Remember, it's true that there are many graphics programs that are easy to use.

On the other hand, the following commands are generally used by system administrators beacause of their:

- Their efficiency
- Their speed
- Their power

The head command

The head command displays the first lines of a file

\$ head [options] files

Example of use:

If a system administrator wants to read just 10 lines from Double file

```
meskaldji@DESKTOP-GH8V564:~$ head -n10 Double
/usr/bin/
/usr/bin/aa-enabled
/usr/bin/aa-exec
/usr/bin/add-apt-repository
/usr/bin/addpart
/usr/bin/apport-bug
/usr/bin/apport-cli
/usr/bin/apport-collect
/usr/bin/apport-unpack
/usr/bin/appres
```

Is there a command that displays the last lines of a file?

The tail command

The tail command displays the last lines of a file

\$ tail [options] files

Example of use:

If a system administrator just wants to read the last 10 lines of the list file

```
:~$ tail -n10 list
-rw-r--r-- 1 meskaldji meskaldji 1876096 Nov 10 21:49 system.zip
-rw-r--r-- 1 meskaldji meskaldji
                                  55 Dec 8 2023 tecmint.txt
-rw-r--r-- 1 meskaldji meskaldji
                                  588 Nov 16 21:28 test.txt
-rw-r--r-- 1 meskaldji meskaldji
                                  81 Dec 2 2023 test1
-rw-r--r-- 1 meskaldji meskaldji
                                  16 Jan 17 2024 testing
drwxr-xr-x 1 meskaldji meskaldji
                                   512 Oct 27 11:41 testo
-rw-r--r-- 1 meskaldji meskaldji
                                 1519 May 6 2024 testv.c
-rwxr--r-- 1 meskaldji meskaldji
                                  29 Oct 27 12:00 tp1
                                   512 Oct 27 11:43 unix
drwxr-xr-x 1 meskaldji meskaldji
-rwxr--r-- 1 meskaldji meskaldji
                                   15 May 4 2024 welcome
```

Are there any other commands that display file contents?

The Cat, more, less, ,,,,, commands

These commands allow viewing of file content.

- cat: displays the entire contents of the file.
- more: displays the contents of the file page by page without going back.
- •less: displays the contents of the file page by page, so that you can go back in time.

cat list | more

- •What happens?: This displays the contents of list one screen at a time.
- •How to navigate:
 - •Press Space to move to the next screen.
 - Press Enter to move one line down.
 - Press q to quit.

cat list | less

- •What happens?: This displays the contents of list in an interactive viewer with more advanced navigation options.
- •How to navigate:
 - Use the arrow keys to scroll up and down.
 - Press Space to move one screen down.
 - •Press b to move one screen up.
 - •Press / to search within the file.
 - Press q to quit.

Is there a command to apply filters to file lines?

The Grep command

The grep command is used to search for lines in files containing an expression.

\$ grep [options] expression files

Some interesting options:

- -v performs the reverse search
- c returns only the number of lines found
- •-i for not differentiating between upper and lower case
- -n to indicate line numbers
- -E for regular expressions

Example of use 01:

If a system administrator wants to search the list file for the expression system by displaying the line number.

```
grep -n system list
```

65:drwxr-xr-x 1 meskaldji meskaldji 512 Nov 10 21:48 system

66:-rw-r--r-- 1 meskaldji meskaldji 1528646 Nov 10 21:50 system.rar

67:-rw-r--r-- 1 meskaldji meskaldji 1876096 Nov 10 21:49 system.zip

Example of use 02:

grep -En ^d list (searching for lines starting with d)

4:drwxr-xr-x 1 meskaldji meskaldji 512 Mar 17 2024 Bureau 5:drwxr-xr-x 1 meskaldji meskaldji 512 Mar 4 2024 Desk 7:drwxr-xr-x 1 meskaldji meskaldji 512 Nov 7 2023 Mydesktop 10:drwxr-xr-x 1 meskaldji meskaldji 512 Nov 10 22:01 bin 14:drwxr-xr-x 1 meskaldji meskaldji 512 Jun 2 14:04 d1 38:drwxr-xr-x 1 meskaldji meskaldji 512 Oct 26 2023 folder8 39:drwxr-xr-x 1 meskaldji meskaldji 512 Jun 26 23:18 interro 40:drwxr-xr-x 1 meskaldji meskaldji 512 Oct 27 11:44 karton 56:drwxr-xr-x 1 meskaldji meskaldji 512 Oct 28 2023 p2 57:drwxr-xr-x 1 meskaldji meskaldji 512 Oct 28 2023 p3 58:drwxr-xr-x 1 meskaldji meskaldji 512 Oct 28 2023 p4 60:drwxr-xr-x 1 meskaldji meskaldji 512 Oct 27 11:55 python 512 Nov 23 2023 reptest 63:drw-r-xr-x 1 meskaldji meskaldji 64:drwxr-xr-x 1 meskaldji meskaldji 512 Jun 26 23:05 seancell 65:drwxr-xr-x 1 meskaldji meskaldji 512 Nov 10 21:48 system 72:drwxr-xr-x 1 meskaldji meskaldji 512 Oct 27 11:41 testo 512 **Q** 27 11:43 unix 75:drwxr-xr-x 1 meskaldji meskaldji

Is there a command to apply filters to file columns?

The CUt command

The **cut** command is used to select **columns** and **fields** in a file.

•\$ cut -cColumns [files]

A column is the position of a character in the line. The first character is column 1, the second column 2, etc.

\$ cut -dCharacter -fChamps [files]

Fields are delimited by tabulation by default; the -d parameter is used to specify a different delimiter.

Example of use 01:

If a system administrator wants to select the columns (1-4,11,13-) in the file named «fichier»

```
lcpig1b1@ubuntu-virtual-machine:~$ cat fichier
drwxr-xr-x 5 lcpiglbl gl 4096 oct. 21 14:31 Bureau
-rwxr-xr-x 1 lcpiglbl gl 6156288 oct. 7 22:21 core
drwxr-xr-x 2 lcpiglb1 g1 4096 oct. 4 12:10 Documents
-rwxr-xr-x 1 lcpiglb1 g1 8980 oct. 1 15:56 examples.desktop
-rw-rw---- 1 lcpiglbl gl
                             0 oct. 24 09:07 Fich
drwxr-xr-x 2 1cpig1b1 g1 4096 oct. 2 11:51 Vidéos
1cpig1b1@ubuntu-virtual-machine:~$ cut -c1-4,11,13- fichier
drwx lcpiglbl gl 4096 oct. 21 14:31 Bureau
-rwx 1cpig1b1 g1 6156288 oct. 7 22:21 core
drwx lcpiglbl gl 4096 oct. 4 12:10 Documents
-rwx lcpiglbl gl 8980 oct. l 15:56 examples.desktop
-rw- lcpiglbl gl
                       0 oct. 24 09:07 Fich
drwx lcpiglbl gl 4096 oct. 2 11:51 Vidéos
lcpig1b1@ubuntu-virtual-machine:~$
```

Example of use 02:

If a system administrator wants to select fields (1,3,4) from the file named «fichier»

```
lcpiglbl@ubuntu-virtual-machine:~$ cat fichier
drwxr-xr-x 5 lcpiglbl gl
                             4096 oct. 21
                                           14:31 Bureau
-rwxr-xr-x 1 lcpig1b1 g1
                        6156288 oct. 7 22:21 core
drwxr-xr-x 2 lcpiglbl gl
                             4096 oct. 4 12:10 Documents
-rwxr-xr-x 1 lcpig1b1 g1
                             8980 oct. 1 15:56 examples.desktop
-rw-rw---- 1 lcpig1b1 g1
                                0 oct. 24 09:07 Fich
drwxr-xr-x 2 lcpig1b1 g1
                          4096 oct. 2 11:51 Vidéos
lcpig1b1@ubuntu-virtual-machine:~$ cut -d" " -f1,3,4 fichier
drwxr-xr-x lcpiglbl gl
-rwxr-xr-x lcpig1bl gl
drwxr-xr-x lcpiglbl gl
-rwxr-xr-x lcpiglbl gl
-rw-rw---- lcpiglbl gl
drwxr-xr-x lcpig1b1 g1
lcpig1b1@ubuntu-virtual-machine:~$
```

Is there a command for sorting?

The sort command

The **sort** command sorts the lines of a file in ascending order by default.

\$ sort [options] [files]

Some interesting options:

- •-k to specify the column number used for sorting
- •-o to write the result to a file
- -r sort in reverse order (sorting in descending order)
- -n numeric sorting, ideal for columns of numbers

Example of use:

```
user1@PC:~$ cat fichier
-rw-rw-r-- 1 user1 user1
                             76473 11:33 présentation.pptx
-rw-rw-r-- 1 user1 user1 75075316 21:29 linux64-8.0.3 en-US.tar.xz
-rw-rw-r-- 1 user1 user1 105631957 14:24 linux-en.tar.gz
-rw-rw-r-- 1 user1 user1 130956158 11:17 112.mp4
user1@PC:~$ sort -n -r -k 5 fichier
-rw-rw-r-- 1 user1 user1 | 130956158 | 11:17 | 112.mp4
-rw-rw-r-- 1 user1 user1 105631957 14:24 linux-en.tar.gz
-rw-rw-r-- 1 user1 user1 75075316 21:29 linux64-8.0.3 en-US.tar.xz
                             76473 11:33 présentation.pptx
-rw-rw-r-- 1 user1 user1
user1@PC:~$
```

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Is there a command to delete duplicates?

The Uniq command

The uniq command removes duplicates from sorted files, i.e. it only finds successive lines that are identical.

•\$ uniq [options] [source [destination]] Example:

```
user1@PC:~$ cat fichier
mohammed
ali
ali
bob
bob
user1@PC:~$ uniq fichier
mohammed
ali
bob
user1@PC:~$ [
```

Is there a command to replace one expression with another?

The Sed command

The **sed** command is used to replace a **expression** by **another**.

1. Basic Text Substitution:

Replace the first occurrence of "oldword" with "newword" on each line in a file:

sed 's/oldword/newword/' filename

Example of use:

sed 's/cat/dog/' animals.txt

2. Global Substitution

Replace **all occurrences** of "oldword" with "newword" on each line:

sed 's/oldword/newword/g' filename

Example:

sed 's/cat/dog/g' animals.txt

•Replaces all occurrences of "cat" with "dog".

3. In-Place Editing (Modify the File Directly)

Replace text directly in the file (overwrites the file):

sed -i 's/oldword/newword/g' filename

Example:

- sed -i 's/cat/dog/g' animals.txt
- Replaces all occurrences of "cat" with "dog" in animals.txt.

Is there a command to count words?

The WC command

The wc (word count) command is used to count lines, words, bytes and characters.

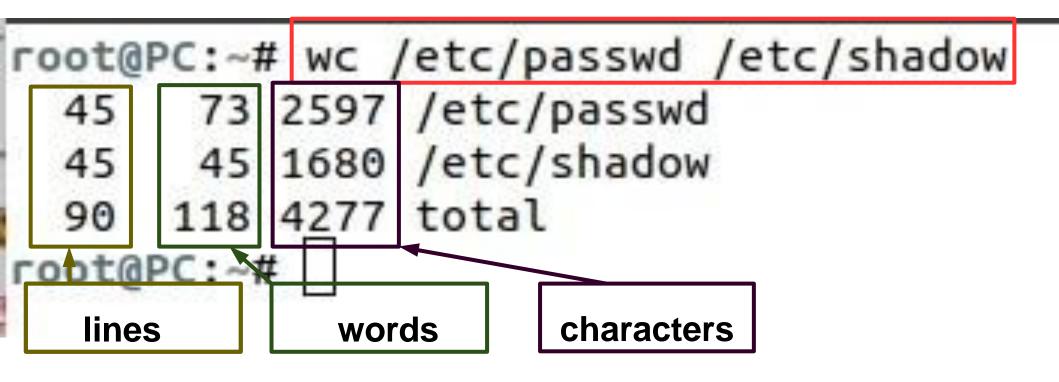
\$ wc [Options] [files]

Some interesting options:

- •- counts the number of lines
- -c counts the number of bytes
- •-w counts the number of words
- -m counts the number of characters

Example of use:

System administrator wants to compare two files /etc/passwd and /etc/shadow



Is there command for file processing?

The paste, split, ... commands

- Line-to-line join
- \$ paste [options] [files]
- it concatenates the lines of files with each other, line1 of file1 with line1 of file2, etc.
- the -d option is used to specify the delimiter
- Cutting a file into pieces
- \$ split [options] [file [prefix]]

It cuts a large file into several pieces.

Example of use 01:

System administrator wants to make a line-by-line join of files file1, file2 and file3

```
user1@PC:~$ cat fichier1
- FWXF-SF-X
- FW-FW-F--
- FWXF-SF-X
user1@PC:~$ cat fichier2
user1 user1
user1 user1
user1 user1 8560
user1@PC:~$ cat fichier3
19:55 fichier2
19:58 fichier3
10:50 fichier.txt
user1@PC:~$ paste -d" " fichier1 fichier2 fichier3
           user1 user1
- FWXF-SF-X
                              19:55 fichier2
           user1 user1
                          158
                               19:58 fichier3
-rwxr-sr-x user1 user1 8560 10:50 fichier.txt
user1@PC:~$
```

Example of use 02:

System administrator wants to cut a large file file in 10 pieces each in one file

```
user1@PC:~$ split -n 10 fichier fich
user1@PC:~$ ls -l fich*
                                                     fichaa
                           364275212
                                               16:44
-rw-rw-r-- 1 user1 user1
-rw-rw-r-- 1 user1 user1
                           364275212
                                               16:44
                                                     fichab
                           364275212
                                               16:44 fichac
-rw-rw-r-- 1 user1 user1
                                               16:45 fichad
-rw-rw-r-- 1 user1 user1
                           364275212
                                               16:45 fichae
                           364275212
-rw-rw-r-- 1 user1 user1
                                               16:45 fichaf
-rw-rw-r-- 1 user1 user1
                           364275212
                                                     fichag
                           364275212
-rw-rw-r-- 1 user1 user1
                                               16:45
                                                     fichah
                           364275212
                                               16:45
           1 user1 user1
- FW- FW- F--
                           364275212
                                                     fichai
           1 user1 user1
                                               16:46
- FW- FW- F--
                                               16:46 fichai
                           364275218
           1 user1
                    user1
- FW- FW- F--
                                               16:38 fichier
-rw-rw-r-- 1 user1 user1
                          3642752126
user1@PC:~$
```

Other commands join, diff, cmp

- Joint on common fields
- \$ join [options] file1 file2

It performs a join of two files based on a common field.

File comparison

\$ diff [options] file1 file2 \$ cmp [options] file1 file2

They can be used to compare the contents of two files etc •••