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Command Crib Sheet

COMMAND	DESCRIPTION	SAMPLE INVOCATION	INVOCATION USE
ls	list all the files and subdirectories allocated in the current directory	**ls -a**	produces a list of all the files and directories including hidden ones
cd	changes your current directory	**cd ..**	moves you back up one level from your current directory
man	gives you access to the help files in your system	**man -k copy**	displays one line overview of all descriptions in the manual that contain the word "copy"
rm	use to remove/delete a file	**rm *.***	deletes all the files in the current directory
cp	used to copy a file or directory	**cp one ~/Doc**	copies file "one" (from your current directory) into "Doc" directory
mv	used to move or rename a file or folder	**mv one two**	changes name of the file "one" (from your current directory) to "two"
mkdir	makes a new directory	**mkdir hello**	makes a new directory named "hello" (in your current directory)
open	opens a file in the GUI	**open ~Doc/one**	opens file "one" located in the "Doc" directory
kill	terminates a process	**kill 380**	terminates process #380
grep	checks the contents of a file and returns all the lines containing a match of the content	**grep hello /etc/one.doc**	returns a list of all the lines in "one.doc" containing "hello"