

#### **MMB-BioIT**

## **Common commands**

```
cd # Changing the current directory

cat # Copying a file to the standard output

chmod # Changes file permissions

cd # Copying files

grep # Searches for text in a file

history # The history command and the up arrow on your keyboard can be used to repeat recently used cc

ls # Displays the contents of a directory

ls -a # Viewing file permissions

mkdir # Creates a directory

mv # Renames or moves a file

pwd # Displays the current directory

rm # Deletes files

rmdir # Deletes directories

wc # Counts the words and lines in a file
```

### **Redirections**

```
command > file # Redirecting a command's output to a file
command >> file # Redirecting a command's output to a file without overwriting the existing contents
command1 | command 2 file # Redirecting the output of the first command as input to the second command
```

# Key directories in the file system

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/ # Root directory (base of file system)
/bin # Directory that contains executable programs
/home # Home directories of all users
/home/user # Home directory of a single user
```

### Misc

- Hidden files and directories start with .
- Tab completion can reduce errors from mistyping and make work more efficient in the shell.

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