
Astronomy 300 - Week 1 Notes - UNIX Directory Structure

The Unix directory structure is a convention for an organization of computer files. This file structure is shared by many different systems and OS like Mac and Windows.

The Unix directory is a tree-like structure, usually drawn as an inverted tree, with at the top a single directory, from which subdirectories branch out. Each subdirectory in turn can be the origin of a set of subdirectories.

For this class we are going to call top directory the HOME directory.

In our JupyterHub the HOME directory is usually called /home/jovyan

Our class directory structure looks like:

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HOME
├── Astro300-W23
│   ├── Data
│   └── Info
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Path - This often refers to the complete name for a directory. The subdirectories are separated by "/"

For example, the path of the Data directory is: /home/jovyan/Astro300-W23/Data/

Working Directory - This is the directory you are currently in.

Terminal Commands

In this class I will always indicate a terminal command with a \$

The \$ is the terminal prompt - You do not type the \$

Always press [Enter] at the end of a terminal command

\$ pwd [Enter] Show the current directory path.

\$ ls list the files in a directory

cd - change directory

\$ cd Just typing "cd" will always bring you back to your HOME directory

\$ cd Astro300-W23/Data change to the Data subdirectory

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HOME      ~
├── Astro300-W23  ..
│   ├── Data      <- .
│   └── Info
```

\$ ls . ls of the directory you are in

\$ ls .. ls of the directory above the one you are in

\$ ls ~ ls of the HOME directory

\$ ls ~/Astro300-W23 ls of HOME/Astro300-W23/

\$ ls ../Info ls of HOME/Astro300-W23/Info

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72 [TAB] Completion - So very useful!
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74 $ ls C[TAB]
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76 $ ls -l C[TAB]
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80 $ cp Constellations.csv junk          Copy files
81 $ mv junk junque                     Rename files
82 $ rm junque                          Delete file (NO RECOVERY!)
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86 $ [Ctrl]-L          Clears the terminal
87 $ [Ctrl]-C          Breaks command - returns to prompt
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89 [UP] [DOWN] arrows - command history
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91 $ history            Shows history of commands
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93 $ !num              will rerun num command
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95 -----
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97 What is in a file? (head and tail)
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99 $ head Constellations.csv          first 10 lines
100 $ tail Constellations.csv          last 10 lines
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102 $ head -20 Constellations.csv      first 20 lines
103 $ tail -20 Constellations.csv      last 20 lines
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105 -----
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107 Making pieces of files (> and >>)
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109 $ head -10 Constellations.csv > New.csv    (>) crates file, overwriting old
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111 $ ls
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113 $ wc New.csv                             number of lines, words, and bytes
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115 $ tail -5 Constellations.csv >> New.csv    (>>) appends data to file
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117 $ wc New.csv
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119 $ cat New.csv
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