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command line

The programs you call on a terminal are not so different from their graphical interface you are used to on windows/mac.

You need to know these commands:

```
pwd more less cp mv mkdir ls cd chmod find
```

Two useful tips:

- use **TAB** on your keyboard for command and name completion.
- the **up** arrow allows to browse your history (also available with history)

Exercise 1

```
go to your home folder
cd
create a fake file by using
echo "hello world" > filetest | See if this file is present | 1s -1 |
read it
more fileTest
Of note, less is an alternative to more
rename it
mv fileTest test
check
ls -1
create a folder
mkdir TEST
Of note, all commands are case-sensitive 11
is a classic alias for s -1 move the file in this folder
mv test TEST
check, and see if present in the folder
11 TEST
copy it in the current folder
cp TEST/test .
is the current folder, ... is the folder one level close to the root / now we have the
```

same file, with same name, one in the TEST folder, one in the current. use the up arrow, you should see 'cp TEST/test .' and change it for

```
cp TEST/test test2
```

the first and last field of ls -1 should provide

```
drwxr-xr-x TEST
-rw-r--r- test
-rw-r--r- test2
```

trash test

```
rm test
```

if this command doesn't ask for confirmation, let me know we may change this behavior.

chmod allows to change permissions

try to read the file test after

```
chmod 222 test
```

r stands for read, w for write and x for execution for files and browsing for folders.

the first pattern is the owner

the second pattern is for the group

the third pattern is for everyone else

text editor

Let's have a look at a text editor, there is plenty of them, the one I use is vim, why? Because

- · it's commonly installed on servers
- · extremely powerful

enter the editor

```
vim test2
```

you have two modes

- command
- insert

By default you are in the command mode, let's enter in the editor mode with eithe i or insert on your keyboard. You should see --INSERT-- at the bottom. Now you can edit you file. When its finished, press ECHAP to return in the command mode. You must enter: for each command. The useful ones

w save changes to the file

- [:q!] quit without saving changes
- :wq write and quit

Exercise 2

find is great but not at all user-friendly. Try to find all your files which are bigger than 1 Go. then which are older than 1 year. Imagine doing this with windows...

Exercise 3, using a FASTA file

Get all sequences in genbank with the keyword trnl http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/sites/entrez?db=nuccore&cmd=search&term=trnl

but download only sequences from one class like *mammals* as a FASTA file. You should obtain a 1.1 Mo file. Otherwise, you can use /home/users/aginolhac/trnl_mammals.fasta

- how to obtain the first 500 lines of a file?
 see the command head and its manual man head. You can redirect the output to a file with 'command > file_first500.fasta' for example.
- how can you obtain from line 400 to 560?
 Think of piping head and tail
- count how many lines in this file. See wc
- count how many sequences you have in the FASTA file. look at grep
- you should have obtained the 500 first lines in a file and the 500 last in a second file.
 How can you merge these two files? look at cat

Extra questions

- there is a empty file after each sequence. Try to remove them (my favorite is sed, but check the volume of grep)
- Extract all headers (start with) then the *gi number* (see cut). Redirect to a file.
- Look if there some double gi, look at sort and uniq.



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