Terminal & Shell (Mini PDF) What is a Terminal? - A terminal is a window/app where you type commands. - It only displays input and output. - Example: VS Code Terminal, CMD, Git Bash. **What is a Shell?** - A shell is the program that understands and executes your commands. - It is the brain behind the terminal. - Example: bash, zsh, cmd, powershell. **Simple Analogy:** - Terminal = Screen - Shell = Interpreter/Brain **In simple words:** - Terminal shows what you type. - Shell runs what you type.