Data Preview

Assuming you have saved your downloaded file as tmpB2ZP9eAFP---Crime-incidents-data.xls (from the data.gov.au), the first thing you want to perform is to convert the data into the .csv format. Type the following command in the terminal:

...alyze Data in Bash Shell and Linux (AFPdata lesson1b sed (stream editor) is a Unix utility that parses and transfortext, using a simple, compact programming language. sed was developed from 1973 to 1974 by Lee E. McMahon of Bellabs



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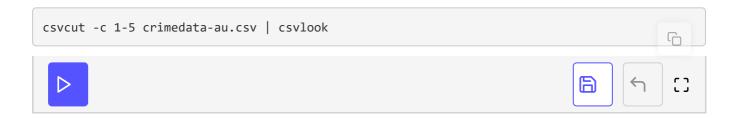
This command, using command line interface of the LibreOffce (which comes free with most of the Linux systems) converts all Excel (*.xls) files in the current folder to .csv. Let's also simplify the name of the file with mv command:

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mv tmpB2ZP9eAFP---Crime-incidents-data.xls afpdata1.csv crimedata-au.csv
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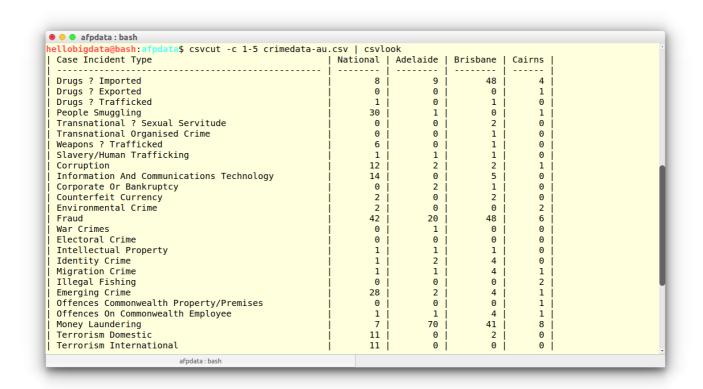
Awesome! next what we'll do is get a sneak peak of our data. As a quick reminder, the cat command shows us all the lines in a file.



However, before we show the data again, we want to install a tool called csvkit. Once installed correctly, we should be able to run the following command:



The first command (csvcut) cuts out the first five columns and the pipes the output to the csvlook command:



Formatted first five lines of the crimedata-au.csv