



# UNIX for Programmers and Users

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# Renaming/Moving a File: mv

```
mv -i oldFileName newFileName
```

```
mv -i fileName directoryName
```

```
mv -i oldDirectoryName newDirectoryName
```

- The first form of mv **renames oldFileName as newFileName**.
- The second form allows you **to move a collection of files to a directory**.
- The third form allows you **to move an entire directory**.
- **The -i option** prompts you **for confirmation** if newFileName already exists so that you **do not accidentally replace its contents**. You should learn to use this option (or set a convenient shell alias that replaces “mv” with “mv -i”; we will come back to this later).

# Renaming/Moving Files: mv

- Here's how to **rename the file** using the first form of the mv utility:

```
$ mv heart heart.ver1
```

--> rename to "heart.ver1".

```
$ ls
```

```
heart.ver1
```

```
$ _
```

# Making Directory: mkdir

## `mkdir -p newDirectoryName`

- The mkdir utility **creates a directory**. The **-p option** creates any parent directories in the newDirectoryName pathname **that do not already exist**.
- If newDirectoryName **already exists**, an **error message is displayed** and the existing file is not altered in any way.

`$ mkdir lyrics` --> creates a directory called "lyrics".

`$ ls -lF` --> check the directory listing in order  
--> to confirm the existence of the  
--> new directory.

```
-rw-r--r--    1  glass   106  Jan 30 23:28  heart.ver1
drwxr-xr-x    2  glass   512  Jan 30 19:49  lyrics/
$ _
```

# Moving Files

- Once the “lyrics” directory is created, we can move the “heart.ver1” file into its new location. To do so, used `mv` and confirm the operation using `ls`:

\$ `mv heart.ver1 lyrics` --> move into “lyrics”.

\$ `ls` --> list the current directory.

lyrics/ --> “heart.ver1” has gone.

\$ `ls lyrics` --> list the “lyrics” directory.

heart.ver1 --> “heart.ver1” has moved.

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# Changing Directories: cd

- `cd directoryName`
- The following might be inconvenient; especially if we deal with large hierarchy:

`$cat lyrics/heart.ver1` --> display

- Instead, change directory:

`$ cd lyrics` --> change directory

`$ cat heart.ver1` --> display

- The `cd shell command` changes a shell's `current working directory` to be `directoryName`.
- If the `directoryName` argument is omitted, the shell is moved to its `owner's home directory`.

# Reorganizing Directories

```
$ pwd
```

--> display where I am

```
/home/glass
```

```
$ cd lyrics
```

--> move into the “lyrics” directory

```
$ pwd
```

```
/home/glass/lyrics
```

```
$ cd ..
```

--> move up one level

```
$ pwd
```

--> display new position

```
/home/glass
```

```
$ cd lyrics
```

--> move into the “lyrics” directory

```
$ pwd
```

```
/home/glass/lyrics
```

```
$ ls ~/
```

--> “~/” refers to home directory

```
/home/glass
```

```
$ _
```

# Copying Files: cp

- To copy the file, I used **the cp utility**, which works as follows:

**cp -i oldFileName newFileName**

**cp -ir fileName directoryName**

- The first form of cp **copies the contents of oldFileName** to newFileName.
- If the label newFileName **already exists**, its contents are **replaced by** the contents of oldFileName.
- **The -i option** prompts you **for confirmation** if newFileName already exists so that you do not accidentally overwrite its contents. Like with **mv**, it is a good idea to use this option or create an alias.



# Copying Files: cp

- The `-r` option causes any source files that are directories to be recursively copied, thus copying the entire directory structure.
- `cp` actually does two things
  - It makes a physical copy of the original file's contents.
  - It creates a new label in the directory hierarchy that points to the copied file.

\$ `cp heart.ver1 heart.ver2`      --> copy to "heart.ver2".

\$ `ls -l heart.ver1 heart.ver2`      --> confirm the existence of both files.

-rw-r--r-- 1 glass 106 Jan 30 23:28 heart.ver1

-rw-r--r-- 1 glass 106 Jan 31 00:12 heart.ver2

\$ `cp -i heart.ver1 heart.ver2`      --> what happens?

# Deleting a Directory: rmdir

## `rmdir directoryName`

- The `rmdir` utility removes all of the directories in the list of directory names provided in the command. A directory must be empty before it can be removed.
- To recursively remove a directory and all of its contents, use the `rm` utility with the `-r` option.
- Here, we try to remove the “`lyrics.draft`” directory while it still contains the draft versions, so we receive the following error message:

```
$ rmdir lyrics.draft
```

```
rmdir : lyrics.draft : Directory not empty.
```

```
$ _
```

# Deleting Directories: rm -r

- The rm utility allows you to remove a file's label from the hierarchy.
- Here's a description of rm:

## rm -fir fileName

- The rm utility removes a file's label from the directory hierarchy.
- If the filename doesn't exist, an error message is displayed.
- The -i option prompts the user for confirmation before deleting a filename. It is a very good idea to use this option or create a shell alias that translates from "rm" to "rm -i". If you don't, you will lose some files one day – you have been warned!
- If fileName is a directory, the -r option causes all of its contents, including subdirectories, to be recursively deleted.
- The -f option inhibits all error messages and prompts. It overrides the -i option (also one coming from an alias). This is dangerous!

# Removing Directories with Files

- The `-r` option of `rm` can be used to delete the “lyrics.draft” directory and all of its contents with just one command:

\$ `cd` --> move to my home directory.

\$ `rm -r lyrics.draft` --> recursively delete directory.

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# Counting Lines, Words and Characters in Files: wc

## wc -lwc fileName

- The wc utility counts the number of lines, words, and/or characters in a list of files.
- If no files are specified, standard input is used instead.
- The -l option requests a line count,
- the -w option requests a word count,
- and the -c option requests a character count.
- If no options are specified, then all three counts are displayed.
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- A word is defined by a sequence of characters surrounded by tabs, spaces, or new lines.

# Counting Lines, Words and Characters in Files: wc

- **For example, to count lines, words and characters in the “heart.final” file, we used:**

```
$ cd ~/lyrics.final
```

```
$ wc heart.final --> obtain a count of the number of lines,  
--> words, and characters.
```

```
9   43   213 heart.final
```

```
$ _
```

# Determining Type of a File: file

## file fileName

- The `file` utility attempts to describe the contents of the `fileName` argument(s), including the language in which any of the text is written.
- `file` is not reliable; it may get confused.
- When `file` is used on a symbolic-link file, `file` reports on the file that the link is pointing to, rather than on, the link itself.
- For example,

```
$ file heart.final  
heart.final: ascii text  
$_
```

--> determine the file type.

# File Permissions (Security)

•File permissions are the basis for file security. They are given in three clusters. In the example, the permission settings are

“rw-r--r--”:

```
-rw-r--r-- 1 glass cs 213 Jan 31 00:12 heart.final
```

User (owner)	Group	Others
rw-	r--	r--

← clusters

Each cluster of three letters has the same format:

Read permission	Write permission	Execute permission
r	w	x



# File Permission

The meaning of the read, write, and execute permissions depends on the type of file:

	Regular file	Directory file
<b>Read</b>	<b>read</b> the contents	read the directory (list the names of files that it contains)
<b>Write</b>	<b>change</b> the contents	Add files to the directory
<b>Execute</b>	<b>execute</b> the file if the file is a program	access files in the directory

# Change File Permissions: chmod

`chmod -R change fileName`

- The `chmod` utility changes the `modes (permissions)` of the specified files according to the change parameters, which may take the following forms:

`clusterSelection+newPermissions` (add permissions)

`clusterSelection-newPermissions` (subtract permissions)

`clusterSelection=newPermissions` (assign permissions absolutely)

- where `clusterSelection` is any combination of:

`u` (user/owner)

`g` (group)

`o` (others)

`a` (all)

and `newPermissions` is any combination of

`r` (read)

`w` (write)

`x` (execute)

`s` (set user ID/set group ID)

# Changing File Permissions

- Note that **changing a directory's permission settings** doesn't change the settings of the files that it contains.
- The **-R option** recursively changes the modes of the files in directories.

Ex: Remove read permission from groups

\$ **ls -lg heart.final** --> to view the settings before the change.

```
-rw-r----- 1 glass music 213 Jan 31 00:12 heart.final
```

\$ **chmod g-r heart.final**

\$ **ls -lg heart.final**

```
-rw----- 1 glass music 213 Jan 31 00:12 heart.final
```

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# Changing File Permissions: examples

Requirement	Change parameters
Add group write permission	g+w
Remove user read and write permission	u-rw
Add execute permission for user, group, and others.	a+x
Give the group read permission only.	g=r
Add write permission for user, and remove group read permission.	u+w,g-r

# Changing File Permission: examples

- Example:

\$ **cd** --> change to home directory.

\$ **ls -ld .** --> list attributes of home directory.

drwxr-xr-x 45 glass 4096 Apr 29 14:35

\$ **chmod o-rx** --> update permissions.

\$ **ls -ld .** --> confirm.

drwxr-x--- 45 glass 4096 Apr 29 14:35

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# Changing File Permissions Using Octal Numbers

- The `chmod` utility allows to specify the new permission setting of a file as an octal number.
- Each octal digit represents a permission triplet.

For example, for a file to have the permission settings of `rwxr-x---` the octal permission setting would be 750, calculated as follows:

	User	Group	Others
setting	rwX	r-X	---
binary	111	101	000
octal	7	5	0

# Changing File Permissions Using Octal Numbers

- The octal permission setting would be supplied to chmod as follows:

```
$ chmod 750 . --> update permissions.
```

```
$ ls -ld . --> confirm.
```

```
drwxr-x---  45  glass  4096  Apr 29 14:35
```

```
$ _
```