

Command Line Basics

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Linux Essentials Session-3

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Command Prompt

Diagram illustrating the components of a Linux terminal prompt:

Labels pointing to the prompt components:

- User Name
- Host Name
- Current Directory
- User Type

Terminal Prompt: `user@clarusway-linux: ~/test`

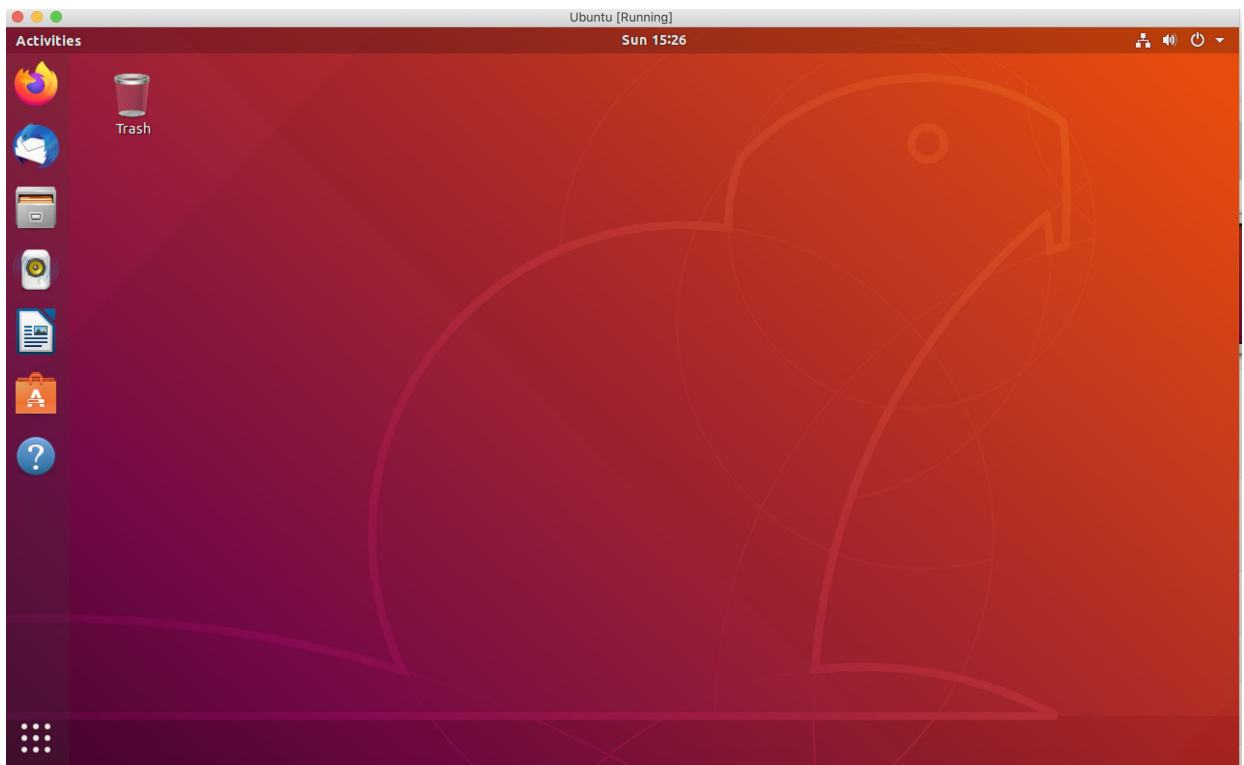
Terminal Menu: `File Edit View Search Terminal Help`

Terminal Prompt: `user@clarusway-linux:~/test$`

User Type Legend:

- \$ normal user
- # Privileged user

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Basic Shell Commands

pwd show current path

```
user@clarusway-linux: ~  
File Edit View Search Terminal Help  
user@clarusway-linux:~$ pwd  
/home/user  
user@clarusway-linux:~$
```



Basic Shell Commands

whoami current user
hostname shows the system hostname
hostname -i Show the IP address of the system

```

robert@robert-virtual-machine: ~$ users
robert
robert@robert-virtual-machine: ~$ hostname
robert-virtual-machine
robert@robert-virtual-machine: ~$ hostname -i
127.0.1.1
robert@robert-virtual-machine: ~$

```



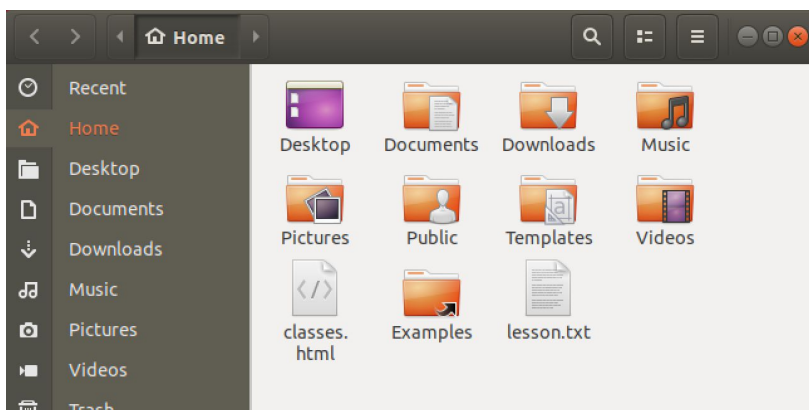
Basic Shell Commands

ls lists directory contents
ls -l lists directory contents with **details**
ls -al lists all the contents with **hidden** ones

```

user@clarusway-linux: ~
File Edit View Search Terminal Help
user@clarusway-linux:~$ ls
classes.html  Downloads  Music  Templates
Desktop      examples.desktop  Pictures  Videos
Documents    lesson.txt   Public
user@clarusway-linux:~$

```



```

user@clarusway-linux: ~
File Edit View Search Terminal Help
user@clarusway-linux:~$ ls -l
total 48
-rw-r--r-- 1 user user 16 Mar 2 21:56 classes.html
drwxr-xr-x 2 user user 4096 Mar 2 21:54 Desktop
drwxr-xr-x 2 user user 4096 Mar 2 21:54 Documents
drwxr-xr-x 2 user user 4096 Mar 2 21:54 Downloads
-rw-r--r-- 1 user user 8980 Mar 2 21:53 examples.desktop
-rw-r--r-- 1 user user 0 Mar 2 21:55 lesson.txt
drwxr-xr-x 2 user user 4096 Mar 2 21:54 Music
drwxr-xr-x 2 user user 4096 Mar 2 21:54 Pictures
drwxr-xr-x 2 user user 4096 Mar 2 21:54 Public
drwxr-xr-x 2 user user 4096 Mar 2 21:54 Templates
drwxr-xr-x 2 user user 4096 Mar 2 21:54 Videos
user@clarusway-linux:~$

```



Basic Shell Commands

- cd [dir]** change (current) directory
- cd ..** change current directory to one level up
- cd /** change current directory to the root directory
- cd ~** change current directory to the home directory

```
user@clarusway-linux: ~
File Edit View Search Terminal Help
user@clarusway-linux:~$ cd test
user@clarusway-linux:~/test$ cd ..
user@clarusway-linux:~$ cd /
user@clarusway-linux:/$ cd ~
user@clarusway-linux:~$
```



Basic Shell Commands

- mkdir [dir]** create a new directory

```
user@clarusway-linux: ~
File Edit View Search Terminal Help
user@clarusway-linux:~$ ls
classes.html  Downloads  Music  Templates
Desktop      examples.desktop  Pictures  test
Documents    lesson.txt      Public   Videos
user@clarusway-linux:~$ mkdir clarusway
user@clarusway-linux:~$ ls
clarusway  Downloads  Pictures  Videos
classes.html  examples.desktop  Public
Desktop      lesson.txt      Templates
Documents    Music          test
user@clarusway-linux:~$
```



Basic Shell Commands

rmdir [dir] delete an empty directory

```
user@clarusway-linux: ~  
File Edit View Search Terminal Help  
user@clarusway-linux:~$ ls  
clarusway Downloads Pictures Videos  
classes.html examples.desktop Public  
Desktop lesson.txt Templates  
Documents Music test  
user@clarusway-linux:~$ rmdir test  
user@clarusway-linux:~$ ls  
clarusway Documents lesson.txt Public  
classes.html Downloads Music Templates  
Desktop examples.desktop Pictures Videos  
user@clarusway-linux:~$
```

```
user@clarusway-linux: ~  
File Edit View Search Terminal Help  
user@clarusway-linux:~$ cd test  
user@clarusway-linux:~/test$ ls  
t.txt  
user@clarusway-linux:~/test$ cd ..  
user@clarusway-linux:~$ rmdir test  
rmdir: failed to remove 'test': Directory not empty  
user@clarusway-linux:~$ ls  
clarusway Downloads Pictures Videos  
classes.html examples.desktop Public  
Desktop lesson.txt Templates  
Documents Music test  
user@clarusway-linux:~$
```



Basic Shell Commands

touch create a file

>
echo create a file and write string inside

cat >

```
user@clarusway-linux: ~  
File Edit View Search Terminal Help  
user@clarusway-linux:~$ ls  
clarusway Downloads Pictures Videos  
classes.html examples.desktop Public  
Desktop lesson.txt Templates  
Documents Music test  
user@clarusway-linux:~$ touch test-file.txt  
user@clarusway-linux:~$ ls  
clarusway Downloads Pictures test-file.txt  
classes.html examples.desktop Public Videos  
Desktop lesson.txt Templates  
Documents Music test  
user@clarusway-linux:~$
```


Basic Shell Commands

rm delete a file

```
user@clarusway-linux: ~  
File Edit View Search Terminal Help  
user@clarusway-linux:~$ ls  
clarusway    Downloads    Pictures    test-file.txt  
classes.html examples.desktop Public       Videos  
Desktop      lesson.txt   Templates  
Documents    Music        test  
user@clarusway-linux:~$ rm test-file.txt  
user@clarusway-linux:~$ ls  
clarusway    Downloads    Pictures    Videos  
classes.html examples.desktop Public  
Desktop      lesson.txt   Templates  
Documents    Music        test  
user@clarusway-linux:~$
```

Basic Shell Commands

cp copy a file to another location

```
user@clarusway-linux: ~/test  
File Edit View Search Terminal Help  
user@clarusway-linux:~$ cd test  
user@clarusway-linux:~/test$ ls  
user@clarusway-linux:~/test$ cd ..  
user@clarusway-linux:~$ cp test-file.txt test/  
user@clarusway-linux:~$ ls  
clarusway    Downloads    Pictures    test-file.txt  
classes.html examples.desktop Public       Videos  
Desktop      lesson.txt   Templates  
Documents    Music        test  
user@clarusway-linux:~$ cd test  
user@clarusway-linux:~/test$ ls  
test-file.txt  
user@clarusway-linux:~/test$
```



Basic Shell Commands

mv move a file to another location
renaming the file

```
user@clarusway-linux: ~/test
File Edit View Search Terminal Help
user@clarusway-linux:~/test$ ls
user@clarusway-linux:~/test$ cd ..
user@clarusway-linux:~$ ls
clarusway Downloads Pictures test-file.txt
classes.html examples.desktop Public Videos
Desktop lesson.txt Templates
Documents Music test
user@clarusway-linux:~$ mv test-file.txt test/
user@clarusway-linux:~$ ls
clarusway Downloads Pictures Videos
classes.html examples.desktop Public
Desktop lesson.txt Templates
Documents Music test
user@clarusway-linux:~$ cd test
user@clarusway-linux:~/test$ ls
test-file.txt
user@clarusway-linux:~/test$
```



Basic Shell Commands

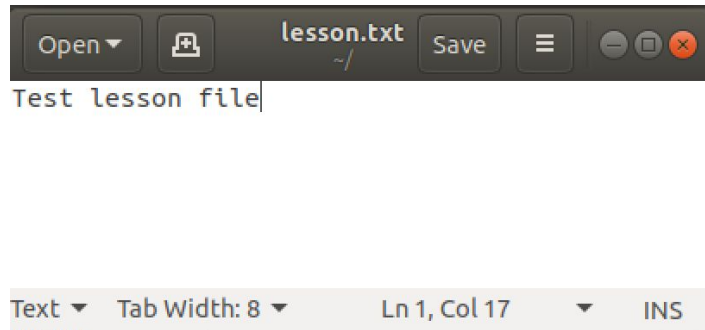
echo print message to screen
echo > [file] print message into a file

```
user@clarusway-linux: ~
File Edit View Search Terminal Help
user@clarusway-linux:~$ echo "test"
test
user@clarusway-linux:~$ cat test-file.txt
user@clarusway-linux:~$ echo "test" > test-file.txt
user@clarusway-linux:~$ cat test-file.txt
test
user@clarusway-linux:~$
```

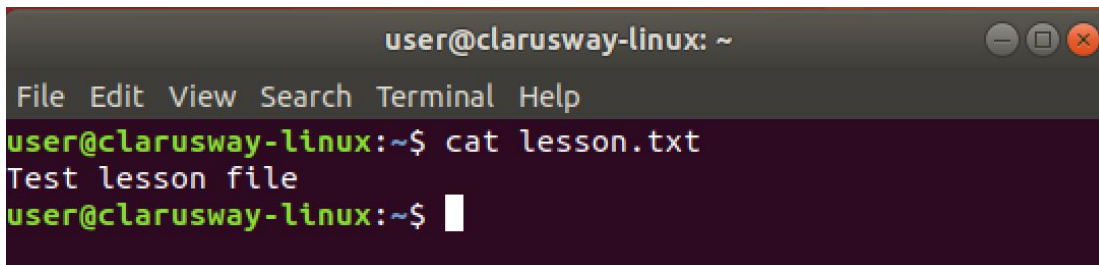


Basic Shell Commands

cat show file contents



```
Open lesson.txt Save
Test lesson file
Text Tab Width: 8 Ln 1, Col 17 INS
```

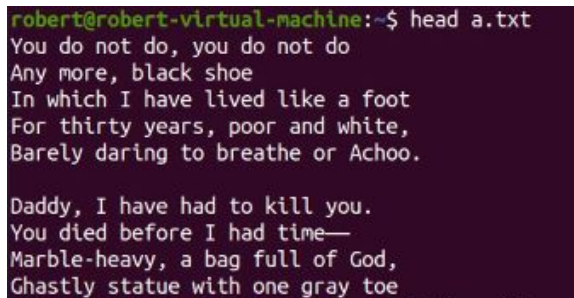


```
user@clarusway-linux: ~
File Edit View Search Terminal Help
user@clarusway-linux:~$ cat lesson.txt
Test lesson file
user@clarusway-linux:~$
```



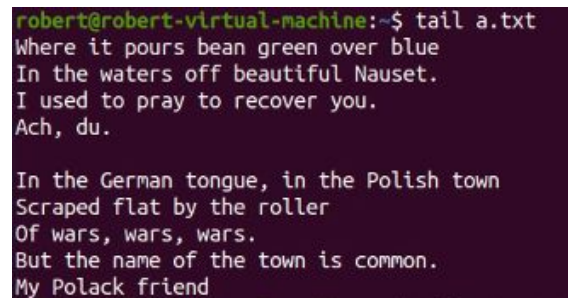
Basic Shell Commands

head show first 10 lines from file contents
tail show last 10 lines from file contents



```
robert@robert-virtual-machine:~$ head a.txt
You do not do, you do not do
Any more, black shoe
In which I have lived like a foot
For thirty years, poor and white,
Barely daring to breathe or Achoo.

Daddy, I have had to kill you.
You died before I had time—
Marble-heavy, a bag full of God,
Ghastly statue with one gray toe
```



```
robert@robert-virtual-machine:~$ tail a.txt
Where it pours bean green over blue
In the waters off beautiful Nauset.
I used to pray to recover you.
Ach, du.

In the German tongue, in the Polish town
Scraped flat by the roller
Of wars, wars, wars.
But the name of the town is common.
My Polack friend
```


Simple Globbing

Globbing is primarily used to match patterns in filenames or text by using a wildcard character to create a pattern.

Character	Name	Function
?	Question mark	Match any single character
*	Asterisk	Match any number of character(s)
[]	Brackets	Match character from a range
^	Caret	Used to match starting character
\$	Dollar sign	Used to match ending character
{ }	Curly brace	Used to match more than one pattern
	Pipe	Used for applying more than one condition

Hidden Files and Directories

Any file or directory starts with period (.)
.abc

```
root@DESKTOP-4QQ1S5L:~# ls
root@DESKTOP-4QQ1S5L:~# ls -a
. .bash_history .bashrc .profile .viminfo
root@DESKTOP-4QQ1S5L:~# touch .file5
root@DESKTOP-4QQ1S5L:~# ls -a
. .bash_history .bashrc .file5 .profile .viminfo
root@DESKTOP-4QQ1S5L:~#
```

How to Hide
Files And
Directories
in Linux



Kahoot!

Kahoot!

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Basic SHELL Commands



The background features a collage of Linux-related content. At the top, there are file names like 'slidepuzzle.py', 'squirrel.png', 'squirrel.py', 'star.png', 'starPusherLevels', 'tarpusher.py', 'star_solved.png', 'star_title.png', 'tribb.mid', 'tribb.m', 'romino', and 'romino'. Below these, there are terminal snippets showing password changes for 'pi' on a Raspberry Pi, including prompts like 'Changing password for pi.', 'passwd', and 'passwd: Authentication token manipulation error'. At the bottom, there's a snippet about the 'passwd' command: 'passwd command changes passwords. Only change the password for his user or associated password.' The main text 'Linux Commands Cheat Sheet' is prominently displayed in the center in a large, white, sans-serif font.

Basic SHELL Commands

File Commands	System Info
ls - directory listing	date - show the current date and time
ls -al - formatted listing with hidden files	cal - show this month's calendar
cd dir - change directory to <i>dir</i>	uptime - show current uptime
cd - change to home	w - display who is online
pwd - show current directory	whoami - who you are logged in as
mkdir dir - create a directory <i>dir</i>	finger user - display information about <i>user</i>
rm file - delete <i>file</i>	uname -a - show kernel information
rm -r dir - delete directory <i>dir</i>	cat /proc/cpuinfo - cpu information
rm -f file - force remove <i>file</i>	cat /proc/meminfo - memory information
rm -rf dir - force remove directory <i>dir</i> *	man command - show the manual for <i>command</i>
cp file1 file2 - copy <i>file1</i> to <i>file2</i>	df - show disk usage
cp -r dir1 dir2 - copy <i>dir1</i> to <i>dir2</i> ; create <i>dir2</i> if it doesn't exist	du - show directory space usage
mv file1 file2 - rename or move <i>file1</i> to <i>file2</i> if <i>file2</i> is an existing directory, moves <i>file1</i> into directory <i>file2</i>	free - show memory and swap usage
ln -s file link - create symbolic link <i>link</i> to <i>file</i>	whereis app - show possible locations of <i>app</i>
touch file - create or update <i>file</i>	which app - show which <i>app</i> will be run by default
cat > file - places standard input into <i>file</i>	
more file - output the contents of <i>file</i>	
head file - output the first 10 lines of <i>file</i>	
tail file - output the last 10 lines of <i>file</i>	
tail -f file - output the contents of <i>file</i> as it grows, starting with the last 10 lines	
Process Management	Compression
ps - display your currently active processes	tar cf file.tar files - create a tar named <i>file.tar</i> containing <i>files</i>
top - display all running processes	tar xf file.tar - extract the files from <i>file.tar</i>
	tar czf file.tar.gz files - create a tar with Gzip compression
	tar xzf file.tar.gz - extract a tar using Gzip
	tar cjf file.tar.bz2 - create a tar with Bzip2 compression
	tar xjf file.tar.bz2 - extract a tar using Bzip2
	gzip file - compresses <i>file</i> and renames it to <i>file.gz</i>

Basic SHELL Commands

File system Commands	Text handling commands
ls	lists directories and files
ls -a	lists all files including hidden files
ls -lh	formatted list including more data
ls -t	lists sorted by date
pwd	returns path to working directory
cd dir	changes directory
cd ..	goes to parent directory
cd /	goes to root directory
cd	goes to home directory
touch file_name	creates an empty file
cp file file_copy	copy a file
cp -r	copy files contained in directories
rm file	deletes a file
rm -r dir	deletes a directory and its files
mv file1 file2	moves or renames a file
mkdir dir_name	creates a directory
rmdir dir_name	deletes a directory
	command > file saves STDOUT in a file
	command >> file appends STDOUT in a file
	cat file concatenate and print files
	cat file1 file2 > file3 merges files 1 and 2 into file3
	cat *fasta > all.fasta concatenates all fasta files in the current directory
	head file prints first lines from a file
	head -n 5 file prints first five lines from a file
	tail file prints last lines from a file
	tail -n 5 file prints last five lines from a file
	less file view a file
	less -N file includes line numbers
	less -S file wraps long lines
	grep 'pattern' file Prints lines matching a pattern
	grep -c 'pattern' file counts lines matching a pattern
	cut -f 1,3 file retrieves data from selected columns in a tab-delimited file
	sort file sorts lines from a file



Using the Command Line to Get Help

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1 Man Pages



Man Pages



man [command]

A man page (short for manual page) is a form of software documentation usually found on a Unix or Unix-like operating system.

if we install a package to do some task, the man Page for that package will typically be installed at the same time. This gives us the ability to take a look at that documentation and make sure that we're using it in a manner consistent with its design.

The man page for a particular command is invoked by preceding the command with **man**.





Man Pages

man ls

```
LS(1)                                User Commands                                LS(1)

NAME
  ls - list directory contents

SYNOPSIS
  ls [OPTION]... [FILE]...

DESCRIPTION
  List information about the FILES (the current directory by default). Sort entries alphabetically if none of
  -cftuvSUX nor --sort is specified.

  Mandatory arguments to long options are mandatory for short options too.

  -a, --all
      do not ignore entries starting with .

  -A, --almost-all
      do not list implied . and ..

  --author
      with -l, print the author of each file

  -b, --escape
      print C-style escapes for nongraphic characters

  --block-size=SIZE
      scale sizes by SIZE before printing them; e.g., '--block-size=M' prints sizes in units of 1,048,576
      bytes; see SIZE format below

  -B, --ignore-backups
      do not list implied entries ending with ~

  -c
      with -lt: sort by, and show, ctime (time of last modification of file status information); with -l:
      show ctime and sort by name; otherwise: sort by ctime, newest first

  -C
      list entries by columns

  --color[=WHEN]
      colorize the output; WHEN can be 'always' (default if omitted), 'auto', or 'never'; more info below

  -d, --directory
      list directories themselves, not their contents

Manual page ls(1) line 1 (press h for help or q to quit).
```

NAME

Program or Function name(s) followed by descriptions of functionality.

SYNOPSIS

A short overview of available options

DESCRIPTION

Detailed information about arguments and options.



2 Info Pages



Info Pages

info [command]

Info pages are additional documentation with more robust capability in detail. Info Page normally provides more detailed information about a command than its respective man page. Additionally, Info uses a structure for linking these pages together, and they may be assembled into a larger collection.

The info page for a particular command is invoked by preceding the command with **info**

Info Pages

info echo

```

text: printf invocation, Up: Printing text

15.1 'echo': Print a line of text
=====

'echo' writes each given STRING to standard output, with a space between
each and a newline after the last one. Synopsis:

    echo [OPTION]... [STRING]...

Due to shell aliases and built-in 'echo' functions, using an
unadorned 'echo' interactively or in a script may get you different
functionality than that described here. Invoke it via 'env' (i.e., 'env
echo ...') to avoid interference from the shell.

The program accepts the following options. Also see *note Common
options::. Options must precede operands, and the normally-special
argument '--' has no special meaning and is treated like any other
STRING.

'-n'
    Do not output the trailing newline.

'-e'
    Enable interpretation of the following backslash-escaped characters
    in each STRING:

    '\a'      alert (bell)
    '\b'      backspace
    '\c'      produce no further output
    '\e'      escape
    '\f'      form feed
    '\n'      newline
    '\r'      carriage return
    '\t'      tab

-----Info: (coreutils)echo invocation, 78 lines --Top-----
Welcome to Info version 6.5. Type H for help, h for tutorial.

```



THANKS!

Any questions?