

# Bella Teaches the Linux Command Line

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## 1 Login Screen, Desktop and Terminal

Examples are given with Ubuntu Linux. Other Linux distributions should be similar.

### 1.1 Login Screen

Start the Linux computer and it will proceed to the login screen.



Select the user name and enter the password.

	Bella
Pass	isword:
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Ca	Cancel Sign In
	ubuntu®

### 1.2 Desktop

The Linux desktop will display.





### 1.3 Terminal

Open a Linux terminal. On the upper left hand side of the screen select Activities.



An input box saying "Type To Search..." box will appear.

Mon 20:47	
Q Type to search	

Inside the "Type To Search..." input box type the word "terminal".



The Linux terminal icon will appear. Select the terminal icon by clicking on it with the left mouse button. The terminal is also known as the Linux shell or the command line.

Chapter 1: Login Screen, Desktop and Terminal





Congratulations! You have logged into Linux and opened a terminal on the desktop! The Linux Terminal is a command language interpreter that executes commands read from your input. In the next chapter we will execute some commands.

### 2 Linux Commands



#### 2.1 whoami

The command whoami prints your userid. At the Linux terminal type the command: whoami.

```
bella@bella-VirtualBox:~$ whoami
bella
bella@bella-VirtualBox:~$
```

Linux responds that "bella" is the userid. Your system should respond with your userid.

#### 2.2 pwd

The command pwd is used to print the name of current working directory.

```
bella@bella-VirtualBox:~$ pwd
/home/bella
bella@bella-VirtualBox:~$ []
```

Bella's current working directory is /home/bella. Therefore the bella directory is inside the home directory. The first slash character / in the /home/bella directory name is known as the root directory. The home directory is subdirectory of root. The bella directory is a subdirectory of home. All users of Linux have a directory in /home.

Linux has a hierarchical file system. The hierarchy starts with the root directory /. The structure of the file system looks like a tree. Inside the root directory / you will find files and subdirectories. The subdirectories can continue to have their own files or subdirectories. This structure can continue for many levels.

#### 2.3 ls

The command ls lists directory contents. Directories can also be called folders. At the Linux terminal type the command: ls.

```
bella@bella-VirtualBox:~$ ls
Desktop Documents Downloads Music Pictures Public snap Templates Videos
bella@bella-VirtualBox:~$
```

We see Bella has some directories. Your system should display something similar.

We can look inside an individual directory by giving command 1s a specific directory name to look in. Type the command: 1s Music



Looks like Bella has no music since the Music directory is empty. When we type a command such as 1s Music we say that Music is an argument to the command 1s. When we type the command 1s alone we can say 1s has no arguments.

We can check if Bella has any documents. Type the command: 1s Documents



The Document directory is empty. Bella has no documents.



The command  $\tt ls$  has the ability to match filenames using a wildcard. Try typing the command:  $\tt ls \, D*$ 

The asterik \* or star character tells the command 1s to match any string after the letter D. The contents of all directories beginnig with the letter D will be displayed.



The directories Desktop, Documents and Downloads are all empty.

Use the command 1s to explore the Linux filesystem. Type the command: 1s /

bella@t	bella-VirtualBox	:~\$ ls /				
bin	etc	lib	media	root	srv	usr
boot	home	lib32	mnt	run	swapfile	var
cdrom		lib64	opt	sbin	sys	
dev		los <u>t</u> +found	ргос	snap	tmp	
bella@b	pella-VirtualBox	:~\$				

This lists the contents of the / which is known as root. Type the command: ls /home



Bella's home directory shows another user. Your system may display other users.

The command ls can also take options (also called switches). The listing of the contents of all subdirectories can be done with the command: ls -R

The -R part of command tells ls to recursively list all subdirectories. Try typing the command: ls -R

#### $2.4~{ m cd}$

The command cd changes your current working directory.

When the command cd is typed alone (with no arguments) the current working directory

is changed to your home directory.

bella@bella-VirtualBox:~\$ cd
bella@bella-VirtualBox:~\$

At the Linux terminal type the command: cd Music.

Now the current working directory has changed to the Music directory.

The command 1s will display the contents of the Music directory.

```
bella@bella-VirtualBox:~$ cd Music
bella@bella-VirtualBox:~/Music$ ls
bella@bella-VirtualBox:~/Music$
```

The Music is empty.

The command pwd will display the full directory path.





To pop up from the Music directory type the command: cd . .



Now the current working directory is one level above. To confirm this type the command: ls



Typing the command pwd will confirm that the current working directory is back to the user's home directory.



#### 2.5 mkdir and rmdir

When using the command 1s we can see that Bella has the following folders in her home directory.



To create a directory named Test type the command: mkdir Test



Try typing the command: 1s to confirm this directory was created. You should see the directory **Test** listed with the other directories.

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To remove the directory named Test type the command: rmdir Test

```
bella@bella-VirtualBox:~$ ls
Desktop Documents Downloads Music Pictures Public snap Templates Videos
bella@bella-VirtualBox:~$ mkdir Test
bella@bella-VirtualBox:~$ ls
Desktop Downloads Pictures snap Test
Documents Music Public Templates Videos
bella@bella-VirtualBox:~$ rmdir Test
bella@bella-VirtualBox:~$
```

Type the command ls to confirm that the directory Test has been removed.





#### 2.6 echo and cat

The command echo is used to write text to the screen. The command echo can also write text to a file. At the Linux terminal type the command: echo.

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bella@bella-VirtualBox:~\$ echo bella@bella-VirtualBox:~\$

The command echo with no arguments will just display a blank line. Now try typing the command: echo Hello



The text Hello will be displayed to the terminal. The command echo can also push text to a file.

Try the command: echo "This is a test" > file.txt

The greater-than sign > tells the command echo to redirect the output to the file. The output will *not* go to the display.

The command echo has placed the text "This is a test" inside the file.txt.

We can confirm the file exists with the command ls

```
bella@bella-VirtualBox:~$ echo
bella@bella-VirtualBox:~$ echo Hello
Hello
bella@bella-VirtualBox:~$ echo "This is a test" > file.txt
bella@bella-VirtualBox:~$ ls
Desktop Downloads Music Public Templates
Documents file.txt Pictures snap Videos
bella@bella-VirtualBox:~$
```

Notice the new file file.txt. The contents of the file file.txt can be displayed with the command: cat file.txt. The command cat can concatenate files and print files on the display. The contents of the file is the text "This is a test".

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```
bella@bella-VirtualBox:~$ echo
bella@bella-VirtualBox:~$ echo Hello
Hello
bella@bella-VirtualBox:~$ echo "This is a test" > file.txt
bella@bella-VirtualBox:~$ ls
Desktop Downloads Music Public Templates
Documents file.txt Pictures snap Videos
bella@bella-VirtualBox:~$ cat file.txt
This is a test
bella@bella-VirtualBox:~$
```



### 2.7 cp and rm

The command cp copies files and directories. The command rm removes files or directories. Create a file with the command: echo "This is another test file" > TestFile.txt

bella@bella-VirtualBox:~\$ echo "This is another test file" > TestFile.txt
bella@bella-VirtualBox:~\$

Confirm the file exists with the command 1s and confirm the file contents with the command cat.

```
bella@bella-VirtualBox:~$ echo "This is another test file" > TestFile.txt
bella@bella-VirtualBox:~$ ls
Desktop Downloads Pictures snap TestFile.txt
Documents Music Public Templates Videos
bella@bella-VirtualBox:~$ cat TestFile.txt
This is another test file
bella@bella-VirtualBox:~$
```

Using the command rm delete the file with: rm TestFile.txt

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Now confirm the file was deleted with the command ls

```
bella@bella-VirtualBox:~$ echo "This is another test file" > TestFile.txt
bella@bella-VirtualBox:~$ ls
Desktop Downloads Pictures snap TestFile.txt
Documents Music Public Templates Videos
bella@bella-VirtualBox:~$ cat TestFile.txt
This is another test file
bella@bella-VirtualBox:~$ rm TestFile.txt
bella@bella-VirtualBox:~$ ls
Desktop Documents Downloads Music Pictures Public snap Templates Videos
bella@bella-VirtualBox:~$
```



Create another file NewTestFile.txt with the command echo. Type the command: echo "Test file to be copied" > NewTestFile.txt

Confirm the file exists with the command ls. Confirm the contents with the command cat.

```
bella@bella-VirtualBox:~$ echo "Test file to be copied" > NewTestFile.txt
bella@bella-VirtualBox:~$ ls
Desktop Downloads NewTestFile.txt Public Templates
Documents Music Pictures snap Videos
bella@bella-VirtualBox:~$ cat NewTestFile.txt
Test file to be copied
```

Copy the file NewTestFile.txt to the file 1.txt with the command: cp NewTestFile.txt 1.txt

```
bella@bella-VirtualBox:~$ echo "Test file to be copied" > NewTestFile.txt
bella@bella-VirtualBox:~$ ls
Desktop Downloads NewTestFile.txt Public Templates
Documents Music Pictures snap Videos
bella@bella-VirtualBox:~$ cat NewTestFile.txt
Test file to be copied
bella@bella-VirtualBox:~$ cp NewTestFile.txt 1.txt
```

Copy the file NewTestFile.txt to the file 2.txt with the command: cp NewTestFile.txt 2.txt



Copy the file NewTestFile.txt to the file 3.txt with the command: cp NewTestFile.txt 3.txt

```
bella@bella-VirtualBox:~$ echo "Test file to be copied" > NewTestFile.txt
bella@bella-VirtualBox:~$ ls
Desktop Downloads NewTestFile.txt Public Templates
Documents Music Pictures snap Videos
bella@bella-VirtualBox:~$ cat NewTestFile.txt
Test file to be copied
bella@bella-VirtualBox:~$ cp NewTestFile.txt 1.txt
bella@bella-VirtualBox:~$ cp NewTestFile.txt 2.txt
bella@bella-VirtualBox:~$ cp NewTestFile.txt 3.txt
```

Confirm the existance of the new files 1.txt, 2.txt and 3.txt with the command: 1s



Concatenate the files 1.txt, 2.txt and 3.txt to the screen display with the command:

cat 1.txt 2.txt 3.txt

```
pella@bella-VirtualBox:~$ echo "Test file to be copied" > NewTestFile.txt
bella@bella-VirtualBox:~$ ls
Desktop
          Downloads NewTestFile.txt Public Templates
Documents Music
bella@bella-VirtualBox:~$ cat NewTestFile.txt
Test file to be copied
bella@bella-VirtualBox:~$ cp NewTestFile.txt 1.txt
bella@bella-VirtualBox:~$ cp NewTestFile.txt 2.txt
bella@bella-VirtualBox:~$ cp NewTestFile.txt 3.txt
bella@bella-VirtualBox:~$ ls
1.txt 3.txt
2.txt Desktop Downloads NewTestFile.txt Public
bella@bella-VirtualBox:~$ cat 1.txt 2.txt 3.txt
Test file to be copied
Test file to be copied
Test file to be copied
bella@bella-VirtualBox:~$
```

All three files are displayed on the screen back to back. All three files have the same contents. Remove one of the files with the command: rm 1.txt

```
bella@bella-VirtualBox:~$ echo "Test file to be copied" > NewTestFile.txt
bella@bella-VirtualBox:~$ ls
Desktop Downloads NewTestFile.txt Public Templates
.
Documents Music
bella@bella-VirtualBox:~$ cat NewTestFile.txt
Test file to be copied
bella@bella-VirtualBox:~$ cp NewTestFile.txt 1.txt
bella@bella-VirtualBox:~$ cp NewTestFile.txt 2.txt
bella@bella-VirtualBox:~$ cp NewTestFile.txt 3.txt
bella@bella-VirtualBox:~$ ls
1.txt 3.txt Documents Music Picture
2.txt Desktop Downloads NewTestFile.txt Public
bella@bella-VirtualBox:~$ cat 1.txt 2.txt 3.txt
Test file to be copied
Test file to be copied
Test file to be copied
oella@bella-VirtualBox:~$ rm 1.txt
 ella@bella-VirtualBox:~$
```

Using what is known as a wildcard have command ls check for files only ending with .txt file extension. Try the command: ls \*.txt



Only files with the .txt file extension have been displayed. The file 1.txt has been removed. Remove the files 2.txt and 3.txt with the command command: rm 2.txt 3.txt

```
bella@bella-VirtualBox:~$ rm 2.txt 3.txt
bella@bella-VirtualBox:~$ []
```

Confirm the removal of 2.txt and 3.txt by wildcard listing .txt file extension with command: ls \*.txt



### 2.8 gedit

The command gedit is a graphical text editor. gedit can be used to create or edit files. gedit can be started from the command line. Type the command: gedit myfile.txt to create and edit the file myfile.txt



The gedit graphical text editor will display. Feel free to enter any text you want.

Open 🔻 🕕	<b>myfile.txt</b> /home/bella	Save =	- • 😣
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	Plain Text 🔻 Tab W	/idth: 8 👻 Ln 1, Col 1	▼ INS

In this example I have entered the text "This is a test of the gedit graphical editor" and pressed newline. Press the "Save" button to save the file myfile.txt

Open 🔻 🗐	<b>*myfile.txt</b> /home/bella	Save =	- • 🛛
1 This is a test of the gedit	graphical editor.		
2			

Type the command: 1s to see that there is a new file named myfile.txt. Also try the command: 1s \*.txt to list all files ending with .txt. Both commands will show that the new file myfile.txt exists.



Feel free to use the command gedit myfile.txt to add more text or change the file myfile.txt.



2.9 more and less



### $2.10 \;\; { m date}$

The command date will print the system date and time.

bella@bella-VirtualBox:~\$ date Tue 25 Aug 2020 07:40:57 AM EDT bella@bella-VirtualBox:~\$ 🗌



### 2.11 cal

The command **cal** will display a calendar. With no arguments to the command, the current month is displayed. Todays date will be highlighted.

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The command cal can display all months for a year. The year to display can be given as an argument to the command cal. Try typing the command: cal 2020

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The command cal can display calendars in the past. Try typing the command cal and giving the your birthday year as the first argument. If your birthday year was 2009 you would type: cal 2009



### 2.12 clear

To clear the terminal screen type the command: clear





#### 2.13 man

The command man provides a reference manual to commands. All commands such as whoami, pwd, ls, cd, mkdir, rmdir, echo, rm, rm, more, less, date, cal and clear have reference manuals.

The command reference manuals give information on command usage and options. Command switches (options) and arguments are described. Try command man ls

```
LS(1)
                                  User Commands
                                                                           LS(1)
NAME
       ls - list directory contents
SYNOPSIS
       ls [<u>OPTION</u>]... [<u>FILE</u>]...
DESCRIPTION
       List information about the FILEs (the current directory by default).
       Sort entries alphabetically if none of -cftuvSUX nor --sort is speci-
       fied.
       Mandatory arguments to long options are mandatory for short options
       too.
       -a, --all
              do not ignore entries starting with .
       -A, --almost-all
              do not list implied . and ..
       --author
Manual page ls(1) line 1 (press h for help or q to quit)
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Explore more man pages. The command man even has a reference manual page. Try the command: man man.



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