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GUI vs. Command-line

Before messing around on my Macbook, I had few clues as to what exactly made the difference between the laptop's GUI and Command-line. I understood the basic functions, and that they both allowed for customization, but I hadn't really dug into it more than that. For this exploration, I started with learning more about the GUI. It was the one I was more familiar with, and with just a bit of time, I was able to better understand what settings I was able to change. I came to the basic conclusion that the GUI allowed me to change visual assets like icons/thumbnails, menus, folders, and pretty much anything pertaining to graphics. Figuring out how to use the Command-line, however, was a bit more difficult. Initially, it was pretty overwhelming. At first glance, the closest thing I could relate it to was my experience in searching through a website's source code. With a little time and patience, I became less intimidated and concluded that the Command-line was intended for communicating to the computer's system. As I said before, I had a rough idea of the difference between the two, but now, I feel I certainly have a better understanding.