

The Terminal

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



Function	Command
Display current terminal type	echo \$0
Change terminal to zsh	exec zsh
Change terminal to bash	exec bash
Go to home directory (folder)	cd ~
Go into root (hard drive)	cd /
Go into directory (folder)	cd directory name (folder name)
Go up a directory (folder)	cd ..
Go into same directory	cd .
Print working directory (location)	pwd
List directory contents (files and folders)	ls
Open up a directory in Finder	Open directory name (folder name) (e.g., open Images or open .)
Open a file in the default application	Open file name (e.g., open index.html)
Change directory (folder)	cd directory name (e.g., cd Desktop)
Clear terminal window	clear
List history of terminal commands	history

Make a directory (folder)	mkdir directory name (e.g., mkdir Video)
Make a file	Touch file name (touch index.html)
See the manual for a command	man command (e.g., man touch)
Remove a directory (folder) and its contents	rm -r (e.g., rm -r Audio)
Remove file	rm filename (e.g., remove styles.css)