

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 home directory	cd ~
Go to hardrive	cd /
Go up a directory	cd ..
Go into the same folder	cd .
Print working directory (your location)	pwd
List directories (folders)	ls
Open directory in finder	open (directory name)
Clear the terminal window	clear
Open file in default application	open (file name)
Open a directory	cd (directory name)
List command history	history
Make a directory	mkdir (directory name) Can create multiple directories

	*no spaces
Make a file	touch (filename)
See user manual	man (touch) *use q to exit
Remove a directory and its contents	rm -r (directory name)
Remove a file	rm (filename)