

# File Management tasks in Hadoop

## 1. Create a directory in HDFS at given path(s).

Usage:

```
hadoop fs -mkdir <paths>
```

Example:

```
hadoop fs -mkdir /user/saurzcode/dir1
```

## 2. List the contents of a directory.

Usage :

```
hadoop fs -ls <args>
```

Example:

```
hadoop fs -ls /user/saurzcode
```

## 3. Upload and download a file in HDFS.

*Upload:*

**hadoop fs -put:**

Copy single src file, or multiple src files from local file system to the Hadoop data file system

Usage:

```
hadoop fs -put <localsrc> ...
```

<HDFS\_dest\_Path> Example:

```
hadoop fs -put /home/saurzcode/Samplefile.txt  
/user/saurzcode/dir3/
```

**Download: hadoop fs -get:**

Copies/Downloads files to the local file system

Usage:

```
hadoop fs -get <hdfs_src> <localdst>
```

Example:

```
hadoop fs -get /user/saurzcode/dir3/Samplefile.txt /home/
```

## 4. See contents of a file

Same as unix cat command:

Usage: `hadoop fs -cat <path[filename]>`

Example:

```
hadoop fs -cat /user/saurzcode/dir1/abc.txt
```

## 5. Copy a file from source to destination

This command allows multiple sources as well in which case the destination must be a directory.

Usage:

`hadoop fs -cp <source> <dest>`

Example:

```
hadoop fs -cp /user/saurzcode/dir1/abc.txt  
/user/saurzcode/ dir2
```

## 6. Copy a file from/To Local file system to HDFS

### copyFromLocal

Usage:

`hadoop fs -copyFromLocal <localsrc> URI`

Example:

```
hadoop fs -copyFromLocal /home/saurzcode/abc.txt  
/user/ saurzcode/abc.txt
```

Similar to put command, except that the source is restricted to a local file reference.

### copyToLocal

Usage:

`hadoop fs -copyToLocal [-ignorecrc] [-crc] URI`

`<localdst>` Similar to get command, except that the destination is restricted to a local file reference.

## 7. Move file from

## **source to destination.**

Note:- Moving files across filesystem is not permitted. Usage :

```
hadoop fs -mv <src> <dest>
```

Example:

```
hadoop fs -mv /user/saurzcode/dir1/abc.txt  
/user/saurzcode/ dir2
```

## **8. Remove a file or directory in HDFS.**

Remove files specified as argument. Deletes directory only when it is empty

Usage :

```
hadoop fs -rm <arg>
```

Example:

```
hadoop fs -rm /user/saurzcode/dir1/abc.txt
```

### **Recursive version of delete.**

Usage :

```
hadoop fs -rmr <arg>
```

Example:

```
hadoop fs -rmr /user/saurzcode/
```

## **9. Display last few lines of a file.** Similar to tail command in Unix.

Usage :

```
hadoop fs -tail <path[filename]>
```

Example:

```
hadoop fs -tail /user/saurzcode/dir1/abc.txt
```

## **10. Display the aggregate length of a file.**

Usage :

```
hadoop fs -du <path>
```

Example:

```
hadoop fs -du /user/saurzcode/dir1/abc.txt
```