

Outline

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Outline detail

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Working with Files and Directories

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Naming

- **Do not use spaces.**
You can use - or _ instead
- **Do not begin the name with - (dash).**
Commands treat names starting with - as options.
- **Stick with letters, numbers, . (dot), - (dash) and _ (underscore).**
Many other characters have special meanings on the command line.
- **Meaningful name.**
- **File extension or not.**
Is just a convention, in Linux file extensions are not necessary. Files contain bytes. However, two-part names are used to help keep different kinds of files apart.

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Creating files: text editing

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Primitive text editing

- Combine Redirection and Viewing
- use `cat` to direct stdin to a text file
 - `$ cat > my_text.txt`
 - Enter text.
 - To end the text input, press **Ctrl-D**.
- Check with `cat my_text.txt`
- Try adding another line of text to the existing file
 - `$ cat >> my_text.txt`

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Primitive text editing

- Create an empty file
 - `>filename`: Use redirection to create an empty file filename.
 - `touch filename`: create an empty file, if the file does not exist yet.

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echo command

- `echo`: displays line of text/string that are passed as an argument .
 - built in command that is mostly used in shell scripts and batch files to output status text to the screen or a file.
- **Syntax**: `echo [options] [input string]`
- 2 kinds of quoting: weak (") and strong (').
 - Use strong quoting ('): nothing is interpreted,
 - Use weak quoting ("): variable expansion, command expansion works

```
echo "Path to your shell is: $SHELL, $(ls)"
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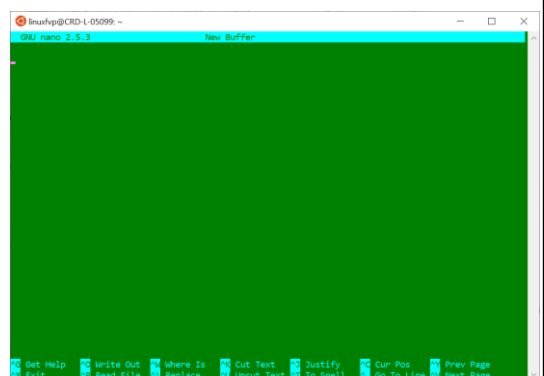
Text editor

- Tool to create and edit files.
- There is no best text editor; it depends on personal taste.
- Text-only text editors
 - Simplicity first:
 - nano
 - With a steep learning curve: (needed for sysadmins and great for power users)
 - vi, vim
 - emacs
- Graphical text editors
 - Gedit: general purpose GUI based text editor

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nano

- Entering text: nano is a "modeless" editor. This means that all keystrokes, with the exception of Control and Meta sequences, enter text into the file being edited.
- Commands (lower part) are given by using the Control key (Ctrl, shown as ^) or the Meta key (Alt or Cmd, shown as M-).
 - A control-key sequence is entered by holding down the Ctrl key and pressing the desired key.
 - A meta-key sequence is entered by holding down the Meta key (normally the Alt key) and pressing the desired key.
- Manual: <https://www.nano-editor.org/dist/v4/nano.pdf>
- Cheat sheet: <https://www.nano-editor.org/dist/latest/cheatsheet.html>



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vi(m)

- Text-mode text editor available in all Linux systems.
- Created before computers with mice appeared.
- Very productive for power users.
- Check the web for tutorials:
 - https://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/d/d2/Learning_the_vi_Editor.pdf
 - <ftp://ftp.vim.org/pub/vim/doc/book/vimbook-OPL.pdf>

vi(m)

- 2 basic modes of operation:
 - *command mode* and *editing mode*.
 - Command Mode: signals from the terminal are interpreted as editing commands.
 - Editing mode: letters typed at the keyboard are inserted into the editing buffer.
- Pressing **Esc** on the keyboard activates command mode.

Key(s)	Function	Key(s)	Function
:w	Save	A	Append text after
:x	Save and exit	r	Replace text before cursor
:q	Quit	R	Replace text after cursor
I	Insert text after	i	Insert text before
P	Paste copied text	yy	Copy current line
a	Append text before	/[TEXT]	Search for the specified text

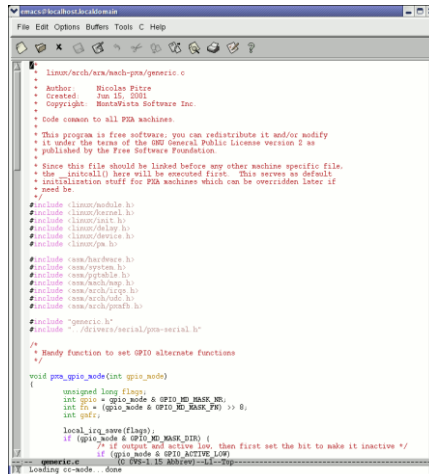
$$v_i(m)$$

- 2 modes
 - Editing(Input) mode
 - ESC to back to cmd mode
 - Command mode
 - Cursor movement
 - h (left), j (down), k (up), l (right)
 - ^f (page down)
 - ^b (page up)
 - ^ (first char.)
 - \$ (last char.)
 - G (bottom page)
 - :1 (goto first line)
 - Switch to input mode
 - a (append)
 - i (insert)
 - o (insert line after)
 - O (insert line before)
- Delete
 - dd (delete a line)
 - d10d (delete 10 lines)
 - d\$ (delete till end of line)
 - dG (delete till end of file)
 - x (current char.)
- Paste
 - p (paste after)
 - P (paste before)
- Undo
 - u
- Search
 - /
- Save/Quit
 - :w (write)
 - :q (quit)
 - :wq (write and quit)
 - :q! (give up changes)

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Emacs

- Extremely powerful text editor features
- Great for power users
- Non standard shortcuts
- Much more than a text editor (games, e-mail, shell, browser).
- Some power commands have to be learnt.



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Emacs

- \$ emacs
- Cursor movement
 - ^f (forward one char.)
 - ^b (backward one char.)
 - ^a (begin of line)
 - ^e (end of line)
 - ^n (next line)
 - ^p (prev. line)
 - ^v (page up)
 - alt-v (page down)
- Deletion
 - ^d (delete one char)
 - alt-d (delete one word)
 - ^k (delete line)
- Paste
 - ^y (yank)
- Undo
 - ^/
- Load file
 - ^x^f
- Cancel
 - ^g
- Save/Quit
 - ^x^c (quit w/out saving)
 - ^x^s (save)
 - ^x^w (write to a new file)

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Viewing files

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Displaying file contents

Several ways of displaying the contents of files (without editing).

- Easy solution: `cat`, prints the entire file onto the screen
 - `$ cat file1`
displays the contents of the given file.
 - `$ cat file1 file2 file3 ...` (concatenate)
Concatenates and outputs the contents of the given files.
- A scalable solution: one page at a time.
 - `$ more file1`
Display the output of a command or text file one page at a time.
 - `$ less file1`

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less

- Does more than `more`
- Does not read the whole file before starting.

Command	Description
Space bar	Advance 1 page
b	Go back 1 page
g or <	Go to the first line
G or >	Go to the last line
/<text>	Search forward for <text>
?<text>	Search backward for <text>
n	Find next match
N	Find previous match
h	Display help
q	Exit the less viewer

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The head and tail commands

- Quick look
- `$ head [-<n>] <file>`
Displays the first <n> lines (or 10 by default) of the given file.
Doesn't have to open the whole file to do this!
- `$ tail [-<n>] <file>`
Displays the last <n> lines (or 10 by default) of the given file.
No need to load the whole file in RAM! Very useful for huge files.
- `$ tail -f <file> (follow)`
Displays the last 10 lines of the given file and continues to display new lines when they are appended to the file.
Very useful to follow the changes in a log file, for example.

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File manipulation

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File Manipulation

- For all file manipulation commands relative of absolute paths can be used (or just files in the current directory when no extra path specified)
- Most of the commands are intuitive – shortcuts of English names

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Directories

- Create directories
 - The `mkdir` command is used to create directories
 - `$ mkdir dir1 dir2 dir3`
- Remove directories
 - The `rmdir` command removes directories
 - `$ rmdir dir1`
 - `rmdir` will only remove empty directories.

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Copy a file

- The `cp` command copies files and directories
- The default behavior will overwrite any existing file(s). The `-i` option overrides this behavior and prompts the user before overwriting the destination file.
- **syntax:** `cp [OPTIONS] [SOURCE] [DESTINATION]`
 - `$ cp <source_file> <target_file>`
Copies the source file to the target.
 - `$ cp file1 file2 file3 ... dir`
Copies the files to the target directory (last argument).
 - `$ cp -i` (interactive)
Asks for user confirmation if the target file already exists
 - `$ cp -r <source_dir> <target_dir>` (recursive)
Copies the whole directory.
 - `$ cp -v` (verbose)
Displays what has been copied

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Move or rename files

- Move or rename files and directories: `mv`
- The default behavior will overwrite any existing file(s)!
- **syntax:** `mv [OPTIONS] [SOURCE] [NEW NAME/DESTINATION]`
 - `$ mv old_name new_name`
 - If `new_name` is a directory name, then the file will be moved to that directory
 - `$ mv -i` (interactive)
If the new file already exists, asks for user confirm
- The `mv` command can also be used to move or rename directories
 - `$ mv NewFiles/ OldFiles/`
 - `-r` option is not necessary

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Remove files

- The `rm` command removes files.
- `$ rm file1 file2 file3 ...`
Removes the given files.
- `$ rm -i` (interactive)
Always ask for user confirmation.
- `$ rm -r dir1 dir2 dir3` (recursive)
Removes the given directories with all their contents.
be careful!
- Be careful using wildcards, always run `ls` first to check

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Links

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links

- Copy (`cp`) duplicates the data
 - Can be a problem with large files
 - Links create a virtual copy
- **Soft link:**
 - A.k.a. symbolic link, symlink
 - Similar to a *shortcut* in Windows.
 - Special kind of file pointing at a different file.
 - It is an indirect pointer to a file or directory; can even point to a file or a directory on a different filesystem or partition.

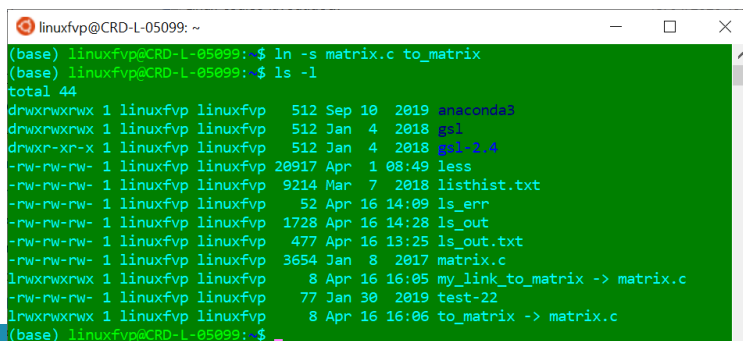
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Create links

- Create with the `ln` command using the `-s` option.

```
ln -s [OPTIONS] FILE LINK
```

- Check with `ls -l`
- The first character “l”, indicates that the file is a symlink.
- The “->” symbol shows the file the symlink points to.



```
linuxfvp@CRD-L-05099: ~  
(base) linuxfvp@CRD-L-05099:~$ ln -s matrix.c to_matrix  
(base) linuxfvp@CRD-L-05099:~$ ls -l  
total 44  
drwxrwxrwx 1 linuxfvp linuxfvp 512 Sep 10 2019 anaconda3  
drwxrwxrwx 1 linuxfvp linuxfvp 512 Jan 4 2018 gsl  
drwxr-xr-x 1 linuxfvp linuxfvp 512 Jan 4 2018 gsl-2.4  
-rw-rw-rw- 1 linuxfvp linuxfvp 20917 Apr 1 08:49 less  
-rw-rw-rw- 1 linuxfvp linuxfvp 9214 Mar 7 2018 listhist.txt  
-rw-rw-rw- 1 linuxfvp linuxfvp 52 Apr 16 14:09 ls_err  
-rw-rw-rw- 1 linuxfvp linuxfvp 1728 Apr 16 14:28 ls_out  
-rw-rw-rw- 1 linuxfvp linuxfvp 477 Apr 16 13:25 ls_out.txt  
-rw-rw-rw- 1 linuxfvp linuxfvp 3654 Jan 8 2017 matrix.c  
lrwxrwxrwx 1 linuxfvp linuxfvp 8 Apr 16 16:05 my_link_to_matrix -> matrix.c  
-rw-rw-rw- 1 linuxfvp linuxfvp 77 Jan 30 2019 test-22  
lrwxrwxrwx 1 linuxfvp linuxfvp 8 Apr 16 16:06 to_matrix -> matrix.c  
(base) linuxfvp@CRD-L-05099:~$
```

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Create links

- Editing a symbolic link file is the same as editing the source file
- Deleting the symbolic link does not delete the source file.
- Deleting the source file leaves a dangling link
- `$ ln -s file_v5.doc file_final.doc`
creates a symbolic link called `file_final.doc` that points to `file_v5.doc`
- `$ ln -s /home/demo/dir1/dir2/dir3 /home/demo/jump2dir`
creates a symbolic link called `jump2dir` that points to a deep directory (allows for quicker access)

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Hands-on

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