

\$ ls

Master ls — Interactively

Why the terminal is the fastest way to see what's there

GO

Instant feedback

Press Enter, see it happen — no compiling.

RE

Learn by tweaking

Change one flag, rerun, and watch it change.

IO

Real files, real power

See exactly what's inside any folder.

OK

Zero setup

Built into every Linux system — just open a shell.



user@linux: ~

```
$ ls -la
```

```
app.js  index.html
```

12 items

~10 sec



01

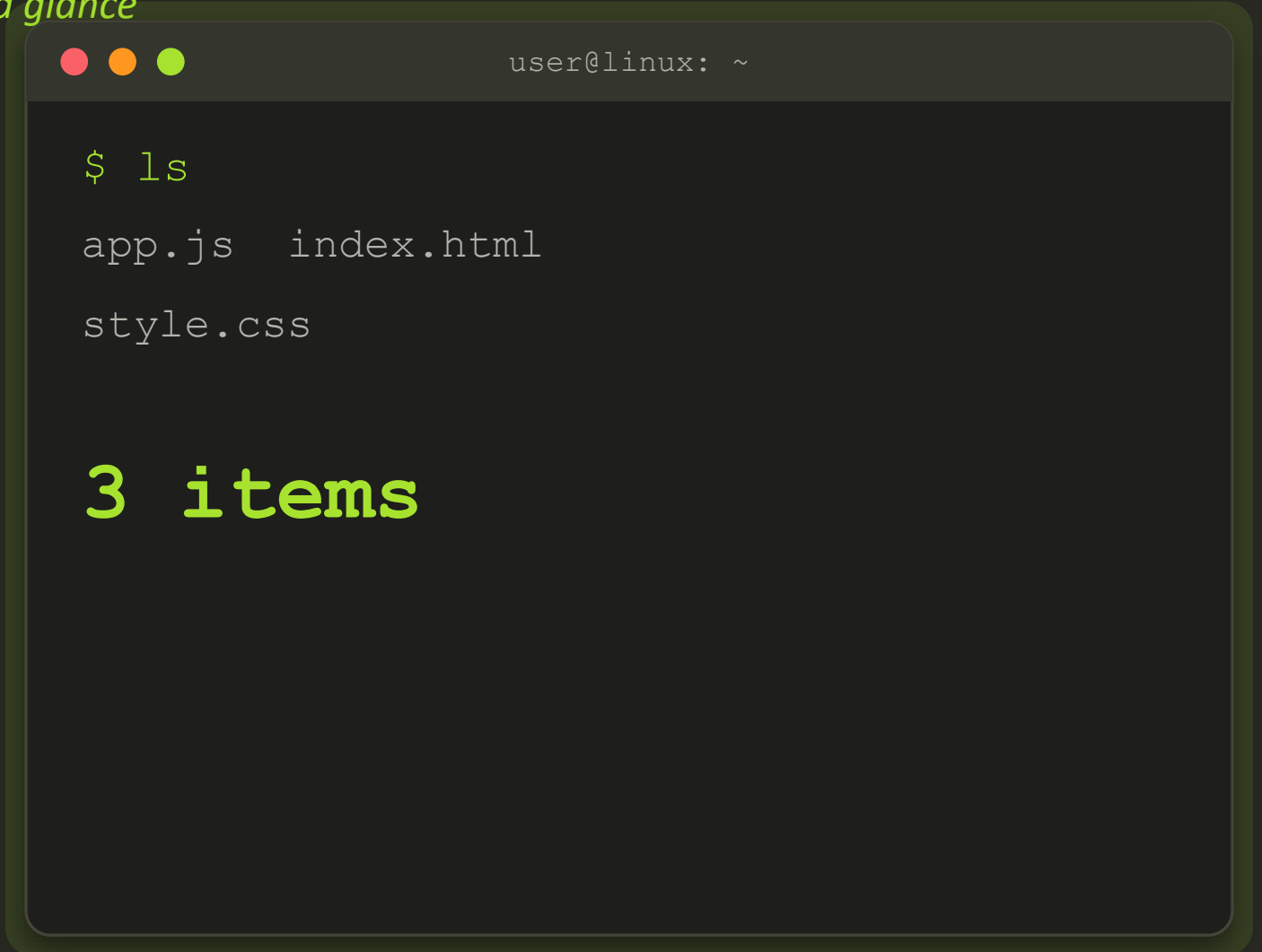
List Files In A Folder

See everything inside a directory at a glance

- Is alone lists the current folder's contents
- Pass a path to list a different folder
- The most-used command in the entire shell

SYNTAX

ls



```
user@linux: ~  
  
$ ls  
app.js  index.html  
style.css  
  
3 items
```

02

Show Hidden Files Too

Reveal dotfiles that ls normally hides

- -a shows files starting with a dot
- Hidden config files like .gitignore appear
- Combine with -l for full hidden-file details

SYNTAX

```
ls -a
```



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```
$ ls -a  
.  
..  
.git  
.gitignore  
app.js
```

5 items

03

Show Size And Date Details

Get a full breakdown of every file's info

- -l switches to the long listing format
- Shows permissions, owner, size, and date
- Combine with -h for human-readable sizes

SYNTAX

```
ls -lh
```



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```
$ ls -lh
```

```
-rw-r--r-- 4.0K app.js
```

```
-rw-r--r-- 1.2K index.html
```

2 files



04

Sort By Newest First

Find the most recently changed files instantly

- `-t` sorts by modification time, newest first
- Add `-r` to reverse it to oldest first
- Great for spotting what just changed

SYNTAX

```
ls -lt
```



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```
$ ls -lt
```

```
app.js (2 min ago)
```

```
index.html (1 day ago)
```

Newest: app.js





```
$ echo "Thanks for watching!"
```

Thank You For Watching

You just learned 4 real ls moves — now go run them yourself.

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