

Command line basics:

2016 HPC boot camp

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Preliminaries

My assumption

You have completed the pre-workshop prep material

[https://www.rc.colorado.edu/training/workshop/
2016basicsbootcamp](https://www.rc.colorado.edu/training/workshop/2016basicsbootcamp)

if not, do so now

Our etherpad

<https://etherpad.net/p/hpcboot-bash>

Help

- ▶ chat
- ▶ stickies
- ▶ helpers
- ▶ neighbors



Figure 1:

Get data

(link on etherpad)

<https://www.dropbox.com/s/bhbg6qsjalpm56q/data-shell.zip?dl=0>

1. Download .zip file
2. Extract onto Desktop
3. Verify that you have a folder called data-shell
4. Green sticky when done

Let's go back



Figure 2:

Open a terminal emulator

Macintosh

Cmd+space: terminal

Windows

Windows key, then type “Git Bash” and press enter

Navigation

Key commands

List directory contents

`ls`

Change directory

`cd`

Print working directory

`pwd`

Challenge

What is your working directory?

What is in your working directory?

Solution

What is your working directory?

```
pwd
```

What is in your working directory?

```
ls
```

Flags

```
ls -a    # show all
```

```
ls -l    # long form
```

```
ls -h    # human readable
```

```
ls -F    # append indicators
```

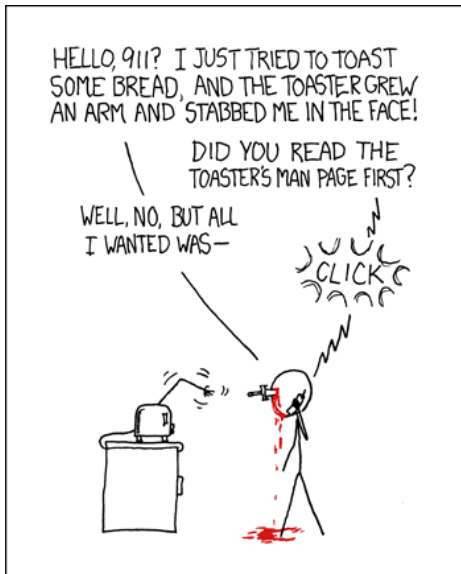
```
ls -R    # recursively list files
```

```
ls -R -a -h -l -F
```

```
ls -RahlF
```

Man pages (q to exit)

man ls



Challenge

1. Navigate to the folder `data-shell/`
2. List all of the files in that folder (including hidden files)

Solution

```
cd Desktop/data-shell
```

```
ls -a
```


Listing contents of directory

```
ls creatures
```

Challenge

1. List the contents of `data-shell/data/pdb/` **without changing your current working directory**

Solution

```
ls data/pdb
```

Where is home?

Use `cd ~` to navigate home.

1. What is the path to your home directory?
2. Is your home path the same as your neighbor's?

What's in your root directory?

Challenge:

List the contents of your root directory *without navigating to it*
i.e., do not use `cd`

Solution

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Relative vs. absolute paths

Relative:

```
cd Desktop
```

```
cd ../Documents
```

Absolute:

```
cd /Users/max/Desktop
```

Challenge: using absolute vs. relative paths

Challenge: predicting output

`pwd` displays `/Users/thing/`

What will `ls ../backup` display?

Going up in the file tree

`..` always* refers to one level up in the directory tree

Files and directories

Key commands

`nano`

`rm`

`mkdir`

`mv`

`cp`

File operations

1. Use nano to edit data-shell/writing/haiku.txt
2. Put haiku.txt in data-shell/writing/old/

Bonus: Open a file with nano in read-only mode

Wildcards

```
In data-shell/molecules/
```

```
ls *.pdb
```

```
ls p*
```

```
ls *thane*
```

Single character equivalent is ?

```
ls ?thane.pdb
```

Using wildcards

When run in the molecules directory, which ls command will produce this output?

ethane.pdb methane.pdb

1. `ls *t*ane.pdb`
2. `ls *t?ne.*`
3. `ls *t??ne.pdb`
4. `ls ethane.*`

Bonus

Put all files with “thane” in the filename in a new directory called thanes/

Counting words, lines, and characters

In data-shell/molecules/

Count the number of lines in each .pdb file

```
wc *.pdb
```


Redirecting output

```
wc *.pdb > counts.txt
```

Piping

```
wc *.pdb | sort
```

Output from command 1 → input for command 2

Challenge

Create a file `data-shell/data/pdb/line-counts.txt` that:

- ▶ contains line counts for each `.pdb` file in `data-shell/data/pdb` with a molecule name ending in “ol”
- ▶ is sorted from smallest to largest line count

Hint: use wildcards, piping, and output redirection

Solution

Create a file `data-shell/data/pdb/line-counts.txt` that:

- ▶ contains line counts for each `.pdb` file in `data-shell/data/pdb` with a molecule name ending in “ol”
- ▶ is sorted from smallest to largest line count

```
cd data/pdb
```

```
wc -l *ol.pdb | sort > line-counts.txt
```