

Thoughts on GUI and CLI

I've had a bit of experience with CLI on Windows computers but not on Mac computers.

This semester I have a new computer, and it is a Mac (I did not buy this computer myself). As someone who grew up with a Windows PC in my home for as long as I can remember, and never used anything except a Windows PC until I was in college, I personally think Macs are weird. Or so I thought. There was a time where I could not navigate the GUI of a Mac whatsoever. I'm still learning and googling new things every day to become proficient in the machine that I am using. It's been two weeks since I've had this computer, so I believe I'm getting the hang of it at a steady pace. It's a bit more user friendly than the masses told me, but still a learning curve. I am pleasantly surprised by the CLI on my Mac. It's one of the things that Windows and Macs have in common, where the commands are almost exactly the same, so the navigation feels like a refresher rather than a whole new way to walk. Using the terminal to navigate my files has proven to be much easier than trying to use Finder or the Search feature (two features I barely know how to use). I stayed up late last night going through the Unix Mage book, and I am optimistic that that resource is going to be one of my saving graces this semester. I cannot wait to master the way of the terminal. It saves me a lot of time compared to the GUI. Not that the Mac OS GUI is bad, I actually think it's rather aesthetic, it's just not something I know how to use very well, so it's not as easy to use compared to the terminal.