

CHAPTER 1

UNIX FOR NONPROGRAMMERS

The **man** command is used to display the manual entry associated with word entered as argument. The **-k** option is used displays a list of manual entries that contain entered **keyword**

```
man [chapter] word  #displays the manual entry associated with word
man -k keyword      #displays a list of manual entries that contain keyword
```

Note that in a command line all characters that follow up # to a new line are comment is comment

CREATING A FILE

Use editors vi, emacs, pico or the cat command

```
$ cat >myfile # $ is system prompt
Ali
Ahmet
Can
^D
$
```

note: ^D is end of file

LISTING THE CONTENTS OF A DIRECTOTY : ls

```
ls -adglSR {filename}* {diectory name}*
```

note: * means zero or more, + means one or more

options

a : list also hidden files, i.e. the filenames starting with .

d : directories

g: include info about file group

l: long listing

R: recursively list the contents of subdirectories

```

$ ls
myfile
$ ls -l myfile
- r w - r - - r - -    1  halici    14 April  15 11:41    myfile

```

↓
 file type and permissions

| | - r w - | r - - | r - - |
|-----------|-----------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|
| file type | permissions for owner | permissions for group | permissions for others |

↓
 # of links owner length date time filename

LISTING A FILE: cat/more/page/head/tail

cat: concatenate

more, page: to display in parts without scroll

head: first n lines, for default n=10

tail: last n lines, for default n=10

```
$ cat myfile
```

```
Ali
```

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Ahmet
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Can
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```
$ head -2
```

```
Ali
```

```
Ahmet
```

```
$ tail -2
```

```
Ahmet
```

```
Can
```

RENAMING A FILE : mv

```
mv -i oldFile newFile # renames oldFile as newFile
```

```
mv -i {file name}* directoryName # moves collection files to directory
```

```
mv -i oldDirect newDirect # moves files in oldDirect to newDirect
```

Note: -i prompts confirmation if newFileName already exists

```
$ mv myfile myNewFile
```

```
$ ls
```

```
myNewFile
```

```
$ cat myNewFile
```

```
Ali
```

```
Ahmet
```

```
Can
```

```
$
```

MAKING A DIRECTORY: mkdir

```
mkdir newDirectoryName
```

```
$ mkdir class
$ ls -l
-rw-r--r--  1 halici 14  April 15 11:41 myNewFile
drwxr-xr-x  2 halici 512 April 15 11:50 class/
$ mv myNewFile class
$ ls
class
$ ls class
myNewFile

$ ls -R
class
class:
  myNewFile
```

MOVING TO A DIRECTORY: cd, chdir

```
$ pwd # print working directory
/home122/halici
$ cd class
$ pwd
/ home122/halici/class
```

COPYING A FILE : cp

```
cp -i oldFileName newFileName
cp -ir {file name}* directoryName
```

options:
i: confirm
r: recursively copy subdirectories

```
$ cp myNewFile mySecondFile
$ ls
myNewFile
mySecondFile
```

DELETING A DIRECTORY: rmdir

```
$ pwd
/ home122/halici/class
$ cd .. # change to parent directory
$ pwd
/ home122/halici
$ ls
```

```
class
$ rmdir class
rmdir: class: directory not empty
```

An error message by the system is displayed. The directory is not deleted since it is not empty.

DELETING A FILE : rm

```
rm -fir {filename}*
```

f: inhibit error messages
i: inform each time
r: recursivey (if filename is a directory)

```
$ ls
class
$ ls class
myNewFile
mySecondFile
$rm class/* #remove all files in directory class
$ls class
$
```

All the files under the directory class are deleted, nothing remains to list by ls

PRINTING A FILE : lpr

```
$ cat >myclass
Ali
Amet
Can
^D
$ ls
myclass
$ cat myclass
Ali
Amet
Can
$ lpr myclass # send the content of the file class to printer
```

COUTING WORDS IN FILE: wc

```
wc -lwc {filename}*
```

options:
l: lines,
w:words,
c: characters

```

$ wc -l myclass
3
$ wc -w myclass
3
$ wc -c myclass
14
$wc myclass  #no option is used, this is equivalent to -lwc all together
3 3 14
↑ ↑ ↑
l w c

```

FILE TYPES

| | |
|---|---|
| - | regular file |
| d | directory file |
| b | buffered special file (such as disk drive) |
| c | unbuffered special file (such as disk terminal) |
| l | symbolic link |
| p | pipe |
| s | socket |

FILE PERMISSIONS

| | | |
|-------|-------|--------|
| r w - | r - - | r - - |
| user | group | others |

| | regular file | directory | special file |
|--------------|--|--|--|
| r read | The process may read the contents | The process can read the directory (i.e. list the names of the files that it contains) | The process may read from the file using the read() system call |
| w write | The process may change the contents | The process may add or remove files to/from the directory | The process may write to the file using the write() system call |
| x execute | The process may execute the file (which only makes sense if it is a program) | The process may access files in the directory or any of its subdirectories | No meaning |

CHANGING FILE'S PERMISSIONS: chmod

chmod -R change{,change}* filename+

R: recursively change modes if filename is a directory

| change : | <u>cluster selection</u> | <u>operation</u> | <u>new permission</u> |
|----------|--------------------------|------------------|-----------------------|
| | u (user) | + (add) | r (read) |
| | g (group) | - (remove) | w (write) |
| | o (others) | = (assign) | x (execute) |
| | a (all) | | |

Examples for change{,change}*:

| | |
|----------------|---|
| g+w | add group write permission |
| u-wx | remove user write and execute permissions |
| o+x | add others execute permission |
| u+w,g-r | add write permission for user and remove read permission from group |
| g=r | give group just read permission |

```
$ ls -l myclass
-rw-r--r-- 1 halici 14 April 15 12:05 myclass
$ chmod o-r myclass # remove read permission from others
-rw-r----- 1 halici 14 April 15 12:05 myclass
```

The chmod utility allows you to specify the new permission setting of a file as an octal number

| | user | group | others |
|---------|------|-------|--------|
| | rwX | rwX | rwX |
| setting | rwX | r-X | --- |
| binary | 111 | 101 | 000 |
| octal | 7 | 5 | 0 |

```
$ chmod 750 myclass
$ ls -l myclass
-rwxr-x--- 1 halici 14 April 15 12:05 myclass
```

Permission is set as desired

```
$ cat >a
aaa
^D
$ chmod u-w a # remove write permission from user
$ ls -l a #see that it is removed
-r--r--r-- 1 halici 4 April 15 12:10 a
$ rm a #delete the file a
$ ls
$
```

The file is removed ! Deleting a file depends on not on the file's write permission but the write permission of the directory that contains it (ie updating the content of the directory)

GROUPS

Suppose that I am a member of the group "ee"

```
$ ls -lg myfile # option g stands for listing also file's group
-rw-r--r-- 1 halici 14 ee April 15 12:20 myfile
$ groups #list my group
ee
```

If I want to be added to a new group, say named "cls", I should request the system administrator to do it.

CHANGING FILE'S GROUP : chgrp

```
chgrp -R groupId {filename}*
```

R: recursively changes the group of the files in a directory

```
$ ls -lg myfile
-rw-r--r-- 1 halici 14 ee April 15 12:20 myfile
$ chgrp cls myfile
$ ls -lg myfile
-rw-r--r-- 1 halici 14 cls April 15 12:20 myfile
```