

# The touch command

- The `touch` command is the easiest way to create new, empty files.
- If you want to create an empty `file` (not a directory) then you just type  
`touch yourfilename`
- You can also create multiple files at the same time.

For example

```
touch file1 file2 file3
```

will create 3 new empty files named `file1`, `file2` and `file3` respectively.

Another use for the touch command

- `touch` is also used to update the timestamp (Modification date) for an existing file.

For example

if you already have a file named `oldfile` then

```
touch oldfile
```

will change the timestamp of `oldfile` to the current time.

Similarly

```
touch oldfile1 oldfile2 oldfile3
```

will change the timestamp of `oldfile1`, `oldfile2` and `oldfile3` to the current time.