

The Terminal

Graphical User Interface (**GUI**) versus Command Line Interface (**CLI**)



Function	Command
Display the current terminal shell	Echo \$0
Change terminal to zsh	Exec zsh
Change terminal to bash	Exec bash
Got to home directory (your user folder)	Cd ~
Go to hard drive (root)	Cd /
Go up a directory	Cd ..
Go into the same folder	Cd .
Print working directory (your location)	pwd
List directories (folders)	ls
Open a directory in Finder	Open directory name (folder name) (a..g..open Images or open.)
Clear the terminal window	clear
Open file in default application	Open filename
Open directory (Go into a folder)	Cd directory name
List your commands history	history
Make a directory (folder)	Mkdir directory name (e.g.,mkdir Video)

	Can create multiple directories (e.g., mkdir Career Images Favicons)
Make a file	Touch file name (touch index.html)
See user manual for commands	Man command (e.g., , rm-r Audio) Type q to exit manual
Remove a directory (folder) and list contents	Rm -r (e.g., rm - r Audio)
Remove file	Rm filename (e.g., remove styles.css)