

Gnu/Linux shell: a special interactive utility that allows users to run programs, manage files, handle processes, and so on

single directory structure, called a virtual directory

This structure has a single base directory called the root directory ( / )

Viewing: ls [OPTION]... [FILE]...

pwd

tree

creating: touch

mkdir

copying: cp [OPTION]... SOURCE DEST : commonly used options

moving: mv [OPTION]... SOURCE DEST : commonly used options

deleting: rm [OPTION]... FILE : commonly used options

rmdir

man pages; e.g., man ls

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## Linking Files and Directories

There are two types of links:

hard link: has two file names, one inode number,

If one of the file's names deleted, the another still links to its data

In command : ln Original.txt HardLink.txt --> ls -li

An original file and its hard links must exist on the same filesystem

unlink HardLink02.txt

symbolic link (soft link):

a pointer to a file that may reside on another filesystem

The two files do not share inode numbers

ln -s OriginalS.txt SoftLink.txt

readlink -f SoftLink.txt

?!! stale link (dead link)

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## Reading Files

cat [OPTION]... [FILE]... : to display a single small text file

pr [OPTION]... [FILE]... : command's useful file display options

grep [OPTIONS] PATTERN [FILE...]  
-i (--ignore-case)

head [OPTION]... [FILE]...  
-n

tail [OPTION]... [FILE]...  
-f .. log files

more [OPTION]... [FILE]...

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## Viewing File Information && Finding Files

file mytest

stat mytest

diff [OPTION]... FILES

which diff, which ls, which line, echo \$PATH

whereis diff

locate [OPTION]... PATTERN...; locate -b passwd; locate -b '\passwd'  
locate -b '\passwd' '\group'

find [PATH...] [OPTION] [EXPRESSION]  
find . -name "\*.txt"  
find . -maxdepth 2 -name "\*.txt"

sudo grep -d skip hosts: /etc/\*; example