

# HADOOP - COMMAND REFERENCE

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There are many more commands in "**\$HADOOP\_HOME/bin/hadoop fs**" than are demonstrated here, although these basic operations will get you started. Running `./bin/hadoop dfs` with no additional arguments will list all the commands that can be run with the FsShell system. Furthermore, **\$HADOOP\_HOME/bin/hadoop fs -help** commandName will display a short usage summary for the operation in question, if you are stuck.

A table of all the operations is shown below. The following conventions are used for parameters:

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"<path>" means any file or directory name.  
"<path>..." means one or more file or directory names.  
"<file>" means any filename.  
"<src>" and "<dest>" are path names in a directed operation.  
"<localSrc>" and "<localDest>" are paths as above, but on the local file system.
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All other files and path names refer to the objects inside HDFS.

1. **ls <path>**  
Lists the contents of the directory specified by path, showing the names, permissions, owner, size and modification date for each entry.
2. **lsr <path>**  
Behaves like `-ls`, but recursively displays entries in all subdirectories of path.
3. **du <path>**  
Shows disk usage, in bytes, for all the files which match path; filenames are reported with the full HDFS protocol prefix.
4. **dus <path>**  
Like `-du`, but prints a summary of disk usage of all files/directories in the path.
5. **mv <src> <dest>**  
Moves the file or directory indicated by src to dest, within HDFS.
6. **cp <src> <dest>**  
Copies the file or directory identified by src to dest, within HDFS.
7. **rm <path>**  
Removes the file or empty directory identified by path.
8. **rmr <path>**

Removes the file or directory identified by path. Recursively deletes any child entries  
*i. e. , files or subdirectories of path.*

9.

**put <localSrc> <dest>**

Copies the file or directory from the local file system identified by localSrc to dest within the DFS.

10.

**copyFromLocal <localSrc> <dest>**

Identical to -put

11.

**moveFromLocal <localSrc> <dest>**

Copies the file or directory from the local file system identified by localSrc to dest within HDFS, and then deletes the local copy on success.

12.

**get [-crc] <src> <localDest>**

Copies the file or directory in HDFS identified by src to the local file system path identified by localDest.

13.

**getmerge <src> <localDest>**

Retrieves all files that match the path src in HDFS, and copies them to a single, merged file in the local file system identified by localDest.

14.

**cat <file-name>**

Displays the contents of filename on stdout.

15.

**copyToLocal <src> <localDest>**

Identical to -get

16.

**moveToLocal <src> <localDest>**

Works like -get, but deletes the HDFS copy on success.

17.

**mkdir <path>**

Creates a directory named path in HDFS.

Creates any parent directories in path that are missing *e. g. , mkdir -p in Linux.*

18.

**setrep [-R] [-w] rep <path>**

Sets the target replication factor for files identified by path to rep.

*The actual replication factor will move toward the target over time*

19. **touchz <path>**  
Creates a file at path containing the current time as a timestamp. Fails if a file already exists at path, unless the file is already size 0.
20. **test [-ezd] <path>**  
Returns 1 if path exists; has zero length; or is a directory or 0 otherwise.
21. **stat [format] <path>**  
Prints information about path. Format is a string which accepts file size in blocks , filename , block size , replication , and modification date .
22. **tail [-f] <file2name>**  
Shows the last 1KB of file on stdout.
23. **chmod [-R] mode,mode,... <path>...**  
Changes the file permissions associated with one or more objects identified by path.... Performs changes recursively with R. mode is a 3-digit octal mode, or {augo}+/-{rwxX}. Assumes if no scope is specified and does not apply an umask.
24. **chown [-R] [owner][:group]] <path>...**  
Sets the owning user and/or group for files or directories identified by path.... Sets owner recursively if -R is specified.
25. **chgrp [-R] group <path>...**  
Sets the owning group for files or directories identified by path.... Sets group recursively if -R is specified.
26. **help <cmd-name>**  
Returns usage information for one of the commands listed above. You must omit the leading '-' character in cmd.