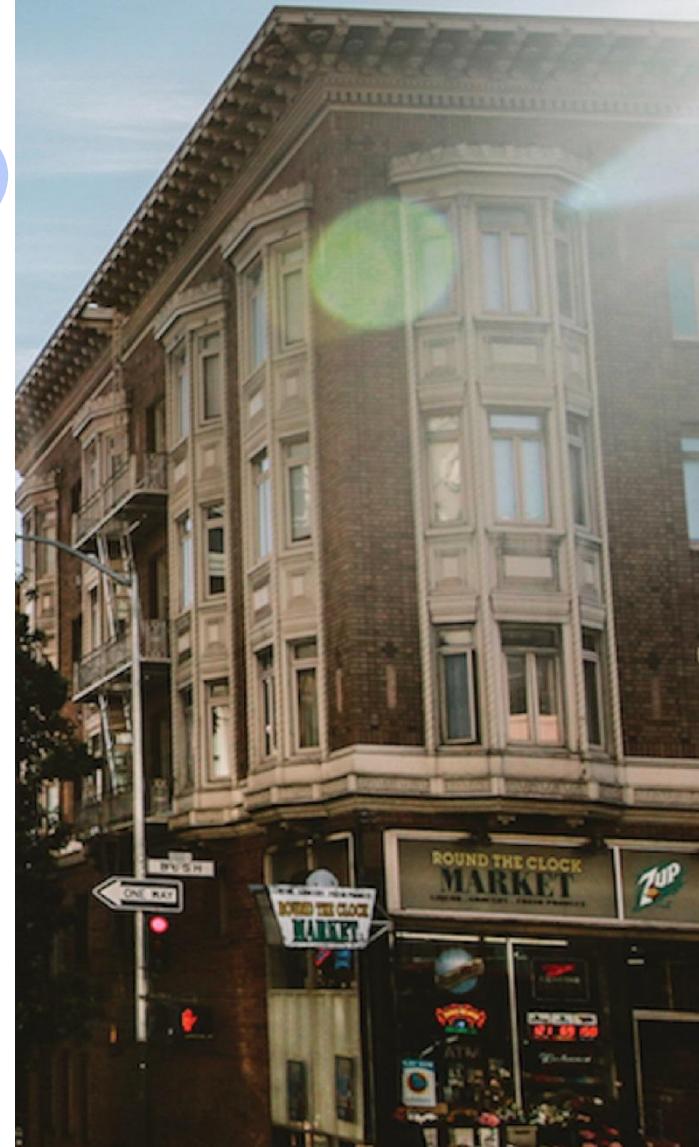


Capstone Project

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File Explorer Application

Objective: Develop a console-based file explorer application in C++ that interfaces with the Linux operating system to manage files and directories.

Summary: In this assignment, we built a command-line file explorer for Linux environments using C++17, compiled and executed through WSL on Windows 11. The project mimics basic file-system functionality similar to standard Linux commands.

CODE :

```
#include <bits/stdc++.h>
#include <filesystem>
#include <iomanip>
#include <pwd.h>
#include <grp.h>
#include <sys/stat.h>
#include <unistd.h>

namespace fs = std::filesystem;

// ----- Helpers -----
std::string perms_to_string(fs::perms p) {
    auto bit = [&](fs::perms b, char c){ return ( (p & b) != fs::perms::none ) ? c : '-'; };
    std::string s;
    s += bit(fs::perms::owner_read, 'r');
    s += bit(fs::perms::owner_write, 'w');
    s += bit(fs::perms::owner_exec, 'x');
    s += bit(fs::perms::group_read, 'r');
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```
s += bit(fs::perms::group_write, 'w');
s += bit(fs::perms::group_exec, 'x');
s += bit(fs::perms::others_read, 'r');
s += bit(fs::perms::others_write, 'w');
s += bit(fs::perms::others_exec, 'x');
return s;
}

std::string human_size(uintmax_t bytes) {
    const char* suffix[] = {"B", "KB", "MB", "GB", "TB"};
    double c = bytes; int i = 0;
    while (c >= 1024 && i < 4) { c /= 1024; ++i; }
    std::ostringstream os; os<<std::fixed<<std::setprecision((i==0)?0:1)<<c<<suffix[i];
    return os.str();
}

std::string owner_name(const fs::path& p) {
    struct stat st{};
    if (!lstat(p.c_str(), &st) == -1) return "?";
    passwd* pw = getpwuid(st.st_uid);
    group* gr = getgrgid(st.st_gid);
    std::ostringstream os;
    os << (pw?pw->pw_name:std::to_string(st.st_uid)) << ":" << (gr?gr->gr_name:std::to_string(st.st_gid));
    return os.str();
}

void print_entry(const fs::directory_entry& e) {
    auto st = fs::symlink_status(e.path());
    auto type = fs::is_directory(st) ? 'd' : fs::is_symlink(st) ? 'l' : '-';
    auto perm = perms_to_string(st.permissions());
    uintmax_t size = 0;
    if (fs::is_regular_file(st)) {
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std::error_code ec; size = fs::file_size(e.path(), ec);
}

// Convert filesystem clock -> system_clock to get time_t (portable)
auto ftime = fs::last_write_time(e.path());
auto sctp = std::chrono::time_point_cast<std::chrono::system_clock::duration>(
    ftime - fs::file_time_type::clock::now() + std::chrono::system_clock::now()
);
std::time_t tt = std::chrono::system_clock::to_time_t(sctp);
std::tm tm = *std::localtime(&tt);

std::cout << type << perm << " "
    << std::setw(10) << owner_name(e.path()) << " "
    << std::setw(8) << human_size(size) << " "
    << std::put_time(&tm, "%Y-%m-%d %H:%M") << " "
    << e.path().filename().string() << "\n";
}

bool iequals(const std::string& a, const std::string& b) {
    if (a.size()!=b.size()) return false;
    for (size_t i=0;i<a.size();++i)
        if (std::tolower(a[i]) != std::tolower(b[i])) return false;
    return true;
}

bool contains_icase(const std::string& hay, const std::string& needle) {
    auto H = hay; auto N = needle;
    std::transform(H.begin(),H.end(),H.begin(),::tolower);
    std::transform(N.begin(),N.end(),N.begin(),::tolower);
    return H.find(N) != std::string::npos;
}

void help() {
```

```
    std::cout <<
R"(Commands:
ls [path]          list directory
cd <path>         change directory
pwd               print working directory
tree [depth]       tree view (default depth=2)
mkdir <name>      create directory
touch <name>      create empty file (or update mtime)
rm <path>         remove file
rmdir <path>      remove directory recursively
cp <src> <dst>   copy (file or directory)
mv <src> <dst>   move/rename
open <file>       print file (first 200 lines)
search <name-frag> search recursively by name
chmod <octal> <path> set permissions (e.g., 755)
perms [path]       show permissions entries
help              show this help
exit              quit
)");
}
```

```
void list_dir(const fs::path& p) {
    std::vector<fs::directory_entry> items;
    std::error_code ec;
    for (auto& e : fs::directory_iterator(p, ec)) items.push_back(e);
    if (ec) { std::cerr << "ls: " << ec.message() << "\n"; return; }
    std::sort(items.begin(), items.end(),
        [](const auto& a, const auto& b){
            if (a.is_directory() != b.is_directory())
                return a.is_directory() && !b.is_directory();
            return a.path().filename().string() < b.path().filename().string();
        });
    for (auto& e : items) print_entry(e);
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}
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```
void tree(const fs::path& root, int max_depth, int depth=0) {
    if (depth > max_depth) return;
    std::error_code ec;
    for (auto& e : fs::directory_iterator(root, ec)) {
        if (ec) { std::cerr << "tree: " << ec.message() << "\n"; return; }
        for (int i=0;i<depth;i++) std::cout << " ";
        std::cout << "| - " << e.path().filename().string() << "\n";
        if (e.is_directory()) tree(e.path(), max_depth, depth+1);
    }
}
```

```
void touch(const fs::path& p) {
    std::error_code ec;
    if (!fs::exists(p)) {
        std::ofstream f(p);
        if (!f) { std::cerr << "touch: cannot create\n"; return; }
    } else {
        auto now = fs::file_time_type::clock::now(); // fixed
        fs::last_write_time(p, now, ec);
        if (ec) { std::cerr << "touch: " << ec.message() << "\n"; }
    }
}
```

```
void copy_any(const fs::path& src, const fs::path& dst) {
    std::error_code ec;
    if (fs::is_directory(src)) {
        fs::create_directories(dst, ec);
        fs::copy(src, dst, fs::copy_options::recursive | fs::copy_options::overwrite_existing,
ec);
    } else {
        fs::copy_file(src, dst, fs::copy_options::overwrite_existing, ec);
    }
}
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}

if (ec) std::cerr << "cp: " << ec.message() << "\n";
}

void show_file(const fs::path& p) {
    std::ifstream in(p);
    if (!in) { std::cerr << "open: cannot open file\n"; return; }
    std::string line; int n=0;
    while (n<200 && std::getline(in,line)) { std::cout << line << "\n"; ++n; }
    if (!in.eof()) std::cout << "...(truncated)\n";
}

void search_name(const fs::path& root, const std::string& pat) {
    std::error_code ec;
    for (auto it = fs::recursive_directory_iterator(root, ec);
        it != fs::recursive_directory_iterator(); ++it) {
        if (ec) { std::cerr << "search: " << ec.message() << "\n"; break; }
        if (contains_icase(it->path().filename().string(), pat)) {
            std::cout << it->path().string() << "\n";
        }
    }
}

void show_perms(const fs::path& p) {
    if (!fs::exists(p)) { std::cerr << "perms: path not found\n"; return; }
    if (fs::is_directory(p)) {
        for (auto& e : fs::directory_iterator(p)) print_entry(e);
    } else {
        print_entry(fs::directory_entry(p));
    }
}

void chmod_octal(const fs::path& p, const std::string& oct) {
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if (oct.size()<3 || oct.size()>4 || !std::all_of(oct.begin(),oct.end(),::isdigit)) {
    std::cerr << "chmod: use octal like 755 or 0644\n"; return;
}
unsigned mode = std::stoul(oct, nullptr, 8);
fs::perms perm = static_cast<fs::perms>(mode);
std::error_code ec;
fs::permissions(p, perm, ec);
if (ec) std::cerr << "chmod: " << ec.message() << "\n";
}

// ----- REPL -----
int main() {
    std::cout << "File Explorer (C++17, Linux/WSL)\n";
    help();
    fs::path cwd = fs::current_path();

    std::string line;
    while (true) {
        std::cout << "\n[" << cwd.string() << "]$ ";
        if (!std::getline(std::cin, line)) break;
        std::istringstream iss(line);
        std::string cmd; iss >> cmd;
        if (cmd.empty()) continue;

        try {
            if (cmd=="ls") {
                std::string p; iss >> p;
                list_dir(p.empty()?cwd:fs::path(p).is_absolute()?fs::path(p):(cwd/p));
            } else if (cmd=="pwd") {
                std::cout << cwd.string() << "\n";
            } else if (cmd=="cd") {
                std::string p; iss >> p;
                if (p.empty()) { std::cerr << "cd: path required\n"; continue; }
            }
        }
    }
}
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fs::path np = fs::path(p).is_absolute()?fs::path(p):(cwd/p);
if (fs::exists(np) && fs::is_directory(np)) { cwd = fs::canonical(np);
fs::current_path(cwd); }
else std::cerr<<"cd: not a directory\n";
} else if (cmd=="tree") {
    int d=2; iss>>d; if (d<0) d=0; tree(cwd,d);
} else if (cmd=="mkdir") {
    std::string n; iss>>n; if(n.empty()){std::cerr<<"mkdir: name
required\n";continue;}
    std::error_code ec; fs::create_directories(cwd/n, ec); if(ec) std::cerr<<"mkdir:
"<<ec.message()<<"\n";
} else if (cmd=="touch") {
    std::string n; iss>>n; if(n.empty()){std::cerr<<"touch: name
required\n";continue;}
    touch(cwd/n);
} else if (cmd=="rm") {
    std::string p; iss>>p; if(p.empty()){std::cerr<<"rm: path required\n";continue;}
    std::error_code ec; fs::remove(cwd/p, ec); if(ec) std::cerr<<"rm:
"<<ec.message()<<"\n";
} else if (cmd=="rmdir") {
    std::string p; iss>>p; if(p.empty()){std::cerr<<"rmdir: path
required\n";continue;}
    std::error_code ec; fs::remove_all(cwd/p, ec); if(ec) std::cerr<<"rmdir:
"<<ec.message()<<"\n";
} else if (cmd=="cp") {
    std::string s,d; iss>>s>>d; if(d.empty()){std::cerr<<"cp: src dst
required\n";continue;}
    copy_any(fs::path(s).is_absolute()?fs::path(s):(cwd/s),
            fs::path(d).is_absolute()?fs::path(d):(cwd/d));
} else if (cmd=="mv") {
    std::string s,d; iss>>s>>d; if(d.empty()){std::cerr<<"mv: src dst
required\n";continue;}
    std::error_code ec;

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        fs::rename(fs::path(s).is_absolute()?fs::path(s):(cwd/s),
                  fs::path(d).is_absolute()?fs::path(d):(cwd/d), ec);
        if(ec) std::cerr<<"mv: "<<ec.message()<<"\n";
    } else if (cmd=="open") {
        std::string f; iss>>f; if(f.empty()){std::cerr<<"open: file required\n";continue;}
        show_file(fs::path(f).is_absolute()?fs::path(f):(cwd/f));
    } else if (cmd=="search") {
        std::string pat; iss>>pat; if(pat.empty()){std::cerr<<"search: name
required\n";continue;}
        search_name(cwd, pat);
    } else if (cmd=="chmod") {
        std::string oct, p; iss>>oct>>p;
        if(p.empty()){std::cerr<<"chmod: <octal> <path>\n";continue;}
        chmod_octal(fs::path(p).is_absolute()?fs::path(p):(cwd/p), oct);
    } else if (cmd=="perms") {
        std::string p; iss>>p; fs::path t =
p.empty()?cwd:(fs::path(p).is_absolute()?fs::path(p):(cwd/p));
        show_perms(t);
    } else if (cmd=="help") {
        help();
    } else if (cmd=="exit" || cmd=="quit") {
        break;
    } else {
        std::cerr << "Unknown command. Type 'help'.\n";
    }
} catch(const std::exception& ex) {
    std::cerr << "error: " << ex.what() << "\n";
}
return 0;
}

```

Screenshot of code:

```
1 #include <bits/stdc++.h>
2 #include <filesystem>
3 #include <iomanip>
4 #include <pwd.h>
5 #include <grp.h>
6 #include <sys/stat.h>
7 #include <unistd.h>
8
9 namespace fs = std::filesystem;
10
11 // ----- Helpers -----
12 std::string perms_to_string(fs::perms p) {
13     auto bit = [&](fs::perms b, char c){ return ( (p & b) != fs::perms::none ) ? c : '-' };
14     std::string s;
15     s += bit(fs::perms::owner_read, 'r');
16     s += bit(fs::perms::owner_write, 'w');
17     s += bit(fs::perms::owner_exec, 'x');
18     s += bit(fs::perms::group_read, 'r');
19     s += bit(fs::perms::group_write, 'w');
20     s += bit(fs::perms::group_exec, 'x');
21     s += bit(fs::perms::others_read, 'r');
22     s += bit(fs::perms::others_write, 'w');
23     s += bit(fs::perms::others_exec, 'x');
24     return s;
25 }
26
27 std::string human_size(uintmax_t bytes) {
28     const char* suffix[] = {"B", "KB", "MB", "GB", "TB"};
29     double c = bytes; int i = 0;
30     while (c >= 1024 && i < 4) { c /= 1024; ++i; }
31     std::ostringstream os; os<<std::fixed<<std::setprecision((i==0)?0:1)<<c<<suffix[i];
32     return os.str();
33 }
34
35 std::string owner_name(const fs::path& p) {
36     struct stat st{};
37     if (lstat(p.c_str(), &st) == -1) return "?";

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38     passwd* pw = getpwuid(st.st_uid);
39     group* gr = getgrgid(st.st_gid);
40     std::ostringstream os;
41     os << (pw?pw->pw_name:std::to_string(st.st_uid)) << ":" << (gr?gr->gr_name:std::to_string(st.st_gid));
42     return os.str();
43 }
44
45 void print_entry(const fs::directory_entry& e) {
46     auto st = fs::symlink_status(e.path());
47     auto type = fs::is_directory(st) ? 'd' : fs::is_symlink(st) ? 'l' : '-';
48     auto perm = perms_to_string(st.permissions());
49     uintmax_t size = 0;
50     if (fs::is_regular_file(st)) {
51         std::error_code ec; size = fs::file_size(e.path(), ec);
52     }
53
54     // Convert filesystem clock -> system_clock to get time_t (portable)
55     auto ftime = fs::last_write_time(e.path());
56     auto sctp = std::chrono::time_point_cast<std::chrono::system_clock::duration>(
57         ftime - fs::file_time_type::clock::now() + std::chrono::system_clock::now()
58     );
59     std::time_t tt = std::chrono::system_clock::to_time_t(sctp);
60     std::tm tm = *std::localtime(&tt);
61
62     std::cout << type << perm << " "
63     << std::setw(10) << owner_name(e.path()) << " "
64     << std::setw(8) << human_size(size) << " "
65     << std::put_time(&tm, "%Y-%m-%d %H:%M") << " "
66     << e.path().filename().string() << "\n";
67 }
68
69 bool iequals(const std::string& a, const std::string& b) {
70     if (a.size()!=b.size()) return false;
71     for (size_t i=0;i<a.size();++i)
72         if (std::tolower(a[i]) != std::tolower(b[i])) return false;
73     return true;

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74    }
75
76    bool contains_icase(const std::string& hay, const std::string& needle) {
77        auto H = hay; auto N = needle;
78        std::transform(H.begin(), H.end(), H.begin(), ::tolower);
79        std::transform(N.begin(), N.end(), N.begin(), ::tolower);
80        return H.find(N) != std::string::npos;
81    }
82
83    void help() {
84        std::cout <<
85        R"(Commands:
86        ls [path]                      list directory
87        cd <path>                     change directory
88        pwd                           print working directory
89        tree [depth]                  tree view (default depth=2)
90        mkdir <name>                  create directory
91        touch <name>                  create empty file (or update mtime)
92        rm <path>                     remove file
93        rmdir <path>                  remove directory recursively
94        cp <src> <dst>                copy (file or directory)
95        mv <src> <dst>                move/rename
96        open <file>                   print file (first 200 lines)
97        search <name-frag>            search recursively by name
98        chmod <octal> <path>          set permissions (e.g., 755)
99        perms [path]                 show permissions entries
100       help                         show this help
101       exit                         quit
102    )";
103 }
104
105    void list_dir(const fs::path& p) {
106        std::vector<fs::directory_entry> items;
107        std::error_code ec;
108        for (auto& e : fs::directory_iterator(p, ec)) items.push_back(e);
109        if (ec) { std::cerr << "ls: " << ec.message() << "\n"; return; }

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110     std::sort(items.begin(), items.end(),
111               [] (const auto& a, const auto& b) {
112                 if (a.is_directory() != b.is_directory())
113                   return a.is_directory() && !b.is_directory();
114                 return a.path().filename().string() < b.path().filename().string();
115               });
116             for (auto& e : items) print_entry(e);
117         }
118     }
119 void tree(const fs::path& root, int max_depth, int depth=0) {
120     if (depth > max_depth) return;
121     std::error_code ec;
122     for (auto& e : fs::directory_iterator(root, ec)) {
123         if (ec) { std::cerr << "tree: " << ec.message() << "\n"; return; }
124         for (int i=0;i<depth;i++) std::cout << " ";
125         std::cout << "|- " << e.path().filename().string() << "\n";
126         if (e.is_directory()) tree(e.path(), max_depth, depth+1);
127     }
128 }
129
130 void touch(const fs::path& p) {
131     std::error_code ec;
132     if (!fs::exists(p)) {
133         std::ofstream f(p);
134         if (!f) { std::cerr << "touch: cannot create\n"; return; }
135     } else {
136         auto now = fs::file_time_type::clock::now(); // fixed
137         fs::last_write_time(p, now, ec);
138         if (ec) { std::cerr << "touch: "<<ec.message()<<"\n"; }
139     }
140 }
141
142 void copy_any(const fs::path& src, const fs::path& dst) {
143     std::error_code ec;
144     if (fs::is_directory(src)) {
145         fs::create_directories(dst, ec);

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146     fs::copy(src, dst, fs::copy_options::recursive | fs::copy_options::overwrite_existing, ec);
147 } else {
148     fs::copy_file(src, dst, fs::copy_options::overwrite_existing, ec);
149 }
150 if (ec) std::cerr << "cp: " << ec.message() << "\n";
151 }
152
153 void show_file(const fs::path& p) {
154     std::ifstream in(p);
155     if (!in) { std::cerr << "open: cannot open file\n"; return; }
156     std::string line; int n=0;
157     while (n<200 && std::getline(in,line)) { std::cout << line << "\n"; ++n; }
158     if (!in.eof()) std::cout << "...(truncated)\n";
159 }
160
161 void search_name(const fs::path& root, const std::string& pat) {
162     std::error_code ec;
163     for (auto it = fs::recursive_directory_iterator(root, ec);
164          it != fs::recursive_directory_iterator(); ++it) {
165         if (ec) { std::cerr << "search: " << ec.message() << "\n"; break; }
166         if (contains_icase(it->path().filename().string(), pat)) {
167             std::cout << it->path().string() << "\n";
168         }
169     }
170 }
171
172 void show_perms(const fs::path& p) {
173     if (!fs::exists(p)) { std::cerr << "perms: path not found\n"; return; }
174     if (fs::is_directory(p)) {
175         for (auto& e : fs::directory_iterator(p)) print_entry(e);
176     } else {
177         print_entry(fs::directory_entry(p));
178     }
179 }
```

```

181 void chmod_octal(const fs::path& p, const std::string& oct) {
182     if (oct.size()<3 || oct.size()>4 || !std::all_of(oct.begin(),oct.end(),::isdigit)) {
183         std::cerr << "chmod: use octal like 755 or 0644\n"; return;
184     }
185     unsigned mode = std::stoul(oct, nullptr, 8);
186     fs::perms perm = static_cast<fs::perms>(mode);
187     std::error_code ec;
188     fs::permissions(p, perm, ec);
189     if (ec) std::cerr << "chmod: " << ec.message() << "\n";
190 }
191
192 // ----- REPL -----
193 int main() {
194     std::cout << "File Explorer (C++17, Linux/WSL)\n";
195     help();
196     fs::path cwd = fs::current_path();
197
198     std::string line;
199     while (true) {
200         std::cout << "\n[" << cwd.string() << "]$ ";
201         if (!std::getline(std::cin, line)) break;
202         std::istringstream iss(line);
203         std::string cmd; iss >> cmd;
204         if (cmd.empty()) continue;
205
206         try {
207             if (cmd=="ls") {
208                 std::string p; iss >> p;
209                 list_dir(p.empty()?cwd:fs::path(p).is_absolute()?fs::path(p):(cwd/p));
210             } else if (cmd=="pwd") {
211                 std::cout << cwd.string() << "\n";
212             } else if (cmd=="cd") {
213                 std::string p; iss >> p;
214                 if (p.empty()) { std::cerr<<"cd: path required\n"; continue; }
215                 fs::path np = fs::path(p).is_absolute()?fs::path(p):(cwd/p);
216                 if (fs::exists(np) && fs::is_directory(np)) { cwd = fs::canonical(np); fs::current_path(cwd); }
217                 else std::cerr<<"cd: not a directory\n";

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218     } else if (cmd=="tree") {
219         int d=2; iss>>d; if (d<0) d=0; tree(cwd,d);
220     } else if (cmd=="mkdir") {
221         std::string n; iss>>n; if(n.empty()){std::cerr<<"mkdir: name required\n";continue;}
222         std::error_code ec; fs::create_directories(cwd/n, ec); if(ec) std::cerr<<"mkdir: "<<ec.message()<<"\n";
223     } else if (cmd=="touch") {
224         std::string n; iss>>n; if(n.empty()){std::cerr<<"touch: name required\n";continue;}
225         touch(cwd/n);
226     } else if (cmd=="rm") {
227         std::string p; iss>>p; if(p.empty()){std::cerr<<"rm: path required\n";continue;}
228         std::error_code ec; fs::remove(cwd/p, ec); if(ec) std::cerr<<"rm: "<<ec.message()<<"\n";
229     } else if (cmd=="rmdir") {
230         std::string p; iss>>p; if(p.empty()){std::cerr<<"rmdir: path required\n";continue;}
231         std::error_code ec; fs::remove_all(cwd/p, ec); if(ec) std::cerr<<"rmdir: "<<ec.message()<<"\n";
232     } else if (cmd=="cp") {
233         std::string s,d; iss>>s>>d; if(d.empty()){std::cerr<<"cp: src dst required\n";continue;}
234         copy_any(fs::path(s).is_absolute()?fs::path(s):(cwd/s),
235                  fs::path(d).is_absolute()?fs::path(d):(cwd/d));
236     } else if (cmd=="mv") {
237         std::string s,d; iss>>s>>d; if(d.empty()){std::cerr<<"mv: src dst required\n";continue;}
238         std::error_code ec;
239         fs::rename(fs::path(s).is_absolute()?fs::path(s):(cwd/s),
240                    fs::path(d).is_absolute()?fs::path(d):(cwd/d), ec);
241         if(ec) std::cerr<<"mv: "<<ec.message()<<"\n";
242     } else if (cmd=="open") {
243         std::string f; iss>>f; if(f.empty()){std::cerr<<"open: file required\n";continue;}
244         show_file(fs::path(f).is_absolute()?fs::path(f):(cwd/f));
245     } else if (cmd=="search") {
246         std::string pat; iss>>pat; if(pat.empty()){std::cerr<<"search: name required\n";continue;}
247         search_name(cwd, pat);
248     } else if (cmd=="chmod") {
249         std::string oct, p; iss>>oct>>p;
250         if(p.empty()){std::cerr<<"chmod: <octal> <path>\n";continue;}
251             chmod_octal(fs::path(p).is_absolute()?fs::path(p):(cwd/p), oct);
252     } else if (cmd=="perms") {
253         std::string p; iss>>p; fs::path t = p.empty()? cwd:(fs::path(p).is_absolute()?fs::path(p):(cwd/p));
254         show_perms(t);
255     } else if (cmd=="help") {
256         help();
257     } else if (cmd=="exit" || cmd=="quit") {
258         break;
259     } else {
260         std::cerr << "Unknown command. Type 'help'.\n";
261     }
262 } catch(const std::exception& ex) {
263     std::cerr << "error: " << ex.what() << "\n";
264 }
265 }
266 return 0;
267 }
268 }
```

Screenshot of outputs:

```
[/home/chauh/projects/file-explorer]$ pwd  
/home/chauh/projects/file-explorer
```

pwd — show current working directory

```
[/home/chauh/projects/file-explorer]$ help  
Commands:  
  ls [path]                      list directory  
  cd <path>                      change directory  
  pwd                            print working directory  
  tree [depth]                    tree view (default depth=2)  
  mkdir <name>                   create directory  
  touch <name>                   create empty file (or update mtime)  
  rm <path>                     remove file  
  rmdir <path>                   remove directory recursively  
  cp <src> <dst>                 copy (file or directory)  
  mv <src> <dst>                 move/rename  
  open <file>                    print file (first 200 lines)  
  search <name-frag>             search recursively by name  
  chmod <octal> <path>          set permissions (e.g., 755)  
  perms [path]                   show permissions entries  
  help                           show this help  
  exit                           quit
```

help — show commands

```
[/home/chauh/projects/file-explorer]$ ls
drwxr-xr-x chauh:chauh      0B  2025-11-08 17:44 .git
drwxr-xr-x chauh:chauh      0B  2025-11-08 18:48 src
-rw-r--r-- chauh:chauh   309B  2025-11-08 18:06 Makefile
-rwxr-xr-x chauh:chauh  94.7KB  2025-11-08 18:48 file_explorer
```

ls — list files

```
[/home/chauh/projects/file-explorer]$ cd src
[/home/chauh/projects/file-explorer/src]$ cd ..
```

cd <path> — change directory

```
[/home/chauh/projects/file-explorer]$ tree
|- file_explorer
|- .git
|   |- description
|   |- hooks
|     |- update.sample
|     |- sendemail-validate.sample
|     |- commit-msg.sample
|     |- pre-receive.sample
|     |- pre-applypatch.sample
|     |- push-to-checkout.sample
|     |- applypatch-msg.sample
|     |- pre-merge-commit.sample
|     |- pre-push.sample
|     |- prepare-commit-msg.sample
|     |- pre-rebase.sample
|     |- fsmonitor-watchman.sample
|     |- pre-commit.sample
|     |- post-update.sample
|- refs
|   |- heads
|   |- tags
|- branches
|- HEAD
|- objects
|   |- info
|   |- pack
|- config
|- info
  |- exclude
|- Makefile
|- src
  |- main.o
  |- main.cpp
```

tree

```
[/home/chauh/projects/file-explorer]$ tree 1
|- file_explorer
|- .git
|   |- description
|   |- hooks
|   |- refs
|   |- branches
|   |- HEAD
|   |- objects
|   |- config
|   |- info
|- Makefile
|- src
  |- main.o
  |- main.cpp
```

Tree[depth]

```
[/home/chauh/projects/file-explorer]$ mkdir piyush
[/home/chauh/projects/file-explorer]$ cd piyush
```

mkdir <name> - make directory

```
[/home/chauh/projects/file-explorer/piyush]$ touch piyush.txt
```

touch <name> — create/update file timestamp

```
[/home/chauh/projects/file-explorer/piyush]$ open piyush.txt
Piyush kumar nayak 2241014099
```

open <file> — show first 200 lines

```
[/home/chauh/projects/file-explorer/piyush]$ cp piyush.txt backup.txt
```

cp <src> <dst> — copy

```
[/home/chauh/projects/file-explorer/piyush]$ open backup.txt  
Piyush kumar nayak 2241014099
```

```
[/home/chauh/projects/file-explorer/ashish]$ mv backup.txt copy.txt
```

mv <src> <dst> — move/rename

```
[/home/chauh/projects/file-explorer/piyush]$ rm piyush.txt
```

rm <file> — delete file

```
[/home/chauh/projects/file-explorer]$ rmdir piyush
```

rmdir <dir> — delete directory (recursive)

```
[/home/chauh/projects/file-explorer]$ search main  
/home/chauh/projects/file-explorer/src/main.o  
/home/chauh/projects/file-explorer/src/main.cpp
```

search <name-frag> — recursive search

```
[/home/chauh/projects/file-explorer]$ perms  
-rwxr-xr-x chauh:chauh 94.7KB 2025-11-08 18:48 file_explorer  
drwxr-xr-x chauh:chauh 0B 2025-11-08 17:44 .git  
-rw-r--r-- chauh:chauh 309B 2025-11-08 18:06 Makefile  
drwxr-xr-x chauh:chauh 0B 2025-11-08 18:48 src
```

perms [path] — show file perms

```
[/home/chauh/projects/file-explorer]$ perms src/main.cpp  
-rw-r--r-- chauh:chauh 10.7KB 2025-11-08 18:21 main.cpp
```

perms [path] — show file perms of specific file