

# UNIX Commands Unveiled

This file is to help you out on all those hard UNIX commands. Heh, heh. In the white is what you type at the prompt. Hopefully you know what the prompt is. In the green is what it does. Anything in red can and should be changed to fit your needs. I just wrote these as they came to me so they are not in any order. Good luck.

Logs you out of the system. Always log out, if you dont it could be seen by others.

Starts the text editor application, pico.  
pine

**filename**

Either creates a new file named filename or edits the file named filename.

Starts the e-mailer proggie.

**command**

Displays help or info about a certain command. If you want to know what 'cd' command does, type: man cd - simple right?

**subdirectory1**

Creates a new directory, or folder as I prefer, called subdirectory1.

**subdirectory**

Removes the directory named subdirectory

**subdirectoryname**

Changes current directory to the one specified.

Changes directory to home dir.

Changes the directory up one level, or back to the previous dir.

Lists content of current dir.

Long version of directory listing.

Lists files in vertical manner.

This command lists the directory contents in long format. Information similar to the following is displayed when you issue this command.

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total 3
-rw-----    1 jdoe    staff    1024  Sept  4 10:35  filename
drwxr-xr-x    2 jdoe    staff    2048  Jan 24 11:28  Mail/
drwxr-xr-x    3 jdoe    staff    2048  Jan 23 09:28  News/
```

Lists hidden files.

**filename**

Shows entire content of file called filename.

**newfile**

Create new file called newfile

**f1 f2**

Copies f1 to f2

**f1 f2 f3**

Places concatenation of f1 and f2 in f3

**f1 f3**

Appends f1 to f3

**f1**

Sorts the lines of f1

**f1 f2 f3**

Concatenates f1 and f2, sorts the result and places it in f3

**filename**

List file one page at a time. Press space to see next page.

**filename**

Displays file one screen at a time. Same as above.

**filename**

Displays last 10 lines of file.

**file1 file2**

Rename file1 to file2.

**file1 file2**

Copy file1 to file2.

**file1**

Print file1 to line printer.

**ls**

Print output (i.e., directory) to line printer.

**file1**

Print file1 to local printer.

**textfile1 textfile2**

Compare textfile1 to textfile2.

**binfile1 binfile2**

Compare binary files.

Change password.

**filename**

Remove file.

Display names of users on system.

Shows who is logged on right now.

Tells you who you are.

**username**

Display information about specific user.

Indicates disk space used and left.

Additional info about your disk quota.

Displays the present working dir.

**old-filename new-filename**

Renames a file.

**old-directory-name new-directory-name**

Moves contents of one dir to another.

Displays help

Well, that's it for now. Hope this is useful to you. If not, go to a damn search engine, I'm sure they have some kind of documentation about UNIX commands. Geesh.