
[← Pre-Course Work](#)

15 / 28

Command: Create File (touch)

Thus far we've learned how to open our CLI, navigate around our folders, list the contents of folders, determine the path to our files, and create new folders. Next, we'll learn how to work with the files themselves.

What if you want to create a brand-new file? You can create new, empty files within the terminal using `touch`.

For example, if you want to create an empty text file named `blank.txt`, you can simply type: `touch blank.txt`.

Note that if the file already exists, it will simply update the timestamp for the most recent edit. If the file doesn't exist, it will create it.

Try this yourself! On your desktop, create a file called `blank.txt`.

