

Handling Text Files

- * The **cat** command is used for displaying the content of a file.
- + The **tac** command is used for displaying the content of a file in reverse order in a line by line basis.
- * The **less** command is another pager program that displays the content of a file 1 page at a time.
- + **Less** is faster than **more** when dealing with large files since it loads 1 page at time.
- * The **head** command displays the top N number of lines of a given file. By default, it prints the first 10 lines. If more than one file name is provided then data from each file is preceded by its file name.
- + The **tail** command displays the last N number of lines of a given file. By default, it prints the last 10 lines. If more than one file name is provided then data from each file is preceded by its file name.
- * The **cut** command is used to extract a specific section of each line of a file and display it to the screen.
- + The **paste** command is used to join files horizontally in columns.
- * The **sort** command is used for sorting files. Sorting means arranging the content of the file in a particular order.

(The **sort** command sorts the contents of a text file, line by line.)
- + The **wc** command is used for printing the number of lines, characters, and bytes in a file.
- * The **tr** command is used for translating or deleting characters from standard output.
- + The **diff** command compares files and display the differences between them.
- * The **grep** command is used to match a string pattern from a file or standard output when using the pipe.
- + The **rev** command is used for reversing the characters position in a given text.
- * The **pipe** allows you to redirect the standard output of a command to the standard input of another.
- + What is alias? - A shorthand for a more complicated command.