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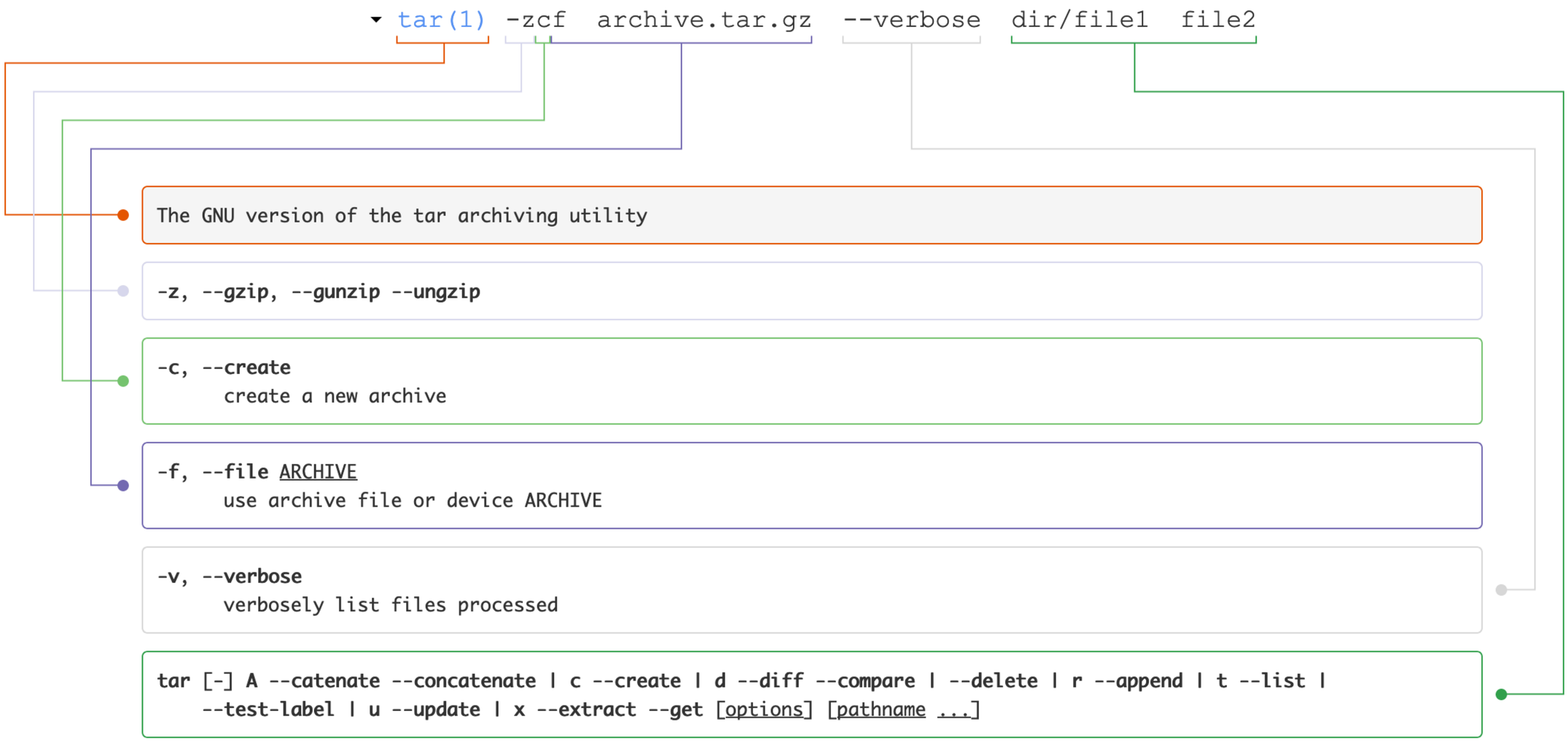
Example: `tar -zcf archive.tar.gz --verbose dir/file1 file2`

Example meaning



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Programs stored on the file system

- `/bin`, `/usr/bin`, `/usr/local/bin`, `/sbin`, `/usr/sbin`
- E.g., `ssh`, `cat`, `ls`, `rm`

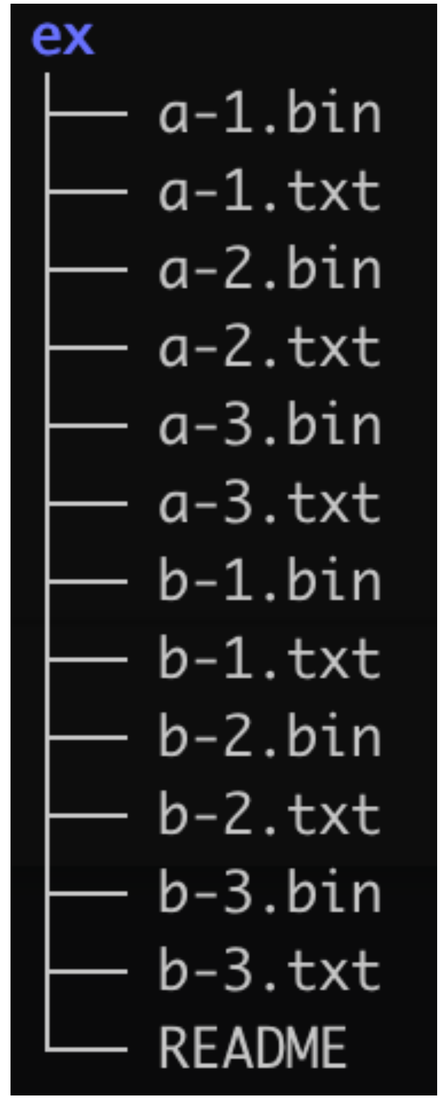
Pathname expansion/globbing

Bash performs pathname expansion via pattern matching (a.k.a. globbing) on each unquoted word containing a wild card

Wild cards: `*`, `?`, `[`

- `*` matches zero or more characters
- `?` matches any one character
- `[…]` matches any single character between the brackets, e.g., `[atz]`
- `[!…]` or `[^…]` matches any character not between the brackets
- `[x-y]` matches any character in the range, e.g., `[a-f]`

Example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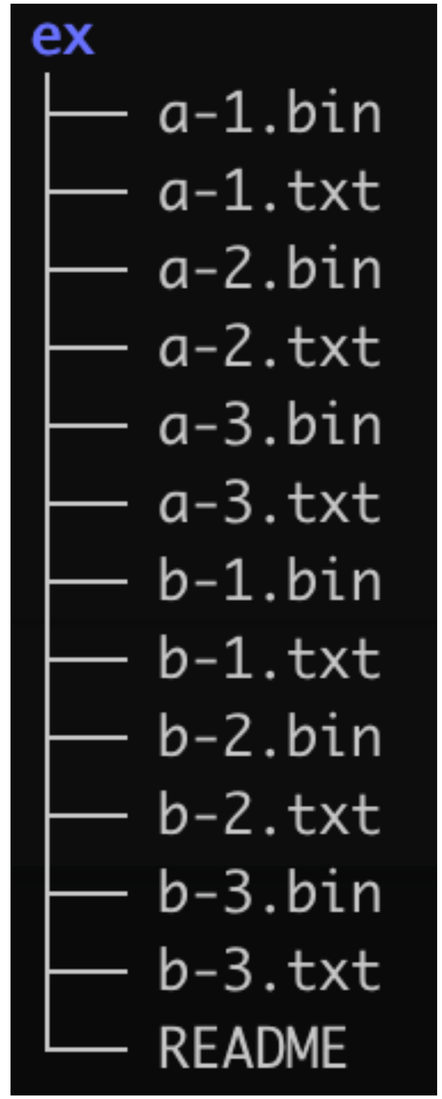

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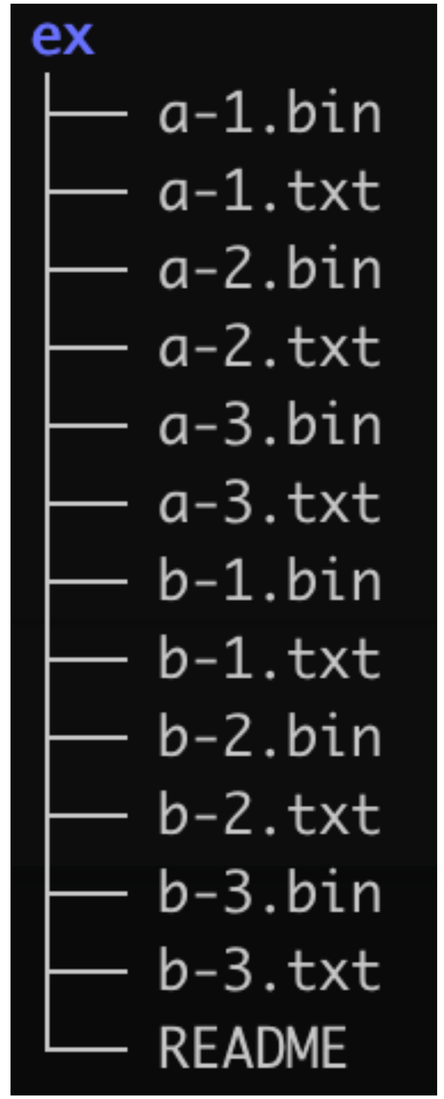

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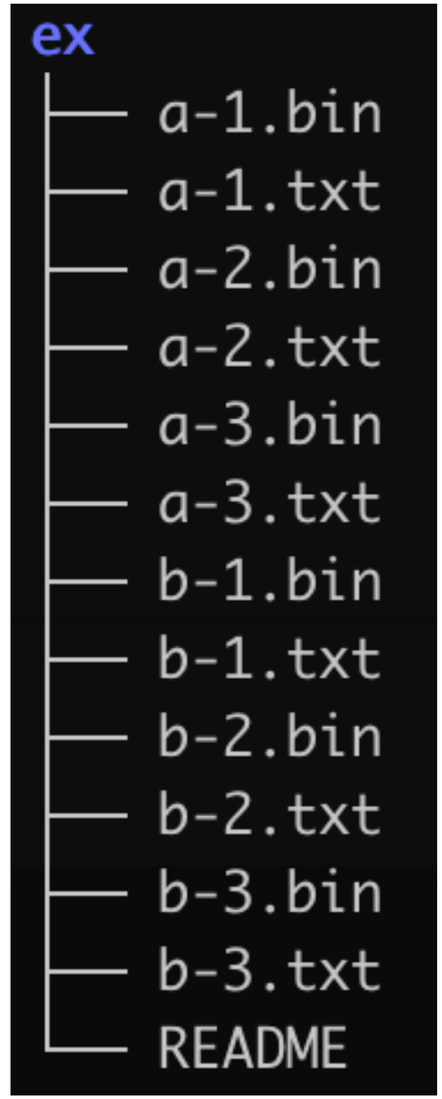

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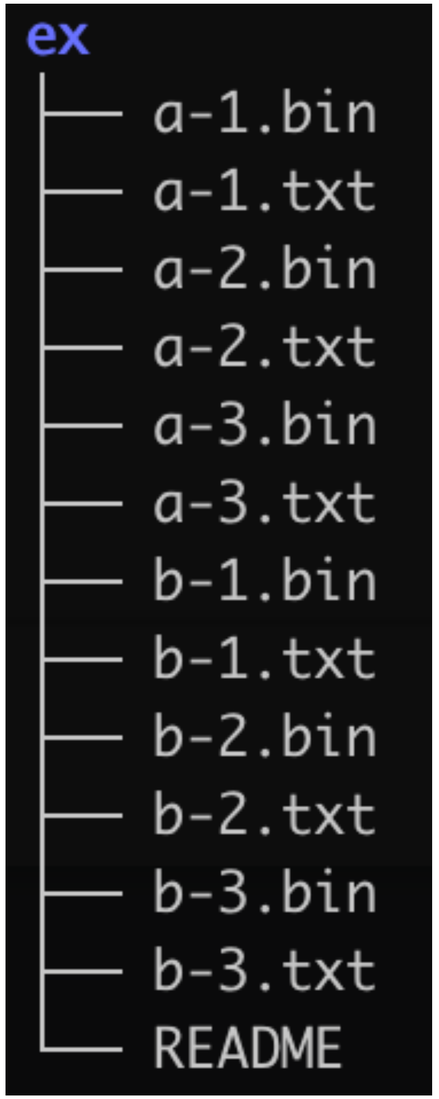

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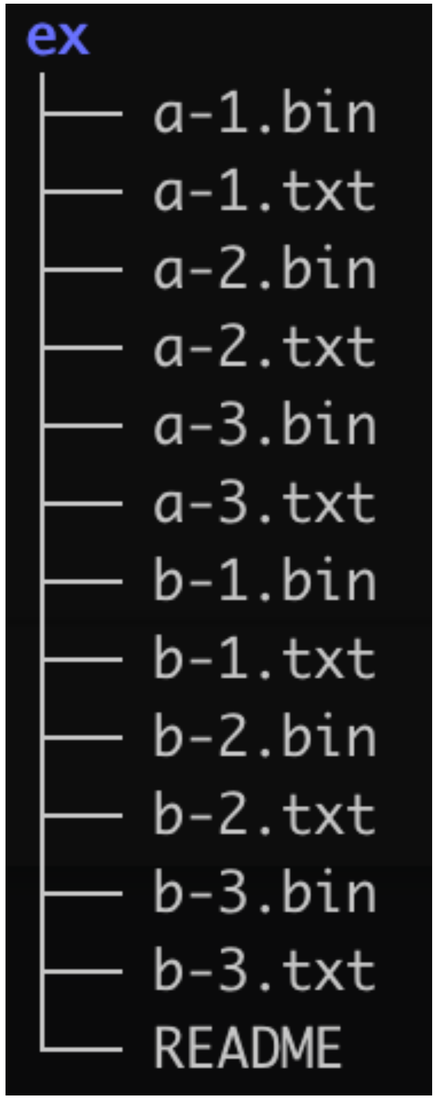

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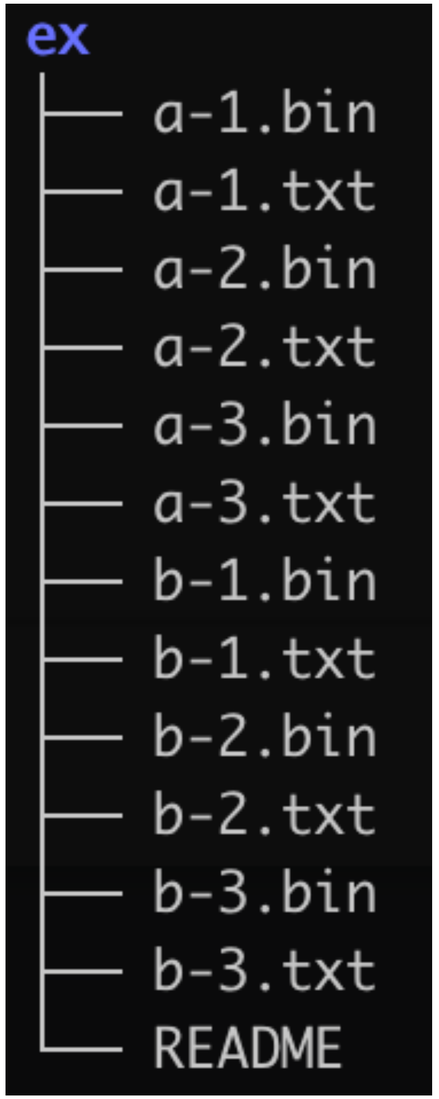

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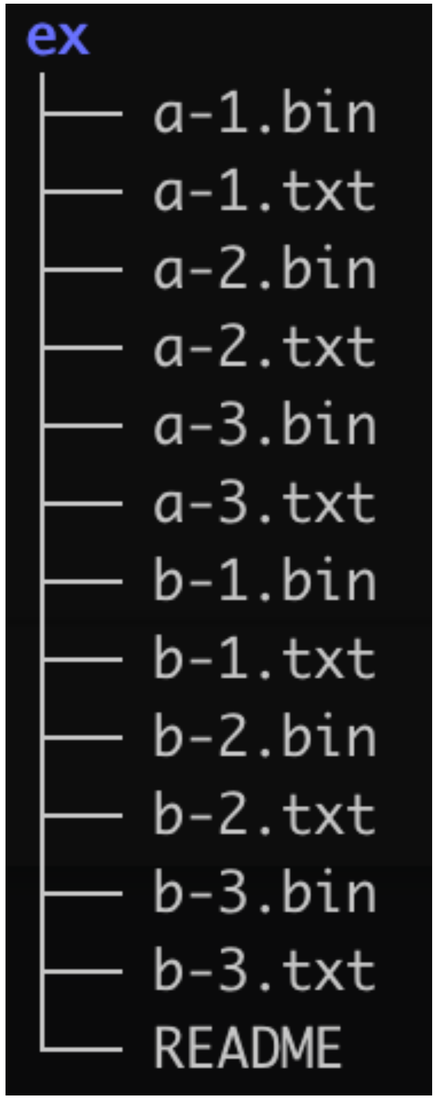

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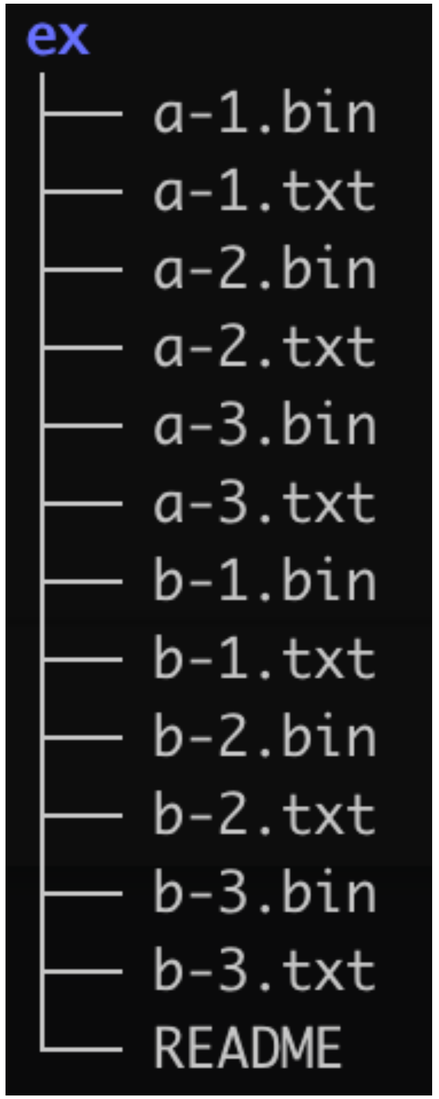

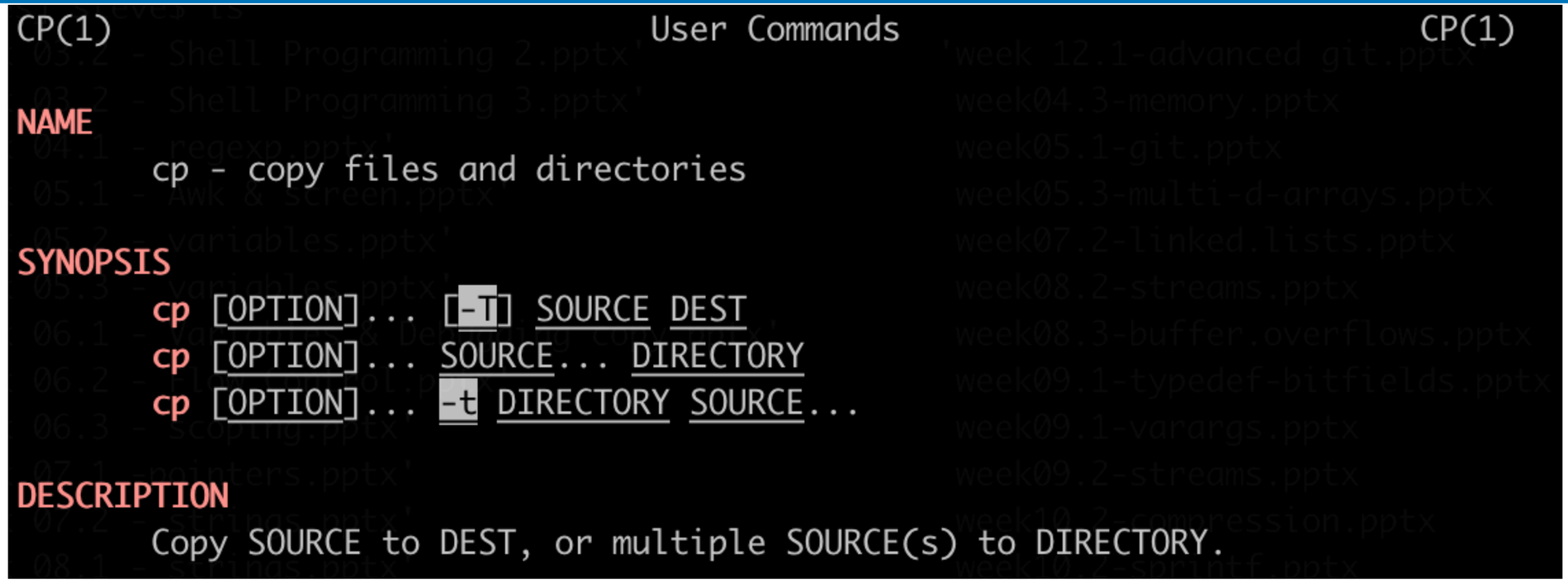

Which command copies all Rust source files (those whose names end in `.rs`) from the directory `a/b` to the directory `/tmp`?

A. `$ cp a/b/[a-z].rs /tmp`

B. `$ cp a/*/*.rs /tmp`

C. `$ cp a/b/*.rs /tmp`

D. `$ cp a/b/?.rs /tmp`

E. `$ cp a/b /tmp *.rs`

Typical Unix tool behavior

```
$ program
```

- reads from stdin, writes to stdout

```
$ program file1 file2 file3
```

- runs ‘program’ on the 3 files, write to stdout

```
$ program -
```

- For programs that require filenames, might read from stdin

Standard input/output/error

Every running program has (by default) 3 open "files" referred to by their file descriptor number

Input comes from stdin (file descriptor 0)

- `input()` # Python: Read a line
- `System.in.read(var)` // Java: Read bytes and store in `var` array
- `$ IFS= read -r var` # Read a line and store in `var` variable

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- `print(var, file=sys.stderr)` # Python
- `System.err.println(var)` // Java
- `$ echo "${var}" >&2` # Bash

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$ ./process <input | tail -n 4 >output
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(Almost) everything is a file

Files on the file system

Network sockets (for communicating with remote computers, e.g., web browsers, ssh, mail clients etc.)

Terminal I/O

A bunch of special files

- `/dev/null` — Writes are ignored, reads return end-of-file (EOF)
- `/dev/zero` — Writes are ignored, reads return arbitrarily many 0 bytes
- `/dev/urandom` — Reads return arbitrarily many (pseudo) random bytes

Given that `/dev/null` ignores all data written to it, how can we run the program `./foo` and redirect stderr so no error messages appear in our terminal but we continue to see normal output on stdout?

A. `$ ./foo >/dev/null`

B. `$ ./foo 1>/dev/null`

C. `$ ./foo 2>/dev/null`

D. `$ ./foo | /dev/null`

E. `$ ./foo &2>/dev/null`

Some programs read all of their input on stdin before terminating. If `foo` is such a program, how can we run `foo` such that it has no input at all? (`foo` is just an example, not a real program.)

A. `$ foo </dev/null`

B. `$ foo </dev/zero`

C. `$ foo </dev/urandom`

D. `$ foo </dev/eof`

E. `$ echo | foo`