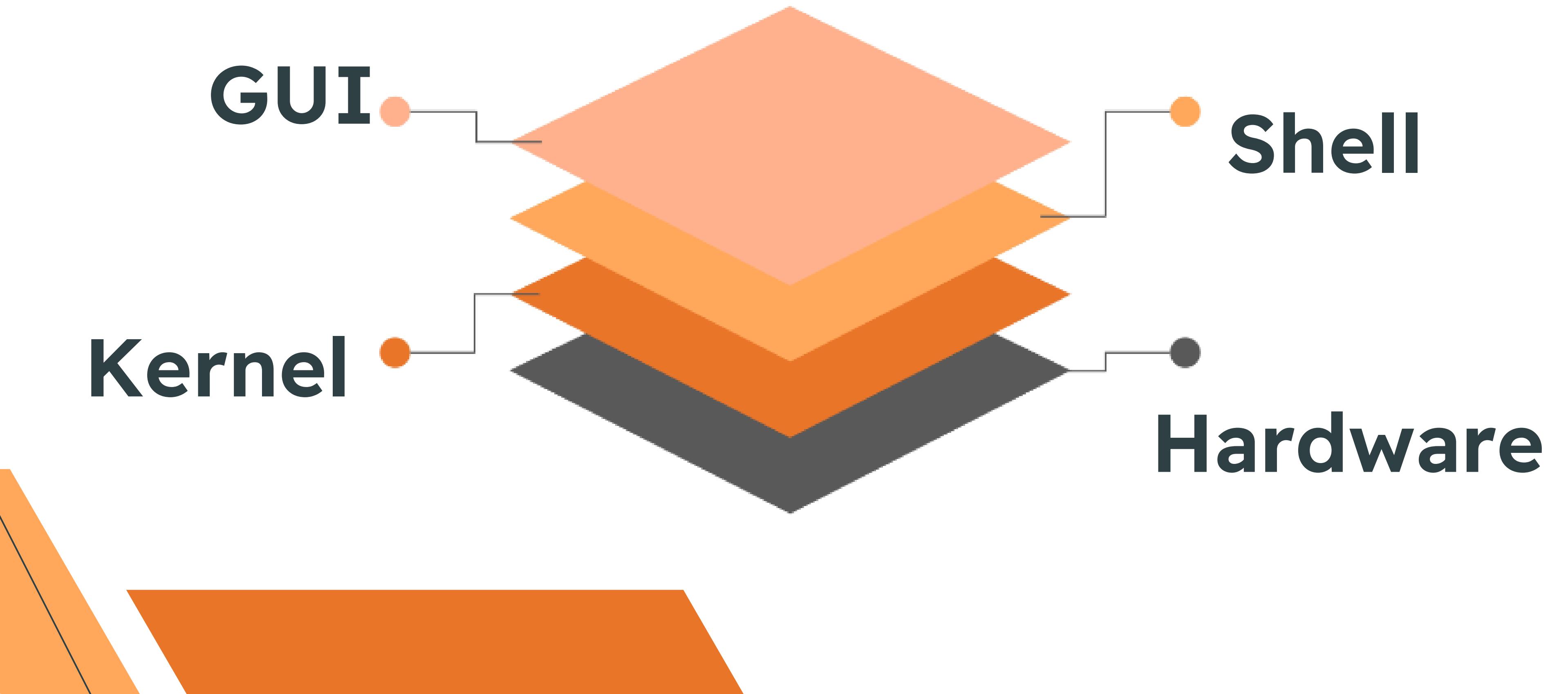
command	description	examples
cd	Change directory	cd /home/user, cd ..
ls	List files and directories	ls, ls -l, ls -a
pwd	Show current directory	pwd
mkdir	Create a directory	mkdir projects
touch	Create an empty file	touch file.txt
cp	Copy files/directories	cp file.txt backup.txt
mv	Move/rename files/directories	mv old.txt new.txt



Prompt, Shell, and Terminal

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OS Layers



GUI

Graphical User Interface, used to allow the user to interact with the system by using a graphical interface.

Shell

- It's a program that takes commands from the keyboard and gives them to the operating system to perform. (interprets and executes CL)
- Different Types of Shells in Linux : **sh, zsh, csh, ksh, fish and bash.**
- **The shell is the first user-friendly layer that a user can use to interact with the operating system.**

Bash aka GNU

Bourne-Again Shell

- Most popular and the default shell on most Linux distributions.
- The bash shell provides a scripting language that can support automation of tasks.
- Bash is an improved version of one of the most successful shells used on UNIX-like systems, the Bourne Shell (sh).

What is the Difference ?

Terminal

Text-based interface used to enter commands into and print output from a computer system.

Shell

Runs inside terminal emulators which means that the terminal won't be useful without a shell running in it.

Prompt

It is prompting you to enter a command:
Username@Hostname:
Working_Directory(\$/#)

Prompt

[root@Arch /]# []

[spectre@Arch ~]\$

let's break it down:

spectre/root : username of current logged-in user.

Arch: computer running (Name of the host)

~: the directory that the terminal is working in right now.

\$: States, logged in as a regular user.

#: States, logged in as the system administrator (root).

So we can basically summarize it to the following:

Username@Hostname:Working_Directory(\$/#)

Command Syntax

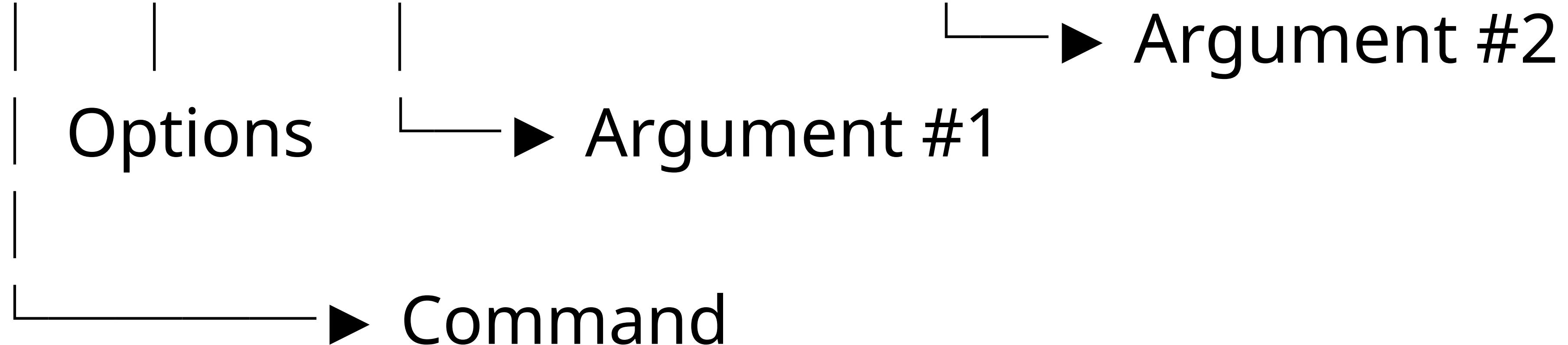
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Command Syntax

`command [options] [arguments]`

Command Syntax

```
cp -rf fileToMove whereToMove
```

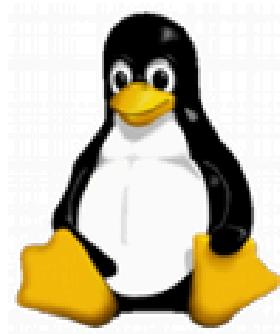




Linux File System Overview

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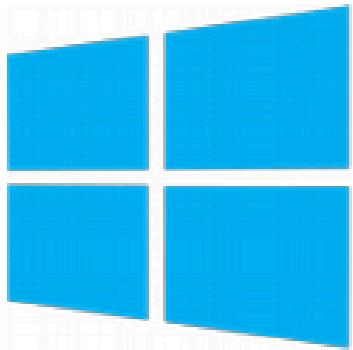
File System Linux and window



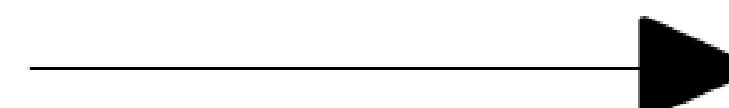
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EXT4, XFS

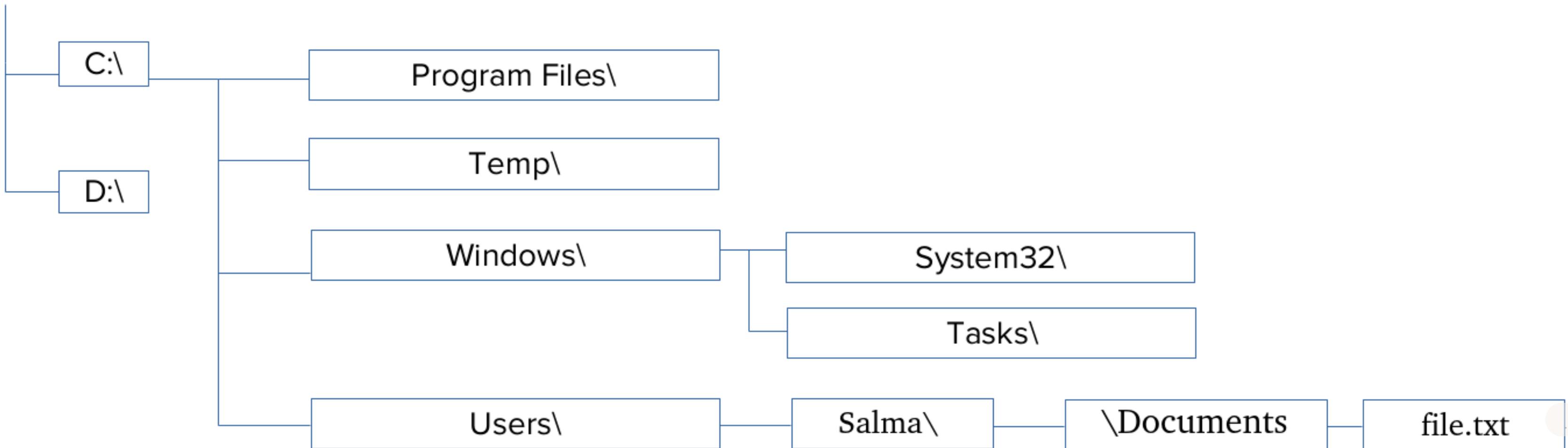


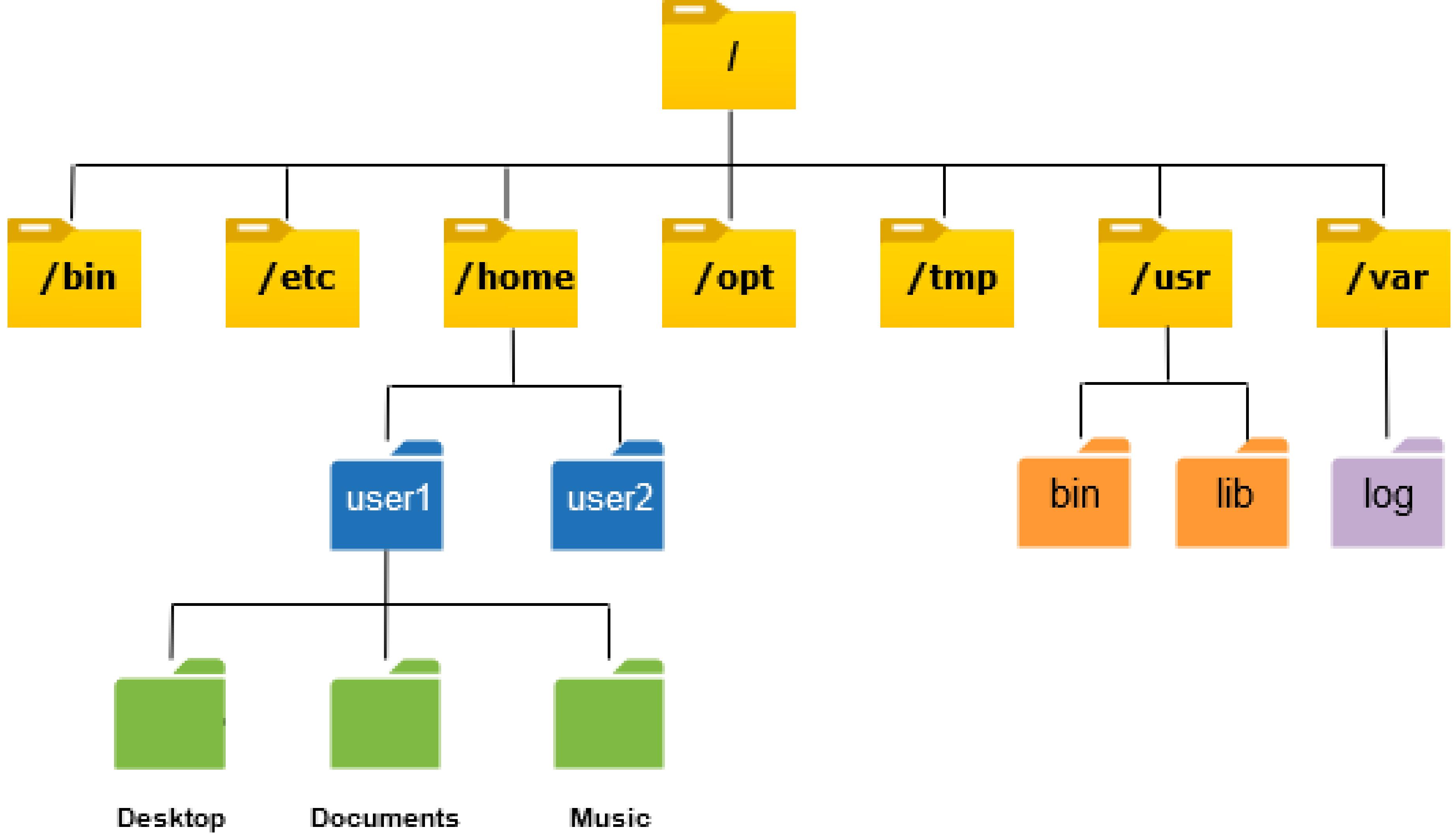
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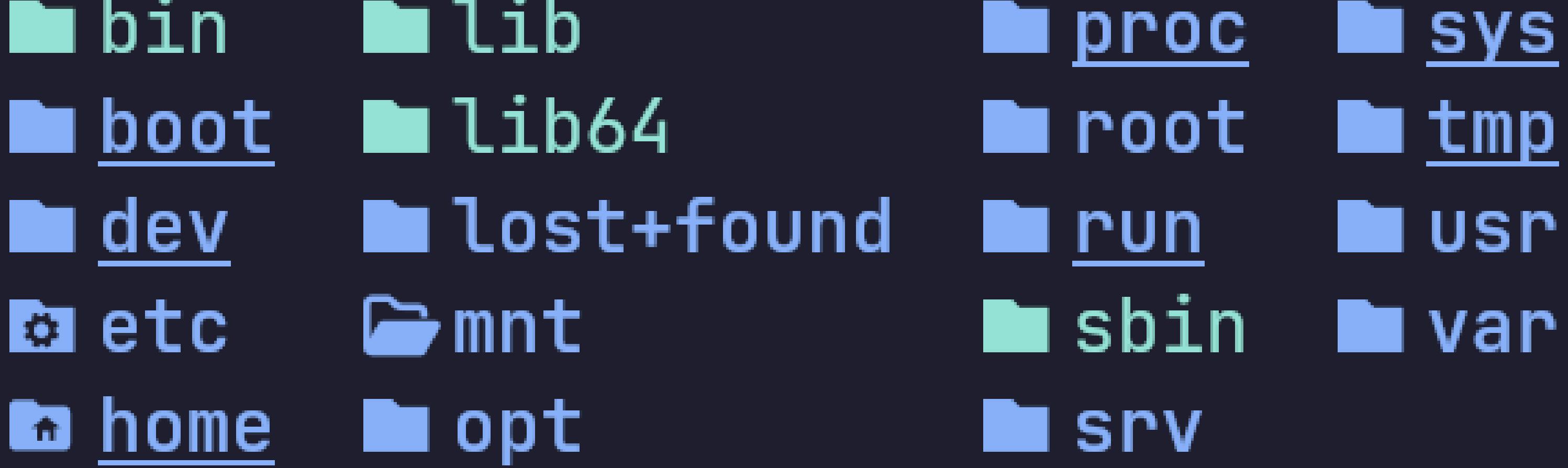
NTFS, FAT32

Directory Structure





How to Access it

```
> cd /
> ls

  bin    lib      proc    sys
  boot   lib64    root    tmp
  dev    lost+found run    usr
  etc    mnt     sbin    var
  home   opt     srv
```

How to Access it

Directory	Content / Description
/	The root of the virtual directory. It is the starting point for the file system hierarchy
/boot	Boot directory, where boot files are stored (e.g, Linux kernel and other static files of the boot loader).
/dev	Device directory, where Linux creates device nodes.
/mnt	Mount directory, another common place for mount points used for removable media.

How to Access it

Directory	Content / Description
/usr	User binary directory, where the applications and files used by users are stored
/tmp	Temporary directory, where temporary work files can be created and destroyed (deleted when the system is restarted).
/home	Home directory, where Linux creates normal user directories (non-root users).
/root	The home directory for the root user (administrative superuser).

How to Access it

Directory	Content / Description
/etc	System configuration files directory.
/lib	Library directory, where system and application library files are stored.
/bin	Binary directory, where many essential user command binaries are stored.
/sbin	System binary directory, where many system administration binaries are stored.

System Files

overview

Have you thought what is your
System files you use ?

System Files

overview

lsblk -f

Special notations

~	refer to the home directory for user /home/username.
.	link refers to the directory itself.
..	link refers to the directory before it (parent directory).
.file	file make a hidden file or directory

Relative vs Absolute Paths

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Relative vs Absolute Paths

How we can describe our address ?

Relative vs Absolute Paths

Absolute Path: The total path leading to the directory.

Relative Path: The path relative to the working directory.

Let's Recap



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File types and Finding it

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File types

In Linux every thing is a file

File types

1. Regular (General) Files - Ordinary files. r

They can contain image, video, program or simply text. They can be in ASCII or a Binary format.

- Readable file (.txt, .cpp)
- Binary file (.exe)
- Image file (.png, .jpg)
- Archive or Compressed file (.zip, .rar)

File types

2. Directory Files d

A folder containing files or folders.

File types

3. Special Files

Character File c

Character device files are for devices that can only handle data one character at a time.

Block File b

Hardware files (Like some files under /dev/).

Soft "Symbolic" link file l

File pointing to another file (shortcut).

File types

Let's read output of
this command

ls -la

How to find a file ?

Find files

Using find command

find [path] [conditions]

fzf # (fuzzy finder)

Find files

Find all files named report.txt in /home

find /home -type f -name "report.txt"

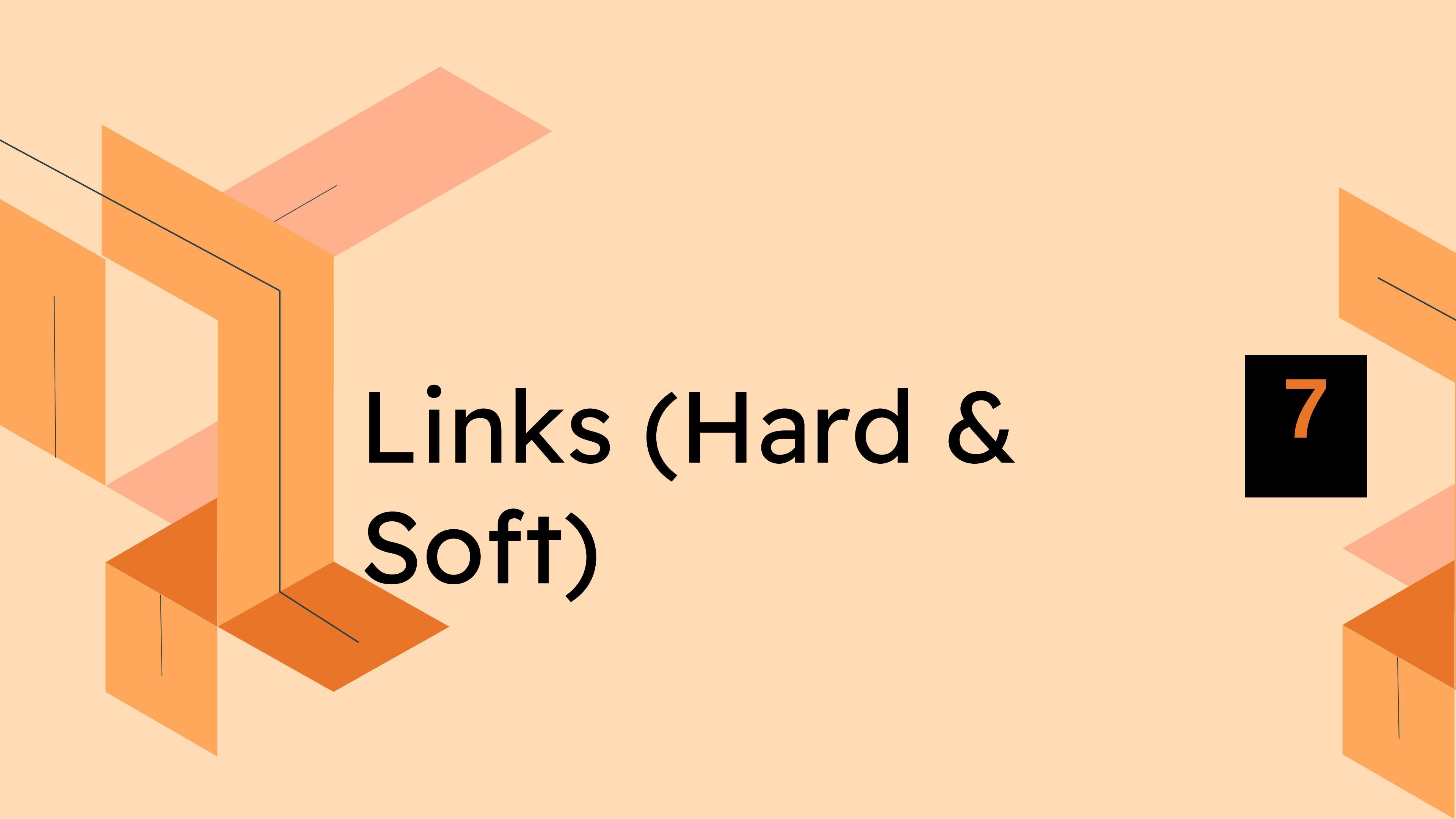
Find all directories named docs

find /home -type d -name "docs"

find ~/session2/demo -type l

Find all files larger than 1MB

find /home -type f -size +1M



Links (Hard & Soft)

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what are Links?

Link files

A link in Linux is a file that points to another file/directory.

- Creating links is similar to creating shortcuts.
- A file can have multiple links linked to it. But a link can only be linked to (pointed to) one file.

There are two types of links:

- Soft (Symbolic) link.
- Hard link.

Link files

Soft Link (Symbolic)

- They can point to a directory or special file, not just a regular file.
- If the original file is deleted it stop working

Created by: `ln -s [file path] [link path]`

Remove using: `rm [link path]` or `unlink [link path]`

Link files

Hard Link

- Can only be used on files
- Can only be used on the same file system
- If the original file is deleted it still works

Created by: `ln [file path] [link path]`

Remove using: `rm [link path]` or `unlink [link path]`

You can find out if a file has multiple hard links with the `ls -l` command.

Pipelines and Redirection

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Pipelines |

Purpose: Connect commands → output of one becomes input of the next.

Example:

```
cat file.txt | grep "apple"
```

```
ls -l | wc -l
```

Think of it as: (passing data along a chain)

Redirection >, >>, <

Purpose: Save output to a file or read input from a file.

```
echo "Hello Linux" > output.txt      # overwrite  
echo "Another line" >> output.txt    # append  
cat < output.txt                      # read from file
```

Think of it as: (put data in a box (file) or take it from a box)

Hands on



We Made It

In your home directory make a new directory called **demo**, and make it your **working directory**

Make a new file inside it called **test** And **write your full name inside**

Make a new directory called **more** (inside dir1)

Make a **hard link** for **test**

Make a **soft link** for **test**

Make a **soft link** for **more**

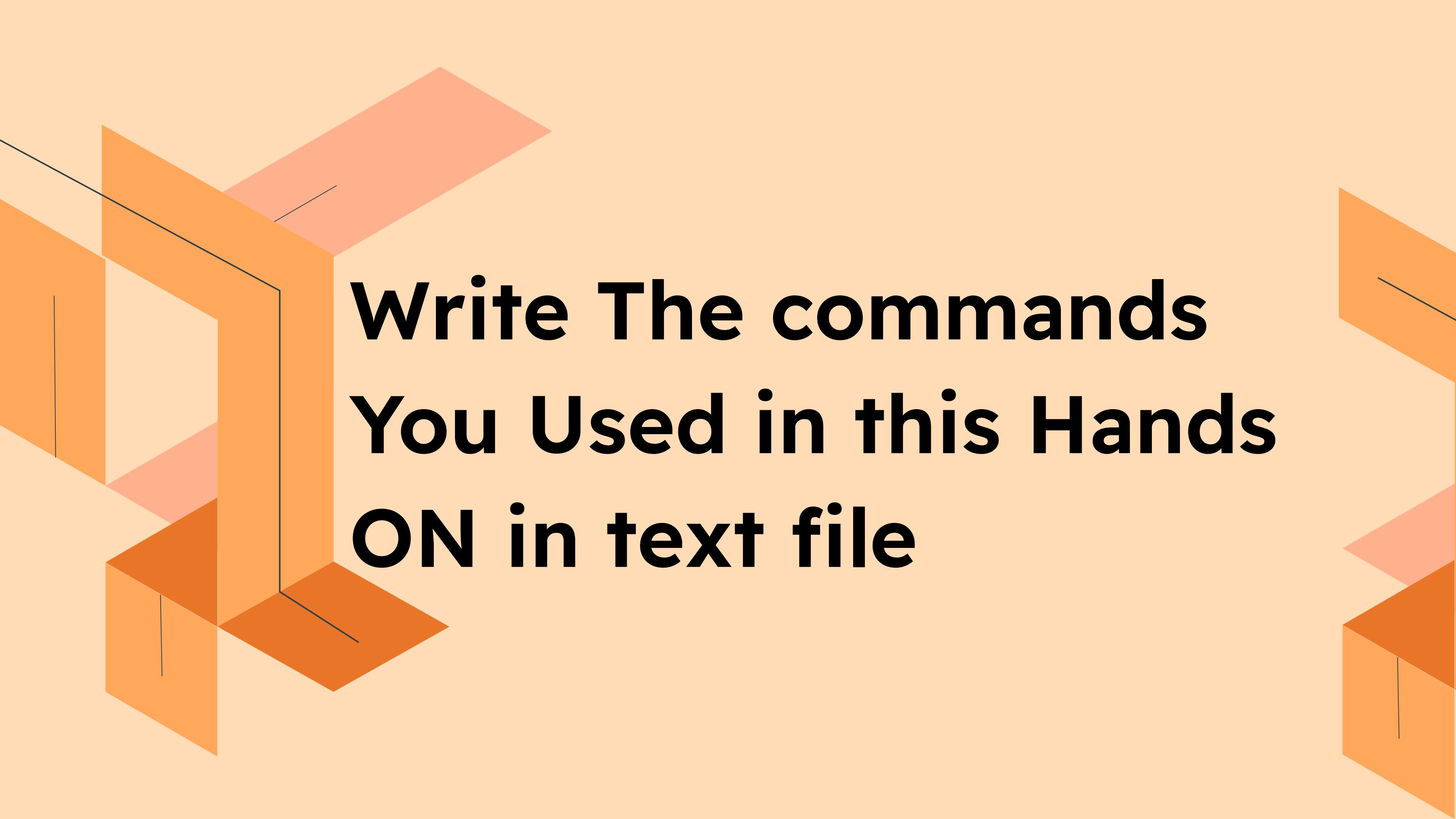
Make sure all links are working

Copy all **test** links except the original into the **more**

Move **more** to **home directory** ~

Report which links are still working

Check how many **hard links** are pointing to **test**



**Write The commands
You Used in this Hands
ON in text file**

Resources and Useful practice

[BeRoot: Cli and file system](#)

[Pwn.college: commands](#)

[Pwn.college: Paths](#)

[Pwn.college: Piping](#)

[OverTheWire: Bandit](#)

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