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2. Try the following command sequence:

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cd
 pwd
  ls -al
  cd .
         (where did that get you?)
  pwd
  cd ..
  pwd
  ls -al
 cd ..
  pwd
  ls -al
  cd ..
         (what happens now)
  pwd
  cd /etc
 ls -al | more
  cat passwd
  cd -
pwd
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- 3. Continue to explore the filesystem tree using cd, ls, pwd and cat. Look in /bin, /usr/bin, /sbin, /tmp and /boot. What do you see?
- 4. Explore /dev. Can you identify what devices are available? Which are character-oriented and which are block-oriented? Can you identify your tty (terminal) device (typing who am i might help); who is the owner of your tty (use 1s -1)?
- 5. Explore /proc. Display the contents of the files interrupts, devices, cpuinfo, meminfo and uptime using cat. Can you see why we say /proc is a pseudo-filesystem which allows access to kernel data structures?
- 6. Change to the home directory of another user directly, using cd ~username.
- 7. Change back into your home directory.
- 8. Make subdirectories called work and play.
- 9. Delete the subdirectory called work.
- 10. Copy the file /etc/passwd into your home directory.
- 11. Move it into the subdirectory play.
- 12. Change into subdirectory play and create a symbolic link called terminal that points to your tty device. What happens if you try to make a hard link to the tty device?

- 13. What is the difference between listing the contents of directory play with 1s -1 and 1s -L?
- 14. Create a file called hello.txt that contains the words "hello world". Can you use "cp" using "terminal" as the source file to achieve the same effect?
- 15. Copy hello.txt to terminal. What happens?
- 16. Imagine you were working on a system and someone accidentally deleted the 1s command (/bin/1s). How could you get a list of the files in the current directory? Try it.
- 17. How would you create and then delete a file called "\$SHELL"? Try it.
- 18. How would you create and then delete a file that begins with the symbol #? Try it.
- 19. How would you create and then delete a file that begins with the symbol -? Try it.
- 20. What is the output of the command:

 echo {con,pre}{sent,fer}{s,ed}? Now, from your home
 directory, copy /etc/passwd and /etc/group into your home
 directory in one command given that you can only type /etc once.
- 21. Still in your home directory, copy the entire directory play to a directory called work, preserving the symbolic link.
- 22. Delete the work directory and its contents with one command. Accept no complaints or queries.
- 23. Change into a directory that does not belong to you and try to delete all the files (avoid /proc or /dev, just in case!)
- 24. Experiment with the options on the 1s command. What do the d, i, R and F options do?