# Windows terminal

## Tópicos de Informática para Automação

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#### **Exercises**

## **Exercise 1: Finding Your Way Around**

This exercise covers basic navigation and information commands. Complete the steps in both **CMD** and **PowerShell**.

- 1. Open your terminal. Verify your starting location (your home directory).
  - **CMD**: \$ cd
  - PowerShell: \$ Get-Location (or its alias pwd)
- 2. List the contents of your home directory. Then, list them again showing **all** files (including hidden ones).
  - CMD: \$ dir then \$ dir /a
  - PowerShell: \$ ls then \$ ls -Force
- 3. Navigate to the main Windows directory.
  - CMD & PowerShell: \$ cd C:\Windows
- 4. Find out your username and the current date.
  - CMD: \$ whoami and then \$ date /t
  - PowerShell: \$ whoami and then \$ Get-Date
- 5. Return to your home directory using the guickest shortcut.
  - CMD: \$ cd %USERPROFILE%
  - PowerShell: \$ cd ~

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Visit important system directories to understand the Windows layout.

- 1. Navigate to the System32 directory, which holds most of the core system executables.
  - CMD & PowerShell: \$ cd C:\Windows\System32
- 2. List its contents to see the vast number of system files.
  - CMD: \$ dir
  - PowerShell: \$ ls
- 3. Get information about your Windows version.
  - CMD: \$ systeminfo | findstr /B /C:"OS Name" /C:"OS Version"
  - PowerShell: \$ Get-ComputerInfo | Select-Object OSName, OSVersion

#### Exercise 3: Creating and Managing Files

Create, copy, move, and delete files and directories.

- 1. From your home directory, create a new directory called TIA.
  - CMD & PowerShell: \$ mkdir TIA
- 2. Navigate inside your new TIA directory.
  - CMD & PowerShell: \$ cd TIA
- 3. Create an empty file called notes.txt.

- CMD: \$ echo. > notes.txt
- PowerShell: \$ New-Item notes.txt
- 4. Add text to your file and then view its contents.
  - CMD: \$ echo My first line. > notes.txt then \$ type notes.txt
  - PowerShell: \$ Set-Content -Path notes.txt -Value "My first line." then \$ Get-Content notes.txt
- 5. Make a copy of the file named notes\_backup.txt.
  - CMD: \$ copy notes.txt notes\_backup.txt
  - PowerShell: \$ Copy-Item notes.txt notes\_backup.txt
- 6. Rename notes.txt to important notes.txt.
  - CMD: \$ ren notes.txt important notes.txt
  - PowerShell: \$ Rename-Item notes.txt important\_notes.txt
- 7. Clean up by deleting the backup file.
  - CMD: \$ del notes\_backup.txt
  - PowerShell: \$ Remove-Item notes\_backup.txt

# **Exercise 4: Understanding File Attributes I**

Windows permissions can be complex. This exercise focuses on a simpler concept: the **read-only at-tribute**.

- 1. Inside ~/TIA, create a file named report.docx.
  - CMD: \$ echo. > report.docx
  - PowerShell: \$ New-Item report.docx
- 2. Set the file to be read-only.
  - CMD: \$ attrib +r report.docx
  - PowerShell: \$ Set-ItemProperty -Path report.docx -Name IsReadOnly -Value \$true
- 3. Attempt to delete the file. The operation should fail or ask for confirmation because the file is read-only.
  - CMD: \$ del report.docx
  - PowerShell: \$ Remove-Item report.docx
- 4. Remove the read-only attribute so you can manage the file again.
  - CMD: \$ attrib -r report.docx
  - PowerShell: \$ Set-ItemProperty -Path report.docx -Name IsReadOnly -Value \$false

## **Exercise 5: Finding Files and Content**

Search for files by name and for text within them.

- 1. Create a subdirectory and a new file within it.
  - CMD: \$ mkdir reports and then \$ echo Confidential report. > reports\report-2025.txt
  - PowerShell: \$ mkdir reports and then \$ Set-Content reports\report-2025.txt "Confidential report."
- 2. Use the appropriate command to search for any file ending with .txt inside your TIA directory and its subdirectories.
  - CMD: \$ dir /s /b \*.txt
  - PowerShell: \$ Get-ChildItem -Recurse -Filter "\*.txt"
- 3. Search for the word "Confidential" inside the reports directory.
  - CMD: \$ findstr /i "Confidential" reports\\\*
  - PowerShell: \$ Select-String -Path reports\\\* -Pattern "Confidential"

#### **Exercise 6: Managing Processes**

Learn to view and stop running programs.

- 1. Start a Notepad process from the terminal.
  - CMD & PowerShell: \$ notepad
- 2. In the same terminal, find the Process ID (PID) of Notepad.
  - CMD: \$ tasklist | findstr /i "notepad"
  - PowerShell: \$ Get-Process -Name "notepad"
- 3. Terminate the Notepad process using its PID. Replace PID with the actual number from the previous step.
  - CMD: \$ taskkill /PID PID
  - PowerShell: \$ Stop-Process -Id PID

## Exercise 7: Managing Software with Winget

Install and remove a program using the **Windows Package Manager**. These commands work in both CMD and PowerShell.

- 1. Search for the popular 7zip utility.
  - \$ winget search 7zip
- 2. Install the package. You may need to agree to the source terms.
  - \$ winget install 7zip.7zip
- 3. List all your installed packages managed by Winget to verify the installation.
  - \$ winget list
- 4. Clean up by removing the package from your system.
  - \$ winget uninstall 7zip.7zip

# Exercise 8: Combining Commands (Pipes & Redirection) $\square$

Explore the power of the pipe (|) and redirection (>>).

- 1. Use the pipe to find your own terminal process ("cmd.exe" or "powershell.exe").
  - CMD: \$ tasklist | findstr "cmd.exe"
  - PowerShell: \$ Get-Process | Where-Object { \$\_.Name -eq "powershell" }
- 2. Create a log file with one entry using >.
  - CMD: \$ echo %date% %time%: Starting work. > activity.log
  - PowerShell: \$ Set-Content activity.log "\$(Get-Date): Starting work."
- 3. Use the append operator (>>) to add a second line without deleting the first.
  - CMD: \$ echo %date% %time%: Finished exercise. >> activity.log
  - PowerShell: \$ Add-Content activity.log "\$(Get-Date): Finished exercise."
- 4. Verify that your log file contains both lines.
  - CMD: \$ type activity.log
  - PowerShell: \$ Get-Content activity.log

#### **Exercise 9: Customizing Your Environment**

Create a handy shortcut (an alias).

- CMD (Temporary Alias):
  - 1. Create an alias ll for the dir /a command using doskey. \$\forall doskey ll=dir /a
  - 2. Test your alias: \$ 11 (Note: This alias disappears when you close the CMD window.)
- PowerShell (Permanent Alias):
  - 1. Open your PowerShell profile script in Notepad. if (!(Test-Path -Path \$PROFILE)) {
     New-Item -ItemType File -Path \$PROFILE -Force } \$ notepad \$PROFILE
  - 2. Add the following line to the file, then save and close it. Set-Alias -Name ll -Value Get-ChildItem -Force
  - 3. Close and reopen PowerShell, then test your new alias: \$ 11

## **Exercise 10: Understanding the \$PATH Variable**

Discover how the shell finds commands.

- View the current \$PATH variable.
  - CMD: \$ echo %PATH%
  - PowerShell: \$ echo \$env:Path
- 2. Create a simple Batch file in your ~/TIA directory named hello.bat containing one line: @echo Hello from my custom script!
- 3. Try to run the script by name. It will fail because TIA is not in the \$PATH.
  - CMD & PowerShell: \$ hello
- 4. Run it using its relative path. This works.
  - CMD & PowerShell: \$ .\hello.bat
- 5. Temporarily add your ~/TIA directory to the \$PATH. Now try running it by name again.
  - CMD: \$ set PATH=%USERPROFILE%\TIA;%PATH% then \$ hello.bat
  - PowerShell: \$ \$env:Path = "\$HOME\TIA;" + \$env:Path then \$ hello.bat

## **Exercise 11: Scripting Challenge**

Create a script that automates setting up a project structure.

- CMD (Batch Script):
  - 1. Create a file named setup\_project.bat in ~/TIA.
  - set PROJECT\_DIR=%USERPROFILE%\TI 2. Add the following code, then save it. cmd aecho off if exist %PROJECT\_DIR% ( echo Error: Directory already exists. mkdir %PROJECT\_DIR%\assets mkdir %PROJECT\_DIR% exit /b ) mkdir %PROJECT\_DIR%\source mkdir %PROJECT\_DIR%\docs echo Project setup complete!
  - 3. Run the script: \$ .\setup\_project.bat
- PowerShell Script:
  - 1. Create a file named setup project.ps1 in ~/TIA.
  - 2. Add the following code, then save it. powershell \$ProjectDir = "\$HOME\TIA\my project" Write-Error "Directory already if (Test-Path \$ProjectDir) { mkdir \$ProjectDir exists." foreach (\$folder return in "assets", "source", "docs") {
    \$folder) } Write-Host "Proje mkdir (Join-Path \$ProjectDir Write-Host "Project setup complete!"
  - 3. Run the script: \$ .\setup\_project.ps1

#### Exercise 12: Scheduling a Task

Create a simple script and schedule it to run automatically.

- 1. **Create the Script:** In ~/TIA, create log\_time.bat with the content: cmd **@echo off** @echo %date% %time:~0,5% >> %USERPROFILE%\TIA\cron\_log.txt
- 2. Schedule the Task (CMD):
  - This command schedules the script to run in one minute from now (and pediorically at one minute):

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$ schtasks /create /sc minute /tn "My Logger"^
/tr "%USERPROFILE%\TIA\log time.bat" /st %time:~0,5%
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- 3. Schedule the Task (PowerShell):
  - This command schedules the script to run in one minute from now (and pediorically at one

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$action = New-ScheduledTaskAction -Execute "$env:USERPROFILE\TIA\log_time.bat"
$trigger = New-ScheduledTaskTrigger -At $(Get-Date -Format HH:mm) -Once
-RepetitionInterval (New-TimeSpan -Minutes 1)
Register-ScheduledTask -Action $action -Trigger $trigger -TaskName "My Logger"
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4. **Verify:** After a minute, check for the output file (should have repeated lines).

- CMD: \$ type %USERPROFILE%\TIA\cron\_log.txt
   PowerShell: \$ Get-Content \$env:USERPROFILE\TIA\cron\_log.txt
   Clean Up: It's important to remove the task so it doesn't remain in the system.
   CMD: \$ schtasks /delete /tn "My Logger" /f
   PowerShell: \$ Unregister-ScheduledTask "My Logger"