

HADOOP HDFS COMPLETE COMMAND GUIDE (Cloudera VM)

1 Required Pseudo Services to Start

```
sudo service hadoop-hdfs-namenode start  
sudo service hadoop-hdfs-datanode start  
sudo service hadoop-yarn-resourcemanager start  
sudo service hadoop-yarn-nodemanager start  
sudo service hadoop-mapreduce-historyserver start
```

✓ **Meaning:** Starts Hadoop's main file system (NameNode manages metadata, DataNode stores data).

🧠 *Without these, no file/directory operation works.*

2 Create Directory in HDFS

```
hdfs dfs -mkdir /user/cloudera/demo
```

✓ **Meaning:** Creates a directory named demo inside your HDFS user folder.

💡 *Use -p if parent directories don't exist.*

3 Create File in HDFS

```
hdfs dfs -touchz /user/cloudera/demo/sample.txt
```

✓ **Meaning:** Creates an empty file (0 bytes) named sample.txt in /user/cloudera/demo.

4 Create File in Local System

```
echo "Hello Hadoop" > sample1.txt
```

✓ **Meaning:** Creates a file named sample1.txt in your local Desktop (current directory) with text inside.

💡 *Verify using ls.*

5 Move / Copy File from Local → HDFS

A Using put

```
hdfs dfs -put sample1.txt /user/cloudera/demo/
```

✓ Uploads file from local → HDFS (keeps local copy).

B Using copyFromLocal

```
hdfs dfs -copyFromLocal sample1.txt /user/cloudera/demo/
```

✓ Same as put, another syntax.

C Using moveFromLocal

```
hdfs dfs -moveFromLocal sample1.txt /user/cloudera/demo/
```

✓ Moves file from local → HDFS (deletes local copy after upload).

6 View Directory and Files

```
hdfs dfs -ls /user/cloudera/demo/
```

✓ **Meaning:** Lists all files inside the /user/cloudera/demo directory.

7 View File Content (HDFS)

```
hdfs dfs -cat /user/cloudera/demo/sample1.txt
```

✓ **Meaning:** Displays the content of the file directly on the terminal.

8 Move / Copy File from HDFS → Local

A Using get

```
hdfs dfs -get /user/cloudera/demo/sample1.txt /home/cloudera/Desktop/
```

✓ Copies file from HDFS to local (keeps it in HDFS).

B Using copyToLocal

```
hdfs dfs -copyToLocal /user/cloudera/demo/sample1.txt /home/cloudera/Desktop/
```

✓ Same as get.

C Using moveToLocal

```
hdfs dfs -moveToLocal /user/cloudera/demo/sample1.txt /home/cloudera/Desktop/
```

✓ Moves file from HDFS → local (deletes it from HDFS).

9 Check Disk Usage (du) and Filesystem Info (df)

Disk Usage (per file)

```
hdfs dfs -du /user/cloudera/demo/
```

✓ Shows file size and directory usage.

Filesystem Info

```
hdfs dfs -df
```

✓ Shows total, used, and available HDFS space.

10 Delete File or Directory

Delete Single File

```
hdfs dfs -rm /user/cloudera/demo/sample1.txt
```

Delete Entire Folder

```
hdfs dfs -rm -r /user/cloudera/demo/
```

✓ **Meaning:** Removes files or directories from HDFS.

11 Empty Trash (Permanent Delete)

```
hdfs dfs -expunge
```

✓ **Meaning:** Empties the HDFS Trash — permanently deletes removed files.

12 Copy / Move Files Inside HDFS

Copy File

```
hdfs dfs -cp /user/cloudera/demo/sample1.txt /user/cloudera/demo/sample_copy.txt
```

Move File

```
hdfs dfs -mv /user/cloudera/demo/sample_copy.txt /user/cloudera/exp1/
```

✓ **Meaning:** Copies or moves files within HDFS, not local.

13 Common Fixes for Issues You Faced

| Problem | Cause | Fix |
|-----------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| No such file or directory | Wrong file name or folder doesn't exist | Check using ls before upload |
| Caught exception / InterruptedException | Hadoop services not running | Run sudo service hadoop-hdfs-namenode start & sudo service hadoop-hdfs-datanode start |
| mkdir: File exists | Directory already exists | Use another name or delete with -rm -r |
| Permission denied | Need admin rights | Add sudo -u hdfs before command |
| Local path confusion | Used /user/cloudera/Desktop (HDFS) instead of /home/cloudera/Desktop (local) | Always use /home/cloudera/Desktop for local paths |
| -pwd: Unknown command | pwd only works in local Linux, not HDFS | Use pwd locally, not hdfs dfs -pwd |

⚡ 14 Quick Memory Table (For Exam/Viva)

| Task | Command | Meaning |
|-----------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------|
| Create Directory | <code>hdfs dfs -mkdir /path/</code> | Make folder in HDFS |
| Create File in HDFS | <code>hdfs dfs -touchz /path/file.txt</code> | Create empty file |
| Create File in Local | <code>echo "Text" > file.txt</code> | Make local text file |
| Upload Local → HDFS | <code>hdfs dfs -put file.txt /path/</code> | Copy to HDFS |
| Download HDFS → Local | <code>hdfs dfs -get /path/file.txt /home/cloudera/Desktop/</code> | Copy to local |
| Move in HDFS | <code>hdfs dfs -mv /src /dest</code> | Move within HDFS |
| Copy in HDFS | <code>hdfs dfs -cp /src /dest</code> | Copy within HDFS |
| Check Size | <code>hdfs dfs -du /path</code> | Shows file sizes |
| Check Filesystem | <code>hdfs dfs -df</code> | Shows HDFS usage |
| Remove | <code>hdfs dfs -rm /path</code> | Delete file |
| Empty Trash | <code>hdfs dfs -expunge</code> | Permanent delete |

🚩 15 Your Final Verification Flow (Full Practice Round)

1. Start Services

```
sudo service hadoop-hdfs-namenode start
```

```
sudo service hadoop-hdfs-datanode start
```

2. Make HDFS Directory

```
hdfs dfs -mkdir /user/cloudera/demo
```

3. Make Local File

```
echo "Hello Hadoop" > sample.txt
```

4. Upload to HDFS

```
hdfs dfs -put sample.txt /user/cloudera/demo
```

5. Verify Upload

```
hdfs dfs -ls /user/cloudera/demo
```

6. Check Content

```
hdfs dfs -cat /user/cloudera/demo/sample.txt
```

7. Move from HDFS → Local

```
hdfs dfs -moveToLocal /user/cloudera/demo/sample.txt /home/cloudera/Desktop/
```

8. Verify in Local

```
ls /home/cloudera/Desktop/
```

✅ **Done** — you've now completed the core HDFS cycle (Local → HDFS → Local) perfectly.