

IT 1100 : Introduction to Operating Systems

- Finding Help

Command	Sample Usage	Description
type	type foo	check if an alias name already exists as a command
alias unalias	alias	list current aliases
	alias foo="cat myfile.txt less"	create an alias for a command, like a nickname or shortcut
	alias ls="ls --color"	redefine an existing command
	unalias -a foo	remove an alias
type	type cd	displays the type of command
	type foo	checks if a command exists
PATH	echo \$PATH	PATH is a system variable. displays the locations of the command (program) files
which	which cat	find the location a particular program
--help	cat --help	get help on a program (stored in /bin or /usr/bin)
help	help cd	get help on built-in shell commands (like cd)
man	man cat	see the technical manual page of a program
info	info cat	see the human readable information page of a program
whatis	whatis ls	see a brief description of a program
apropos	apropos which	search the system for commands containing the letters which in the name or description
	apropos cat	search the system for commands containing the letters cat in the name or description