OPS102 – Week 3 – File Systems

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Activity 1: File Globing

When issuing Linux or Windows commands, it may be **more efficient** (less typing) to use **filename expansion symbols** also called **File Globing** to match files that share similar characteristics (e.g. same file extension) when issuing Linux commands.

Example: You can use a special character to indicate to the Bash shell to match all files that end with the extension ".txt" in your current working directory:

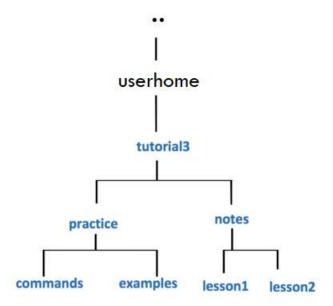
Is *.txt

a.txt b.txt c.txt 1.txt 2.txt 3.txt abc.txt work.txt

Below are the most common Filename Expansion symbols and how they are used for filename expansion:

Filename Expansion	
Symbol	Purpose
*	Asterisk (*) to represent 0 or more characters
?	Question mark (?) to represent exactly one character (any character)
[]	Square brackets ([]) to represent and match for the character enclosed within the square brackets. It represents ONLY ONE character - it's like a Question Mark (?) but with conditions or restrictions.
[!]	Square brackets containing an exclamation mark immediately after the open square bracket ([!]) to represent and match and OPPOSITE character for the character enclosed within the square brackets.

Consider following file hierarchy for the activities in this section. This applies to both of Linux and Windows.



You will now get practice issuing file management commands using **filename expansion symbols**. We will be using the directory structure given above.

A great way to practice filename expansion, use the **touch** command on Linux to create a lot of empty filenames (for windows use any preferred way to create such files.), write the **Is/dir** commands that use **filename expansion**, predict the filenames that will be display, and finally run the command to check your work.

Perform the following steps for Linux and repeat them for windows using equivalent commands learnt previously:

1. Issue a Linux command to move to the **examples** directory (i.e. under *practice* directory as shown in diagram to the right).

Ans: Linux: - mv examples examples1
carora18@mtrx-node03pd:~/tutorial3/practice

[carora18@mtrx-node03pd practice]\$ mv examples examples1
[carora18@mtrx-node03pd practice]\$ ls

commands examples1
[carora18@mtrx-node03pd practice]\$

Windows: - xcopy /e /I examples examples1

```
Command Prompt
C:\tutorial3\practice>dir
 Volume in drive C has no label.
Volume Serial Number is 8465-5951
Directory of C:\tutorial3\practice
01/28/2024 01:23 PM
                        <DIR>
01/28/2024 01:23 PM
                        <DIR>
01/28/2024 01:21 PM
                        <DIR>
                                       commands
01/28/2024 01:21 PM
                        <DIR>
                                       examples
               0 File(s)
                                      0 bytes
              4 Dir(s) 97,091,932,160 bytes free
C:\tutorial3\practice>move examples examples1
       1 dir(s) moved.
C:\tutorial3\practice>dir
Volume in drive C has no label.
Volume Serial Number is 8465-5951
Directory of C:\tutorial3\practice
01/28/2024 01:23 PM
                        <DIR>
01/28/2024 01:23 PM
                        <DIR>
01/28/2024 01:21 PM
                        <DIR>
                                       commands
01/28/2024
           01:21 PM
                       <DIR>
                                       examples1
               0 File(s)
                                      0 bytes
               4 Dir(s) 97,091,932,160 bytes free
C:\tutorial3\practice>
```

2. Issue a Linux command to confirmed that you have moved to the **examples** directory.

Ans: Linux: - Is ~/tutorial3/practice



Windows: - dir tutorial3\practice

```
C:\tutorial3\practice>dir
Volume in drive C has no label.
Volume Serial Number is 8465-5951
Directory of C:\tutorial3\practice
01/28/2024 01:23 PM
01/28/2024 01:23 PM
01/28/2024 01:21 PM
                            <DIR>
                            <DIR>
                                              commands
01/28/2024 01:21 PM
                                              examples
                            <DIR>
                 0 File(s)
                                            0 bytes
                 4 Dir(s) 97,091,932,160 bytes free
C:\tutorial3\practice>move examples examples1
         1 dir(s) moved.
 :\tutorial3\practice>dir
Volume in drive C has no label.
Volume Serial Number is 8465-5951
Directory of C:\tutorial3\practice
01/28/2024 01:23 PM
                            <DIR>
01/28/2024 01:23 PM
01/28/2024 01:21 PM
                            <DIR>
                            <DIR>
                                              commands
01/28/2024 01:21 PM
                            <DIR>
                                             examples1
                 0 File(s)
                                            0 bytes
                 4 Dir(s) 97,091,932,160 bytes free
```

Issue the touch command to create the following empty text files in the examples directory:

(note upper and lowercase letters)

abc.txt
def.text
hij.TxT
1a4.txt
123.TXT
456.txt
6u9.txt
ab2.html
1234.txt
abcdef.txt
abcdef.txt

Ans: Change Directory to examples: - cd ~/tutorial3/practice/examples
Use Touch command: - touch abc.txt def.text hij.Txt 1a4.txt 123.TXT 456.txt 6u9.txt
ab2.html 1234.txt abcdef.txt abcde.txt

```
carora18@mtrx-node03pd:~/tutorial3/practice/examples — — X

[carora18@mtrx-node03pd examples]$ touch abc.txt def.text hij.Txt 1a4.txt 123.TX

[ 456.txt 6u9.txt ab2.html 1234.txt abcdef.txt abcde.txt

[carora18@mtrx-node03pd examples]$ ls

1234.txt 1a4.txt 6u9.txt abcdef.txt abc.txt hij.Txt

123.TXT 456.txt ab2.html abcde.txt def.text

[carora18@mtrx-node03pd examples]$ ]
```

4. If you encounter errors, then make corrections (eg. viewing directory contents, check for correct filename syntax, case sensitivity, missing files, files in the wrong location, etc.)

Ans: Is -I command is used to view detailed directory

```
[carora18@mtrx-node03pd:~/tutorial3/practice/examples
[carora18@mtrx-node03pd examples]$ ls -l
total 0
-rw-r--r-- 1 carora18 users 0 Jan 28 13:29 1234.txt
-rw-r--r-- 1 carora18 users 0 Jan 28 13:29 123.TXT
-rw-r--r-- 1 carora18 users 0 Jan 28 13:29 1a4.txt
-rw-r--r-- 1 carora18 users 0 Jan 28 13:29 456.txt
-rw-r--r-- 1 carora18 users 0 Jan 28 13:29 6u9.txt
-rw-r--r-- 1 carora18 users 0 Jan 28 13:29 abc.html
-rw-r--r-- 1 carora18 users 0 Jan 28 13:29 abcdef.txt
-rw-r--r-- 1 carora18 users 0 Jan 28 13:29 abcdef.txt
-rw-r--r-- 1 carora18 users 0 Jan 28 13:29 abc.txt
-rw-r--r-- 1 carora18 users 0 Jan 28 13:29 abc.txt
-rw-r--r-- 1 carora18 users 0 Jan 28 13:29 def.text
-rw-r--r-- 1 carora18 users 0 Jan 28 13:29 hij.Txt
[carora18@mtrx-node03pd examples]$
```

Issue the Is command to get a listing of files in your examples directory.
 The output should look identical to the diagram displayed below.
 You can refer to this listing to see all files so you can then predict the output from Linux commands that use filename expansion symbols.

```
123.TXT 1234.txt 1a4.txt 456.txt 6u9.txt ab2.html abc.txt abcde.txt abcdef.txt def.text hij.TxT
Ans:-

de la carora 18@mtrx-node 03 pd: ∼/tutorial 3/practice/examples

de la carora 18@mtrx-node 04 pd: √/tutorial 3/practice/examples

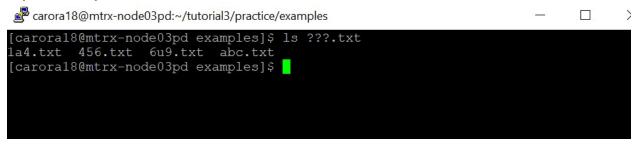
de la carora 18@mtrx-node 
                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           X
     carora18@mtrx-node03pd examples]$ ls
     234.txt la4.txt 6u9.txt abcdef.txt
23.TXT 456.txt ab2.html abcde.txt
                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  abc.txt
                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      hij.TxT
 123.TXT
                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     def.text
    [carora18@mtrx-node03pd examples]$ ls|sort -f
    L23.TXT
    L234.txt
   la4.txt
 456.txt
   6u9.txt
   ab2.html
 abc.txt
 abcde.txt
  abcdef.txt
 hij.TxT
    [carora18@mtrx-node03pd examples]$
```

6. What do you think the output will be from the following Linux command? Is ???.txt

Write down the expected output on paper, then issue the command to check your answer.

Ans:- ? symbol define as one character. So, ??? defines the three characters in file. Is command it used to see the list of files in directory. Is ???.txt the result of this command is it shows the text files in directory which have three characters followed by .txt in their name.

Expected output:- 1a4.txt 456.txt 6u9.txt abc.txt



7. What do you think the output will be from the following Linux command? Is ?????.txt

Write down the expected output on paper, then issue the command to check your answer.

Ans: -? symbol define as one character. So, ????? defines the five characters in file. Is command it used to see the list of files in directory. Is ?????.txt the result of this command is it shows the text files in directory which have five characters followed by .txt in their name.

Expected output:- abcde.txt



8. What do you think the output will be from the following Linux command? Is ??????.txt

Write down the expected output on paper, then issue the command to check your answer.

Ans: -? symbol define as one character. So, ?????? defines the six characters in file. Is command it used to see the list of files in directory. Is ??????.txt the result of this command is it shows the text files in directory which have six characters followed by .txt in their name.

Expected output:- abcdef.txt

```
carora18@mtrx-node03pd:~/tutorial3/practice/examples — — X

[carora18@mtrx-node03pd examples]$ ls ??????.txt

abcdef.txt

[carora18@mtrx-node03pd examples]$
```

What do you think the output will be from the following Linux command?Is [0-9].txt

Write down the expected output on paper, then issue the command to check your answer.br>Did the command work?

What does this teach you about the character class [] symbol?

Ans: - This command will list all the files in the current directory that have a single digit followed by .txt as their name.

Expected output:- ls: cannot access [0-9].txt: No such file or directory

```
carora18@mtrx-node03pd:~/tutorial3/practice/examples — — X

[carora18@mtrx-node03pd examples]$ ls [0-9].txt

ls: cannot access [0-9].txt: No such file or directory
[carora18@mtrx-node03pd examples]$ |
```

This command did not worked.

Square brackets ([]) to represent and match for the character enclosed within the square brackets. It represents ONLY ONE character - it's like a Question Mark (?) but with conditions or restrictions.

10. What do you think the output will be from the following Linux command? Is [0-9][0-9].txt

Write down the expected output on paper, then issue the command to check your answer.

Ans: - This command will list all the files in the current directory that have a three digits followed by .txt as their name.

Expected output:- 456.txt

```
carora18@mtrx-node03pd:~/tutorial3/practice/examples — — X

[carora18@mtrx-node03pd examples]$ ls [0-9][0-9][0-9].txt

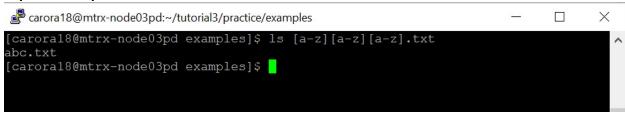
456.txt
[carora18@mtrx-node03pd examples]$
```

11. What do you think the output will be from the following Linux command? Is [a-z][a-z].txt

Write down the expected output on paper, then issue the command to check your answer.

Ans: - This command will list all the files in the current directory that have a three charaters(letters) in lower case from a to z followed by .txt as their name.

Expected output:- abc.txt



12. What do you think the output will be from the following Linux command (using character class with UPPERCASE letters)?:

```
Is [A-Z][A-Z].txt
```

Write down the expected output on paper, then issue the command to check your answer.

Ans: - This command will list all the files in the current directory that have a three charaters(letters) from A to Z followed by .txt as their name. there is no any difference to type upper or lower character in [] braces.

Expected output:- abc.txt

```
carora18@mtrx-node03pd:~/tutorial3/practice/examples — — X

[carora18@mtrx-node03pd examples]$ ls [A-Z][A-Z][A-Z].txt

abc.txt
[carora18@mtrx-node03pd examples]$
```

13. What do you think the output will be from the following Linux command (using character class using alpha-numeric characters)?

```
ls [a-zA-Z0-9][a-zA-Z0-9].txt
```

Write down the expected output on paper, then issue the command to check your answer.

Ans: - This command will list all the files in the current directory that have a three-character name consisting of any combination of letters and digits, followed by .txt as their extension.

Expected output:- 1a4.txt 456.txt 6u9.txt abc.txt

```
carora18@mtrx-node03pd:~/tutorial3/practice/examples — — X

[carora18@mtrx-node03pd examples]$ ls [a-zA-Z0-9][a-zA-Z0-9][a-zA-Z0-9].txt
la4.txt 456.txt 6u9.txt abc.txt
[carora18@mtrx-node03pd examples]$
```

14. What do you think the output will be from the following Linux command?

Is *.txt

Write down the expected output on paper, then issue the command to check your answer. Did ALL text files get listed? Why not?

Ans: - This command will list all the files in the current directory that have .txt as their extension.

Expected output:- 1234.txt 1a4.txt 456.txt 6u9.txt abcdef.txt abcde.txt abc.txt

```
carora18@mtrx-node03pd:~/tutorial3/practice/examples — — X

[carora18@mtrx-node03pd examples]$ ls *.txt

1234.txt la4.txt 456.txt 6u9.txt abcdef.txt abcde.txt abc.txt

[carora18@mtrx-node03pd examples]$
```

15. What do you think the output will be from the following Linux command?

Is *.[tT][xX][tT]

Write down the expected output on paper, then issue the command to check your answer. Did ALL text files get listed this time? If so, why?

Ans: - This command will list all the files in the current directory that have .txt or .txt or .txt as their extension, regardless of the case.

Expected output:- 1234.txt 1a4.txt 6u9.txt abcde.txt hij.TxT 123.TXT 456.txt abcdef.txt abc.txt

```
carora18@mtrx-node03pd:~/tutorial3/practice/examples — — — X

[carora18@mtrx-node03pd examples]$ ls *.[tT][xX][tT]

1234.txt la4.txt 6u9.txt abcde.txt hij.TxT

123.TXT 456.txt abcdef.txt abc.txt

[carora18@mtrx-node03pd examples]$ |
```

Yes all the files listed this time.

16. **NOTE:** We have just been using filename expansion symbols just with the ls command. Filename expansion symbols can be used for ANY Linux file management command (e.g. cat, more, less, cp, mv, rm, ls, etc.).

Let's get some practice issuing these other Linux file management commands.

Ans: - Filename expansion symbols are useful for performing operations on multiple files that match a certain pattern. Some are below:-

cat: - cat command is used to view the content of the file.

more: - more command is used to display in forward page by page.

less: - less command is used to display in backward page by page.

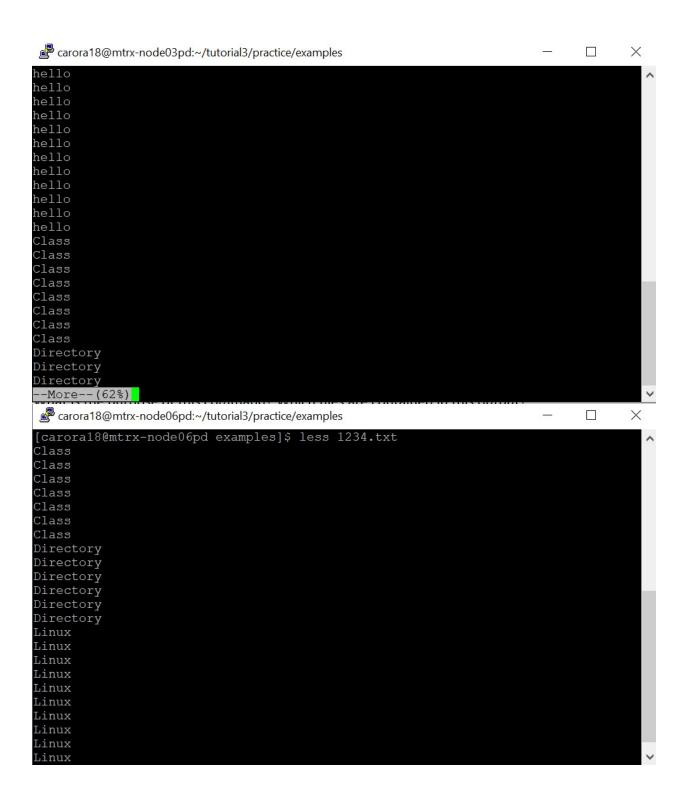
cp: - cp command is used to copy the file as well as directory.

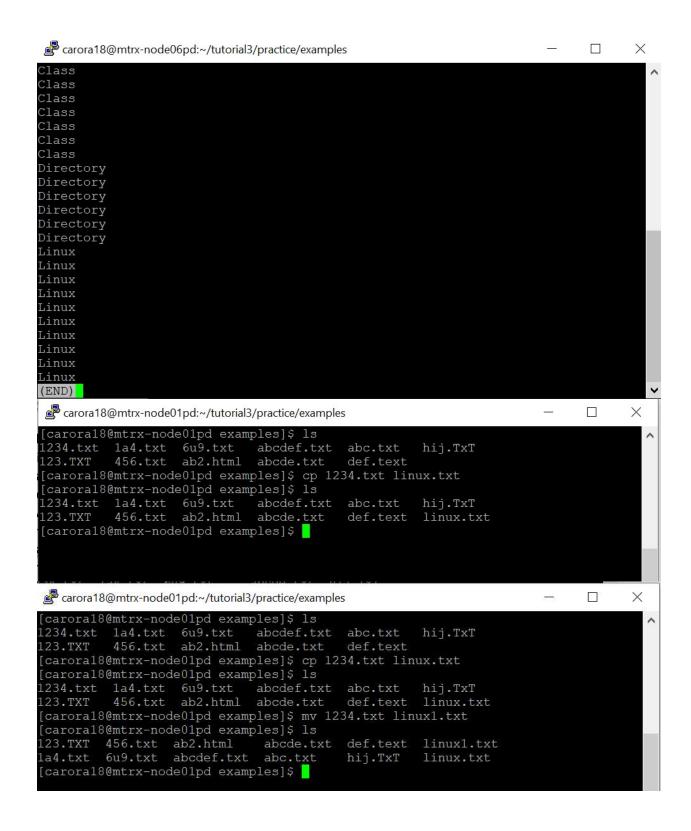
mv: - mv command is used to move the file as well as directory.

rm: - rm command is used to remove/delete the file as well as directory.

ls: - Is command is used to view the content in the file.

```
carora18@mtrx-node03pd:~/tutorial3/practice/examples
                                                                     X
[carora18@mtrx-node03pd examples]$ ls
1234.txt 1a4.txt 6u9.txt
                           abcdef.txt
                                                hij.TxT
                                      abc.txt
123.TXT
         456.txt ab2.html abcde.txt
                                       def.text
[carora18@mtrx-node03pd examples]$ cat 1234.txt
[carora18@mtrx-node03pd examples]$ cls
[carora18@mtrx-node03pd examples]$ ls
abcdef.txt
                                      abc.txt
                                                hij.TxT
123.TXT
         456.txt ab2.html
                           abcde.txt
                                      def.text
```



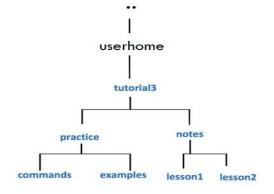


```
carora18@mtrx-node01pd:~/tutorial3/practice/examples
                                                                                      X
 carora18@mtrx-node01pd examples]$ ls
l234.txt la4.txt 6u9.txt abcdef.txt
l23.TXT 456.txt ab2.html abcde.txt
                                 abcdef.txt
                                                            hij.TxT
                                                def.text
123.TXT
[caroral8@mtrx-node01pd examples]$ cp 1234.txt linux.txt
carora18@mtrx-node01pd examples]$ ls
234.txt la4.txt 6u9.txt abcdef.txt
23.TXT 456.txt ab2.html abcde.txt
                                 abcdef.txt
                                                            hij.TxT
123.TXT
[caroral8@mtrx-node01pd examples] $ mv 1234.txt linux1.txt
caroral8@mtrx-node01pd examples]$ ls
123.TXT 456.txt ab2.html la4.txt 6u9.txt abcdef.txt
                                   abcde.txt
                                                def.text
                                                            linux1.txt
                                                hij.TxT
                                   abc.txt
                                                            linux.txt
[caroral8@mtrx-node01pd examples]$ rm linux.txt
[carora18@mtrx-node01pd examples]$ 1s
123.TXT 456.txt ab2.html 1a4.txt 6u9.txt abcdef.txt
                                                def.text linux1.txt
                                   abcde.txt
                                                hij.TxT
[carora18@mtrx-node01pd examples]$
```

17. Issue the following Linux command: file *.[tT][xX][tT]
What is the purpose of this command? Which files are contained in this output?
Ans:- This command display the file type of all the files in the current directory that have .txt or .TXT as their extension, regardless of the case.

```
carora18@mtrx-node01pd:~/tutorial3/practice/examples
                                                                                  X
 carora18@mtrx-node01pd examples]$ file *.[tT][xX][tT]
123.TXT:
             empty
la4.txt:
             empty
456.txt:
             empty
6u9.txt:
             empty
abcdef.txt:
             empty
             empty
abc.txt:
             empty
hij.TxT:
hij.TxT: empty
linuxl.txt: ASCII text
[carora18@mtrx-node01pd examples]$
```

18. Change to the **commands** directory using an **absolute** pathname (use the diagram on right-side for reference).



Ans:- cd /userhome/tutorial3/practice/commands

```
carora18@mtrx-node01pd:~/tutorial3/practice/commands — — X

[carora18@mtrx-node01pd examples]$ cd /home/carora18/tutorial3/practice/commands | Carora18@mtrx-node01pd commands]$
```

19. Issue a Linux command to confirm that you are now in the commands directory.

Ans: carora18@mtrx-node01pd:~/tutorial3/practice/commands — [carora18@mtrx-node01pd examples]\$ cd /home/carora18/tutorial3/practice/commands [carora18@mtrx-node01pd commands]\$ pwd /home/carora18/tutorial3/practice/commands [carora18@mtrx-node01pd commands]\$

20. Issue the following Linux command (lowercase "I" NOT the number "1"):
cp /bin/I*

View the contents of the contents directory. What did this command do?

Ans: carora18@mtrx-node01pd:~/tutorial3/practice/commands X [carora18@mtrx-node01pd commands]\$ cp /bin/l* . [caroral8@mtrx-node01pd commands]\$ ls ldapurl lame libpng-config login lsscsi 1dapwhoami libtool last loginctl lua lastb ld.bfd libtoolize logname luac lastlog ldd link logresolve lualatex linux32 ld.gold latex look luatex latex2html leaftoppm linux64 lprsetup.sh luit linux-boot-prober lwp-download lchfn lefty lchsh less lispmtopqm lsattr lwp-dump list titles 1d lessecho lwp-mirror lsblk ldapadd lesskey 1wp-request ln lscpu lesspipe.sh lneato lsdiff lynx ldapcompare ldapdelete lex loadkeys lsinitrd 1z4 ldapexop lexgrog loadunimap 1z4c lsipc libbluray_test 1z4cat ldapmodify locale lslocks ldapmodrdn libgnutls-config localectl lslogins ldappasswd libnetcfg localedef 1smem ldapsearch libpng15-config logger lsns [carora18@mtrx-node01pd commands]\$

This command copy all the files in the /bin directory that start with the letter I to the current working directory (.).

21. Issue the following Linux command: rm *

View the contents of the contents directory. What did this command do?

Ans:-

```
carora18@mtrx-node01pd:~/tutorial3/practice/commands
                                                                           X
[carora18@mtrx-node01pd commands]$ rm
carora18@mtrx-node01pd commands]$ ls
[carora18@mtrx-node01pd commands]$ pwd
/home/caroral8/tutorial3/practice/commands
[carora18@mtrx-node01pd commands]$
```

rm command is used to remove/delete the files. rm* command deleted all the files from commands

22. Issue the following Linux command (lowercase "I" NOT the number "1"): cp /bin/l? .

View the contents of the contents directory. What did this command do?

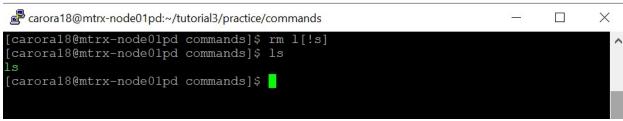
Ans: -

```
carora18@mtrx-node01pd:~/tutorial3/practice/commands
                                                                            X
[carora18@mtrx-node01pd commands]$ cp /bin/1? .
[carora18@mtrx-node01pd commands] $ 1s
ld ln ls
[carora18@mtrx-node01pd commands]$
```

This command copies all the files in the /bin directory whose names start with I and have one more character after that to the current working directory (.).

23. Issue the following Linux command: rm [[!s] View the contents of the contents directory. What did this command do?

Ans: -



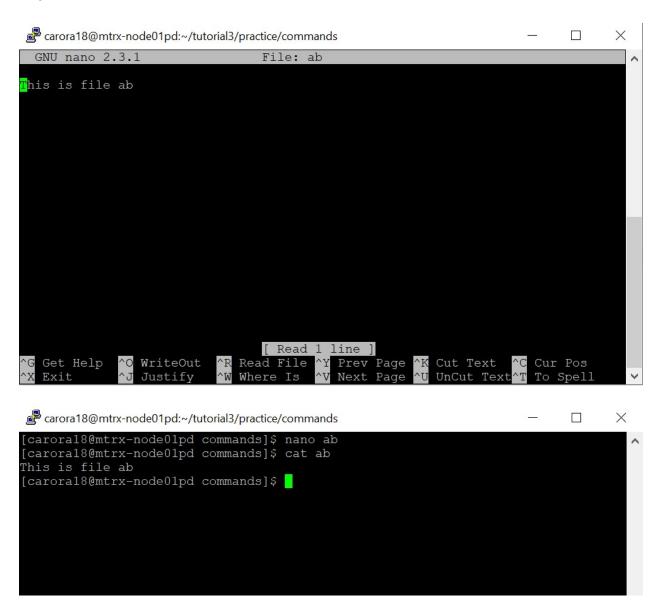
This command removes all the files in the current directory whose names start with I and do not end with s.

24. Use a text editor (nano or vi) to create the file called ab in the commands directory that contains the line of text below,

and then save editing changes to this file:

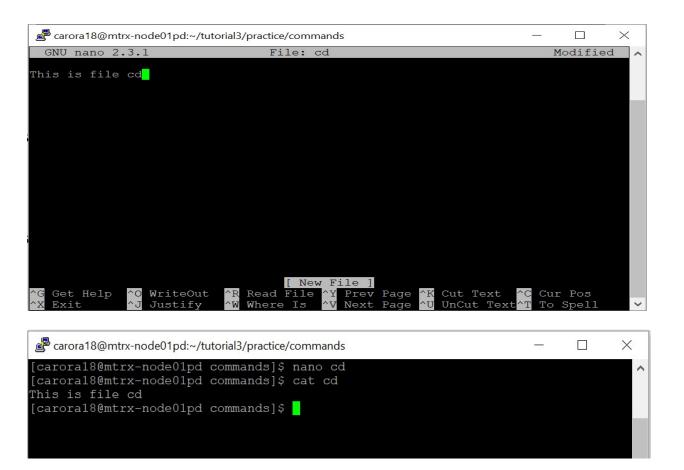
This is file ab

Ans: -



25. Use a text editor (nano or vi) to create the file called **cd** in the **commands** directory that contains the line of text below, and then save editing changes to this file:

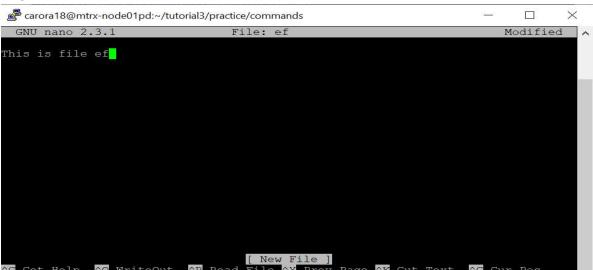
This is file cd



26. Use a text editor (nano or vi) to create the file called **ef** in the **commands** directory that contains the line of text below, and then save editing changes to this file:

This is file ef





```
carora18@mtrx-node01pd:~/tutorial3/practice/commands — X

[carora18@mtrx-node01pd commands]$ nano ef
[carora18@mtrx-node01pd commands]$ cat ef

This is file ef
[carora18@mtrx-node01pd commands]$
```

27. Issue the following Linux command: cat??

View the contents of the contents directory. What did this command do? Why does the output look strange?

NOTE: Press the keys **ctrl-c** to return to the shell prompt.

Ans: -

```
carora18@mtrx-node01pd:~/tutorial3/practice/commands
                                                                                      X
[carora18@mtrx-node01pd commands]$ cat ??
This is file ab
This is file cd
This is file ef
ELF>$C@@___@8
td(__(_a(_a
                 /lib64/ld-linux-x86-64.so.2GNU GNUō
                                                                      |~ BE | qX
& p 0 F% @ Zi :|f $ 'b>
                                                + aF` md 2 iq B 0 a# a a
<*Alibselinux.so.1 qmon start initfqetfileconfreeconlqetfilecon finilibcap.so</p>
.2cap to textcap freecap get filelibacl.so.1acl get entryacl get tag typeacl ext
ended_filelibc.so.6fflushstrcpy__printf_chkfnmatchreaddirsetlocalembrtowcstrncmp
optindstrrchrfflush_unlockeddcgettextstpncpygetpwuidclosedir__mempcpy_chkgetgrgi
derrorsignalmbstowcssigprocmask_stack_chk_fail_lxstatiswprintreallocabort_exit
program_invocation_namestrftime__assert_fail__ctype_get_mb_cur_maxisattygetpwnam
callocstrlenungetcsigemptysetmemsetlocaleconvstrstr errno locationmemcmpmempcpy
setjmp fprintf chksigaddsetgetgrnamwcswidthstdoutlseekmemcpyfclosestrtoulmallo
craisembsinit uflownl langinfoopendir ctype b locgetenvoptarg freadingstderrw
cwidthioctl obstack newchunkreadlinkfscanfgetopt long fxstatfilenofwritegettime
ofdaysigaction__memcpy_chksigismemberclock_gettime__fpendinglocaltimestrchriswcn
trlmktimeprogram invocation short namefdopenwcstombs ctype toupper loc ctype t
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This command displays the contents of all the files in the current directory whose names have exactly two characters. The ?? part is a pattern that matches any two characters. The output of the cat ?? command might look strange because it concatenates the contents of all the matching files without any separation or indication of which file they belong to.

28. Issue the following Linux command: cat [!l][!s]

View the contents of the contents directory. What did this command do? Does the output look better? If so, why?

Ans: -

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carora18@mtrx-node01pd:~/tutorial3/practice/commands — — X

[carora18@mtrx-node01pd commands]$ cat [!1][!s]

This is file ab

This is file cd

This is file ef
[carora18@mtrx-node01pd commands]$
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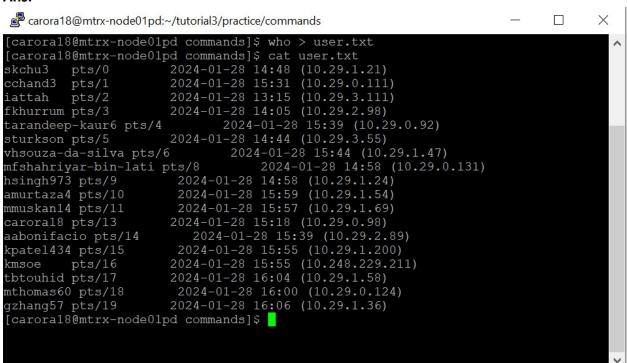
This command displays the contents of all the files in the current directory whose names do not start with I and do not end with s. The [!] part is a pattern that matches any single character except I, and the [!s] part is a pattern that matches any single character except s. Yes, the output look better because the command excludes the files whose names start with I and end with s, which might have different formats or contents than the other files.

Activity 2: Piping and Redirection

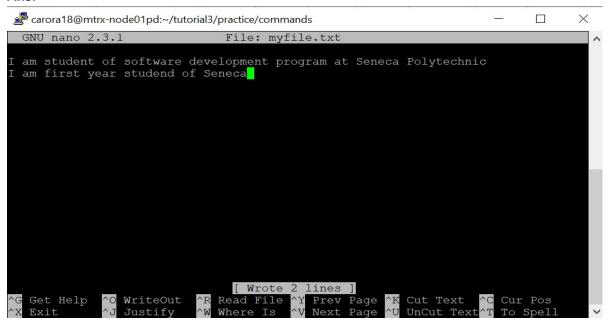
1. Write command to transfer the output of ls command to a file myfiles.txt

2. Write command to transfer the output of who command to a file user.txt

Ans: -



3. Using nano editor to write following text in a file *myfile.txt*I am student of software development program at Seneca Polytechnic
I am first year student of Seneca





4. Write command to search word Seneca in file myfile.txt

