



Administración de archivos

con

Midnight Commander



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Introducción

El presente trabajo práctico tiene como objetivo dar a conocer al lector de manera informativa esta aplicación, lejos de cubrir todas las utilidades que Midnight Commander permite, se describe como se realizan algunas de estas operaciones básicas en el manejo de archivos, como son las de copiar, mover, borrar, etc.

Esta pequeña guía se realizó principalmente con la orientación de la ayuda y operación misma de Midnight Commander.

Sobre Midnight Commander (MC)

MC es un administrador de archivos con licencia GNU. Está aplicación que corre en modo texto te permite trabajar en consola o en una terminal de xwindow.

Además de permitir entre otras cosas buscar, copiar, mover, eliminar archivos y directorios, cuenta también con un visor y editor de texto plano.

Puede ejecutar comandos, como así también permitir conexiones ssh y ftp.

La última versión estable liberada al momento es: Midnight Commander v4.8.1.3 (stable release).

Para más información la página oficial es www.midnight-commander.org

Instalación

En Debian luego de entrar a la consola o terminal como root escribimos:

apt-get install mc (enter)

Ejecución y visión general de la aplicación

Para ejecutar la aplicación estando en consola escribimos:

mc (enter)

The screenshot shows the Midnight Commander (MC) application interface. It consists of two panels side-by-side, each displaying a directory listing. The top panel shows the root directory (/) with columns for 'Nombre', 'Tamaño', 'fecha', and 'Modifi'. The bottom panel shows the /etc/network directory with columns for 'Nombre', 'Tamaño', 'fecha', and 'Modifi'. At the bottom of the screen, there is a status bar with a menu and a command line.

Nombre	Tamaño	fecha	Modifi
/bin	4096	4 sep	2011
/boot	4096	4 sep	2011
/dev	3280	24 jun	22:41
/etc	4096	24 jun	22:42
/home	4096	13 ene	13:58
/lib	12288	19 dic	2011
/lost+found	16384	4 sep	2011
/media	4096	23 jun	21:08
/mnt	4096	12 mar	2011
/opt	4096	10 sep	2011
/proc	0	24 jun	22:41
/root	4096	20 may	01:09
/sbin	4096	23 jun	00:20
/selinux	4096	21 jul	2010
/srv	4096	4 sep	2011
/sys	0	24 jun	22:41
/tmp	4096	24 jun	23:01
/usr	4096	4 sep	2011
/var	4096	4 sep	2011
@initrd.img	28	4 sep	2011
@vmlinuz	25	4 sep	2011

Nombre	Tamaño	fecha	Modifi
DIR-ANT	4096	24 jun	22:42
/if-down.d	4096	3 mar	2010
/if-post-down.d	4096	3 mar	2010
/if-pre-up.d	4096	3 mar	2010
/if-up.d	4096	16 nov	2011
/run	4096	24 jun	22:41
interfaces	277	4 sep	2011
interfacesok	277	20 nov	2011

Ayudita: Para examinar un archivo RPM basta pulsar <intro> sobre él.
guille@debian:/\$

1 Ayuda 2 Menú 3 Ver 4 Editar 5 Copiar 6 RenMov 7 Mkdir 8 Borrar 9 Menú 10 Salir

La pantalla consistente en dos paneles nos muestra el sistema de ficheros y nos posibilita visualizar al mismo tiempo en cada panel un directorio y su contenido.

En la parte superior de la pantalla se encuentra el menú y en la inferior las operaciones que se pueden realizar con las teclas de función, como por ejemplo activar la ayuda al presionar la tecla (F1). Por sobre estas se encuentra la línea de comandos donde MC ejecuta el comando que ingresemos y la "Ayudita" donde se ofrece una descripción o sugerencia de como realizar alguna operación.

Navegar por el sistema de archivos

Al ingresar a la aplicación el cursor nos muestra que estamos posicionados en la línea de comandos.

Para activar el menú: (además de con el mouse) se activa con la tecla (F9) y con las teclas de dirección (izq, der, arriba, abajo) nos desplazamos por estos.

Con la tecla Esc (escape) volvemos a la línea de comandos.

Presionando la tecla Tab nos posiciona en uno de los paneles el cual nos permite con las teclas de dirección desplazarnos por el contenido del directorio que muestra, también podemos utilizar las teclas inicio y fin, presionando enter sobre el directorio resaltado nos muestra el contenido de este, para regresar al directorio padre ir al principio de la lista con la tecla inicio y presionar enter en el directorio (/..). Al presionar seguidamente la tecla tab nos podemos desplazar desde un panel a otro.

Puede resultar útil las siguientes combinaciones de teclas:

Presionando la combinación Alt + c podremos ingresar directamente la ruta del directorio a visualizar.

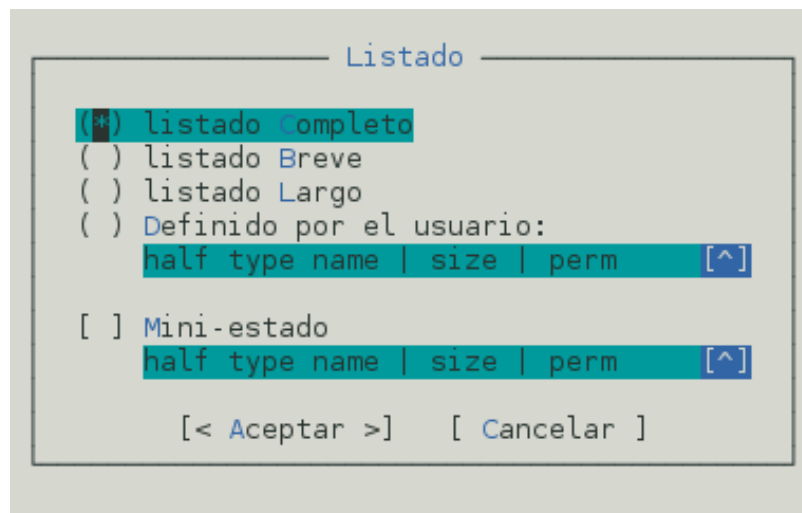
Con Alt + s podremos buscar un archivo o directorio dentro del panel activo, la aplicación queda esperando el tipeo de caracteres que coincidan con el archivo o directorio, llevando el cursor al que coincida.

También es posible visualizar los archivos comprimidos como por ejemplo los tar.gz, al presionar enter sobre el archivo nos mostrará su contenido.

Opciones de visualización y algunas configuraciones

Listado

Bueno es tener en cuenta que podemos modificar la visualización de los paneles, tanto en el Menú Izquierdo como en el Derecho tenemos distintas opciones. Al presionar F9 - I - L (selecciona la opción Listado del menú izquierdo) nos muestra una pantalla donde podemos configurar el tipo de listado que deseamos obtener en el panel izquierdo.

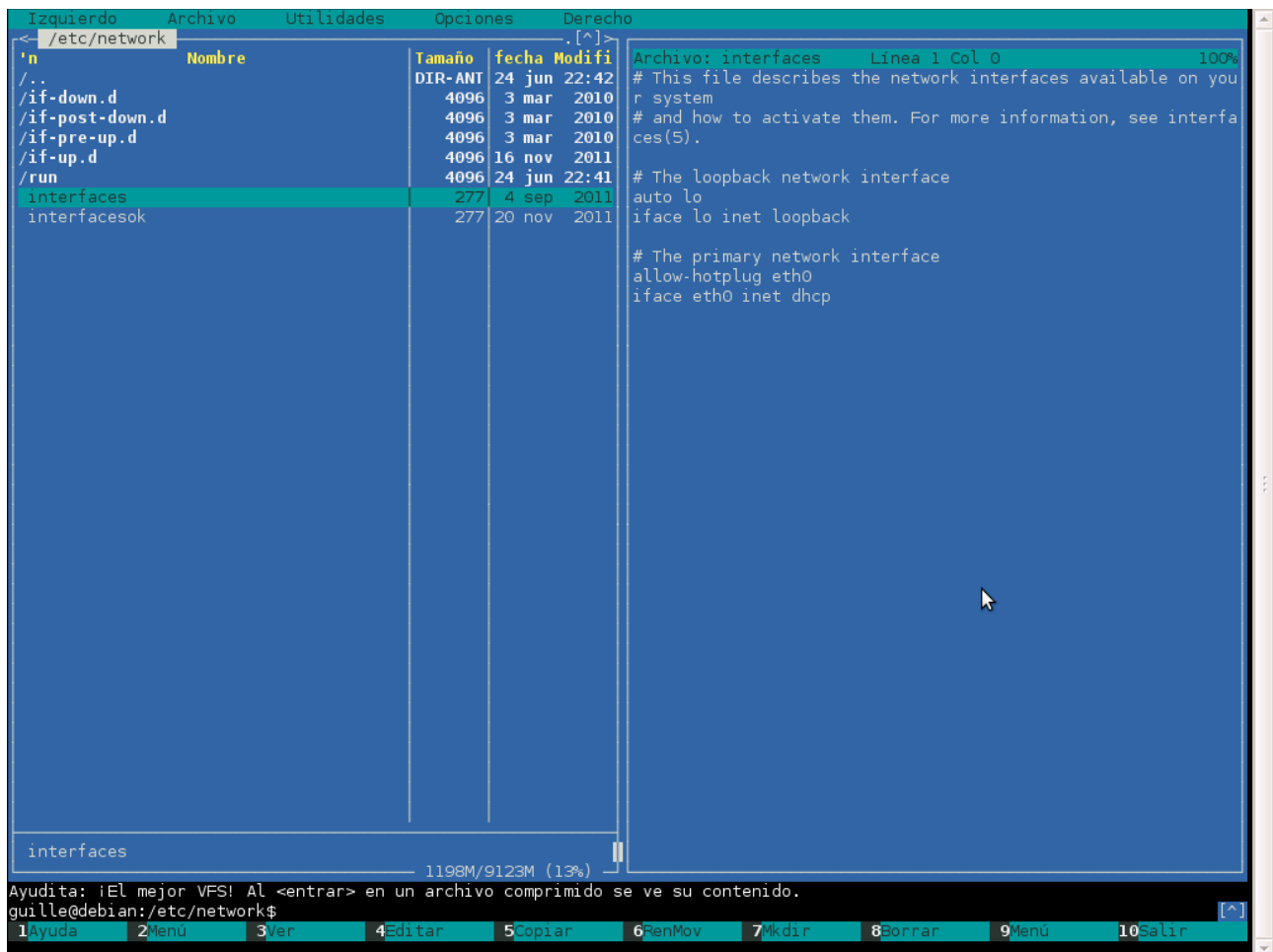


Nota: Con las teclas de dirección se recorre las opciones y con la tecla de espacio se puede seleccionar alguna opción.

Vista rápida

La siguiente opción de los menús de paneles llamada vista rápida permite visualizar en un panel el contenido del archivo del otro panel en el que esta posicionado el cursor.

En el ejemplo de la siguiente imagen se selecciono la vista rápida en el panel derecho y en el izquierdo con las flechas de dirección se esta posicionado en un archivo de texto plano de configuración de red (/etc/network/interfaces) el cual se puede observar su contenido.



```

Izquierdo Archivo Utilidades Opciones Derecho
<- /etc/network .[^]>
'n Nombre Tamaño fecha Modifi Archivo: interfaces Línea 1 Col 0 100%
/.. DIR-ANT 24 jun 22:42 # This file describes the network interfaces available on you
/if-down.d 4096 3 mar 2010 r system
/if-post-down.d 4096 3 mar 2010 # and how to activate them. For more information, see interfa
/if-pre-up.d 4096 3 mar 2010 ces(5).
/if-up.d 4096 16 nov 2011
/run 4096 24 jun 22:41 # The loopback network interface
interfaces 277 4 sep 2011 auto lo
interfacesok 277 20 nov 2011 iface lo inet loopback

# The primary network interface
allow-hotplug eth0
iface eth0 inet dhcp

interfaces
1198M/9123M (13%)
Ayudita: ¡El mejor VFS! Al <entrar> en un archivo comprimido se ve su contenido.
guille@debian:/etc/network$
1 Ayuda 2 Menú 3 Ver 4 Editar 5 Copiar 6 RenMov 7 Mkdir 8 Borrar 9 MenÚ 10 Salir
```


Información

La siguiente opción de los menús de paneles llamada información permite visualizar en un panel información detallada del archivo/directorio del otro panel en el que esta posicionado el cursor.

The screenshot shows the Midnight Commander 4.7.0.9 interface. The left pane displays detailed information for the file 'home'. The right pane shows a directory listing of the root directory with columns for file name, size, date, and modification time. The 'home' directory is highlighted in the right pane.

Midnight Commander 4.7.0.9

Archivo: home
Ubicado: 801h:17h
Modo: drwxr-xr-x (0755)
Nº enlaces: 6
Dueño: root/root
Tamaño: 4096 (8 bloques)
Cambiado: 13 ene 13:58
Modificado: 13 ene 13:58
Accedido: 27 jun 22:58
Sistema en /
Origen: /dev/sda1
Tipo: ext4
Disponible 1827M (20%) de 9123M
y 468657 (78%) de 593344 inodos

Nombre	Tamaño	fecha	Modifi
*/n			
/bin	4096	4 sep 2011	
/boot	4096	4 sep 2011	
/dev	3280	27 jun 22:47	
/etc	4096	27 jun 22:49	
/home	4096	13 ene 13:58	
/lib	12288	19 dic 2011	
/lost+found	16384	4 sep 2011	
/media	4096	27 jun 22:02	
/mnt	4096	12 mar 2011	
/opt	4096	10 sep 2011	
/proc	0	27 jun 22:47	
/root	4096	20 may 01:09	
/sbin	4096	23 jun 00:20	
/selinux	4096	21 jul 2010	
/srv	4096	4 sep 2011	
/sys	0	27 jun 22:47	
/tmp	4096	27 jun 22:51	
/usr	4096	4 sep 2011	
/var	4096	4 sep 2011	
@initrd.img	28	4 sep 2011	
@vmlinuz	25	4 sep 2011	

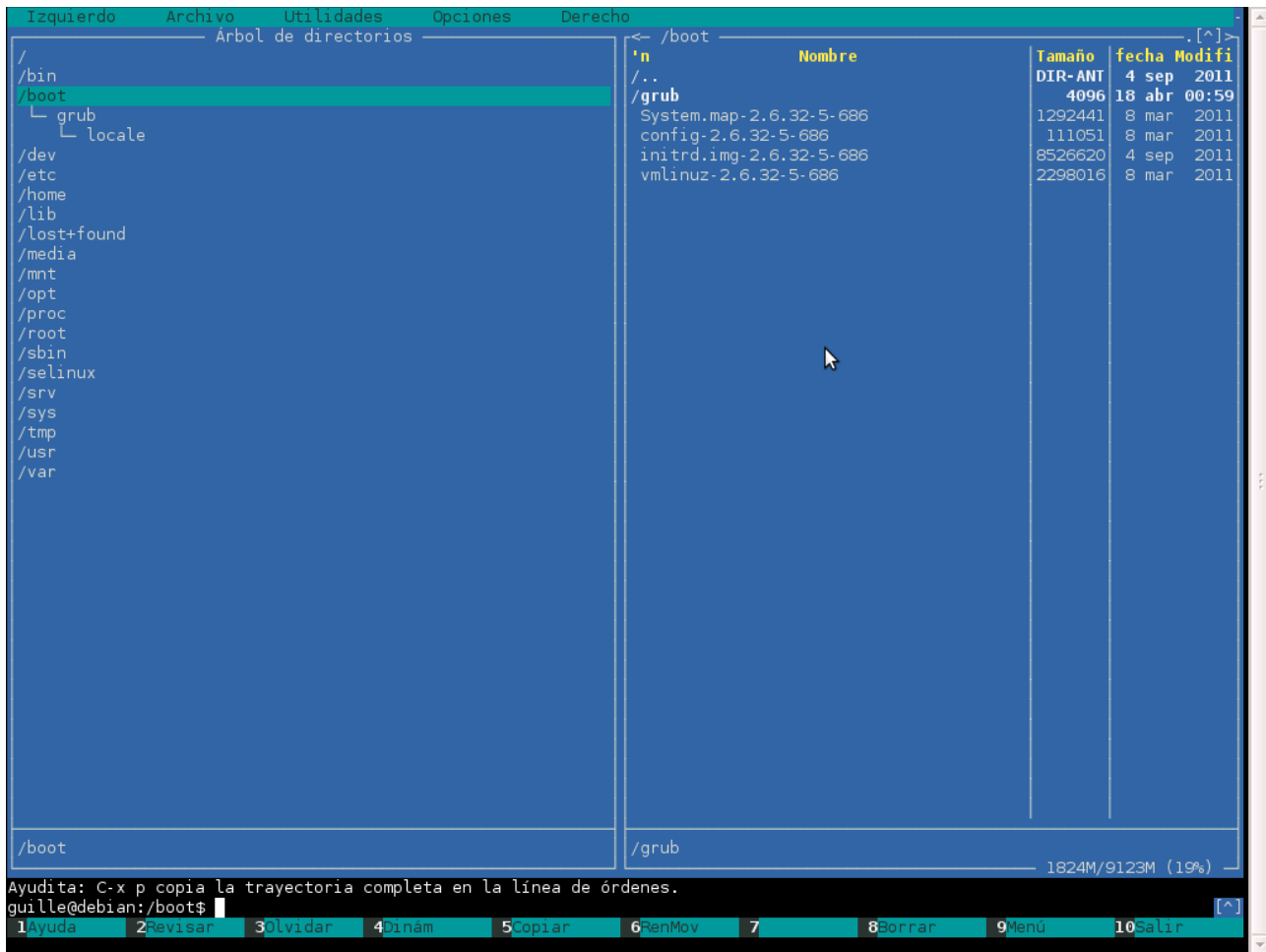
/home 1854M/9123M (20%)

Ayudita: C-x p copia la trayectoria completa en la línea de órdenes.
guille@debian:/\$ [M %! [M &!

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Vista en Árbol

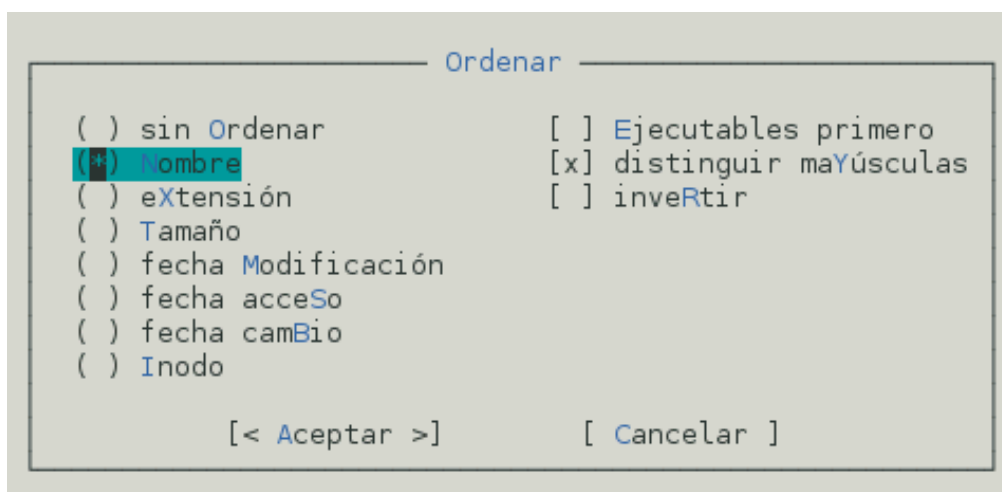
La siguiente opción de los menús de paneles llamada **árbol** permite visualizar en un panel información en forma de árbol de directorios, seleccionando con las teclas de dirección un directorio y presionando la tecla enter en el otro panel muestra su contenido. Con la tecla F3 borra de la figura del árbol ese directorio. Con la tecla F2 actualiza la vista de ese directorio.



Ordenar

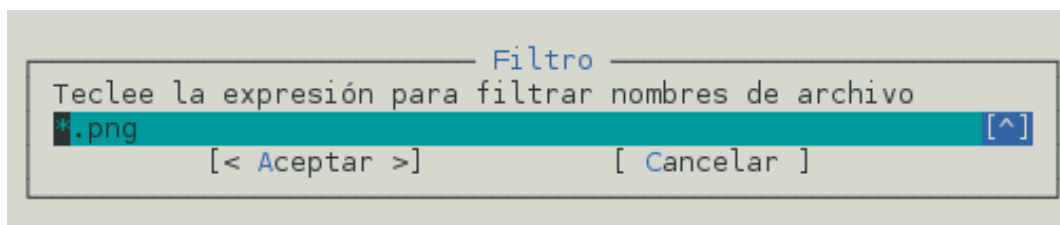
La siguiente opción de los menús de paneles llamada **Ordenar** permite visualizar el contenido del panel ordenado según el criterio seleccionado en la pantalla que a continuación se muestra. La selección se realiza con la tecla espacio y dando enter en aceptar. Para trasladarse en las opciones con las

teclas de dirección y con la tecla Tab.



Filtro

La siguiente opción de los menús de paneles llamada filtro puede utilizarse para visualizar en un panel información filtrada según algún criterio, como por ejemplo al introducir *.png se mostrara en este panel los archivos que cumplan con esta condición, además de los directorios y enlaces del mismo.



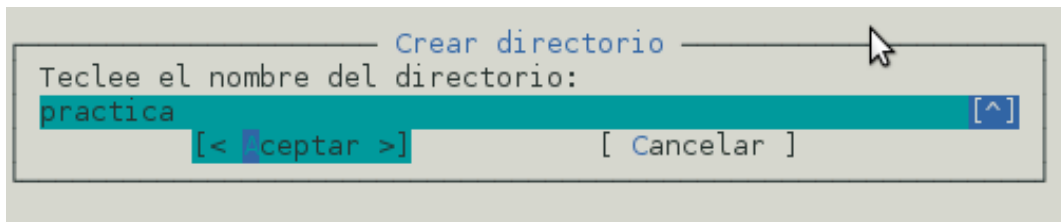
Trabajo con archivos

Las siguientes operaciones se pueden realizar acudiendo al menú archivo, o presionando las teclas de función que describe la barra inferior.

Creando directorios - F7

Comencemos con un ejemplo de creación de un directorio de prueba llamado en este caso "practica", nos posicionamos dentro del directorio donde deseamos crearlo y presionando F7 nos despliega una ventana donde solicita que tecleemos el

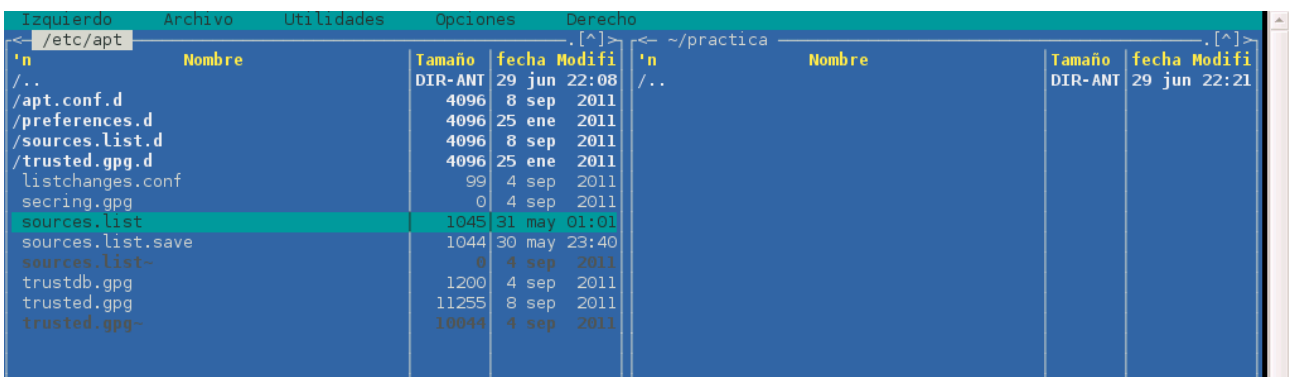
nombre del directorio a crear, luego aceptar para concluir.



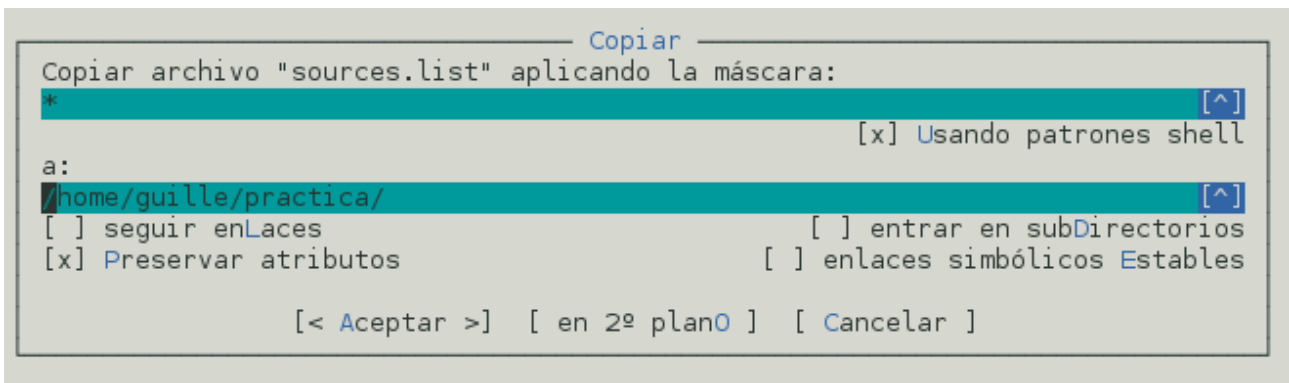
Copiar archivo/s – F5

Creo que una de las funciones mas utilizadas puede ser esta, siendo muy sencilla de realizar en mc, una vez que sabemos desplazarnos por la estructura de directorios, ya que para realizar una copia basta con posicionarse en el archivo a copiar y presionar F5, desplegándose una ventana donde nos solicita el lugar de destino y con presionar aceptar se completa la operación, aquí lo interesante y práctico es que toma como destino por defecto el directorio que se visualiza en el otro panel, así que antes de comenzar a copiar lo recomendable es que en un panel se busque el directorio a donde se copiará (destino) y en el otro se seleccione el archivo/directorio a copiar.

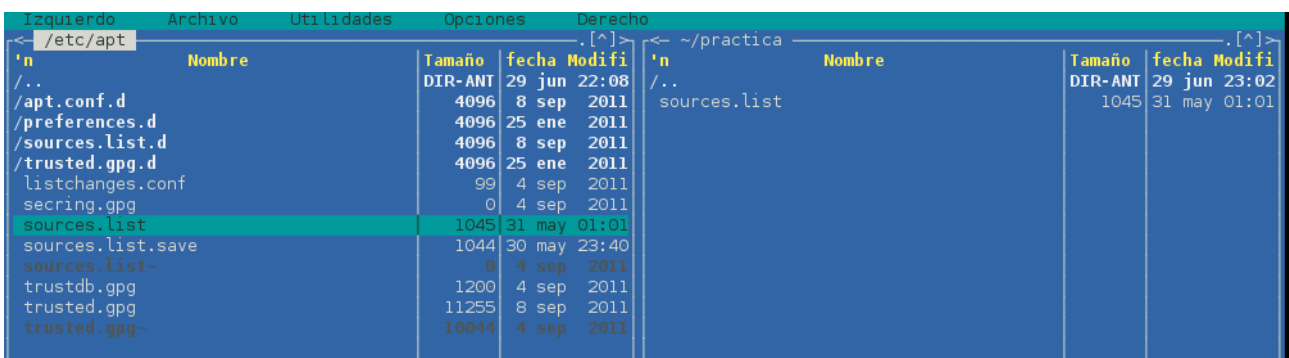
Como ejemplo vamos a realizar la copia del archivo `sources.list` que se encuentra en `/etc/apt/` en el directorio “practica” creado en el punto anterior, para esto en el primer panel procedemos a buscar el archivo a copiar y en el segundo nos posicionamos dentro del directorio “practica” que será el lugar donde se copiará.



Presionamos la tecla de función F5, nos despliega una ventana con opciones por defecto.



Solo resta aceptar para concluir con la operación requerida en el ejemplo.

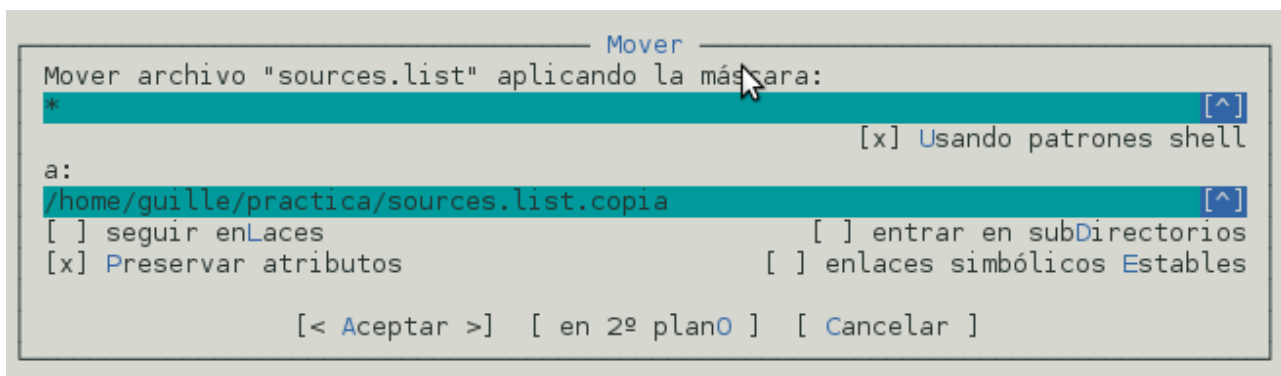


Para seleccionar mas de un archivo podemos hacerlo con la tecla insert.

Renombrar/mover - F6

Para mover un archivo de un directorio a otro lo seleccionamos en un panel y al apretar F6 lo moverá al directorio visualizado en el otro panel. Similar a copiar con la diferencia de que deja de existir en donde estaba.

Si lo que deseamos es renombrarlo lo que podemos hacer es completar la ruta modificando el nombre, como ejemplo podemos modificar el nombre del archivo sources.list que teníamos en el directorio practica renombrandolo como sources.list.copia lo cual deberíamos completar en el cuadro de dialogo de la siguiente forma:

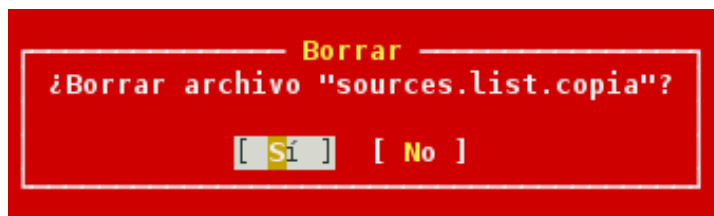


Luego de aceptar el archivo ha quedado renombrado

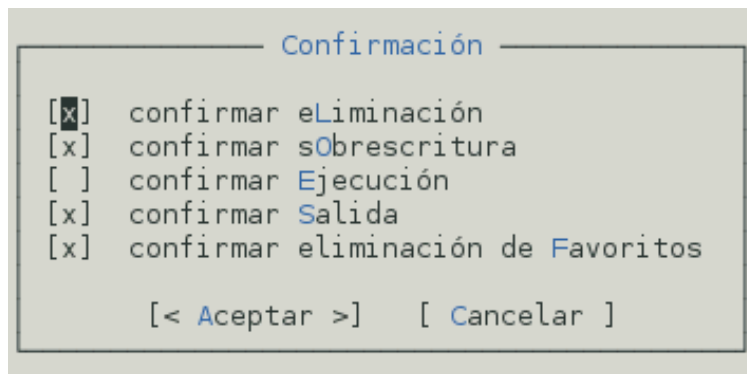
Borrar - F8

Nunca está demás recomendar cautela al utilizar esta opción, y sobre todo tener en cuenta con el tipo de usuario con el que estamos trabajando, ya que si lo hacemos como root podríamos lamentar el borrado accidental de algún archivo.

Dicho esto la eliminación de archivos se realiza luego de seleccionar el o los archivos a borrar y luego se presiona la tecla F8, como ejemplo vamos a eliminar el archivo `sources.list.copia` del ejemplo anterior, lo seleccionamos, presionamos F8 y nos pedirá confirmación a través de un mensaje.



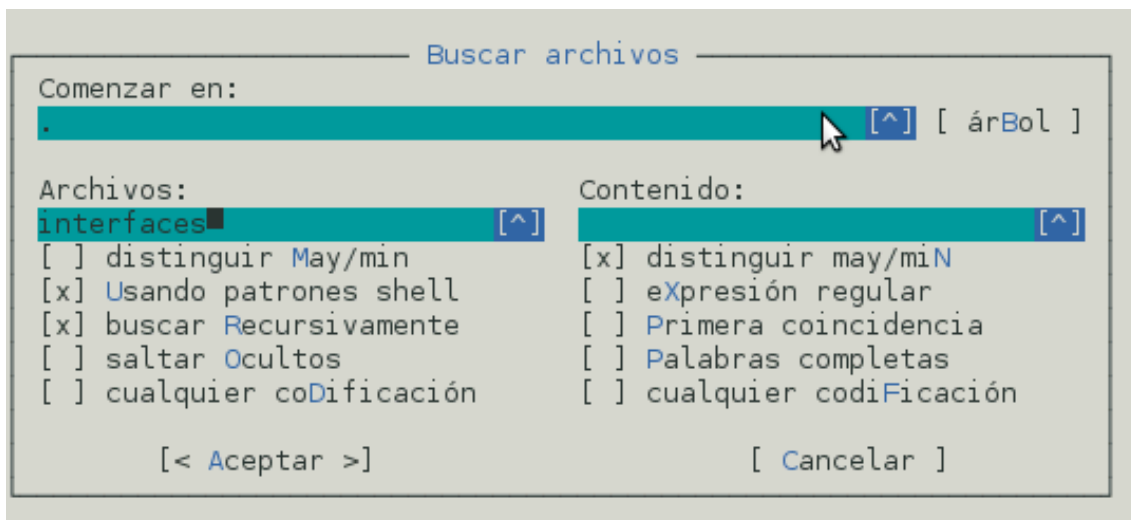
Cabe destacar que esta confirmación la solicita si está configurada para la misma, siendo recomendable que este activada, lo podemos chequear dirigiéndose a el menú - Opciones - Confirmación, de lo contrario borrara el/los archivos sin más.



Buscar Archivos

Otra de las utilidades que dispone esta aplicación es la de realizar una búsqueda de archivos para lo cual debemos ir al Menú Utilidades - buscar archivos.

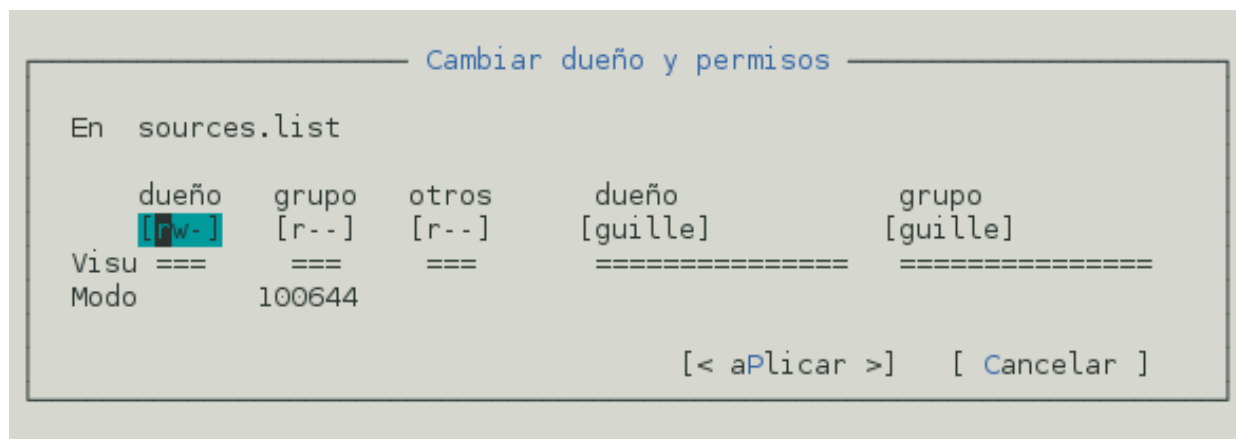
Como ejemplo vamos a buscar el archivo "interfaces", como podemos ver en el siguiente cuadro de dialogo, estando posicionados en el directorio raíz se va al menú utilidades/buscar archivos.



Al aceptar el anterior cuadro nos va a mostrar una pantalla con los archivos encontrados en el cual nos podemos desplazar con las teclas de cursor y al darle enter nos va a llevar en el panel al lugar del mismo. Cabe destacar que admite el uso de comodines, en este ejemplo también se hubiera podido poner *interfa*, Para otro tipo de búsqueda como por ejemplo de un paquete deb podría colocarse *.deb, etc.

Permisos y Dueño

En el caso de ser necesario de cambiar Dueño o permisos en el menú archivo están las opciones para cambiar permisos, otra para cambiar dueño y otra llamada cambiar dueño y permisos que posibilita en la misma ventana cambiar ambos.



Para cambiar estos luego de ingresado en la ventana se puede realizar presionando la letra correspondiente y en dueño/grupo al presionar enter nos despliega opciones de los mismos.

Visualizar y Editar textos – F3 y F4

Otra de las útiles opciones que cuenta Midnight Commander es la de poder visualizar textos y poder editarlos también de acuerdo a lo que requiera el usuario basta con seleccionar el archivo de texto y presionar F3 o F4 para poner el visor o editor en marcha respectivamente.

Conclusión

Creo que al dar los primeros pasos en consola las operaciones mas comunes que se realizan con archivos o directorios pueden resultar un poco complicadas, o al menos por cuestiones de sintaxis o falta de experiencia algo lentas, es aquí donde Midnight Commander puede ser de gran ayuda.

Es una aplicación pequeña en tamaño, rápida y fácil de instalar, así como también veloz en su ejecución, y al no depender de la utilización de un gestor de ventanas su utilización consume pocos recursos.

Por otro lado creo que esta aplicación por su funcionalidad puede serle útil a todo tipo de usuario, tanto a principiantes como a experimentados.

Fuentes de información:

Ayuda de Midnight Commander

Paginas del manual: `man mc`

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