

`ls -a`

(all)

Lists all the files (including `.*` files)

`ls -S`

(size)

Lists the biggest files first

`ls -l`

(long)

Long listing (type, date, size,
owner, permissions)

`ls -r`

(reverse)

Reverses the sort order

`ls -t`

(time)

Lists the most recent files first

`ls ltr`

(options can be
combined)

Long listing, most recent files at
the end

`ls *txt`

The shell first replaces `*txt` by all the file and directory names
ending by `txt` (including `.txt`), except those starting with `.`,
and then executes the `ls` command line.

`ls d`

`.*`

Lists all the files and directories starting with `.`

`d`

tells `ls` not to display the contents of directories.

`cat ?.log`

Displays all the files which names start by 1 character and end by `.log`

`./`

The current directory. Useful for commands taking a directory
argument. Also sometimes useful to run commands in the current
directory (see later).

So `./readme.txt` and `readme.txt` are equivalent.

`../`

The parent (enclosing) directory. Always belongs to the `.` directory

(see `ls a`).

Only reference to the parent directory.

Typical usage:

`cd ..`

`cd <dir>`

Changes the current directory to `<dir>`.

`cd`

Gets back to the previous current directory.

`pwd`

Displays the current directory ("working directory").

`cp <source_file> <target_file>`

Copies the source file to the target.

`cp file1 file2 file3 ... dir`

Copies the files to the target directory (last argument).

`cp -i`

(interactive)

Asks for user confirmation if the target file already exists

`cp -r`

`<source_dir> <target_dir>` (recursive)

Copies the whole directory.

Smart directory copy with `rsync`

`rsync` (remote sync) has been designed to keep in sync directories on 2 machines with a low bandwidth connection.

Only copies files that have changed. Files with the same size are compared by checksums.

Only transfers the blocks that differ within a file!

Can compress the transferred blocks

Preserves symbolic links and file permissions: also very useful for copies on the same machine.

Can work through `ssh` (secure remote shell). Very useful to update the contents of a website, for example.

`rsync` examples (1)

`rsync -a /home/arvin/sd6_agents/ /home/sydney/misc/`

`-a`: archive mode. Equivalent to `rlptgoD...`

easy way to tell you want

recursion and want to preserve almost everything.

`rsync -Pav --delete /home/steve/ideas/ /home/bill/my_ideas/`

`-P`: `--partial` (keep partially transferred files) and `--progress`

(show progress during transfer)

`--delete`: delete files in the target which don't exist in the source.

Caution: directory names should end with `/`. Otherwise, you get a `my_ideas/ideas/` directory at the destination.

`mv` and `rm` commands

`mv <old_name> <new_name>` (move)

Renames the given file or directory.

`mv -i` (interactive) If the new file already exists, asks for user confirm

`rm file1 file2 file3 ...` (remove)

Removes the given files.

`rm -i` (interactive)

Always ask for user confirm.

`rm -r dir1 dir2 dir3` (recursive)

Removes the given directories with all their contents.

Creating and removing directories

`mkdir dir1 dir2 dir3 ...` (make dir)

Creates directories with the given names.

`rmdir dir1 dir2 dir3 ...` (remove dir)

Removes the given directories

Safe: only works when directories are empty.

Alternative: `rm -r` (doesn't need empty directories).

Displaying file contents

Several ways of displaying the contents of files.

`cat file1 file2 file3 ...` (concatenate)

Concatenates and outputs the contents of the given files.

`more file1 file2 file3 ...`

After each page, asks the user to hit a key to continue.

Can also jump to the first occurrence of a keyword

(`/` command).

`less file1 file2 file3 ...`

Does more than `more` with `less`.

Doesn't read the whole file before starting.

Supports backward movement in the file (`?` command).

The `grep` command

`grep <pattern> <files>`

Scans the given files and displays the lines which match the given pattern.

`grep error *.log`

Displays all the lines containing `error` in the `*.log` files

`grep -i error *.log`

Same, but case insensitive

`grep -ri error .`

Same, but recursively in all the files in `.` and its subdirectories

`grep -v info *.log`

Outputs all the lines in the files except those containing `info`.

The sort command

`sort <file>`

Sorts the lines in the given file in character order and outputs them.

`sort -r <file>`

Same, but in reverse order.

`sort -ru <file>`

u: unique. Same, but just outputs identical lines once.

More possibilities described later!

Fedora coomands:

`gedit /etc/inittab`

`gedit /etc/rc.local`

`su -`

`passwd`

- **Check if a service is running:**
- `service servicename status`
- **Starting a service:**
- `service servicename start`
- **Stopping a service:**
- `service servicename stop`

`ifconfig`

`setup`

`cat /etc/sysconfig/network-scripts/ifcfg-eth0`

The OUTPUT will look like this (i have it set to DHCP)

```
DEVICE=eth0
BOOTPROTO=dhcp
HWADDR=00:D0:B7:08:09:BB
ONBOOT=yes
```

OUTPUT for static IP (example)

```
#
# File: ifcfg-eth0
#
DEVICE=eth0
IPADDR=192.168.1.100
NETMASK=255.255.255.0
BOOTPROTO=static
ONBOOT=yes
```