

Concise Bash: For those who know it, but sometimes need a memory jogger.

Shell:

- Single quotes = literal. Nothing expanded.
- Double quotes = expanded.
- Backticks = evaluate the expression in here (echo `pwd` is equal to pwd)
- vars (case sensitive!):
 - test="Hello world"
 - \$test expands the variable. Encase in double quotes if there can be spaces inside, as it can break commands

cat file1 file2 fileN:

- Prints files to stdout

chmod [opts] file:

- Numeric mode: UserGroupAll read (4) write (2) execute (1)
 - EG: chmod 755 file == owner rwx, group rx, all rx
- Symbolic mode, defaults to all:
 - user, group, outside group (rarely used), all
 - read, write, execute (others unimportant)
 - Directory: Execute means you can traverse, read means you can ls
 - + to add, - to remove, = to be those perms and only those perms
 - EG: chmod =rwx,g+r,u+x file Everyone rwx, group +r, owner +x

cp [-r] SOURCE DESTINATION:

- -r: if a directory is to be copied, copy it and everything inside it

cut [-f -d] file:

- -f: comma separated list of fields, 1 indexed. EG: -f1,4 (note **no spaces**)
- -d: specify the delimiter EG: -d ' ' for space separated data.

grep [opt] [search] file:

- -v inverts matches
- Regex:
 - ^, \$: start of line, end of line respectively
 - \ : escape a character
 - [] : match *anything* inside the brackets, can use range eg [0-9]
 - [^] : match anything *but* what's inside
 - . (period) : any character **If you want a literal dot, escape it!**
 - * 0 or more chars. Greedy. If preceded by a token (eg: a group) will match that instead of anything

head [-n X] file:

- Display the first 10 lines of the file (ie. -n 10)
- -n X (or -X) : Display the first X lines of the file.
 - When using -n, some versions of head allow X to be a negative number, ie -n -X, which will result in all except the *last X lines* being printed.

ln [-s] TARGET LINK_NAME :

- By default makes a hard link, **cannot use this for directories** as it breaks the tree!
- -s : symbolic link, for directories and files.

ls [-ladi] directory :

- -a : all files (include files starting with a dot)
- -l : Long format: Permissions, link count, owner, group, filesize, modified time, name
- -d : don't dereference symlinks
- -i : print the index number (inode) of each file

mv SOURCE DESTINATION

ps [-ef] :

- -e : Show all processes
- -f : full format

rm [-rf] file :

- Delete stuff
- -r : recurse through any directories specified for deletion, removing all inner contents
- -f : ignore nonexistent files, never prompt for deletion

rmdir directory :

- Removes an empty directory. Won't do anything if the directory has files/folders!

sort [-r -k] file :

- -r : reverse (normally ascending, changes to descending)
- -k sort by key (origin 1). Columns chosen by blank to non blank transition

svn [commit add remove move update info log status diff] :

- commit : will open the default editor for commit message, or supply -m to skip
- move : SRC DEST
- update : syncs local sandbox with the server. If you have made local changes, it will try and merge any changes on the server with your changes *on your machine*
- info : stats and stuff for your repo
- log : commit log, may be out of date if you've yet to update
- status : What files have what status, ? = untracked, M modified, A added, D deleted, others not really needed for 2310

tail [-n N] file :

- Show the last 10 lines in the file (ie. -n 10)
- -n X (or -X) : Display the last X lines of the file.
 - When using -n, some versions of tail allow X to be a positive number, ie -n +X, which will result in all except the *first X lines* being printed. When using -n, X is interpreted as **negative by default**.

uniq [-c] file :

- Ditches duped lines *as they come*. **Make sure to sort first if you want global uniqueness**
- -c : prefix lines with their count

wc [-l] file :

- Default output: newline, word, bytes, filename
- -l : Count newlines only, *filename column is still there!*

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(Mostly just copied from manuals)

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grep - Print lines matching a pattern

grep [options] PATTERN [FILE...]
grep [options] [-e PATTERN | -f FILE] [FILE...]
Grep searches the named input FILES (or standard input if no files are named, or the file name - is given) for lines containing a match to the given PATTERN. By default, grep prints the matching lines.

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uniq - Report or filter out repeated lines in a file

uniq [-c | -d | -u] [-i] [-f num] [-s chars] [input_file [output_file]]
The **uniq** utility reads the specified input_file comparing adjacent lines, and writes a copy of each unique input line to the output_file. If input_file is a single dash ('-') or absent, the standard input is read. If output_file is absent, standard output is used for output. The second and succeeding copies of identical adjacent input lines are not written. Repeated lines in the input will not be detected if they are not adjacent, so it may be necessary to sort the files first.

-c Precede each output line with the count of the number of times the line occurred in the input, followed by a single space.

cat - Concatenate and print files

cat [-benstuv] [file ...]
The **cat** utility reads files sequentially, writing them to the standard output. The file operands are processed in command-line order. If file is a single dash ('-') or absent, **cat** reads from the standard input. If file is a UNIX tdomain socket, **cat** connects to it and then reads it until EOF. This complements the UNIX domain binding capability available in inetd(8).

head - Display first lines of a file

head [-n count | -c bytes] [file ...]
This filter displays the first count lines or bytes of each of the specified files, or of the standard input if no files are specified. If count is omitted it defaults to 10.

If more than a single file is specified, each file is preceded by a header consisting of the string ``==> XXX <=='' where ``XXX'' is the name of the file.

-n negative n counts back from the last line

tail - Display the last part of a file

tail [-F | -f | -r] [-q] [-b number | -c number | -n number] [file ...]
The **tail** utility displays the contents of file or, by default, its standard input, to the standard output.

The display begins at a byte, line or 512-byte block location in the input. Numbers having a leading plus ('+') sign are relative to the beginning of the input, for example, ``-c +2'' starts the display at the

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ls - List directory contents

ls [-ABCFGHLOPRSTUW@abcdeghiklmnopqrstuvwxyz] [file ...]
For each operand that names a file of a type other than directory, **ls** displays its name as well as any requested, associated information. For each operand that names a file of type directory, **ls** displays the names of files contained within that directory, as well as any requested, associated information.

If no operands are given, the contents of the current directory are displayed. If more than one operand is given, non-directory operands are displayed first; directory and non-directory operands are sorted separately and in lexicographical order.

-l List in long format. In terminal, total sum of file sizes displayed before listing

-a Include directory entries whose names begin with a dot (.).
-d Directories are listed as plain files (not searched recursively).
-i For each file, print the file's file serial number (inode number).

ps - Process status

ps [-AaCcEefhjlMmrSTvwXx] [-O fmt | -o fmt] [-G gid[,gid...]]
[-g grp[,grp...]] [-u uid[,uid...]] [-p pid[,pid...]]
[-t tty[,tty...]] [-U user[,user...]]

ps [-L]

The **ps** utility displays a header line, followed by lines containing information about all of your processes that have controlling terminals.

-e Display information about other users' processes, including those without controlling terminals.
-f Display the uid, pid, parent pid, recent CPU usage, process start time, controlling tty, elapsed CPU usage, and the associated command. If the -u option is also used, display the user name rather than the numeric uid.

sort - Sort lines of text files

sort [OPTION]... [FILE]...
Write sorted concatenation of all FILE(s) to standard output.

-r reverse the result of comparisons
-k --key=POS1[,POS2] start at POS1 and end at POS2
-u filter out duplicate lines

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second byte of the input. Numbers having a leading minus ('-') sign or no explicit sign are relative to the end of the input, for example, ``-n 2'' displays the last two lines of the input. The default starting location is ``-n 10'', or the last 10 lines of the input.

cut - Cut out selected portions of each line of a file

cut -b list [-n] [file ...]
cut -c list [file ...]
cut -f list [-d delim] [-s] [file ...]

The **cut** utility cuts out selected portions of each line (as specified by list) from each file and writes them to the standard output. If no file arguments are specified, or a file argument is a single dash ('-'), **cut** reads from the standard input. The items specified by list can be in terms of column position or in terms of fields delimited by a special character. Column numbering starts from 1.

The list option argument is a comma or whitespace separated set of numbers and/or number ranges. Number ranges consist of a number, a dash ('-'), and a second number and select the fields or columns from the first number to the second, inclusive. Numbers or number ranges may be preceded by a dash, which selects all fields or columns from 1 to the last number. Numbers or number ranges may be followed by a dash, which selects all fields or columns from the last number to the end of the line. Numbers and number ranges may be repeated, overlapping, and in any order. If a field or column is specified multiple times, it will appear only once in the output. It is not an error to select fields or columns not present in the input line.

-f list The list specifies fields, separated in the input by the field delimiter character (see the -d option.) Output fields are separated by a single occurrence of the field delimiter character.

-d delim Use delim as the field delimiter character instead of the tab character.

wc - Word, line, character, and byte count

wc [-clmw] [file ...]

The **wc** utility displays the number of lines, words, and bytes contained in each input file, or standard input (if no file is specified) to the standard output. A line is defined as a string of characters delimited by a <newline> character. Characters beyond the final <newline> character will not be included in the line count.

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A word is defined as a string of characters delimited by white space characters. White space characters are the set of characters for which the `isspace(3)` function returns true. If more than one input file is specified, a line of cumulative counts for all the files is displayed on a separate line after the output for the last file.

`-l` The number of lines in each input file is written to the standard output.

diff - Compare files line by line

`diff [OPTION]... FILES`

svn - Subversion command line client tool

`svn command [options] [args]`

`commit (ci)`

`commit [PATH...]` Send changes from your working copy to the repository.

`add`

`add PATH...` Put files and directories under version control, scheduling them for addition to repository. They will be added in next commit.

`delete (del, remove, rm)`

`delete PATH...` Each item specified by a `PATH` is scheduled for deletion upon the next commit. Files, and directories that have not been committed, are immediately removed from the working copy unless the `--keep-local` option is given.

PATHs that are, or contain, unversioned or modified items will not be removed unless the `--force` option is given.

`delete URL...` Each item specified by a `URL` is deleted from the repository via an immediate commit.

`move (mv, rename, ren)`

`move SRC... DST` Move and/or rename something in working copy or repository. When moving multiple sources, they will be added as children of `DST`, which must be a directory.

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paths. `OLD-TGT` and `NEW-TGT` may be working copy paths or `URL[@REV]`. `NEW-TGT` defaults to `OLD-TGT` if not specified. `-r N` makes `OLDREV` default to `N`, `-r N:M` makes `OLDREV` default to `N` and `NEWREV` default to `M`.

`diff OLD-URL[@OLDREV] NEW-URL[@NEWREV]`

Shorthand for `'svn diff --old=OLD-URL[@OLDREV] --new=NEW-URL[@NEWREV]'`

Use just `'svn diff'` to display local modifications in a working copy.

chmod - Change file modes or Access Control Lists

`chmod [-fv] [-R [-H | -L | -P]] mode file ...`
`chmod [-fv] [-R [-H | -L | -P]] [-a | +a | =a] ACE file ...`
`chmod [-fhv] [-R [-H | -L | -P]] [-E] file ...`
`chmod [-fhv] [-R [-H | -L | -P]] [-C] file ...`
`chmod [-fhv] [-R [-H | -L | -P]] [-N] file ...`

`who` ::= `a | u | g | o`
The who symbols `''u''`, `''g''`, and `''o''` specify the user, group, and other parts of the mode bits, respectively. The who symbol `''a''` is equivalent to `''ugo''`.

`op` ::= `+ | - | =`

`perm` ::= `r | s | t | w | x | X | u | g | o`

The perm symbols represent the portions of the mode bits as follows:

<code>r</code>	The read bits.
<code>s</code>	The set-user-ID-on-execution and set-group-ID-on-execution bits.
<code>t</code>	The sticky bit.
<code>w</code>	The write bits.
<code>x</code>	The execute/search bits.
<code>X</code>	The execute/search bits if the file is a directory or any of the execute/search bits are set in the original (unmodified) mode. Operations with the perm symbol <code>''X''</code> are only meaningful in conjunction with the <code>op</code> symbol <code>''+''</code> , and are ignored in all other cases.
<code>u</code>	The user permission bits in the original mode of the file.
<code>g</code>	The group permission bits in the original mode of the file.
<code>o</code>	The other permission bits in the original mode of the file.

ln, link - makes links

`ln [-Ffhinsv] source_file [target_file]`

`update (up)`

`update [PATH...]` Bring changes from the repository into the working copy. If no revision is given, bring working copy up-to-date with `HEAD` rev. Else synchronize working copy to revision given by `-r`. For each updated item a line will start with a character reporting the action taken. These characters have the following meaning:
`A` Added, `D` Deleted, `U` Updated, `C` Conflict, `G` Merged, `E` Existed

`info`

`info [TARGET[@REV]...]` Display information about a local or remote item. Print information about each `TARGET` (default: `''.'`). `TARGET` may be either a working-copy path or `URL`. If specified, `REV` determines in which revision the target is first looked up.

`log`

Show the log messages for a set of revision(s) and/or file(s).

`log [PATH]` Print the log messages for a local `PATH` (default: `''.'`). The default revision range is `BASE:1`.

`log URL[@REV] [PATH...]` Print the log messages for the `PATHs` (default: `''.'`) under `URL`. If specified, `REV` determines in which revision the `URL` is first looked up, and the default revision range is `REV:1`; otherwise, the `URL` is looked up in `HEAD`, and the default revision range is `HEAD:1`.

`status (stat, st)`

`status [PATH...]` Print the status of working copy files and directories.

`diff (di)`

`diff [-c M | -r N[:M]] [TARGET[@REV]...]`

Display the changes made to `TARGETs` as they are seen in `REV` between two revisions. `TARGETs` may be all working copy paths or all `URLs`. If `TARGETs` are working copy paths, `N` defaults to `BASE` and `M` to the working copy; if `URLs`, `N` must be specified and `M` defaults to `HEAD`. The `''-c M''` option is equivalent to `''-r N:M''` where `N = M-1`. Using `''-c -M''` does the reverse: `''-r M:N''` where `N = M-1`.

`diff [-r N[:M]] --old=OLD-TGT[@OLDREV] [--new=NEW-TGT[@NEWREV]] [PATH...]` Display the differences between `OLD-TGT` as it was seen in `OLDREV` and `NEW-TGT` as it was seen in `NEWREV`. `PATHs`, if given, are relative to `OLD-TGT` and `NEW-TGT` and restrict the output to differences for those

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`ln [-Ffhinsv] source_file ... target_dir`
`link source_file target_file`

The `ln` utility creates a new directory entry (linked file) which has the same modes as the original file. It is useful for maintaining multiple copies of a file in many places at once without using up storage for the `''copies''`; instead, a link `''points''` to the original copy. There are two types of links; hard links and symbolic links. How a link `''points''` to a file is one of the differences between a hard and symbolic link.

`-s` Create a symbolic link

rm, unlink - remove directory entries

`rm [-dfrPrvW] file ...`
`unlink file`

The `rm` utility attempts to remove the non-directory type files specified on the command line. If the permissions of the file do not permit writing, and the standard input device is a terminal, the user is prompted (on the standard error output) for confirmation.

`-r` recursive
`-f` Force (no confirmation)

mkdir - make directories

`mkdir [-pv] [-m mode] directory_name ...`

The `mkdir` utility creates the directories named as operands, in the order specified, using mode `rwrxrwx` (0777) as modified by the current `umask(2)`.

rmdir - removes directories

`rmdir [-p] directory ...`

The `rmdir` utility removes the directory entry specified by each directory argument, provided it is empty.

Arguments are processed in the order given. In order to remove both a parent directory and a subdirectory of that parent, the subdirectory must be specified first so the parent directory is empty when `rmdir` tries to remove it.

cp - copy files

`cp [-R [-H | -L | -P]] [-fi | -n] [-apvX] source_file target_file`
`cp [-R [-H | -L | -P]] [-fi | -n] [-apvX] source_file... target_directory`
In the first synopsis form, the `cp` utility copies the contents of the `source_file` to the `target_file`. In the second synopsis form, the `con-`

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tents of each named source_file is copied to the destination target_directory. The names of the files themselves are not changed. If cp detects an attempt to copy a file to itself, the copy will fail.

-R If source_file designates a directory, cp copies the directory and the entire subtree connected at that point. If the source_file ends in a /, the contents of the directory are copied rather than the directory itself. This option also causes symbolic links to be copied, rather than indirected through, and for cp to create special files rather than copying them as normal files. Created directories have the same mode as the corresponding source directory, unmodified by the process' umask.

In -R mode, cp will continue copying even if errors are detected.

Note that cp copies hard-linked files as separate files. If you need to preserve hard links, consider using tar(1), cpio(1), or pax(1) instead.

mv - move files

```
mv [-f | -i | -n] [-v] source target
mv [-f | -i | -n] [-v] source ... directory
```

In its first form, the mv utility renames the file named by the source operand to the destination path named by the target operand. This form is assumed when the last operand does not name an already existing directory.

In its second form, mv moves each file named by a source operand to a destination file in the existing directory named by the directory operand. The destination path for each operand is the pathname produced by the concatenation of the last operand, a slash, and the final pathname component of the named file.

vim - Vi IMproved, a programmers text editor

```
vim [options] [file ..]
vim [options] -
vim [options] -t tag
vim [options] -q [errorfile]
```

pico - Nano's ANOther editor, an enhanced free Pico clone

```
nano [OPTIONS] [[+LINE,COLUMN] FILE]...
```

Shell Commands

grep [-v] [\$ ^ . *]

Synopsis

```
grep [OPTIONS] PATTERN [FILE...]
```

Description

grep searches the named input FILES (or standard input if no files are named, or if a single hyphen-minus (-) is given as file name) for lines containing a match to the given PATTERN. By default, grep prints the matching lines.

Examples

```
s4258788@moss:~/csse2310/exam$ cat foo
apples
bananas
capsicums
drugs
eggplants
fennels
```

```
s4258788@moss:~/csse2310/exam$ grep an foo
bananas
eggplants
```

-v, --invert match

Invert the sense of matching, to select non-matching lines.

Examples

```
s4258788@moss:~/csse2310/exam$ grep -v an foo
apples
capsicums
drugs
fennels
```

* (asterisk)

The preceding item will be matched zero or more times

. (period)

Matches any single (one) character

^ (carat)

Matches the empty string at the beginning of a line

\$ (dollar)

Matches the empty string at the end of a line

ls [-ladi]

Synopsis

```
ls [OPTION]... [FILE]...
```

Description

List information about the FILES (the current directory by default). Sort entries

alphabetically if none of -cftuvSUX nor --sort.

-a, --all

do not ignore entries starting with .

-i, --inode

print the index number of each file

-l

use a long listing format

-d, --directory

list directory entries instead of contents, and do not dereference symbolic links

Examples

```
s4258788@moss:~/csse2310/exam$ ls -a
. .. .bar baz foo mydir myfile
```

```
s4258788@moss:~/csse2310/exam$ ls -l
total 12
-rw-r--r-- 1 s4258788 students 0 Apr 16 15:34 baz
-rw-r--r-- 1 s4258788 students 49 Apr 16 14:58 foo
drwxr-xr-x 2 s4258788 students 4096 Apr 16 15:36 mydir
-rw-r--r-- 1 s4258788 students 14 Apr 16 15:34 myfile

s4258788@moss:~/csse2310/exam$ ls -li
total 12
33974218 -rw-r--r-- 1 s4258788 students 0 Apr 16 15:34 baz
28434368 -rw-r--r-- 1 s4258788 students 49 Apr 16 14:58 foo
32850991 drwxr-xr-x 2 s4258788 students 4096 Apr 16 15:36 mydir
8965819 -rw-r--r-- 1 s4258788 students 14 Apr 16 15:34 myfile
```

```
s4258788@moss:~/csse2310/exam$ ls -ld
drwxr-xr-x 3 s4258788 students 4096 Apr 16 15:36 .
```

ps [-ef]

Synopsis

```
ps [options]
```

Description

ps displays information about a selection of the active processes.

-e

Select all processes. Identical to -A.

-f

Does full format listing.

Examples

```
s4258788@moss:~/csse2310/exam$ ps
PID TTY TIME CMD
52410 pts/167 00:00:00 bash
64185 pts/167 00:00:00 ps

s4258788@moss:~/csse2310/exam$ ps -f
UID PID PPID C STIME TTY TIME CMD
s4258788 52410 52409 0 14:45 pts/167 00:00:00 -bash
s4258788 64187 52410 29 15:43 pts/167 00:00:00 ps -f

s4258788@moss:~/csse2310/exam$ ps -e
PID TTY TIME CMD
1 ? 00:01:00 init
2 ? 00:00:02 kthreadd
3 ? 00:00:01 migration/0
4 ? 00:00:13 ksoftirqd/0
5 ? 00:00:00 migration/0
6 ? 00:00:00 watchdog/0
7 ? 00:00:06 migration/1
8 ? 00:00:00 migration/1
9 ? 00:04:21 ksoftirqd/1
... etc...
65097 ? 00:06:56 tmux
65098 pts/25 00:00:00 bash
65109 pts/167 00:00:00 ps
65110 pts/167 00:00:00 less
65264 ? 00:10:15 tmux
65265 pts/113 00:00:00 bash
```

sort [-r -k]

Synopsis

sort [OPTION]... [FILE]...

Description

Write sorted concatenation of all FILE(s) to standard output.

-r, --reverse

reverse the result of comparisons

-k, --key=POS1[,POS2]

start a key at POS1 (origin 1), end it at POS2 (default end of line)

Examples

```
s4258788@moss:~/csse2310/exam$ cat 1sort
apple
guava
banana
```

```
s4258788@moss:~/csse2310/exam$ sort 1sort
apple
banana
guava
```

```
s4258788@moss:~/csse2310/exam$ sort -r 1sort
guava
banana
apple
```

```
s4258788@moss:~/csse2310/exam$ ls -l
total 12
-rw-r--r-- 1 s4258788 students 19 Apr 16 16:21 1sort
-rw-r--r-- 1 s4258788 students 7 Apr 16 16:21 3sort
-rw-r--r-- 1 s4258788 students 63 Apr 16 16:22 6sort
```

```
s4258788@moss:~/csse2310/exam$ ls -l | sort -k 5
total 12
-rw-r--r-- 1 s4258788 students 7 Apr 16 16:21 3sort
-rw-r--r-- 1 s4258788 students 19 Apr 16 16:21 1sort
-rw-r--r-- 1 s4258788 students 63 Apr 16 16:22 6sort
```

(Sorted by the 5th column)

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uniq [-c]

uniq -- report or omit repeated lines

Synopsis

uniq [OPTION]... [INPUT [OUTPUT]]

Description

Filter adjacent matching lines from INPUT (or standard input), writing to OUTPUT (or standard output).

With no options, matching lines are merged to the first occurrence.

-c, --count

prefix lines by the number of occurrences

Examples

```
s4258788@moss:~/csse2310/exam$ cat foo
this line is not repeated
this line is repeated 4 times
this line is repeated 4 times
this line is repeated 4 times
this line is repeated 4 times
this line is not
but this line is
but this line is
what about me?
nope, you aren't! but i am
nope, you aren't! but i am
```

```
s4258788@moss:~/csse2310/exam$ uniq foo
this line is not repeated
this line is repeated 4 times
this line is not
but this line is
what about me?
nope, you aren't! but i am
```

```
s4258788@moss:~/csse2310/exam$ uniq -c foo
1 this line is not repeated
4 this line is repeated 4 times
1 this line is not
2 but this line is
1 what about me?
2 nope, you aren't! but i am
```

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cat

cat -- concatenate files and print on the standard output

Synopsis

cat [OPTION]... [FILE]...

Description

Concatenate FILE(s), or standard input, to standard output.

Examples

```
s4258788@moss:~/csse2310/exam$ cat
hello (input in italics)
hello
you there?
you there?
bye
bye
^D (Control-D. 'End of File') (Not shown on console)
```

```
s4258788@moss:~/csse2310/exam$ cat bar
Hello, World!
```

```
s4258788@moss:~/csse2310/exam$ cat baz
Another file.
```

```
s4258788@moss:~/csse2310/exam$ cat bar baz
Hello, World!
Another file.
```

```
s4258788@moss:~/csse2310/exam$ cat bar - baz
Hello, World!
this is input
this is input
^D
Another file.
```

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head [-]

head -- output the first part of files

Synopsis

head [OPTION]... [FILE]...

Description

Print the first 10 lines of each FILE to standard output. With more than one FILE,

precede each with a header giving the file name. With no FILE, or when FILE is -,

read standard input.

-n (number)

prints the first "n" lines instead of the first 10

Examples

```
s4258788@moss:~/csse2310/exam$ head -4 foo
This is a file with more than 10 lines.
I'm not going to include it, you'll just have to trust me on this one.
What? You don't trust me? Well too bad, so sad.
Monkey see, monkey do
```

```
s4258788@moss:~/csse2310/exam$ head bar
I think this file has a few less than ten lines.
Yep! and I can prove it
or can i?
```

```
s4258788@moss:~/csse2310/exam$ head -2 foo bar
==> foo <==
This is a file with more than 10 lines.
I'm not going to include it, you'll just have to trust me on this one.
```

```
==> bar <==
I think this file has a few less than ten lines.
Yep! and I can prove it
```

```
s4258788@moss:~/csse2310/exam$ grep and foo | head
and why did he want a face?
well... i can tell you and i won't feel too bad or sad
or mad or mad and sand
like a sand castle
or a jumping castle that is bouncy and fun
```

tail[-]

Look at head and reverse it.

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cut [-f -d]

cut - remove sections from each line of files

Synopsis

cut OPTION... [FILE]...

Description

Print selected parts of lines from each FILE to standard output.

-f, --fields=LIST

select only these fields; also print any line that contains no delimiter character, unless the -s option is specified

-d, --delimiter=DELIM

use DELIM instead of TAB for field delimiter

Examples

(Not really sure on this one, sorry)

A file x.cols has columns separated by `:`. Output the second column of x.cols
-> cut -d ':' -f 2

A file nums consists of 4 space separated columns. Output columns 1, 3, 4 sorted by the last column
cut -d ' ' -f1,3,4 nums | sort -k 3
OR
sort -k 4 nums | cut -d ' ' -f1,3,4
OR
cat nums | cut -d ' ' -f1,3,4 | sort -k 3

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wc [-l]

wc - print newline, word, and byte counts for each file

Synopsis

wc [OPTION]... [FILE]...

Description

Print newline, word, and byte counts for each FILE, and a total line if more than one FILE is specified. With no FILE, or when FILE is -, read standard input.

-l, --lines

print the newline counts

Examples

s4258788@moss:~/csse2310/exam\$ wc foo
19 100 469 foo

s4258788@moss:~/csse2310/exam\$ wc foo -l
19 foo

s4258788@moss:~/csse2310/exam\$ wc foo bar baz -l
19 foo
3 bar
1 baz
23 total

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diff

Synopsis

diff [OPTION]... FILES

Description

diff - compare files line by line

Examples

s4258788@moss:~/csse2310/exam\$ cat bar
these files are almost the same
but not quite.
something is different

s4258788@moss:~/csse2310/exam\$ cat baz
These files are almost the same.
But something is a little different.

s4258788@moss:~/csse2310/exam\$ cat baz
These files are completely
and utterly identical
Seriously, one is a direct copy of the other

s4258788@moss:~/csse2310/exam\$ cat faz
These files are completely
and utterly identical
Seriously, one is a direct copy of the other

s4258788@moss:~/csse2310/exam\$ diff foo bar
1,3c1,2
< these files are almost the same
< but not quite.
< something is different

> These files are almost the same.
> But something is a little different.

s4258788@moss:~/csse2310/exam\$ diff faz baz
s4258788@moss:~/csse2310/exam\$

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chmod [all major options]

chmod - change file mode bits

Synopsis

chmod [OPTION]... MODE[,MODE]... FILE...

Description

chmod changes the file mode bits of each given file according to mode, which can be either a symbolic representation of changes to make, or an octal number representing the bit pattern for the new mode bits.

+ adds em, - takes em away!

A combination of the letters **ugo**a controls which users' access to the file will be changed:

u - the user who owns it

g - other users in the file's group

o - other users not in the file's group

a - all users

The letters **rwXst** select file mode bits for the affected users:

r - read

w - write

x - execute (or search for directories)

X - x only if the file is a directory or already has execute permission for some user

s - set user or group ID on execution

t - restricted deletion flag or sticky bit

A numeric mode is from **one** to **four** octal digits (**0-7**), derived by adding up the bits with values **4**, **2**, and **1**. Omitted digits are assumed to be leading zeros.

First digit - Set user ID(**4**), Set group ID(**2**), restricted deletion or sticky attributes(**1**)

Second digit - Select permissions for user who owns the file. Read(**4**), write(**2**), execute(**1**)

Third digit - Select permissions for other users in the file's group. Same values ^

Fourth digit - Other users not in the file's group. Same values ^

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-v, --verbose

output a diagnostic for every file processed

-c, --changes

like verbose but report only when a change is made

-f, --silent, --quiet

suppress most error messages

-R, --recursive

change files and directories recursively

Examples

```
$4258788@moss:~/csse2310/exam$ ls -l
total 0
-rw-r--r-- 1 $4258788 students 0 Apr 17 11:34 foo

$4258788@moss:~/csse2310/exam$ chmod a-r foo
$4258788@moss:~/csse2310/exam$ ls -l
total 0
--w----- 1 $4258788 students 0 Apr 17 11:34 foo

$4258788@moss:~/csse2310/exam$ chmod u+rxw foo
$4258788@moss:~/csse2310/exam$ ls -l
total 0
-rwx----- 1 $4258788 students 0 Apr 17 11:34 foo (executables are shown in green)

$4258788@moss:~/csse2310/exam$ chmod g+wr,o+r foo
$4258788@moss:~/csse2310/exam$ ls -l
total 0
-rwxrw-r-- 1 $4258788 students 0 Apr 17 11:34 foo

$4258788@moss:~/csse2310/exam$ chmod 777 foo
$4258788@moss:~/csse2310/exam$ ls -l
total 0
-rwxrwxrwx 1 $4258788 students 0 Apr 17 11:34 foo

$4258788@moss:~/csse2310/exam$ chmod 0 foo
$4258788@moss:~/csse2310/exam$ ls -l
total 0
----- 1 $4258788 students 0 Apr 17 11:34 foo
```

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ln [-s]

ln - make links between files

Synopsis

ln [OPTION]... TARGET (2nd form)

ln [OPTION]... TARGET... DIRECTORY (3rd form)

Description

In the 2nd form, create a link to TARGET in the current directory. In the 3rd and 4th forms, create links to each TARGET in DIRECTORY. Create hard links by default, symbolic links with -s. When creating hard links, each TARGET must exist. Symbolic links can hold arbitrary text; if later resolved, a relative link is interpreted in relation to its parent directory.

-s, --symbolic

make symbolic links instead of hard links

Examples

```
$4258788@moss:~/csse2310/exam$ ls
foo mydir (directories are dark blue)
$4258788@moss:~/csse2310/exam$ ls mydir/
bar baz foo nesteddir
$4258788@moss:~/csse2310/exam$ ls mydir/nesteddir/
myfile
$4258788@moss:~/csse2310/exam$ cat mydir/baz
this is a file with one line in it

$4258788@moss:~/csse2310/exam$ ln mydir/baz baz-link
$4258788@moss:~/csse2310/exam$ cat baz-link
this is a file with one line in it

$4258788@moss:~/csse2310/exam$ ln -s mydir/nesteddir/ nesteddir-link
$4258788@moss:~/csse2310/exam$ ls
baz-link foo mydir nesteddir-link (symbolic links are cyan)
$4258788@moss:~/csse2310/exam$ touch nesteddir-link/mynewfile
$4258788@moss:~/csse2310/exam$ ls mydir/nesteddir/
myfile mynewfile

$4258788@moss:~/csse2310/exam$ rm -rf mydir/nesteddir/*
$4258788@moss:~/csse2310/exam$ ls nesteddir-link/

$4258788@moss:~/csse2310/exam$ rm -rf mydir/*
$4258788@moss:~/csse2310/exam$ ls
baz-link foo mydir nesteddir-link (a symbolic link with a non-existent destination (I removed it!))

$4258788@moss:~/csse2310/exam$ cat baz-link
this is a file with one line in it
$4258788@moss:~/csse2310/exam$ ls mydir/
```

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rm [-rf]

rm - remove files or directories

Synopsis

rm [OPTION]... FILE...

Description

rm removes each specified file. By default, it does not remove directories.

-f, --force

ignore nonexistent files, never prompt. Remove all files whether write protected or not.

-r, -R, --recursive

remove directories and their contents recursively

Examples

```
$4258788@moss:~/csse2310/exam$ ls
1file 2file 3file onedir twodir
$4258788@moss:~/csse2310/exam$ ls onedir/
bar baz foo reddir

$4258788@moss:~/csse2310/exam$ rm 3file
$4258788@moss:~/csse2310/exam$ ls
1file 2file onedir twodir

$4258788@moss:~/csse2310/exam$ rm onedir
rm: cannot remove 'onedir': Is a directory

$4258788@moss:~/csse2310/exam$ rm -r onedir
$4258788@moss:~/csse2310/exam$ ls
1file 2file twodir

$4258788@moss:~/csse2310/exam$ rm -f twodir/
rm: cannot remove 'twodir/': Is a directory

$4258788@moss:~/csse2310/exam$ dir
1file 2file twodir

$4258788@moss:~/csse2310/exam$ chmod a-w 1file 2file
$4258788@moss:~/csse2310/exam$ rm 1file
rm: remove write-protected regular empty file '1file'? y

$4258788@moss:~/csse2310/exam$ rm -f 2file
$4258788@moss:~/csse2310/exam$ ls
twodir
```

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mkdir

mkdir - make directories

Synopsis

mkdir [OPTION]... DIRECTORY...

Description

Create the DIRECTORY(ies), if they do not already exist.

Examples

```
$4258788@moss:~/csse2310/exam$ ls
twodir
$4258788@moss:~/csse2310/exam$ mkdir mydir
$4258788@moss:~/csse2310/exam$ ls
mydir twodir

rmkdir - remove empty directories

$4258788@moss:~/csse2310/exam$ ls
twodir
$4258788@moss:~/csse2310/exam$ ls twodir/
bar foo

$4258788@moss:~/csse2310/exam$ rmdir twodir/
rmdir: failed to remove 'twodir/': Directory not empty

$4258788@moss:~/csse2310/exam$ rm -f twodir/*

$4258788@moss:~/csse2310/exam$ rmdir twodir/

$4258788@moss:~/csse2310/exam$ ls

$4258788@moss:~/csse2310/exam$
```

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cp [-r]

cp - copy files and directories

Synopsis

cp [OPTION]... [-T] SOURCE DEST

cp [OPTION]... SOURCE... DIRECTORY

cp [OPTION]... -t DIRECTORY SOURCE...

Description

Copy SOURCE to DEST, or multiple SOURCE(s) to DIRECTORY.

-R, -r, --recursive

copy directories recursively

Examples

```
$4258788@moss:~/csse2310/exam$ ls
1dir 2dir bar foo
$4258788@moss:~/csse2310/exam$ cat foo
this file
has two lines
... NOT!

$4258788@moss:~/csse2310/exam$ cp foo ./2dir
$4258788@moss:~/csse2310/exam$ ls 2dir/
foo

$4258788@moss:~/csse2310/exam$ cat 2dir/foo
this file
has two lines
... NOT!

$4258788@moss:~/csse2310/exam$ ls 1dir/
apple banana orange
$4258788@moss:~/csse2310/exam$ cp -r 1dir/ 2dir/

$4258788@moss:~/csse2310/exam$ ls 2dir/
1dir foo

$4258788@moss:~/csse2310/exam$ ls 2dir/1dir/
apple banana orange
```

mv

mv - move (rename) files

Synopsis

mv [OPTION]... [-T] SOURCE DEST

mv [OPTION]... SOURCE... DIRECTORY

mv [OPTION]... -t DIRECTORY SOURCE...

Description

Rename SOURCE to DEST, or move SOURCE(s) to DIRECTORY.

Examples

```
$4258788@moss:~/csse2310/exam$ ls
bar foo thatdir thisdir

$4258788@moss:~/csse2310/exam$ mv foo foobar
$4258788@moss:~/csse2310/exam$ ls
bar foobar thatdir thisdir

$4258788@moss:~/csse2310/exam$ mv foobar thatdir/
$4258788@moss:~/csse2310/exam$ ls thatdir/
foobar
$4258788@moss:~/csse2310/exam$ ls
bar thatdir thisdir

$4258788@moss:~/csse2310/exam$ mv thatdir/foobar ./foo
$4258788@moss:~/csse2310/exam$ ls
bar foo thatdir thisdir
$4258788@moss:~/csse2310/exam$ ls thatdir/
$4258788@moss:~/csse2310/exam$
```

UNIX File Permissions

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An example of the output produced by 'ls -l' is shown below.

```
drwx----- 2 richard staff 2048 Jan 2 1997 private
drwxrws--- 2 richard staff 2048 Jan 2 1997 admin
-rw-rw---- 2 richard staff 12040 Aug 20 1996 admin/userinfo
drwxr-xr-x 3 richard user 2048 May 13 09:27 public
```

Field 1: a set of ten permission flags.
Field 2: link count
Field 3: owner of the file
Field 4: associated group for the file
Field 5: size in bytes
Field 6-8: date of last modification (format varies, but always 3 fields)
Field 9: name of file (possibly with path, depending on how ls was called) The permission flags are read as follows (left to right)

position	Meaning
1	directory flag, 'd' if a directory, '-' if a normal file, something else occasionally may appear here for special devices. 'l' indicated a link
2,3,4	read, write, execute permission for User (Owner) of file
5,6,7	read, write, execute permission for Group
8,9,10	read, write, execute permission for Other (Other meaning NOT in user or group)
value	Meaning
-	in any position means that flag is not set
r	file is readable by owner, group or other. If set on a directory, you can list the directory contents.
w	file is writeable. On a directory, write access means you can add or delete files
x	file is executable (only for programs and shell scripts - not useful for data files). Execute permission on a directory means you can traverse the directory.
s	in the place where 'x' would normally go is called the set-UID or set-groupID flag.

On an executable program with set-UID or set-groupID, that program runs with the effective permissions of its owner or group.

For a directory, the set-groupID flag means that all files created inside that directory will inherit the group of the directory. Without this flag, a file takes on the primary group of the user creating the file. This property is important to people trying to maintain a directory as group accessible. The subdirectories also inherit the set-groupID property.

Linux Read mode permissions

- Read access on a file allows you to view file
- Read access on a directory allows you to view directory contents with ls command

Write mode permissions

- Write access on a file allows you to write to file
- Write access on a directory allows you to remove or add new files

Execute mode permissions

- Execute access on a file allows to run program or script
- Execute access on a directory allows you access file in the directory