

# SYSTEMS PROGRAMMING

## Notes on Bash Commands

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1)

NAME :

**ls**

DESCRIPTION :

List information about the files in the current directory.

OPTIONS :

-a, --all

Do not ignore entries starting with .

-l

Use a long listing format

-Q

All entries are enclosed in "Double Quote"

-R

List subdirectories recursively

-S

Sort by file size, largest first

--version

## Output version information and exit

```
rajat@LAPTOP-ADQR56A7:/mnt/c/Users/RAJAT/Desktop/System_programming$ ls
linux_commands.pdf num.py num1.txt test.txt test1.txt
rajat@LAPTOP-ADQR56A7:/mnt/c/Users/RAJAT/Desktop/System_programming$ ls -a
. .  linux_commands.pdf num.py num1.txt test.txt test1.txt
rajat@LAPTOP-ADQR56A7:/mnt/c/Users/RAJAT/Desktop/System_programming$ ls -l
total 64
-rwxrwxrwx 1 rajat rajat 62837 Aug  7 21:15 linux_commands.pdf
-rwxrwxrwx 1 rajat rajat   35 Aug 12 18:48 num.py
-rwxrwxrwx 1 rajat rajat   20 Aug 12 18:51 num1.txt
-rwxrwxrwx 1 rajat rajat   682 Aug 12 14:20 test.txt
-rwxrwxrwx 1 rajat rajat   682 Aug 12 20:34 test1.txt
rajat@LAPTOP-ADQR56A7:/mnt/c/Users/RAJAT/Desktop/System_programming$ ls -Q
"linux_commands.pdf" "num.py" "num1.txt" "test.txt" "test1.txt"
rajat@LAPTOP-ADQR56A7:/mnt/c/Users/RAJAT/Desktop/System_programming$ ls -R
.:
linux_commands.pdf num.py num1.txt test.txt test1.txt
rajat@LAPTOP-ADQR56A7:/mnt/c/Users/RAJAT/Desktop/System_programming$ ls -S
linux_commands.pdf test.txt test1.txt num.py num1.txt
rajat@LAPTOP-ADQR56A7:/mnt/c/Users/RAJAT/Desktop/System_programming$ ls --version
ls (GNU coreutils) 8.32
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Written by Richard M. Stallman and David MacKenzie.
rajat@LAPTOP-ADQR56A7:/mnt/c/Users/RAJAT/Desktop/System_programming$
```

2)

NAME :

**cp**

DESCRIPTION :

Copy SOURCE to DEST, or multiple SOURCE(s) to  
DIRECTORIES

OPTIONS :

**-i, --interactive**

Prompt before overwrite(overrides a previous -n  
option)

**-l**

Hard link files instead of copying

**-n**

do not overwrite an existing file (overrides a previous `-i` option)

`-R`

copy directories recursively

```
rajat@LAPTOP-ADQR56A7:/mnt/c/Users/RAJAT/Desktop/System_programming$ ls
linux_commands.pdf  num.py  num1.txt  test.txt  test1.txt
rajat@LAPTOP-ADQR56A7:/mnt/c/Users/RAJAT/Desktop/System_programming$ cp -i test.txt test1.txt
cp: overwrite 'test1.txt'? y
rajat@LAPTOP-ADQR56A7:/mnt/c/Users/RAJAT/Desktop/System_programming$ cp -l test.txt test2.txt
rajat@LAPTOP-ADQR56A7:/mnt/c/Users/RAJAT/Desktop/System_programming$ cp -n test.txt test1.txt
rajat@LAPTOP-ADQR56A7:/mnt/c/Users/RAJAT/Desktop/System_programming$ ls
linux_commands.pdf  num.py  num1.txt  test.txt  test1.txt  test2.txt
rajat@LAPTOP-ADQR56A7:/mnt/c/Users/RAJAT/Desktop/System_programming$ cat test.txt
The blinking light caught her attention. She thought about it a bit and couldn't remember ever noticing it before. That was strange since it was obvious the
flashing light had been there for years. Now she wondered how she missed it for that amount of time and what other things in her small town she had failed
to notice.

It had been her dream for years but Dana had failed to take any action toward making it come true. There had always been a good excuse to delay or prioritiz
e another project. As she woke, she realized she was once again at a crossroads. Would it be another excuse or would she finally find the courage to pursue
her dream? Dana rose and took her first step.
rajat@LAPTOP-ADQR56A7:/mnt/c/Users/RAJAT/Desktop/System_programming$ cat test1.txt
The blinking light caught her attention. She thought about it a bit and couldn't remember ever noticing it before. That was strange since it was obvious the
flashing light had been there for years. Now she wondered how she missed it for that amount of time and what other things in her small town she had failed
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her dream? Dana rose and took her first step.
rajat@LAPTOP-ADQR56A7:/mnt/c/Users/RAJAT/Desktop/System_programming$ cat test2.txt
The blinking light caught her attention. She thought about it a bit and couldn't remember ever noticing it before. That was strange since it was obvious the
flashing light had been there for years. Now she wondered how she missed it for that amount of time and what other things in her small town she had failed
to notice.

It had been her dream for years but Dana had failed to take any action toward making it come true. There had always been a good excuse to delay or prioritiz
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her dream? Dana rose and took her first step.
rajat@LAPTOP-ADQR56A7:/mnt/c/Users/RAJAT/Desktop/System_programming$ |
```

3)

NAME :

`mkdir`

DESCRIPTION :

Create the DIRECTORY(ies), if they do not already Exist

OPTIONS :

`-m, --mode`

set file mode (as in `chmod`), not `a=rwx - umask`

`-p, --parents`

no error if existing, make parent directories as

Needed

-v, --verbose

print a message for each created directory

-Z

set SELinux security context of each created directory to the default type

```
rajat@LAPTOP-ADQR56A7:/mnt/c/Users/RAJAT/Desktop/System_programming$ ls
linux_commands.pdf num.py num1.txt test.txt test1.txt test2.txt
rajat@LAPTOP-ADQR56A7:/mnt/c/Users/RAJAT/Desktop/System_programming$ mkdir dir1
rajat@LAPTOP-ADQR56A7:/mnt/c/Users/RAJAT/Desktop/System_programming$ ls
dir1 linux_commands.pdf num.py num1.txt test.txt test1.txt test2.txt
rajat@LAPTOP-ADQR56A7:/mnt/c/Users/RAJAT/Desktop/System_programming$ mkdir -p dir1
rajat@LAPTOP-ADQR56A7:/mnt/c/Users/RAJAT/Desktop/System_programming$ mkdir -v dir2
mkdir: created directory 'dir2'
rajat@LAPTOP-ADQR56A7:/mnt/c/Users/RAJAT/Desktop/System_programming$ ls
dir1 linux_commands.pdf num1.txt test1.txt
dir2 num.py test.txt test2.txt
```

4)

NAME :

**cat**

DESCRIPTION :

concatenate files and print on the standard output

OPTIONS :

-b, --number-nonblank

number non empty output lines, overrides -n

-E, --show-ends

display \$ at end of each line

-n, --number

number all output lines

-s, --squeeze-blank

suppress repeated empty output lines

```

rajat@LAPTOP-ADQR56A7:/mnt/c/Users/RAJAT/Desktop/System_programming$ cat test.txt
The blinking light caught her attention. She thought about it a bit and couldn't remember ever noticing it before. That was strange since it was obvious the
flashing light had been there for years. Now she wondered how she missed it for that amount of time and what other things in her small town she had failed
to notice.

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her dream? Dana rose and took her first step.
rajat@LAPTOP-ADQR56A7:/mnt/c/Users/RAJAT/Desktop/System_programming$ cat -b test.txt
 1 The blinking light caught her attention. She thought about it a bit and couldn't remember ever noticing it before. That was strange since it was obv
ious the flashing light had been there for years. Now she wondered how she missed it for that amount of time and what other things in her small town she had
failed to notice.

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pursue her dream? Dana rose and took her first step.
rajat@LAPTOP-ADQR56A7:/mnt/c/Users/RAJAT/Desktop/System_programming$ cat -E test.txt
The blinking light caught her attention. She thought about it a bit and couldn't remember ever noticing it before. That was strange since it was obvious the
flashing light had been there for years. Now she wondered how she missed it for that amount of time and what other things in her small town she had failed
to notice.$
$
It had been her dream for years but Dana had failed to take any action toward making it come true. There had always been a good excuse to delay or prioritiz
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her dream? Dana rose and took her first step.$
rajat@LAPTOP-ADQR56A7:/mnt/c/Users/RAJAT/Desktop/System_programming$ cat -n test.txt
 1 The blinking light caught her attention. She thought about it a bit and couldn't remember ever noticing it before. That was strange since it was obv
ious the flashing light had been there for years. Now she wondered how she missed it for that amount of time and what other things in her small town she had
failed to notice.
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pursue her dream? Dana rose and took her first step.
rajat@LAPTOP-ADQR56A7:/mnt/c/Users/RAJAT/Desktop/System_programming$ cat -s
test.txt
The blinking light caught her attention. She thought about it a bit and couldn't remember ever noticing it before. That was strange since it was obvious the
flashing light had been there for years. Now she wondered how she missed it for that amount of time and what other things in her small town she had failed
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5)

NAME :

**grep**

DESCRIPTION :

It searches for PATTERNS in each FILE. If no FILE is given, recursive searches examine the current working directory, and non recursive searches read standard input.

OPTIONS :

**-i, --ignore-case**

Ignore case distinctions in patterns and input data, so that characters that differ only in case match each other.

**-v, --invert-match**

Invert the sense of matching, to select non-matching lines.

**-c, --count**

Suppress normal output; instead print a count of matching lines for each input file. With the **-v, --invert-match** option, count non-matching lines.

**-o, --only-matching**

Print only the matched (non-empty) parts of a matching line, with each such part on a separate output line.

**-n, --line-number**

Prefix each line of output with the 1-based line number within its input file.

```
rajat@LAPTOP-ADQR56A7:/mnt/c/Users/RAJAT/Desktop/System_programming$ grep -i the test.txt
The blinking light caught her attention. She thought about it a bit and couldn't remember ever noticing it before. That was strange since it was obvious the
flashing light had been there for years. Now she wondered how she missed it for that amount of time and what other things in her small town she had failed
to notice.
It had been her dream for years but Dana had failed to take any action toward making it come true. There had always been a good excuse to delay or prioritiz
e another project. As she woke, she realized she was once again at a crossroads. Would it be another excuse or would she finally find the courage to pursu
e her dream? Dana rose and took her first step.
rajat@LAPTOP-ADQR56A7:/mnt/c/Users/RAJAT/Desktop/System_programming$ grep -c the test.txt
2
rajat@LAPTOP-ADQR56A7:/mnt/c/Users/RAJAT/Desktop/System_programming$ grep -o the test.txt
the
the
the
the
the
the
rajat@LAPTOP-ADQR56A7:/mnt/c/Users/RAJAT/Desktop/System_programming$ grep -n the test.txt
1:The blinking light caught her attention. She thought about it a bit and couldn't remember ever noticing it before. That was strange since it was obvious t
he flashing light had been there for years. Now she wondered how she missed it for that amount of time and what other things in her small town she had faile
d to notice.
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e her dream? Dana rose and took her first step.
rajat@LAPTOP-ADQR56A7:/mnt/c/Users/RAJAT/Desktop/System_programming$
```

6)

**NAME :**

**sort**

**DESCRIPTION :**

Write sorted concatenation of all FILE(s) to standard output.

**OPTIONS :**

**-b, --ignore-leading-blanks**  
ignore leading blanks

- d, --dictionary-order  
consider only blanks and alphanumeric characters
- f, --ignore-case  
fold lower case to upper case characters
- g, --general-numeric-sort  
compare according to general numerical value
- i, --ignore-nonprinting  
consider only printable characters

```
rajat@LAPTOP-ADQR56A7:/mnt/c/Users/RAJAT/Desktop/System_programming$ cat file.txt
wejfvw
fwjfkjw
dbg
rfenf
2213
6774
8585
fajbf
vnmkd
GRur
rajat@LAPTOP-ADQR56A7:/mnt/c/Users/RAJAT/Desktop/System_programming$ sort -g file.txt
GRur
dbg
fajbf
fwjfkjw
rfenf
vnmkd
wejfvw
2213
6774
8585
rajat@LAPTOP-ADQR56A7:/mnt/c/Users/RAJAT/Desktop/System_programming$ sort -b file.txt
2213
6774
8585
GRur
dbg
fajbf
fwjfkjw
rfenf
vnmkd
wejfvw
rajat@LAPTOP-ADQR56A7:/mnt/c/Users/RAJAT/Desktop/System_programming$ |
```

7)

NAME :

WC

DESCRIPTION :

Print newline, word, and byte counts for each FILE, and a total line if more than one FILE is specified. A word is a non-zero-length sequence of characters delimited by white space.

OPTIONS :

-c, --bytes  
print the byte counts

-m, --chars  
print the character counts

-l, --lines  
print the newline counts

-w, --words  
print the word counts

```
rajat@LAPTOP-ADQR56A7:/mnt/c/Users/RAJAT/Desktop/System_programming$ cat file.txt
wejfvw
fwjfkjw
dbg
rfenf
2213
6774
8585
fajbf
vrvkd
GRur
rajat@LAPTOP-ADQR56A7:/mnt/c/Users/RAJAT/Desktop/System_programming$ wc -c file.txt
57 file.txt
rajat@LAPTOP-ADQR56A7:/mnt/c/Users/RAJAT/Desktop/System_programming$ wc -m file.txt
57 file.txt
rajat@LAPTOP-ADQR56A7:/mnt/c/Users/RAJAT/Desktop/System_programming$ wc -l file.txt
10 file.txt
rajat@LAPTOP-ADQR56A7:/mnt/c/Users/RAJAT/Desktop/System_programming$ wc -w file.txt
10 file.txt
rajat@LAPTOP-ADQR56A7:/mnt/c/Users/RAJAT/Desktop/System_programming$ |
```



8)

NAME :

**touch**

DESCRIPTION :

Update the access and modification times of each FILE to the current time. A FILE argument that does not exist is created empty, unless -c or -h is supplied. A FILE argument string of - is handled specially and causes touch to change the times of the file associated with standard output.

OPTIONS :

-a

change only the access time

-c, --no-create

do not create any files

-m

change only the modification time

-r, --reference=FILE

use this file's times instead of current time

-t STAMP

use [[CC]YY]MMDDhhmm[.ss] instead of current time

```

rajat@LAPTOP-ADQR56A7:/mnt/c/Users/RAJAT/Desktop/System_programming$ ls -l
total 68
drwxrwxrwx 1 rajat rajat 4096 Aug 12 21:06 .
-rwxrwxrwx 1 rajat rajat 56 Aug 12 21:40 file.txt
-rwxrwxrwx 1 rajat rajat 62837 Aug 7 21:15 linux_commands.pdf
-rwxrwxrwx 1 rajat rajat 35 Aug 12 18:48 num.py
-rwxrwxrwx 1 rajat rajat 20 Aug 12 18:51 num1.txt
-rwxrwxrwx 1 rajat rajat 682 Aug 12 14:20 test.txt
rajat@LAPTOP-ADQR56A7:/mnt/c/Users/RAJAT/Desktop/System_programming$ touch -a file.txt
rajat@LAPTOP-ADQR56A7:/mnt/c/Users/RAJAT/Desktop/System_programming$ ls -l
total 68
drwxrwxrwx 1 rajat rajat 4096 Aug 12 21:06 .
-rwxrwxrwx 1 rajat rajat 56 Aug 12 21:40 file.txt
-rwxrwxrwx 1 rajat rajat 62837 Aug 7 21:15 linux_commands.pdf
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-rwxrwxrwx 1 rajat rajat 20 Aug 12 18:51 num1.txt
-rwxrwxrwx 1 rajat rajat 682 Aug 12 14:20 test.txt
rajat@LAPTOP-ADQR56A7:/mnt/c/Users/RAJAT/Desktop/System_programming$ touch -c file2.txt
rajat@LAPTOP-ADQR56A7:/mnt/c/Users/RAJAT/Desktop/System_programming$ ls
.  file.txt  linux_commands.pdf  num.py  num1.txt  test.txt
rajat@LAPTOP-ADQR56A7:/mnt/c/Users/RAJAT/Desktop/System_programming$ touch -m test.txt
rajat@LAPTOP-ADQR56A7:/mnt/c/Users/RAJAT/Desktop/System_programming$ ls -l
total 68
drwxrwxrwx 1 rajat rajat 4096 Aug 12 21:06 .
-rwxrwxrwx 1 rajat rajat 56 Aug 12 21:40 file.txt
-rwxrwxrwx 1 rajat rajat 62837 Aug 7 21:15 linux_commands.pdf
-rwxrwxrwx 1 rajat rajat 35 Aug 12 18:48 num.py
-rwxrwxrwx 1 rajat rajat 20 Aug 12 18:51 num1.txt
-rwxrwxrwx 1 rajat rajat 682 Aug 12 22:04 test.txt
rajat@LAPTOP-ADQR56A7:/mnt/c/Users/RAJAT/Desktop/System_programming$ |

```

9)

NAME :

chown

DESCRIPTION :

chown changes the user and/or group ownership of each given file.

OPTIONS :

-v, --verbose

output a diagnostic for every file processed

--dereference

affect the referent of each symbolic link f(this is the de - fault), rather than the

symbolic

link itself

- h, --no-dereference  
affect symbolic links instead of any referenced file (useful only on systems that can change the ownership of a symlink)
- L  
traverse every symbolic link to a directory encountered
- P  
do not traverse any symbolic links (default)

```
rajat@LAPTOP-ADQR56A7:/mnt/c/Users/RAJAT/Desktop/System_programming$ chown -v RAJAT file.txt
chown: invalid user: 'RAJAT'
rajat@LAPTOP-ADQR56A7:/mnt/c/Users/RAJAT/Desktop/System_programming$ chown -v rajat file.txt
ownership of 'file.txt' retained as rajat
rajat@LAPTOP-ADQR56A7:/mnt/c/Users/RAJAT/Desktop/System_programming$ chown -L rajat file.txt
rajat@LAPTOP-ADQR56A7:/mnt/c/Users/RAJAT/Desktop/System_programming$ chown -P rajat file.txt
rajat@LAPTOP-ADQR56A7:/mnt/c/Users/RAJAT/Desktop/System_programming$ |
```

10)

NAME :

**echo**

DESCRIPTION :

display a line of text

OPTIONS :

- n  
do not output the trailing newline
- e  
enable interpretation of backslash escapes
- E  
disable interpretation of backslash escapes

```

rajat@LAPTOP-ADQR56A7:/mnt/c/Users/RAJAT/Desktop/System_programming$ echo Hello guys
Hello guys
rajat@LAPTOP-ADQR56A7:/mnt/c/Users/RAJAT/Desktop/System_programming$ echo -n Hello guysclear
rajat@LAPTOP-ADQR56A7:/mnt/c/Users/RAJAT/Desktop/System_programming$ echo -e fsf\efs
fsfefs
rajat@LAPTOP-ADQR56A7:/mnt/c/Users/RAJAT/Desktop/System_programming$ echo -Efad\df
-Efaddf
rajat@LAPTOP-ADQR56A7:/mnt/c/Users/RAJAT/Desktop/System_programming$ |

```

11)

NAME :

rm

DESCRIPTION :

remove files or directories

OPTIONS :

-f, --force

ignore nonexistent files and arguments, never prompt

-i

prompt before every removal

-I

prompt once before removing more than three files, or when removing recursively; less intrusive than -i, while still giving protection against most mistakes

-r, -R, --recursive

remove directories and their contents recursively

-d, --dir

remove empty directories

`-v, --verbos`  
explain what is being done

```
rajat@LAPTOP-ADQR56A7:/mnt/c/Users/RAJAT/Desktop/System_programming$ ls
dir1  file.txt      num.py      test.txt
dir2  linux_commands.pdf  num1.txt    test1.txt
rajat@LAPTOP-ADQR56A7:/mnt/c/Users/RAJAT/Desktop/System_programming$ rm test3.txt
rm: cannot remove 'test3.txt': No such file or directory
rajat@LAPTOP-ADQR56A7:/mnt/c/Users/RAJAT/Desktop/System_programming$ rm -f test3.txt
rajat@LAPTOP-ADQR56A7:/mnt/c/Users/RAJAT/Desktop/System_programming$ rm -i test.txt
rm: remove regular file 'test.txt'? n
rajat@LAPTOP-ADQR56A7:/mnt/c/Users/RAJAT/Desktop/System_programming$ rm -d dir2
rajat@LAPTOP-ADQR56A7:/mnt/c/Users/RAJAT/Desktop/System_programming$ rm -v test1.txt
removed 'test1.txt'
rajat@LAPTOP-ADQR56A7:/mnt/c/Users/RAJAT/Desktop/System_programming$ ls
dir1  file.txt  linux_commands.pdf  num.py  num1.txt  test.txt
rajat@LAPTOP-ADQR56A7:/mnt/c/Users/RAJAT/Desktop/System_programming$ |
```

12)

NAME :

**diff**

DESCRIPTION :

compare files line by line

OPTIONS :

`-q, --brief`

report only when files differ

`-s, --report-identical-files`

report when two files are the same

`-e, --ed`

output an ed script

`-n, --rcs`

output an RCS format diff

`-y, --side-by-side`

output in two columns

```
rajat@LAPTOP-ADQR56A7:/mnt/c/Users/RAJAT/Desktop/System_programming$ diff -q test.txt file.txt
Files test.txt and file.txt differ
rajat@LAPTOP-ADQR56A7:/mnt/c/Users/RAJAT/Desktop/System_programming$ diff -s test.txt test1.txt
Files test.txt and test1.txt are identical
rajat@LAPTOP-ADQR56A7:/mnt/c/Users/RAJAT/Desktop/System_programming$ diff -nrajat@LAPTOP-ADQR56A7:/mnt/c/Users/RAJAT/Desktop/System_programming$ diff -e file.txt test.txt
1,10c
The blinking light caught her attention. She thought about it a bit and couldn't remember ever noticing it before. That was strange since it was obvious the flashing light had been there for years. Now she wondered how she missed it for that amount of time and what other things in her small town she had failed to notice.

It had been her dream for years but Dana had failed to take any action toward making it come true. There had always been a good excuse to delay or prioritize another project. As she woke, she realized she was once again at a crossroads. Would it be another excuse or would she finally find the courage to pursue her dream? Dana rose and took her first step.
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rajat@LAPTOP-ADQR56A7:/mnt/c/Users/RAJAT/Desktop/System_programming$ diff -y file.txt test.txt
wejfvw          | The blinking light caught her attention. She thought about it
fwjfkjw          |
dbg              | It had been her dream for years but Dana had failed to take a
rfenf            <
2213             <
6774             <
8585             <
fajbf            <
vnykd            <
GRr              <
rajat@LAPTOP-ADQR56A7:/mnt/c/Users/RAJAT/Desktop/System_programming$ |
```

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