File Inspection: Takeaways 🖻

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Syntax

- Seeing the first 15 rows of filename : head n 15 filename .
- Seeing the last 15 rows of filename : tail n 15 filename .
- Counting number of lines, words, and characters in filename : wc filename .
- Pretty printing a CSV file: column s"," t filename .
- Extract a sample of five rows from filename : shuf n 5 filename .
- Determining the file type of filename : type filename .

Concepts

- Text files are a ubiquitous way of sharing data.
- An **option-argument** in an argument that is passed to an option.
- We can escape spaces in filenames by quoting them.
- Unix-like systems do not use file extensions and instead determine a file's type heuristically.

Resources

- List of file types
- POSIX standards on the file _command
- Working with Magic Numbers in Linux



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