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Question -1

' 'How to create a hidden file and
how to display it
using 'ls' command? ' '

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ANSWER

Files starting with a dot are by default hidden.

As you can see in the example below, we are in CLI directory which is located in Desktop. We created a file starting with a dot(.) and ls command couldn't list it.

```
MINGW64/c/Users/HP 14/Desktop/CLI
HP 14@DESKTOP-93HS030 MINGW64 ~
$ cd Desktop/CLI/

HP 14@DESKTOP-93HS030 MINGW64 ~/Desktop/CLI
$ touch .hidden_file

HP 14@DESKTOP-93HS030 MINGW64 ~/Desktop/CLI
$ ls

HP 14@DESKTOP-93HS030 MINGW64 ~/Desktop/CLI
$ |
```



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In these cases, we have another command that we can use alongside with `ls; -a` command. With these commands we can display all the files alongside with the hidden ones. In the example below you can see that we managed to list the hidden folders using `-a` command.

```
HP 14@DESKTOP-93HS030 MINGW64 ~/Desktop/CLI
$ ls

HP 14@DESKTOP-93HS030 MINGW64 ~/Desktop/CLI
$ ls -a
./  ../  .hidden_file

HP 14@DESKTOP-93HS030 MINGW64 ~/Desktop/CLI
$
```

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The `-a` listing will give us our solution but if we want files to be properly hidden, we have to change folder permissions using `chmod`.

Chmod= It's name is an abbreviation for 'change mode'. In Unix and Unix-like operating systems, **chmod** is the command and system call which is used to change the access permissions of file system objects (files and directories).

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Question - 2

"How to create multiple nested directories with one mkdir command?"

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ANSWER

First of all if we want to create a new directory, 'mkdir' command is inevitable. So, each time we want to create a new directory we are going to need it. By adding it -p flag, we can create multiple nested directories. Like this:

```
HP 14@DESKTOP-93HS030 MINGW64 ~  
$ mkdir -p Desktop/CLI/This/Is/So/Much/Fun  
  
HP 14@DESKTOP-93HS030 MINGW64 ~  
$
```

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Question - 3

Execute following commands
terminal:

```
echo "test" > fun
```

```
echo "another test" >> fun
```

```
wc -c fun
```

Verify number of characters in

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ANSWER

So, when we execute the given commands the result would be just like there below;

```
HP 14@DESKTOP-93HS03O MINGW64 ~/Desktop
$ echo "test" > fun

HP 14@DESKTOP-93HS03O MINGW64 ~/Desktop
$ echo "another test" >> fun

HP 14@DESKTOP-93HS03O MINGW64 ~/Desktop
$ wc -c fun
18 fun

HP 14@DESKTOP-93HS03O MINGW64 ~/Desktop
$
```



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Command `wc` is used to count the number of lines, words, and bytes in the files specified by the *File* parameter.

So without using the `-c` flag, the output would be like this;

```
HP 14@DESKTOP-93HS030 MINGW64 ~/Desktop
$ wc -c fun
18 fun

HP 14@DESKTOP-93HS030 MINGW64 ~/Desktop
$ wc fun
 2  3 18 fun
```

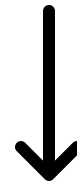
The first result indicates the number of lines (which is 2 in this case)

Second result is the number of words in my folder (test - another - test) and the third one screens the bytes of my file.

To comprehend it properly, let just give another similar example.
In this example we inserted another string to another file.

```
HP 14@DESKTOP-93HS03O MINGW64 ~  
$ cd Desktop/  
  
HP 14@DESKTOP-93HS03O MINGW64 ~/Desktop  
$ echo "i-m still trying to understand this" > newfile  
  
HP 14@DESKTOP-93HS03O MINGW64 ~/Desktop  
$ wc newfile  
1  6 36 newfile  
  
HP 14@DESKTOP-93HS03O MINGW64 ~/Desktop  
$ |
```

Here in our new file, we have just 1 line 6 words (i-m counted as 1 word naturally) and 36 bytes. In order to be completely sure, we took a look at the file's properties.



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For variate `wc` results, you can use the following flags;

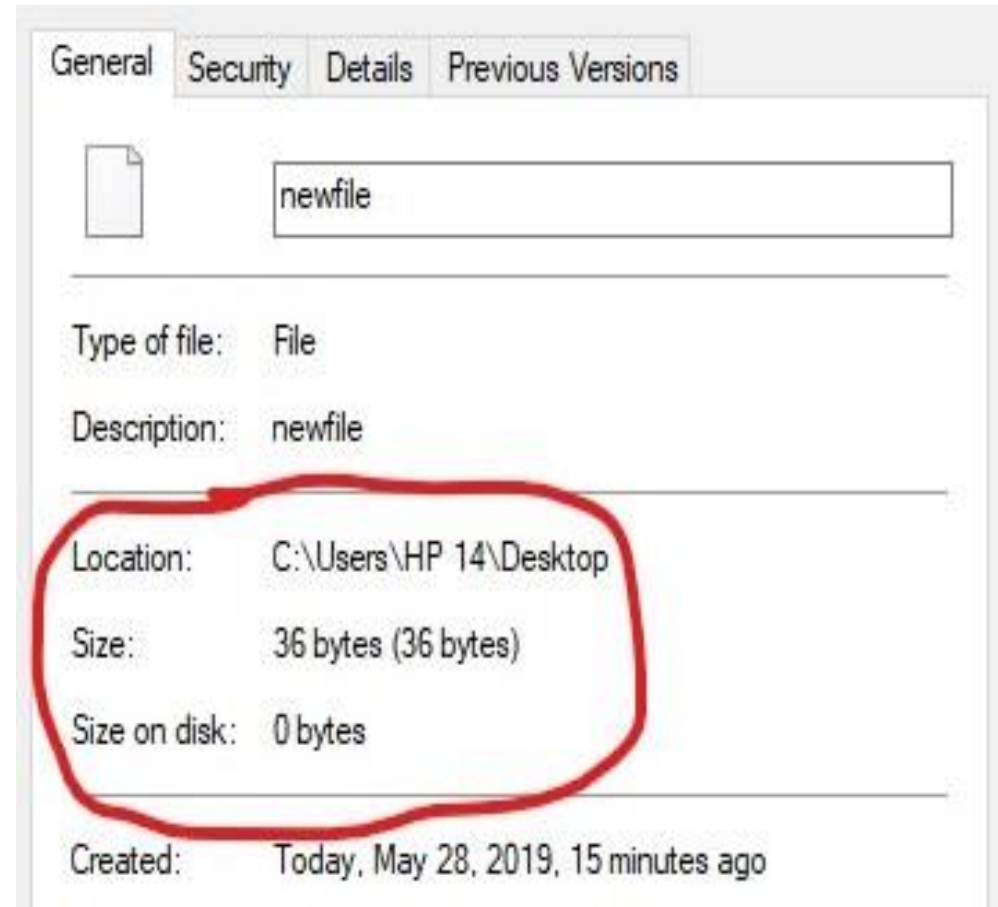
`wc -l` : Prints the number of lines in a file.

`wc -w` : prints the number of words in a file.

`wc -m` : prints the count of characters from a file.

`wc -L` : prints only the length of the longest line in a file.

`wc -c` :
Displays the count of bytes in a file



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QUESTION - 4

Research how to append something in the file
WITHOUT a newline character.

E.g.

```
echo "test" > fun
```

```
echo "another test" >> fun
```

```
cat fun
```

Output of "cat fun" is

```
test
```

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Answer

Normally, when we append something in the file, terminal will print them in a new line. Like below here:

```
HP 14@DESKTOP-93HS03O MINGW64 ~/Desktop
$ cat fun
test
another test
```

So by adding `-n` parameter we can actually prevent this situation. By adding `-n` parameter to `echo` command and starting with a space to our new input, we can actually continue to write our content on the same line.

```
HP 14@DESKTOP-93HS03O MINGW64 ~/Desktop
$ echo -n " test another test" >> fun
HP 14@DESKTOP-93HS03O MINGW64 ~/Desktop
$ cat fun
test
another test test another test
HP 14@DESKTOP-93HS03O MINGW64 ~/Desktop
$
```

Resources

<https://www.tecmint.com/>

<https://stackoverflow.com/>

<https://stackexchange.com/>