

history (display command history)

This shell builtin displays your command history, that is, a list of commands that you executed most recently. Here is an abridged example of its output:

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...  
1036 touch file.txt  
1037 cd /etc  
1038 ls
```

The output shows that the last three commands that I executed were →[touch file.txt](#), →[cd /etc](#) and →[ls](#). They are the commands numbered 1036 to 1038 recorded in the shell's history. You can re-execute a command by referring to its number. In our example scenario, you would rerun *touch file.txt* by entering:

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!1036
```

Alternatively, you can browse and search the history using a variety of keyboard shortcuts (see Appendix B in the [printed book](#)).