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The Terminal

Graphical User Interface (GUI) versus Command Line Interface (CLI)



Function	Command
Display the current terminal shell	Echo \$0
Display current terminal type	Echo \$0
Change terminal to bash	exec bash
Change terminal to zsh	Exec zsh
Go to home directory (folder)	cd ~
Go into a directory (folder)	cd directory name (folder name)
Go into the same folder	cd .
Print working directory (your location)	pwd
List directories (folders)	ls
Open directory in Finder	open directory name (e.g., open Images, open .)
Clear the terminal window	clear
Open file in default application	open filename
Open directory (Go into a folder)	cd directory name
List your command history	history
Make a directory (folders)	mkdir directoryname (e.g., mkdir Videos)

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	Can create multiple directories (e.g., mkdir Career, Images, Favicons) * Do not use spaces
Make a file	touch filename (e.g., touch index.html)
See user manual for commands	Man command (e.g., man touch) Type q to exit manual
Remove a directory (folder) and its contents	Rm -r (rm-r directory name)
Remove file	Rm (file name)

