

Tutorial Set 3

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Before you start these exercises, make sure you

log into atlas.sheridanc.on.ca through a secure shell

AND

start the ***bash*** shell session.

3.1 Navigating the Directory Tree

1. The directory in which you are working at the current time is called your "**working directory**".
The command to display your working directory is `pwd`, which stands for "print working directory".
Give the command to find out the directory path to your current location:
`pwd`
2. Display the names of the objects in your current directory:
`ls`
3. Display long listing of the current directory ("`ls -l`", note: not ones)
`ls -l`
4. Change to the parent directory. (Note you are in your home directory.)
`cd ..`
5. List the contents of the current directory. (Note the ownership and group membership.)
`ls -l`
6. Change to the root directory of the Linux file system. (Note you are in your home directory.)
`cd /`
7. Using an **absolute** path, change to the `mnt` directory. (Note you are in `/` directory.)
`cd /mnt`
8. Using a **relative** path, change to the `etc` directory. (Note you are in `/mnt` directory.)
`cd ../etc`
9. Give the following command and note where you end up.
`cd`
10. Change to `/bin` directory
`cd /bin`

3.2 More Navigation

1. Change to your home directory using an absolute path

Change to /etc directory
`cd /etc`

2. Change to your home directory using a relative path

3. Use the `cd` command to go to the `/usr/bin` directory.

4. Then type

`cd`

and press Enter. Where are you?

5. Again, use the `cd` command, but this time go to the system's root directory.

6. Type the following command (symbol tilde) and note where you are

`cd ~`

7. Next, type the following command (symbol dash) and note where you are

`cd -`

8. Change to a variety of different directories (explore!) and after 2-3 changes, give the '`cd dash`' command. Repeat this several time from different subdirectories. What does the dash do?

9. Change to /etc directory again

`cd /etc`

10. Now change to your user home directory using the shortcut symbol tilde

3.3 Creat a Subtree Called 'usr'

1. Make sure you are in the bash shell.

2. Confirm that you are in your home directory

3. Display the names of the objects in your current directory.

4. Create a subdirectory called usr
`mkdir usr`
5. Change to the new subdirectory usr (Is this a relative or absolute pathname?)
`cd usr`

6. Create a subdirectory called staff
`mkdir staff`
7. Create the following subdirectories
`mkdir staff/adams staff/joan staff/brian staff/zeke staff/bill reports meetings`
8. Create the following directories. Note there are no spaces in argument one and no spaces in argument two.
`mkdir staff/reports/rpt{A,AA,AB,C,3,75} notes{1,2,3,4,5}`
9. Using `cd`, `ls`, and `pwd`, navigate your newly created subdirectory, starting with `usr` as the top of your tree, and draw (on paper) the structure of the subtree.
10. Once you have the drawing completed, explore the `-R` option of the `ls` command. Compare the result to your drawing.