The CLI, or Command Line Interface, relies on text-based commands entered at a prompt. Users interact with the system by typing specific commands and parameters, which are then interpreted and executed. The visual elements are minimal, and the system responses, file listings, or program output is displayed as plain text.

In contrast, the GUI, or Graphical User Interface, is a much more visually intuitive interface. It employs graphics like icons, apps, and a general aesthetic to display a visually pleasing and stream-lined site or page.