**What is the cp command?**

You use the cp command for copying files from one location to another. This command can also copy directories (folders).

The syntax of this command is:

cp [...file/directory-sources] [destination]

If you want to copy more than a file from **DirectoryA\_1** to **DirectoryA\_2**, you will use the cp command like this:

cp ./DirectoryA\_1/README.txt ./DirectoryA\_1/ANOTHER\_FILE.txt ./DirectoryA\_2

If you want to copy a file, say **README.txt** from **DirectoryA\_1** to **DirectoryA\_2**, you will use the cp command like this:

cp ./DirectoryA\_1/README.txt ./DirectoryA\_2

# ./DirectoryA\_1/README.txt is the source file

# ./DirectoryA\_2 is the destination

## How to copy directories with the cp command

cp -r ./DirectoryA\_1/Folder/ ./DirectoryA\_2

## How to copy files that match a glob pattern

cp ./DirectoryA\_1/\*.txt ./DirectoryA\_2

## How to copy files that match a glob pattern

if you want to copy all files in **DirectoryA\_1** with the **.txt** extension, you can execute this command:

cp ./DirectoryA\_1/\*.txt ./DirectoryA\_2