

# Improving System Management With ZFS

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# What is ZFS?

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...  
Most of you already have some idea.  
But a quick overview is in order.

# Zetabyte File System



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expanding the acronym we get the Zetabyte File System.  
which doesn't tell us much except that it's big!

# More than a filesystem



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In fact it is more than a file system

# Data Protection and Integrity

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combines RAID like data protection and check sum based integrity verification

# Volume Management

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with volume management

# File Systems

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supporting the creation of file systems

# Block Devices



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and block devices aka volumes.



# Snapshots

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Modern filesystem features like snapshots.

# Single interface for storage management

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# ZFS History

- September 2004: Announced
- November 2005: Released in OpenSolaris
- June 2006: Released in Solaris
- April 2007: Committed to FreeBSD

# How Does ZFS Work?



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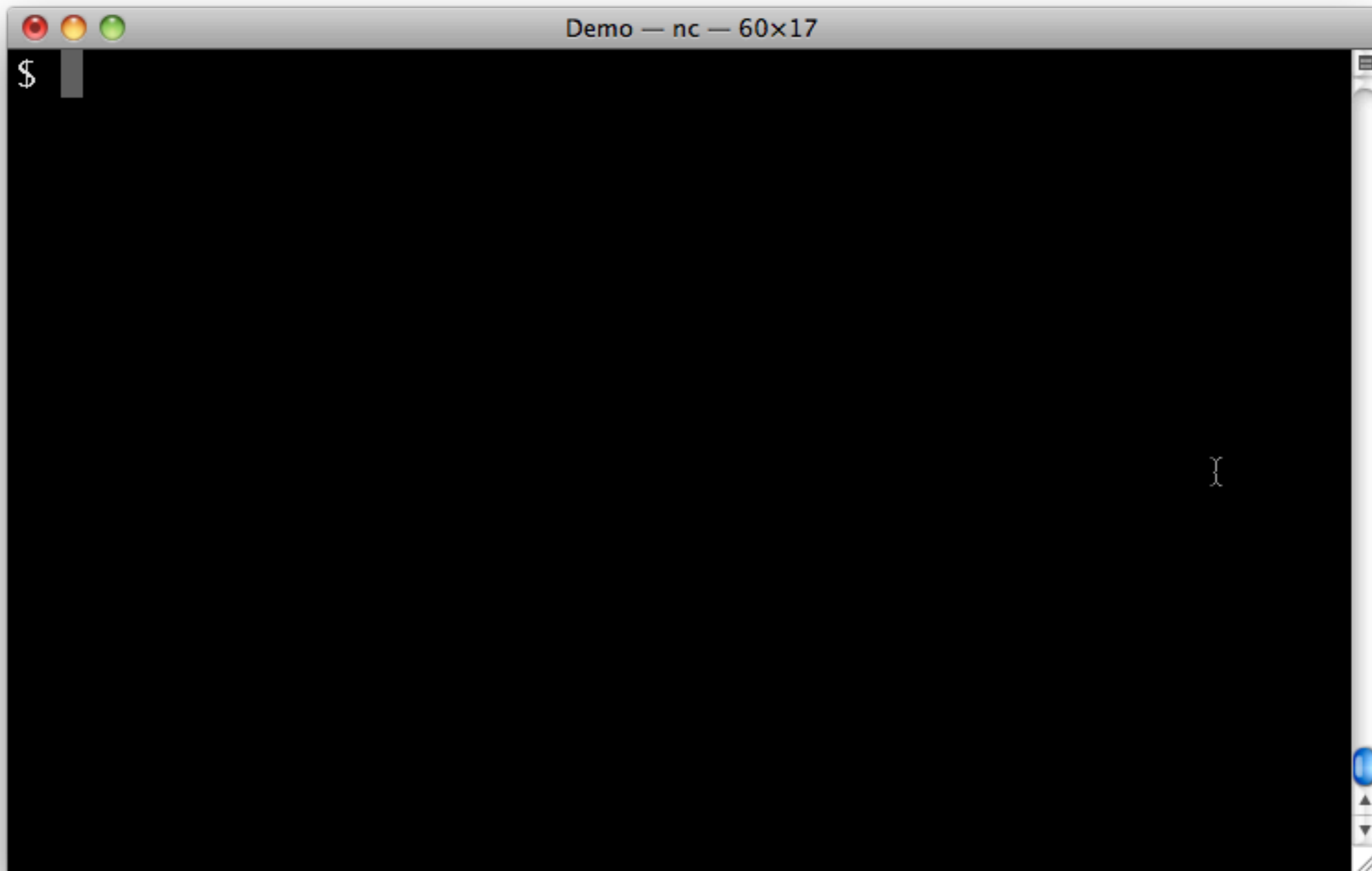
Quick tutorial on general ZFS functionality

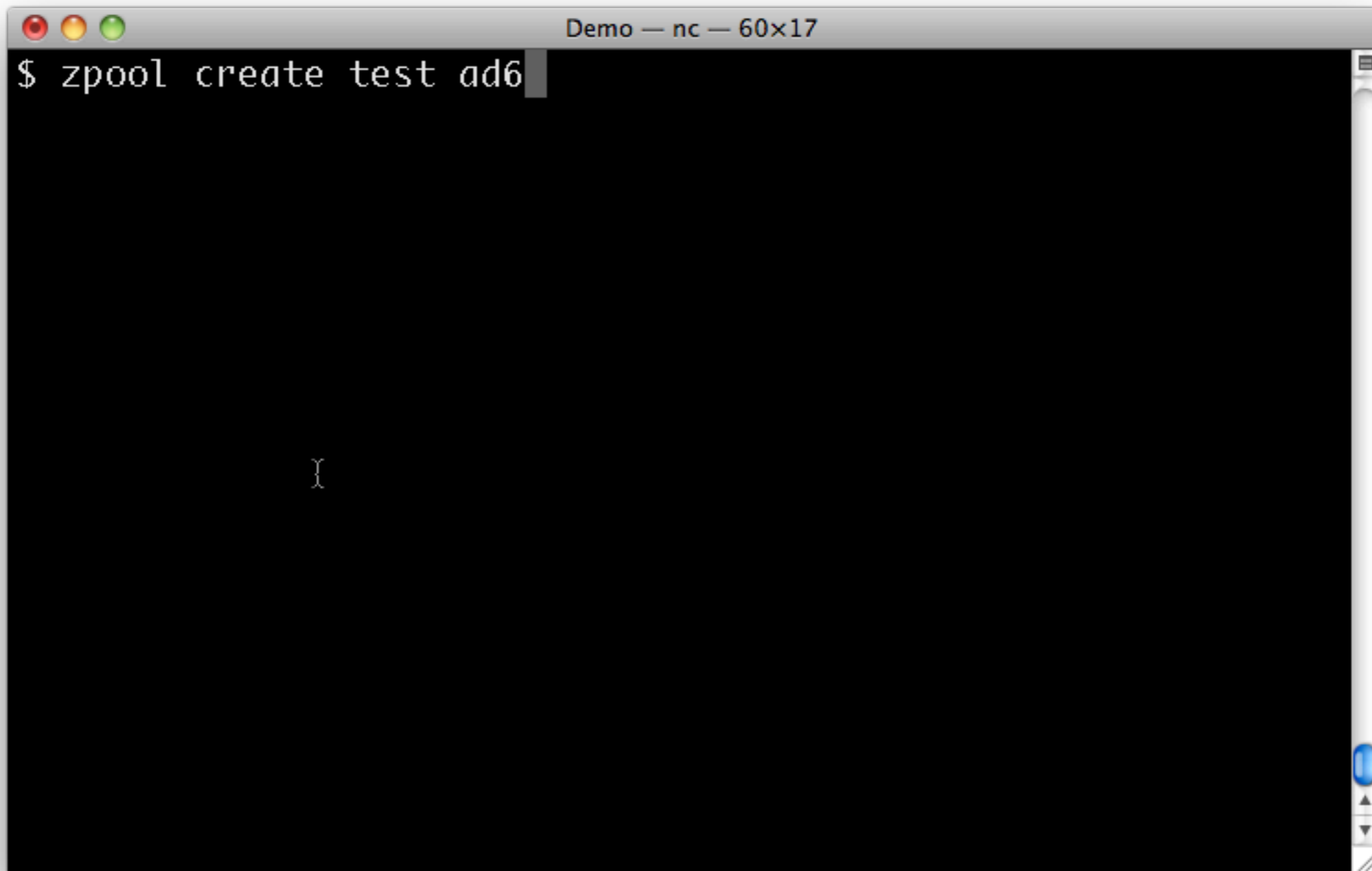
# zpool(1)



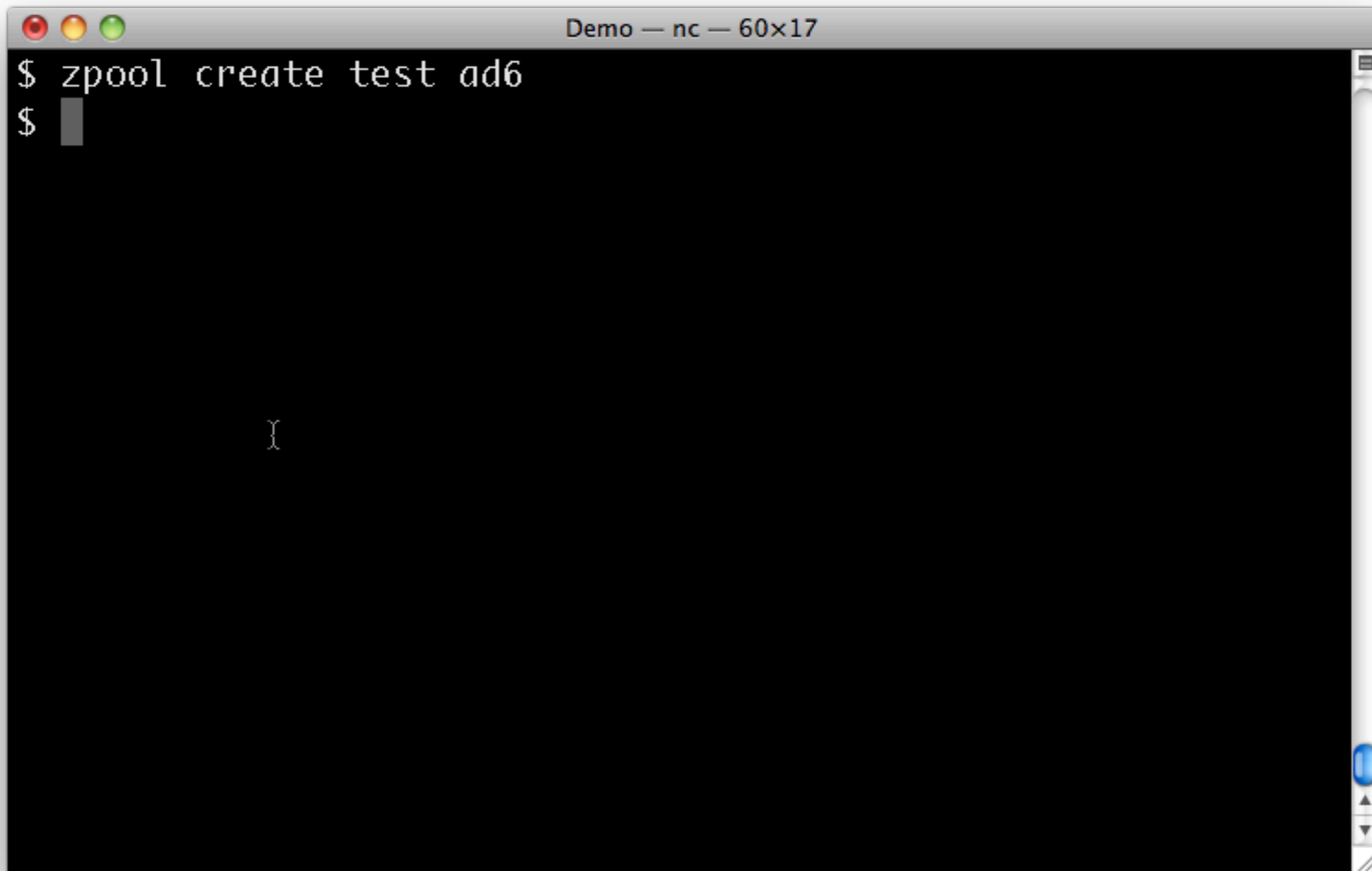
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We'll start at the bottom with storage pools.  
Storage pools are created and managed by the zpool(1) command



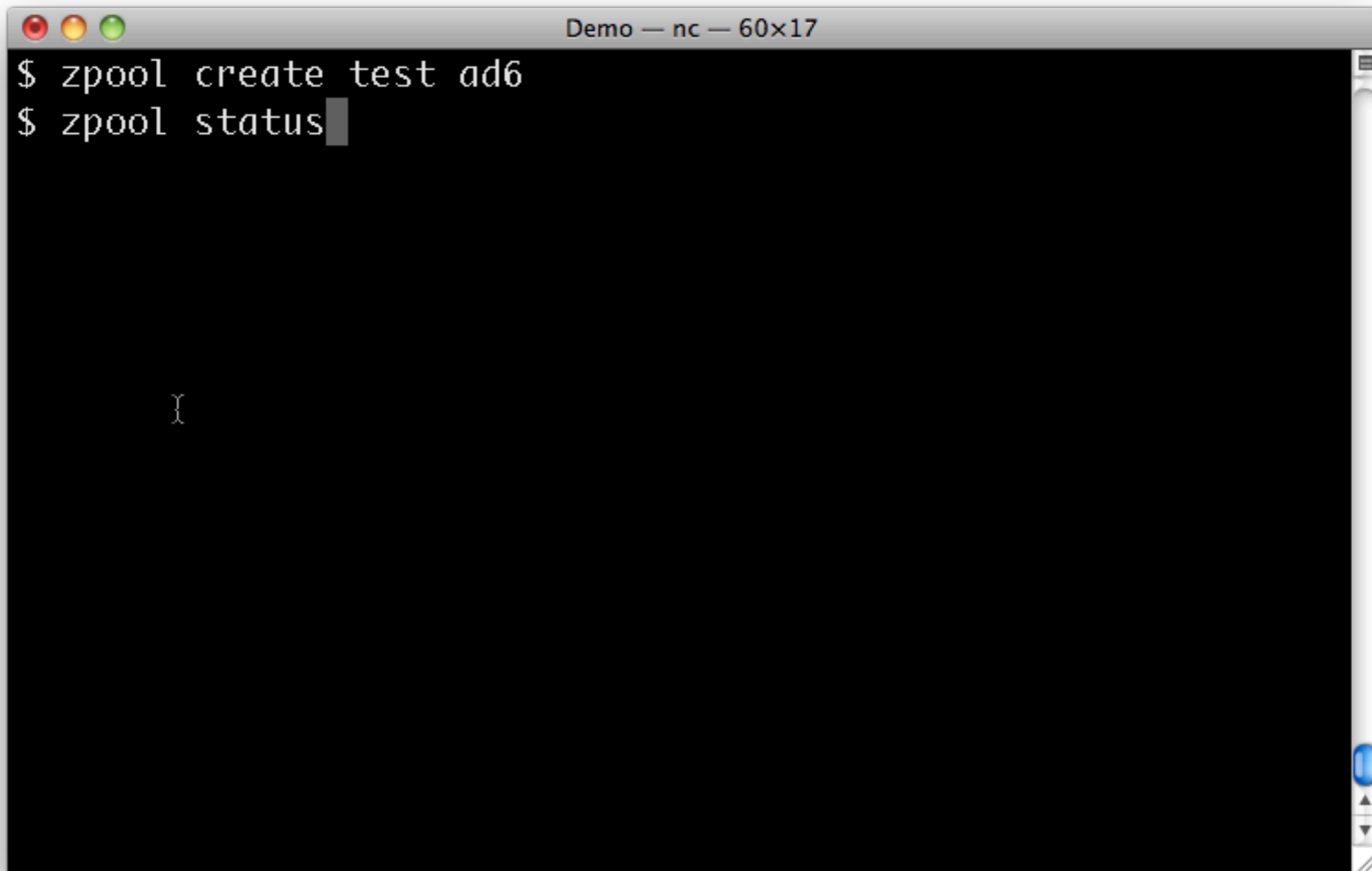


A terminal window titled "Demo — nc — 60x17" with a dark background. The prompt "\$ zpool create test ad6" is visible at the top left, followed by a cursor. The window has standard macOS window controls (red, yellow, green buttons) at the top left and a scroll bar on the right side.

A terminal window with a title bar that reads "Demo — nc — 60x17". The window has three colored window control buttons (red, yellow, green) on the top left. The terminal content shows a prompt "\$" followed by the command "zpool create test ad6". Below this, there is another prompt "\$" followed by a grey rectangular cursor. A vertical scrollbar is visible on the right side of the terminal window, and a blue mouse cursor is positioned over it.

```
Demo — nc — 60x17
$ zpool create test ad6
$ █
```



A terminal window titled "Demo — nc — 60x17" with a dark background and white text. The window has standard macOS window controls (red, yellow, green buttons) in the top-left corner and a scroll bar on the right side. The text inside the terminal shows two commands: "\$ zpool create test ad6" followed by "\$ zpool status" with a cursor at the end of the second line. A faint cursor is also visible on the line below.

```
$ zpool create test ad6
$ zpool status
```

```
Demo — nc — 60x17
$ zpool create test ad6
$ zpool status
  pool: test
  state: ONLINE
  scrub: none requested
config:
  |
  |   NAME                STATE          READ  WRITE CKSUM
  |   test                ONLINE         0     0     0
  |       ad6            ONLINE         0     0     0
  |
errors: No known data errors
$
```



```
Demo — nc — 60x17
$ zpool create test ad6
$ zpool status
  pool: test
  state: ONLINE
  scrub: none requested
config:

      NAME      STATE      READ  WRITE  CKSUM
      test      ONLINE      0     0     0
        ad6      ONLINE      0     0     0

errors: No known data errors
$ zfs list
```



```
Demo — nc — 60x17
$ zpool create test ad6
$ zpool status
  pool: test
  state: ONLINE
  scrub: none requested
config:

      NAME      STATE      READ  WRITE  CKSUM
      test      ONLINE      0     0     0
      ad6       ONLINE      0     0     0

errors: No known data errors
$ zfs list
NAME      USED  AVAIL  REFER  MOUNTPOINT
test    70.5K  457G   21K    /test
$
```



```
Demo — nc — 60x17
$ zpool create test ad6
$ zpool status
  pool: test
  state: ONLINE
  scrub: none requested
config:

      NAME          STATE          READ  WRITE  CKSUM
      test          ONLINE         0     0     0
          ad6       ONLINE         0     0     0
          }

errors: No known data errors
$ zfs list
NAME      USED  AVAIL  REFER  MOUNTPOINT
test    70.5K  457G   21K    /test
$ mount -t zfs
```



```
Demo — nc — 60x17
$ zpool status
  pool: test
  state: ONLINE
  scrub: none requested
config:

      NAME          STATE          READ WRITE CKSUM
      test          ONLINE         0     0     0
          ad6       ONLINE         0     0     0

errors: No known data errors
$ zfs list
NAME      USED  AVAIL  REFER  MOUNTPOINT
test    70.5K  457G   21K    /test
$ mount -t zfs
test on /test (zfs, local)
$
```



pools are collections of  
vdevs



# vdev types

- device: disk in Solaris, GEOM in FreeBSD
- mirror: RAID 1-like group of devices
- raidz1: single parity protection
- raidz2: double parity protection
- raidz3: triple parity protection



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raidz1 -> RAID5

raidz2 -> RAID6

Allowing 1 and 2 drive failures to be recovered

ZFS is good at recovering data from partially damaged disks due to its use of check summing



# special vdev types

- spare: device waiting to replace a failing device
- log: intent log device
- cache: read cache



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Spares are used by management infrastructure to replace disks when they fail.  
log devices speed up writes and can (should!) be mirrored  
cache devices speed up reads and can only be normal devices

# What if we need more storage?



```
Demo — nc — 60x17
$ zpool status
  pool: test
  state: ONLINE
  scrub: none requested
config:

      NAME                STATE                READ  WRITE  CKSUM
      test                ONLINE                0     0     0
      ad6                 ONLINE                0     0     0

errors: No known data errors
$ zfs list
NAME      USED  AVAIL  REFER  MOUNTPOINT
test    70.5K  457G   21K    /test
$ mount -t zfs
test on /test (zfs, local)
$
```



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picking up where we left off  
adding space is trivial, we just add a vdev

```
Demo — nc — 60x17
$ zpool status
  pool: test
  state: ONLINE
  scrub: none requested
config:

      NAME          STATE          READ WRITE CKSUM
      test          ONLINE         0     0     0
          ad6       ONLINE         0     0     0

errors: No known data errors
$ zfs list
NAME      USED  AVAIL  REFER  MOUNTPOINT
test    70.5K  457G   21K    /test
$ mount -t zfs
test on /test (zfs, local)
$ zpool add test ad7
```



```
Demo — nc — 60x17
pool: test
state: ONLINE
scrub: none requested
config:

      NAME          STATE      READ WRITE CKSUM
      test          ONLINE     0     0     0
      ad6           ONLINE     0     0     0

errors: No known data errors
$ zfs list
NAME      USED  AVAIL  REFER  MOUNTPOINT
test     70.5K  457G   21K    /test
$ mount -t zfs
test on /test (zfs, local)
$ zpool add test ad7
$
```



```
Demo — nc — 60x17
pool: test
state: ONLINE
scrub: none requested
config:

      NAME          STATE      READ WRITE CKSUM
      test          ONLINE      0     0     0
      ad6           ONLINE      0     0     0

errors: No known data errors
$ zfs list
NAME      USED  AVAIL  REFER  MOUNTPOINT
test    70.5K  457G   21K    /test
$ mount -t zfs
test on /test (zfs, local)
$ zpool add test ad7
$ zpool status
```



```
Demo — nc — 60x17
test 70.5K 457G 21K /test
$ mount -t zfs
test on /test (zfs, local)
$ zpool add test ad7
$ zpool status
pool: test
state: ONLINE
scrub: none requested
config:

    NAME                STATE          READ  WRITE CKSUM
    test                 ONLINE         0     0     0
      ad6                 ONLINE         0     0     0
      ad7                 ONLINE         0     0     0

errors: No known data errors
$
```



```
Demo — nc — 60x17
test 70.5K 457G 21K /test
$ mount -t zfs
test on /test (zfs, local)
$ zpool add test ad7
$ zpool status
pool: test
state: ONLINE
scrub: none requested
config:

    NAME                STATE          READ  WRITE CKSUM
    test                 ONLINE        0     0     0
      ad6                 ONLINE        0     0     0
      ad7                 ONLINE        0     0     0

errors: No known data errors
$ zfs list
```





```
Demo — nc — 60x17
$ zpool add test ad7
$ zpool status
  pool: test
  state: ONLINE
  scrub: none requested
config:

      NAME          STATE          READ  WRITE  CKSUM
      test          ONLINE         0     0     0
        ad6          ONLINE         0     0     0
        ad7          ONLINE         0     0     0

errors: No known data errors
$ zfs list
NAME      USED  AVAIL  REFER  MOUNTPOINT
test     75K   913G   21K    /test
$
```



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That's really all there is do it. Of course, we've just create a RAID0-like system which probably isn't what we want.

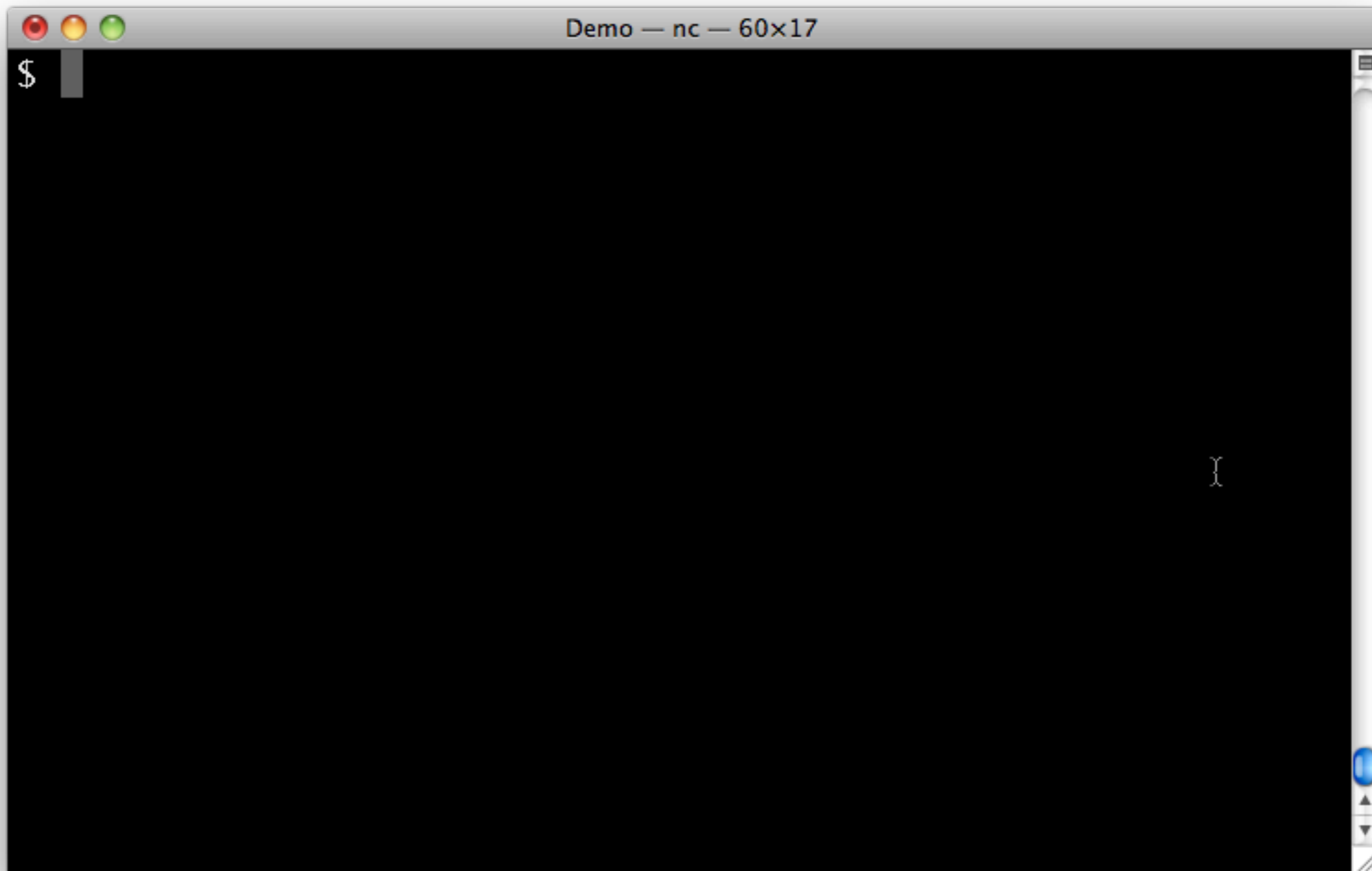
# What if you actually like your data?

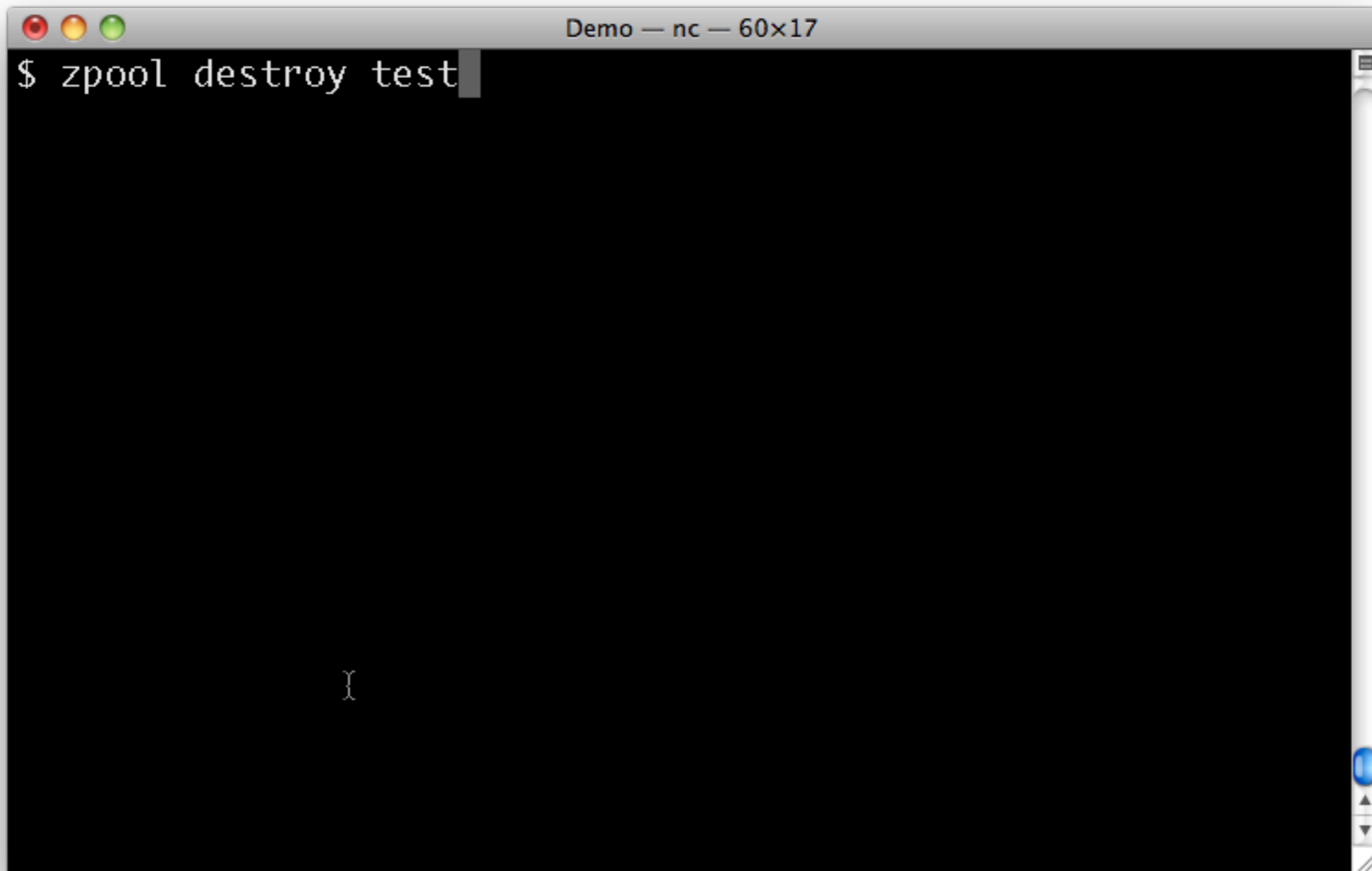
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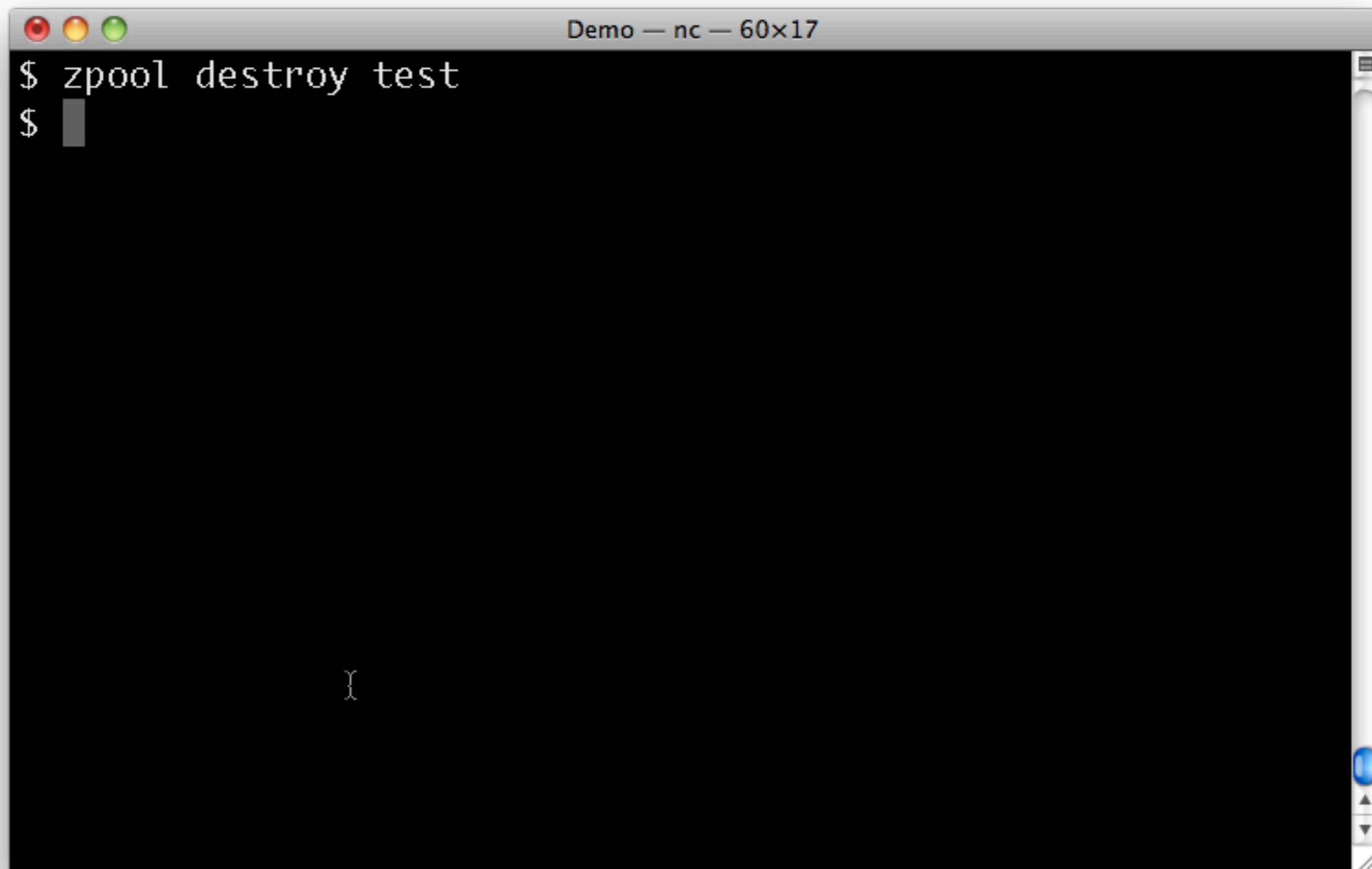
So ...  
and want to keep it around?  
I won't go in to much more detail  
here's a quick example of mirroring for more realism



A screenshot of a terminal window with a grey title bar. The title bar contains three colored window control buttons (red, yellow, green) on the left and the text "Demo — nc — 60x17" in the center. The terminal area has a black background with white text. The first line shows a shell prompt "\$" followed by the command "zpool destroy test" and a grey cursor block. A second line is blank, and a third line shows a closing curly brace "}" centered. On the right side of the terminal, there are standard OS window controls: a menu icon, a scroll bar, and a blue mouse cursor icon.

```
Demo — nc — 60x17
$ zpool destroy test
}

```

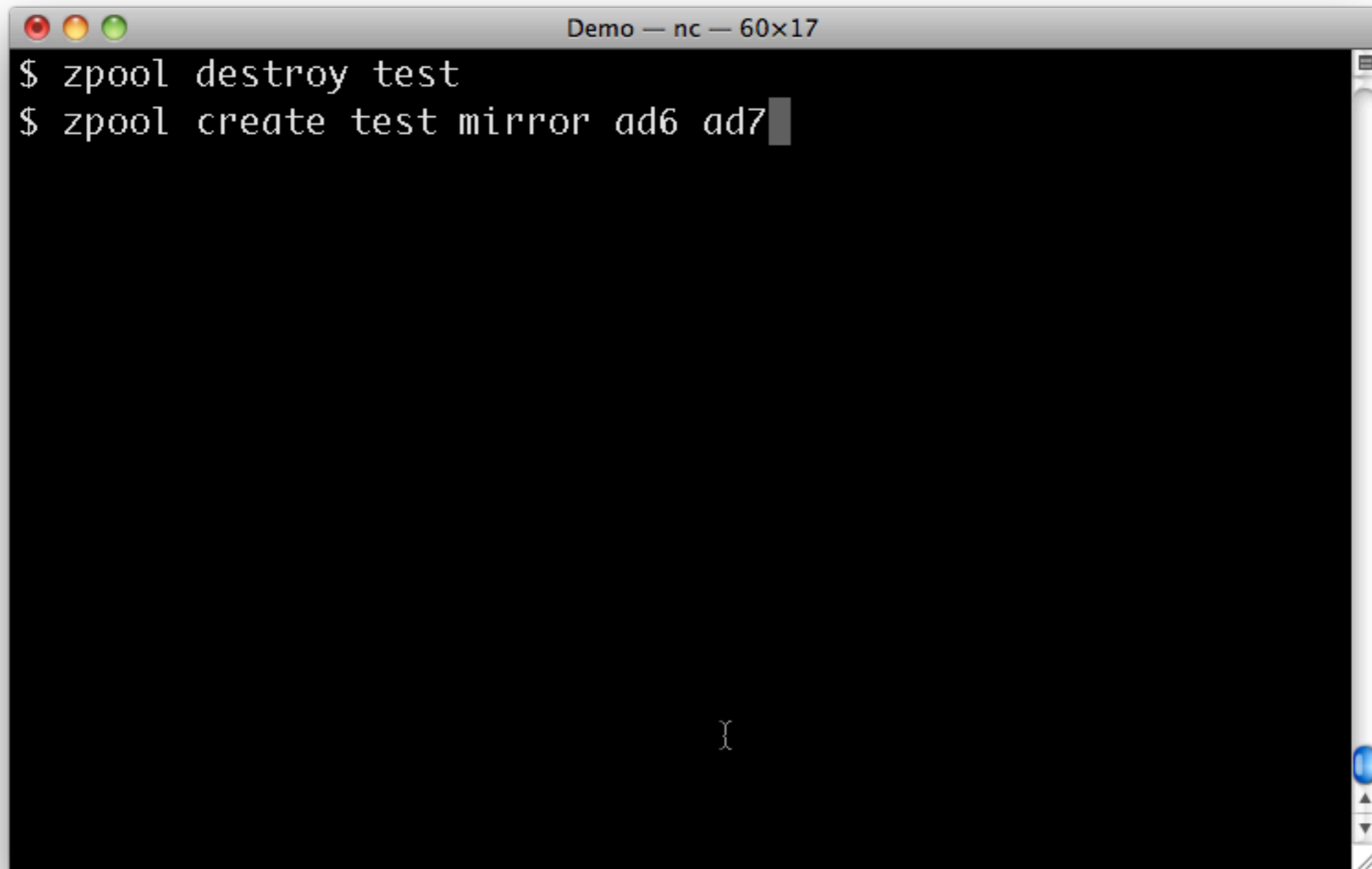
A screenshot of a terminal window titled "Demo — nc — 60x17". The window has a dark background and a light gray border. At the top left, there are three colored window control buttons (red, yellow, green). The terminal shows two lines of text: "\$ zpool destroy test" followed by a new line starting with "\$" and a gray cursor block. The rest of the terminal is empty. On the right side, there are standard terminal window controls like a scroll bar and a refresh button.

```
Demo — nc — 60x17
$ zpool destroy test
$ █
```



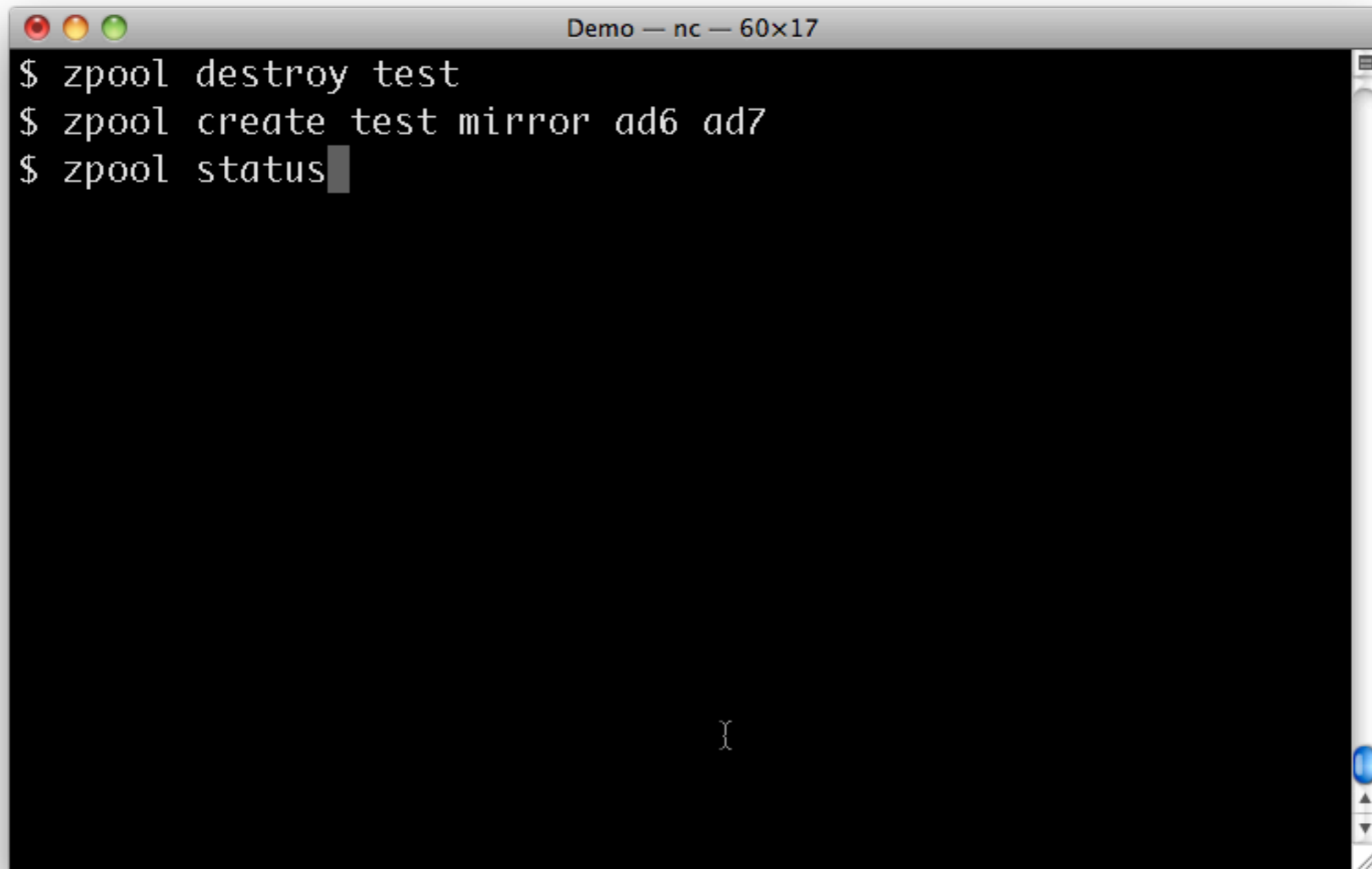
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I always find this a little unnerving.  
You can wipe our terabytes of data as easily as this empty test volume.

A terminal window titled "Demo — nc — 60x17" with a dark background and white text. The window contains two lines of text: "\$ zpool destroy test" and "\$ zpool create test mirror ad6 ad7" with a cursor at the end of the second line. The window has standard macOS window controls (red, yellow, green buttons) at the top left and a scroll bar on the right side.

```
Demo — nc — 60x17
$ zpool destroy test
$ zpool create test mirror ad6 ad7
```

```
Demo — nc — 60x17
$ zpool destroy test
$ zpool create test mirror ad6 ad7
$
```

A terminal window titled "Demo — nc — 60x17" with a standard macOS-style title bar (red, yellow, green buttons). The terminal content shows three commands: "\$ zpool destroy test", "\$ zpool create test mirror ad6 ad7", and "\$ zpool status" with a cursor at the end. The terminal background is black with white text. On the right side of the terminal, there are standard window controls: a scroll bar, a blue mouse cursor, and arrow keys.

```
Demo — nc — 60x17
$ zpool destroy test
$ zpool create test mirror ad6 ad7
$ zpool status
```



```
Demo — nc — 60x17
$ zpool destroy test
$ zpool create test mirror ad6 ad7
$ zpool status
  pool: test
  state: ONLINE
  scrub: none requested
config:

      NAME          STATE          READ  WRITE  CKSUM
      test          ONLINE         0     0     0
          mirror    ONLINE         0     0     0
              ad6    ONLINE         0     0     0
              ad7    ONLINE         0     0     0

errors: No known data errors
$
```



```
Demo — nc — 60x17
$ zpool destroy test
$ zpool create test mirror ad6 ad7
$ zpool status
  pool: test
  state: ONLINE
  scrub: none requested
config:

    NAME                STATE                READ  WRITE  CKSUM
    test                ONLINE              0     0     0
      mirror            ONLINE              0     0     0
        ad6             ONLINE              0     0     0
        ad7             ONLINE              0     0     0

errors: No known data errors
$ zfs list
```



```
Demo — nc — 60x17
$ zpool status
  pool: test
  state: ONLINE
  scrub: none requested
config:

      NAME          STATE          READ  WRITE  CKSUM
      test          ONLINE         0     0     0
        mirror      ONLINE         0     0     0
          ad6        ONLINE         0     0     0
          ad7        ONLINE         0     0     0

errors: No known data errors
$ zfs list
NAME      USED  AVAIL  REFER  MOUNTPOINT
test     72K   457G   21K    /test
$
```

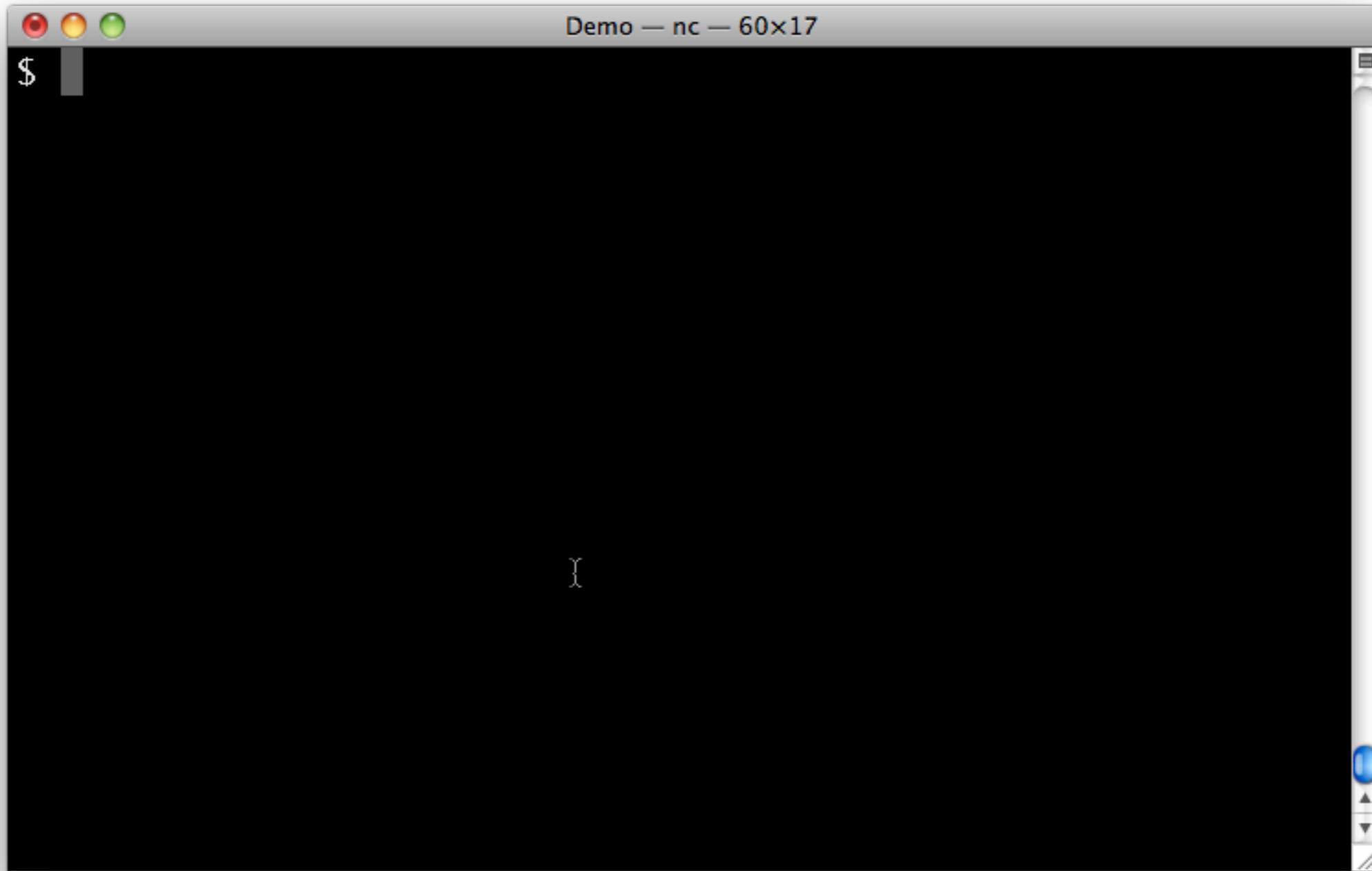


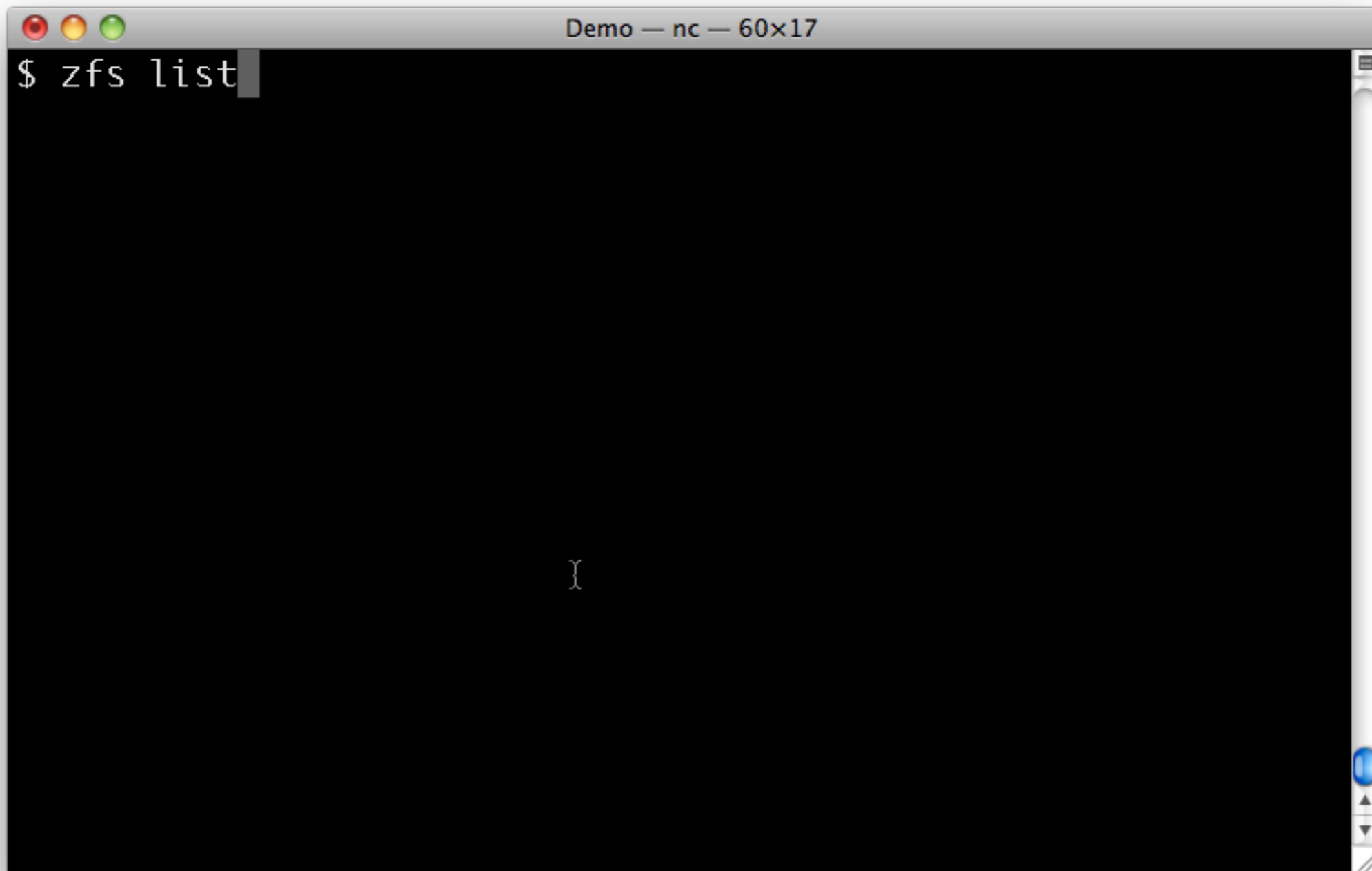
# Verifying data integrity



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One of the more useful features of ZFS is that all data is protected by checksums. Those are verified as data is read but can also be verified using the “zpool scrub” command.





A terminal window titled "Demo — nc — 60x17" with standard macOS window controls (red, yellow, green buttons) in the top-left corner. The terminal content shows the command "\$ zfs list" entered at the prompt, with a white cursor character (a vertical bar) positioned at the end of the command. The terminal background is black, and the text is white. On the right side of the terminal window, there are standard macOS window controls including a scroll bar and a zoom button.

```
Demo — nc — 60x17
$ zfs list
NAME      USED    AVAIL    REFER    MOUNTPOINT
test      72K     457G    21K     /test
$
```



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We've got out storage pool

```
Demo — nc — 60x17
$ zfs list
NAME      USED  AVAIL  REFER  MOUNTPOINT
test     72K   457G   21K    /test
$ dd if=/dev/random of=/test/bigfile bs=1m count=10000
```





```
Demo — nc — 60x17
$ zfs list
NAME      USED  AVAIL  REFER  MOUNTPOINT
test      72K   457G   21K    /test
$ dd if=/dev/random of=/test/bigfile bs=1m count=10000
█
```



```
Demo — nc — 60x17
$ zfs list
NAME      USED  AVAIL  REFER  MOUNTPOINT
test      72K   457G   21K    /test
$ dd if=/dev/random of=/test/bigfile bs=1m count=10000
10000+0 records in
10000+0 records out
10485760000 bytes transferred in 156.884691 secs (66837369 bytes/sec)
$ █
```



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I picked 10GB arbitrarily here because it took a reasonable amount of time to write and verify.

```
Demo — nc — 60x17
$ zfs list
NAME      USED  AVAIL  REFER  MOUNTPOINT
test      72K   457G   21K    /test
$ dd if=/dev/random of=/test/bigfile bs=1m count=10000
10000+0 records in
10000+0 records out
10485760000 bytes transferred in 157.143166 secs (66727432 b
ytes/sec)
$ zfs list
```



```
Demo — nc — 60x17
$ zfs list
NAME      USED    AVAIL    REFER    MOUNTPOINT
test      72K     457G    21K     /test
$ dd if=/dev/random of=/test/bigfile bs=1m count=10000
10000+0 records in
10000+0 records out
10485760000 bytes transferred in 157.143166 secs (66727432 b
ytes/sec)
$ zfs list
NAME      USED    AVAIL    REFER    MOUNTPOINT
test     9.67G   447G    9.67G    /test
$ █
```



```
Demo — nc — 60x17
$ zfs list
NAME      USED    AVAIL    REFER    MOUNTPOINT
test      72K     457G    21K     /test
$ dd if=/dev/random of=/test/bigfile bs=1m count=10000
10000+0 records in
10000+0 records out
10485760000 bytes transferred in 157.143166 secs (66727432 b
ytes/sec)
$ zfs list
NAME      USED    AVAIL    REFER    MOUNTPOINT
test     9.67G   447G    9.67G    /test
$ zpool scrub test
```



```
Demo — nc — 60x17
$ zfs list
NAME      USED    AVAIL    REFER    MOUNTPOINT
test      72K     457G     21K      /test
$ dd if=/dev/random of=/test/bigfile bs=1m count=10000
10000+0 records in
10000+0 records out
10485760000 bytes transferred in 154.931129 secs (67680137 b
ytes/sec)
$ zfs list
NAME      USED    AVAIL    REFER    MOUNTPOINT
test      9.67G   447G     9.67G    /test
$ zpool scrub test
$ zpool status
```



```
Demo — nc — 60x17
NAME    USED    AVAIL    REFER    MOUNTPOINT
test    9.77G    447G    9.77G    /test
$ zpool scrub test
$ zpool status
  pool: test
  state: ONLINE
  scrub: scrub in progress for 0h0m, 10.88% done, 0h1m to go
config:

          NAME            STATE            READ  WRITE  CKSUM
          test            ONLINE           0     0     0
            mirror        ONLINE           0     0     0
              ad6         ONLINE           0     0     0
              ad7         ONLINE           0     0     0

errors: No known data errors
$
```



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I highly recommend this process for any storage system even one you don't plan to use ZFS on.

```
Demo — nc — 60x17
      ad7      ONLINE      0      0      0
errors: No known data errors
$ zpool status
  pool: test
  state: ONLINE
  scrub: scrub in progress for 0h0m, 33.49% done, 0h1m to go
config:
      {
NAME      STATE      READ  WRITE  CKSUM
test      ONLINE      0     0     0
  mirror  ONLINE      0     0     0
    ad6   ONLINE      0     0     0
    ad7   ONLINE      0     0     0
errors: No known data errors
$
```



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With a test similar to this we could reliably trigger data corruption on a Sun branded Adaptec RAID controller.



```
Demo — nc — 60x17
      ad7      ONLINE      0      0      0
errors: No known data errors
$ zpool status
  pool: test
  state: ONLINE
  scrub: scrub in progress for 0h1m, 52.99% done, 0h0m to go
config:

      NAME      STATE      READ  WRITE  CKSUM
      test      ONLINE      0      0      0
          mirror  ONLINE      0      0      0
              ad6  ONLINE      0      0      0
              ad7  ONLINE      0      0      0
errors: No known data errors
$
```



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Once we'd spotted the issue with ZFS we found that we could replicate it with UFS or even with no file system.

```
Demo — nc — 60x17
ad7 ONLINE 0 0 0
errors: No known data errors
$ zpool status
pool: test
state: ONLINE
scrub: scrub in progress for 0h1m, 84.88% done, 0h0m to go
config:

NAME          STATE          READ WRITE CKSUM
test          ONLINE         0     0     0
  mirror      ONLINE         0     0     0
    ad6       ONLINE         0     0     0
    ad7       ONLINE         0     0     0
errors: No known data errors
$
```



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All we had to do was write to two disks at the same time and eventually we'd get data corruption.

```
Demo — nc — 60x17

errors: No known data errors
$ zpool status
  pool: test
  state: ONLINE
  scrub: scrub completed after 0h1m with 0 errors on Fri Feb
25 23:36:38 2011
config:

      NAME          STATE          READ  WRITE CKSUM
      test          ONLINE        0     0     0
          mirror    ONLINE        0     0     0
              ad6    ONLINE        0     0     0
              ad7    ONLINE        0     0     0

errors: No known data errors
$
```



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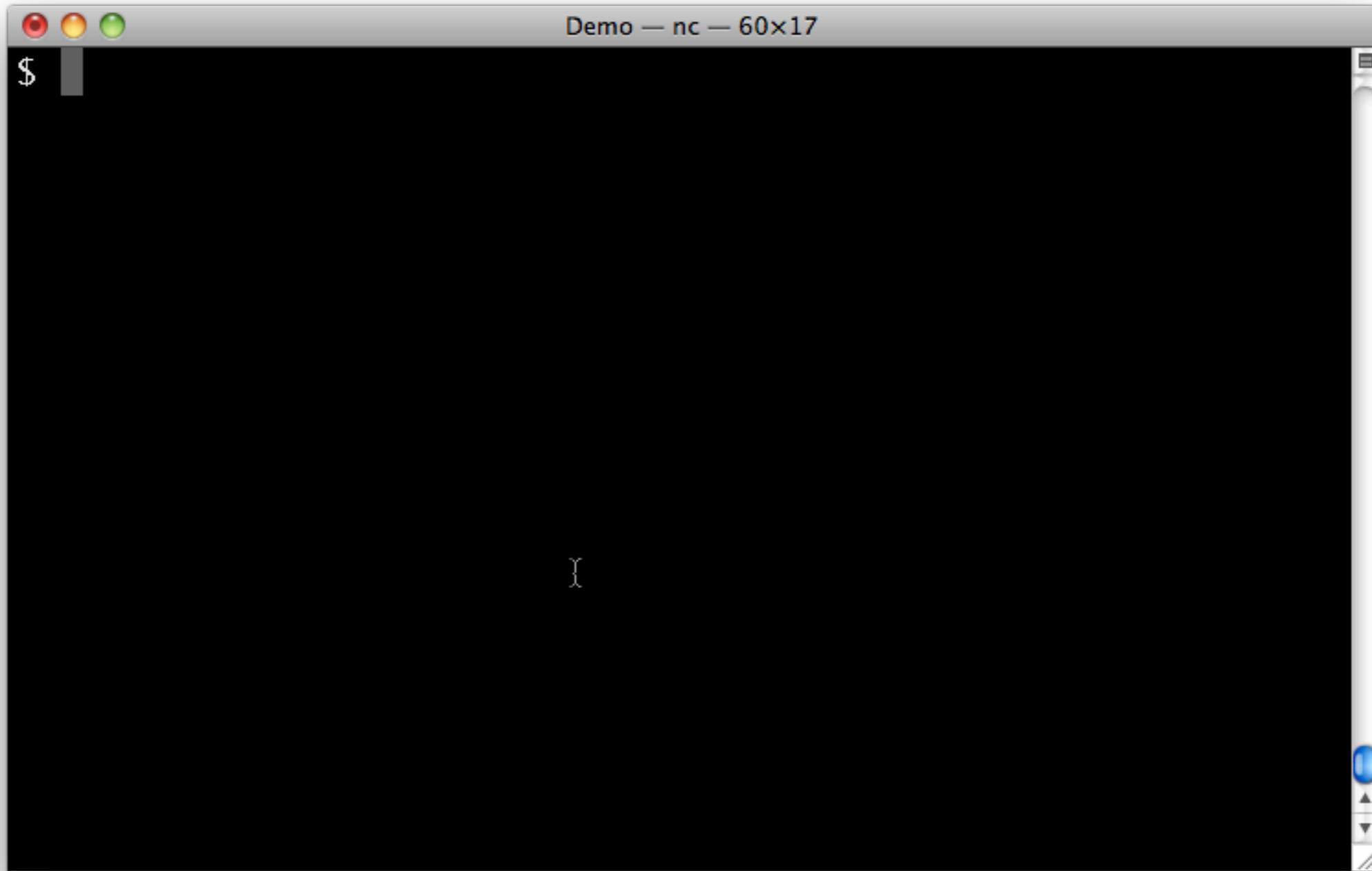
I wasn't able to install that card in this test box so the test completed without errors. I've found errors that would otherwise have been hard to spot in multiple cases in the past so I can't recommend blasting some data onto a ZFS file system and then scrubbing the pool too much as a burn in test.

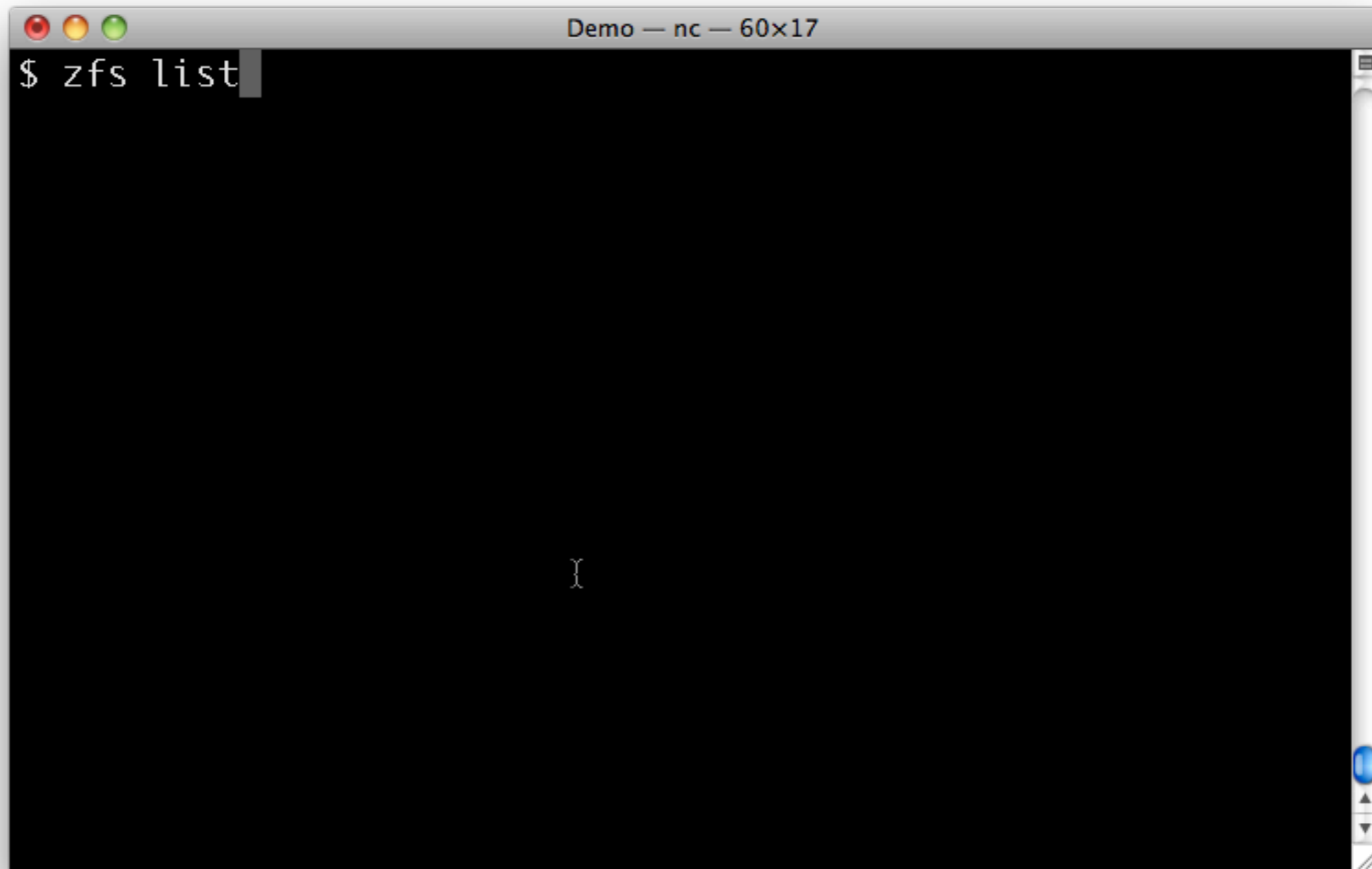
# zfs(1)



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Now that I've established some basics of pools, we can move on to the meat of the talk which is file system management. The zfs command manages file systems and volumes.



A terminal window titled "Demo — nc — 60x17" with a dark background. The command "\$ zfs list" is entered at the top left. A cursor is visible in the center of the terminal area. The window has standard macOS-style window controls (red, yellow, green buttons) at the top left and a scroll bar on the right side.

```
$ zfs list
```



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I've already shown you the zfs list command in passing. Now for some more interesting features.

```
Demo -- vim -- 60x17
NAME    USED    AVAIL   REFER  MOUNTPOINT
test    72K     457G   21K    /test
$ zfs create test/a
$ █

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```



```
Demo — nc — 60x17
$ zfs list
NAME      USED  AVAIL  REFER  MOUNTPOINT
test     72K   457G   21K    /test
$ zfs create test/a
```





```
Demo — nc — 60x17
$ zfs list
NAME      USED  AVAIL  REFER  MOUNTPOINT
test     72K   457G   21K    /test
$ zfs create test/a
$
```



```
Demo — nc — 60x17
$ zfs list
NAME      USED  AVAIL  REFER  MOUNTPOINT
test     72K   457G   21K    /test
$ zfs create test/a
$ zfs create test/b
```

```
Demo — nc — 60x17
$ zfs list
NAME      USED  AVAIL  REFER  MOUNTPOINT
test     72K   457G   21K    /test
$ zfs create test/a
$ zfs create test/b
$
```

```
Demo — nc — 60x17
$ zfs list
NAME      USED  AVAIL  REFER  MOUNTPOINT
test     72K   457G   21K    /test
$ zfs create test/a
$ zfs create test/b
$ zfs list
```



```
Demo — nc — 60x17
$ zfs list
NAME      USED  AVAIL  REFER  MOUNTPOINT
test      72K   457G   21K    /test
$ zfs create test/a
$ zfs create test/b
$ zfs list
NAME      USED  AVAIL  REFER  MOUNTPOINT
test      132K  457G   24K    /test
test/a    21K   457G   21K    /test/a
test/b    21K   457G   21K    /test/b
$
```



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By default a pool is mounted at /<poolname> and file systems are mounted relative to their parent.

```
Demo — nc — 60x17
$ zfs list
NAME      USED  AVAIL  REFER  MOUNTPOINT
test      72K   457G   21K    /test
$ zfs create test/a
$ zfs create test/b
$ zfs list
NAME      USED  AVAIL  REFER  MOUNTPOINT
test      132K  457G   24K    /test
test/a    21K   457G   21K    /test/a
test/b    21K   457G   21K    /test/b
$ zfs get mountpoint
```



```
Demo — nc — 60x17
$ zfs list
NAME      USED  AVAIL  REFER  MOUNTPOINT
test      72K   457G   21K    /test
$ zfs create test/a
$ zfs create test/b
$ zfs list
NAME      USED  AVAIL  REFER  MOUNTPOINT
test      132K  457G   24K    /test
test/a    21K   457G   21K    /test/a
test/b    21K   457G   21K    /test/b
$ zfs get mountpoint
NAME      PROPERTY  VALUE      SOURCE
test     mountpoint /test      default
test/a   mountpoint /test/a    default
test/b   mountpoint /test/b    default
$
```



```
Demo — nc — 60x17
$ zfs list
NAME      USED  AVAIL  REFER  MOUNTPOINT
test      72K   457G   21K    /test
$ zfs create test/a
$ zfs create test/b
$ zfs list
NAME      USED  AVAIL  REFER  MOUNTPOINT
test      132K  457G   24K    /test
test/a    21K   457G   21K    /test/a
test/b    21K   457G   21K    /test/b
$ zfs get mountpoint
NAME      PROPERTY  VALUE      SOURCE
test      mountpoint /test      default
test/a    mountpoint /test/a    default
test/b    mountpoint /test/b    default
$ zfs set mountpoint=/data test
```





```
Demo — nc — 60x17
$ zfs list
NAME      USED    AVAIL    REFER    MOUNTPOINT
test      72K     457G    21K     /test
$ zfs create test/a
$ zfs create test/b
$ zfs list
NAME      USED    AVAIL    REFER    MOUNTPOINT
test      132K    457G    24K     /test
test/a    21K     457G    21K     /test/a
test/b    21K     457G    21K     /test/b
$ zfs get mountpoint
NAME      PROPERTY    VALUE        SOURCE
test     mountpoint  /test        default
test/a   mountpoint  /test/a      default
test/b   mountpoint  /test/b      default
$ zfs set mountpoint=/data test
$
```



```
Demo — nc — 60x17
$ zfs list
NAME      USED  AVAIL  REFER  MOUNTPOINT
test      72K   457G   21K    /test
$ zfs create test/a
$ zfs create test/b
$ zfs list
NAME      USED  AVAIL  REFER  MOUNTPOINT
test      132K  457G   24K    /test
test/a    21K   457G   21K    /test/a
test/b    21K   457G   21K    /test/b
$ zfs get mountpoint
NAME      PROPERTY  VALUE      SOURCE
test      mountpoint /test      default
test/a    mountpoint /test/a    default
test/b    mountpoint /test/b    default
$ zfs set mountpoint=/data test
$ zfs get mountpoint
```



```
Demo — nc — 60x17
$ zfs list
NAME          USED  AVAIL  REFER  MOUNTPOINT
test          132K  457G   24K    /test
test/a        21K   457G   21K    /test/a
test/b        21K   457G   21K    /test/b
$ zfs get mountpoint
NAME          PROPERTY  VALUE          SOURCE
test          mountpoint /test         default
test/a        mountpoint /test/a       default
test/b        mountpoint /test/b       default
$ zfs set mountpoint=/data test
$ zfs get mountpoint
NAME          PROPERTY  VALUE          SOURCE
test          mountpoint /data         local
test/a        mountpoint /data/a       inherited from test
test/b        mountpoint /data/b       inherited from test
$
```



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Now all of the file systems are mounted under /data and you can see how the property on test has flowed down to it's children.

```
Demo — nc — 60x17
$ zfs list
NAME          USED  AVAIL  REFER  MOUNTPOINT
test          132K  457G   24K    /test
test/a        21K   457G   21K    /test/a
test/b        21K   457G   21K    /test/b
$ zfs get mountpoint
NAME          PROPERTY  VALUE          SOURCE
test          mountpoint /test         default
test/a        mountpoint /test/a       default
test/b        mountpoint /test/b       default
$ zfs set mountpoint=/data test
$ zfs get mountpoint
NAME          PROPERTY  VALUE          SOURCE
test          mountpoint /data         local
test/a        mountpoint /data/a       inherited from test
test/b        mountpoint /data/b       inherited from test
$ zfs set mountpoint=/a test/a
```



```
Demo — nc — 60x17
NAME      USED  AVAIL  REFER  MOUNTPOINT
test      132K  457G   24K    /test
test/a    21K   457G   21K    /test/a
test/b    21K   457G   21K    /test/b
$ zfs get mountpoint
NAME      PROPERTY  VALUE      SOURCE
test      mountpoint /test      default
test/a    mountpoint /test/a    default
test/b    mountpoint /test/b    default
$ zfs set mountpoint=/data test
$ zfs get mountpoint
NAME      PROPERTY  VALUE      SOURCE
test      mountpoint /data      local
test/a    mountpoint /data/a    inherited from test
test/b    mountpoint /data/b    inherited from test
$ zfs set mountpoint=/a test/a
$
```



```
Demo — nc — 60x17
NAME      USED    AVAIL    REFER    MOUNTPOINT
test      132K    457G    24K      /test
test/a    21K     457G    21K      /test/a
test/b    21K     457G    21K      /test/b
$ zfs get mountpoint
NAME      PROPERTY    VALUE      SOURCE
test      mountpoint  /test      default
test/a    mountpoint  /test/a    default
test/b    mountpoint  /test/b    default
$ zfs set mountpoint=/data test
$ zfs get mountpoint
NAME      PROPERTY    VALUE      SOURCE
test      mountpoint  /data      local
test/a    mountpoint  /data/a    inherited from test
test/b    mountpoint  /data/b    inherited from test
$ zfs set mountpoint=/a test/a
$ zfs get mountpoint
```



```
Demo — nc — 60x17
NAME      PROPERTY  VALUE      SOURCE
test      mountpoint /test      default
test/a    mountpoint /test/a    default
test/b    mountpoint /test/b    default
$ zfs set mountpoint=/data test
$ zfs get mountpoint
NAME      PROPERTY  VALUE      SOURCE
test      mountpoint /data      local
test/a    mountpoint /data/a    inherited from test
test/b    mountpoint /data/b    inherited from test
$ zfs set mountpoint=/a test/a
$ zfs get mountpoint
NAME      PROPERTY  VALUE      SOURCE
test      mountpoint /data      local
test/a    mountpoint /a        local
test/b    mountpoint /data/b    inherited from test
$
```



Now, if we change our mind and want to revert those changes.

```
Demo — nc — 60x17
NAME    PROPERTY  VALUE    SOURCE
test    mountpoint /test    default
test/a  mountpoint /test/a  default
test/b  mountpoint /test/b  default
$ zfs set mountpoint=/data test
$ zfs get mountpoint
NAME    PROPERTY  VALUE    SOURCE
test    mountpoint /data    local
test/a  mountpoint /data/a  inherited from test
test/b  mountpoint /data/b  inherited from test
$ zfs set mountpoint=/a test/a
$ zfs get mountpoint
NAME    PROPERTY  VALUE    SOURCE
test    mountpoint /data    local
test/a  mountpoint /a      local
test/b  mountpoint /data/b  inherited from test
$ zfs inherit mountpoint test
```



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We use the inherit command. I find it a bit unintuitive that the opposite of “set” is “inherit” and not “unset”, but it makes some sense.



```
Demo — nc — 60x17
test  mountpoint  /test  default
test/a mountpoint  /test/a default
test/b mountpoint  /test/b default
$ zfs set mountpoint=/data test
$ zfs get mountpoint
NAME      PROPERTY      VALUE      SOURCE
test      mountpoint    /data      local
test/a    mountpoint    /data/a    inherited from test
test/b    mountpoint    /data/b    inherited from test
$ zfs set mountpoint=/a test/a
$ zfs get mountpoint
NAME      PROPERTY      VALUE      SOURCE
test      mountpoint    /data      local
test/a    mountpoint    /a         local
test/b    mountpoint    /data/b    inherited from test
$ zfs inherit mountpoint test
$
```



```
Demo — nc — 60x17
test  mountpoint  /test  default
test/a mountpoint  /test/a default
test/b mountpoint  /test/b default
$ zfs set mountpoint=/data test
$ zfs get mountpoint
NAME      PROPERTY      VALUE      SOURCE
test     mountpoint    /data     local
test/a   mountpoint    /data/a   inherited from test
test/b   mountpoint    /data/b   inherited from test
$ zfs set mountpoint=/a test/a
$ zfs get mountpoint
NAME      PROPERTY      VALUE      SOURCE
test     mountpoint    /data     local
test/a   mountpoint    /a        local
test/b   mountpoint    /data/b   inherited from test
$ zfs inherit mountpoint test
$ zfs get mountpoint
```

```
Demo — nc — 60x17
NAME    PROPERTY    VALUE    SOURCE
test    mountpoint   /data    local
test/a  mountpoint   /data/a  inherited from test
test/b  mountpoint   /data/b  inherited from test
$ zfs set mountpoint=/a test/a
$ zfs get mountpoint
NAME    PROPERTY    VALUE    SOURCE
test    mountpoint   /data    local
test/a  mountpoint   /a       local
test/b  mountpoint   /data/b  inherited from test
$ zfs inherit mountpoint test
$ zfs get mountpoint
NAME    PROPERTY    VALUE    SOURCE
test    mountpoint   /test    default
test/a  mountpoint   /a       local
test/b  mountpoint   /test/b  default
$
```



This shows the action of the first inherit command. Note that test/a is still mounted at /a.

```
Demo — nc — 60x17
NAME    PROPERTY    VALUE    SOURCE
test    mountpoint  /data    local
test/a  mountpoint  /data/a  inherited from test
test/b  mountpoint  /data/b  inherited from test
$ zfs set mountpoint=/a test/a
$ zfs get mountpoint
NAME    PROPERTY    VALUE    SOURCE
test    mountpoint  /data    local
test/a  mountpoint  /a        local
test/b  mountpoint  /data/b  inherited from test
$ zfs inherit mountpoint test
$ zfs get mountpoint
NAME    PROPERTY    VALUE    SOURCE
test    mountpoint  /test    default
test/a  mountpoint  /a        local
test/b  mountpoint  /test/b  default
$ zfs inherit mountpoint test/a
```



```
Demo — nc — 60x17
test  mountpoint /data      local
test/a mountpoint /data/a    inherited from test
test/b mountpoint /data/b    inherited from test
$ zfs set mountpoint=/a test/a
$ zfs get mountpoint
NAME      PROPERTY  VALUE      SOURCE
test     mountpoint /data      local
test/a   mountpoint /a         local
test/b   mountpoint /data/b    inherited from test
$ zfs inherit mountpoint test
$ zfs get mountpoint
NAME      PROPERTY  VALUE      SOURCE
test     mountpoint /test     default
test/a   mountpoint /a         local
test/b   mountpoint /test/b    default
$ zfs inherit mountpoint test/a
$
```

```
Demo — nc — 60x17
test    mountpoint /data    local
test/a  mountpoint /data/a    inherited from test
test/b  mountpoint /data/b    inherited from test
$ zfs set mountpoint=/a test/a
$ zfs get mountpoint
NAME    PROPERTY    VALUE    SOURCE
test    mountpoint  /data    local
test/a  mountpoint  /a       local
test/b  mountpoint  /data/b  inherited from test
$ zfs inherit mountpoint test
$ zfs get mountpoint
NAME    PROPERTY    VALUE    SOURCE
test    mountpoint  /test    default
test/a  mountpoint  /a       local
test/b  mountpoint  /test/b  default
$ zfs inherit mountpoint test/a
$ zfs get mountpoint
```



```
Demo — nc — 60x17
NAME      PROPERTY  VALUE      SOURCE
test     mountpoint /data      local
test/a   mountpoint /a         local
test/b   mountpoint /data/b    inherited from test
$ zfs inherit mountpoint test
$ zfs get mountpoint
NAME      PROPERTY  VALUE      SOURCE
test     mountpoint /test      default
test/a   mountpoint /a         local
test/b   mountpoint /test/b   default
$ zfs inherit mountpoint test/a
$ zfs get mountpoint
NAME      PROPERTY  VALUE      SOURCE
test     mountpoint /test      default
test/a   mountpoint /test/a   default
test/b   mountpoint /test/b   default
$
```



# Volumes

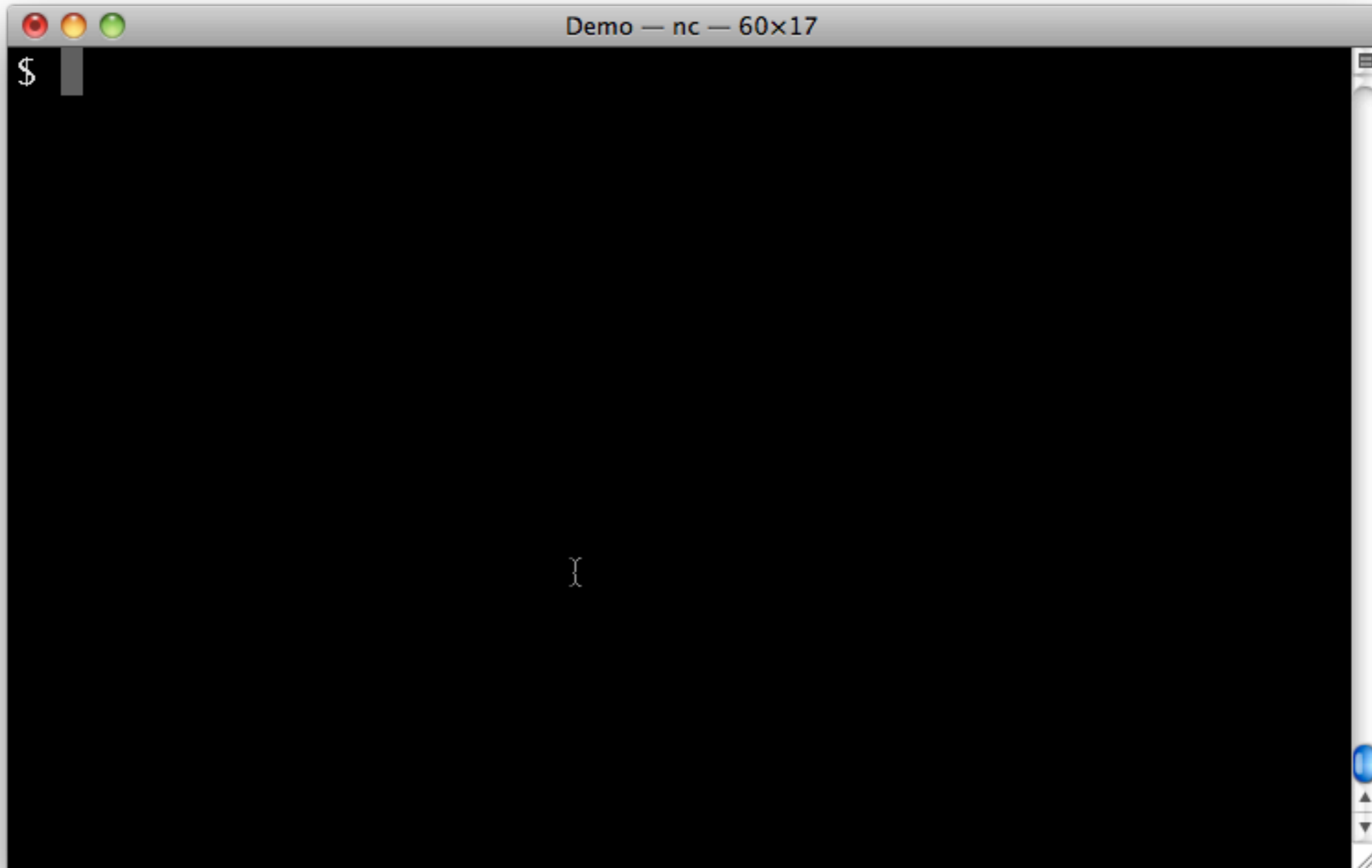
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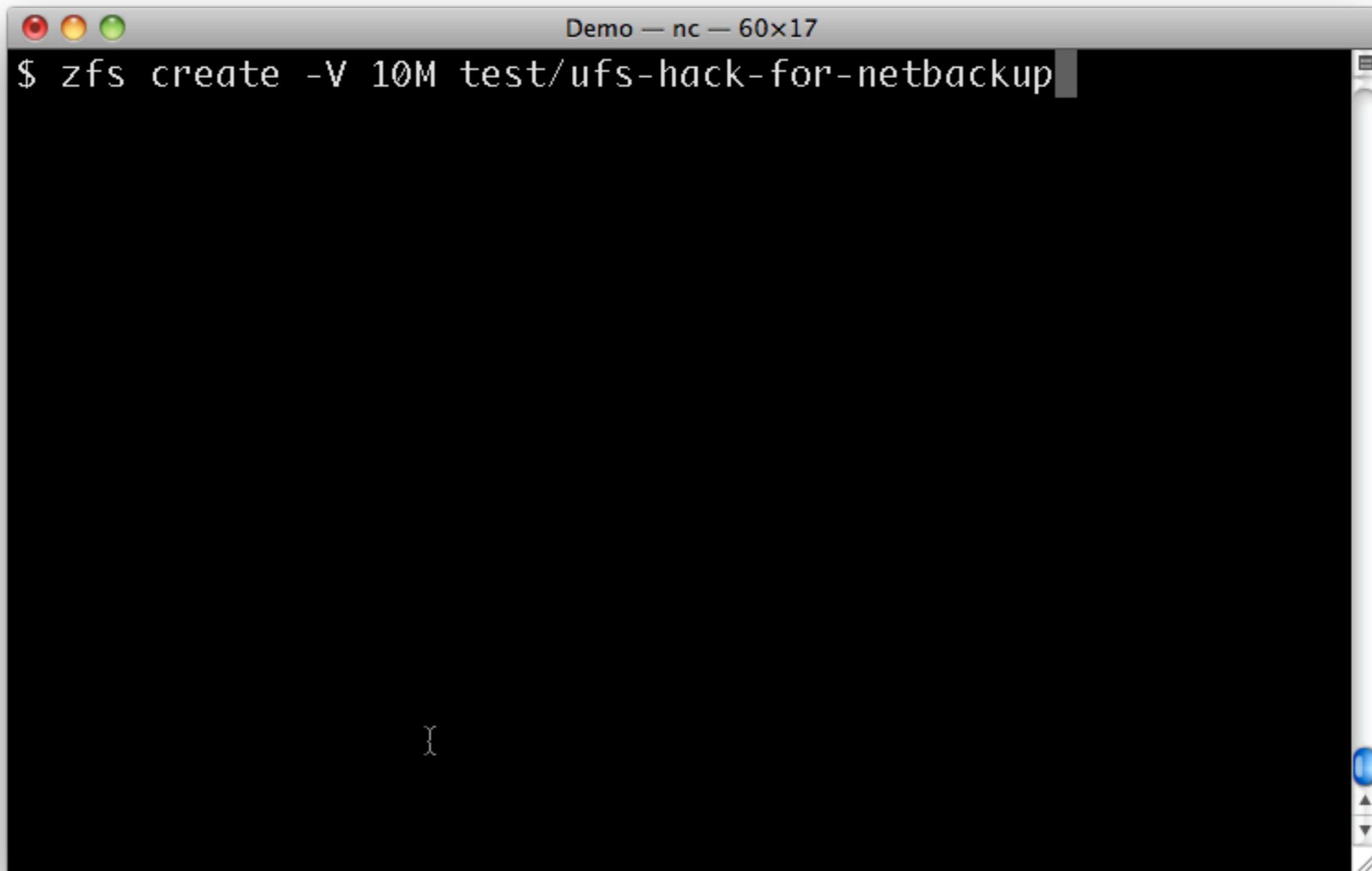


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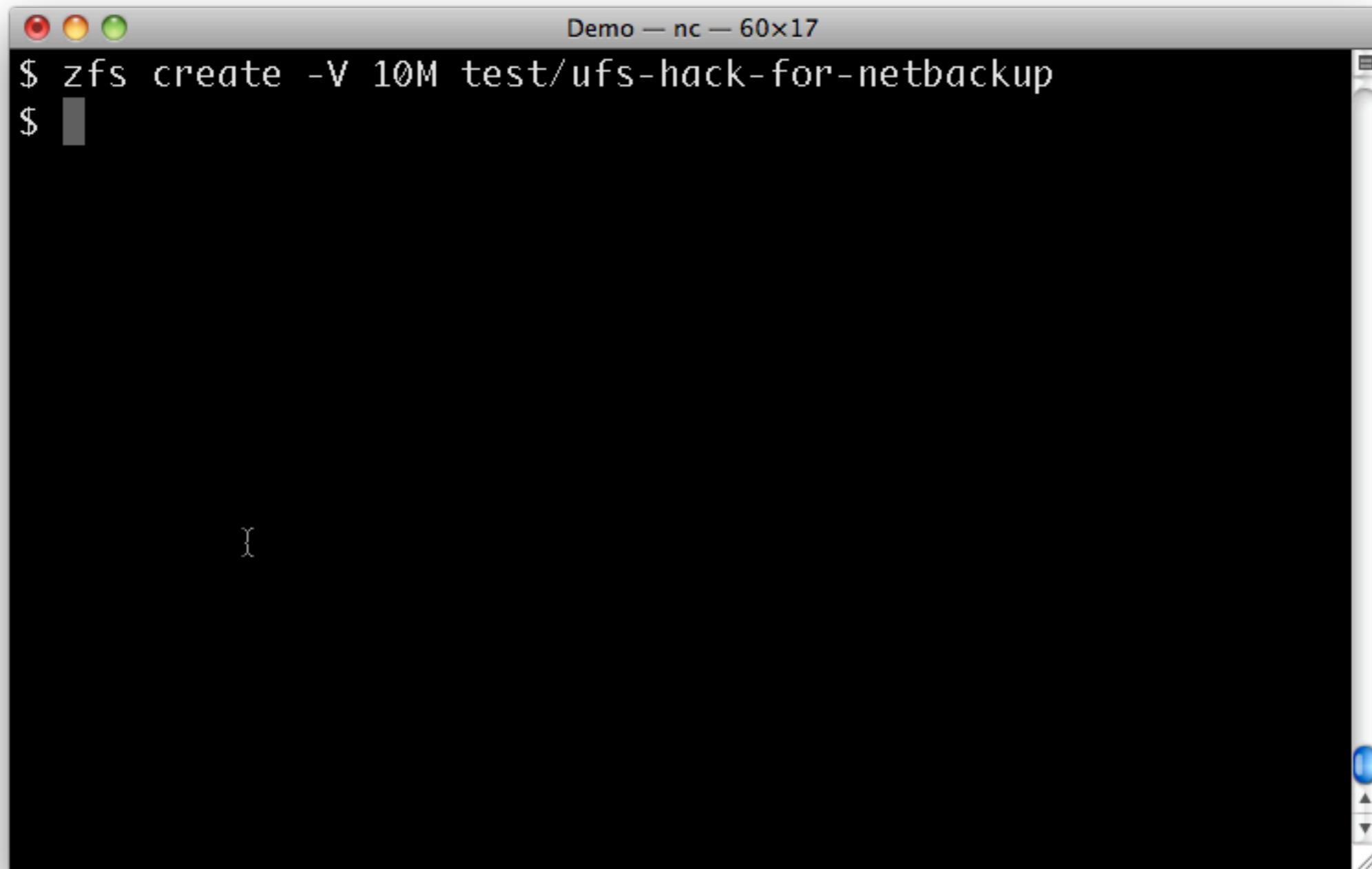
In addition to file systems, zfs allows the creation of volumes which are simply block devices. On FreeBSD they are just GEOMs.





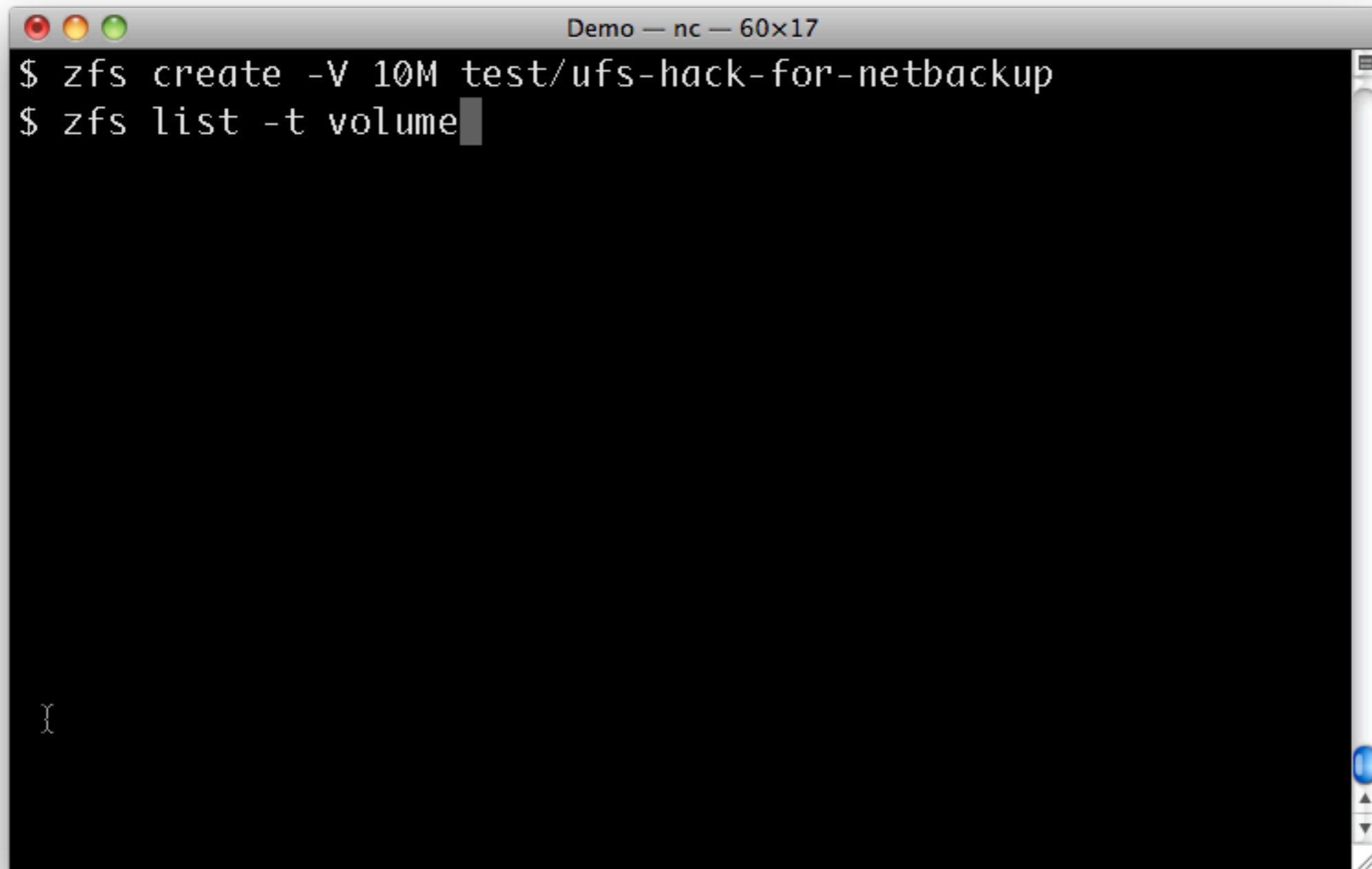
A terminal window titled "Demo — nc — 60x17" with a dark background and white text. The command "\$ zfs create -V 10M test/ufs-hack-for-netbackup" is entered at the top. A cursor is visible at the end of the command. The window has standard macOS window controls (red, yellow, green buttons) in the top-left corner and a scroll bar on the right side.

```
Demo — nc — 60x17
$ zfs create -V 10M test/ufs-hack-for-netbackup
```



A terminal window titled "Demo — nc — 60x17" with standard macOS window controls (red, yellow, green buttons) in the top-left corner. The terminal background is black with white text. The first line shows the command "\$ zfs create -V 10M test/ufs-hack-for-netbackup". The second line shows a prompt "\$" followed by a grey cursor bar. The rest of the terminal is empty.

```
Demo — nc — 60x17
$ zfs create -V 10M test/ufs-hack-for-netbackup
$ █
```

A terminal window titled "Demo — nc — 60x17" with standard macOS window controls (red, yellow, green buttons) and a scroll bar on the right. The terminal text is as follows:

```
$ zfs create -V 10M test/ufs-hack-for-netbackup  
$ zfs list -t volume
```

The terminal window is dark-themed with white text. The cursor is positioned at the end of the second command. The window title bar is light gray, and the scroll bar is on the right side.

```
Demo — nc — 60x17
$ zfs create -V 10M test/ufs-hack-for-netbackup
$ zfs list -t volume
NAME                                USED  AVAIL  REFER  MOUNTPOINT
test/ufs-hack-for-netbackup         10M   457G   16K    -
$
```



```
Demo — nc — 60x17
$ zfs create -V 10M test/ufs-hack-for-netbackup
$ zfs list -t volume
NAME                                USED  AVAIL  REFER  MOUNTPOINT
test/ufs-hack-for-netbackup         10M   457G   16K    -
$ newfs /dev/zvol/test/ufs-hack-for-netbackup
```



```
Demo — nc — 60x17
$ zfs create -V 10M test/ufs-hack-for-netbackup
$ zfs list -t volume
NAME                                USED  AVAIL  REFER  MOUNTPOINT
test/ufs-hack-for-netbackup         10M   457G   16K    -
$ newfs /dev/zvol/test/ufs-hack-for-netbackup
/dev/zvol/test/ufs-hack-for-netbackup: 10.0MB (20480 sectors
) block size 16384, fragment size 2048
      using 4 cylinder groups of 2.52MB, 161 blks, 384 ino
des.
super-block backups (for fsck -b #) at:
 160, 5312, 10464, 15616
$ █
```



```
Demo — nc — 60x17
$ zfs create -V 10M test/ufs-hack-for-netbackup
$ zfs list -t volume
NAME                                USED  AVAIL  REFER  MOUNTPOINT
test/ufs-hack-for-netbackup         10M   457G   16K    -
$ newfs /dev/zvol/test/ufs-hack-for-netbackup
/dev/zvol/test/ufs-hack-for-netbackup: 10.0MB (20480 sectors
) block size 16384, fragment size 2048
      using 4 cylinder groups of 2.52MB, 161 blks, 384 ino
des.
super-block backups (for fsck -b #) at:
 160, 5312, 10464, 15616
$ mkdir /var/ufs-hack-for-netbackup
```





```
Demo — nc — 60x17
$ zfs create -V 10M test/ufs-hack-for-netbackup
$ zfs list -t volume
NAME                                USED  AVAIL  REFER  MOUNTPOINT
test/ufs-hack-for-netbackup         10M   457G   16K    -
$ newfs /dev/zvol/test/ufs-hack-for-netbackup
/dev/zvol/test/ufs-hack-for-netbackup: 10.0MB (20480 sectors
) block size 16384, fragment size 2048
      using 4 cylinder groups of 2.52MB, 161 blks, 384 ino
des.
super-block backups (for fsck -b #) at:
 160, 5312, 10464, 15616
$ mkdir /var/ufs-hack-for-netbackup
$ mount /dev/zvol/test/ufs-hack-for-netbackup /var/ufs-hack-
for-netbackup
```



```
Demo — nc — 60x17
$ zfs create -V 10M test/ufs-hack-for-netbackup
$ zfs list -t volume
NAME                                USED  AVAIL  REFER  MOUNTPOINT
test/ufs-hack-for-netbackup         10M   457G   16K    -
$ newfs /dev/zvol/test/ufs-hack-for-netbackup
/dev/zvol/test/ufs-hack-for-netbackup: 10.0MB (20480 sectors
) block size 16384, fragment size 2048
      using 4 cylinder groups of 2.52MB, 161 blks, 384 ino
des.
super-block backups (for fsck -b #) at:
 160, 5312, 10464, 15616
$ mkdir /var/ufs-hack-for-netbackup
$ mount /dev/zvol/test/ufs-hack-for-netbackup /var/ufs-hack-
for-netbackup
$ █
```



```
Demo — nc — 60x17
$ zfs create -V 10M test/ufs-hack-for-netbackup
$ zfs list -t volume
NAME                                USED  AVAIL  REFER  MOUNTPOINT
test/ufs-hack-for-netbackup         10M   457G   16K    -
$ newfs /dev/zvol/test/ufs-hack-for-netbackup
/dev/zvol/test/ufs-hack-for-netbackup: 10.0MB (20480 sectors
) block size 16384, fragment size 2048
      using 4 cylinder groups of 2.52MB, 161 blks, 384 ino
des.
super-block backups (for fsck -b #) at:
 160, 5312, 10464, 15616
$ mkdir /var/ufs-hack-for-netbackup
$ mount /dev/zvol/test/ufs-hack-for-netbackup /var/ufs-hack-
for-netbackup
$ df /var/ufs-hack-for-netbackup
```



```
Demo — nc — 60x17
test/ufs-hack-for-netbackup    10M    457G    16K    -
$ newfs /dev/zvol/test/ufs-hack-for-netbackup
/dev/zvol/test/ufs-hack-for-netbackup: 10.0MB (20480 sectors
) block size 16384, fragment size 2048
      using 4 cylinder groups of 2.52MB, 161 blks, 384 ino
des.
super-block backups (for fsck -b #) at:
 160, 5312, 10464, 15616
$ mkdir /var/ufs-hack-for-netbackup
$ mount /dev/zvol/test/ufs-hack-for-netbackup /var/ufs-hack-
for-netbackup
$ df /var/ufs-hack-for-netbackup
Filesystem                512-blocks  Used Avail
Capacity  Mounted on
/dev/zvol/test/ufs-hack-for-netbackup    19292     8 17744
 0%      /var/ufs-hack-for-netbackup
$
```



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The name used there comes from our ZFS only systems. The Netbackup client crashes if there aren't any file systems it recognizes as local. Since it's a 5.x binary they didn't know about ZFS then so we need a local UFS file system. One note about this hack, we mount the file system late with the late option in /etc/fstab.

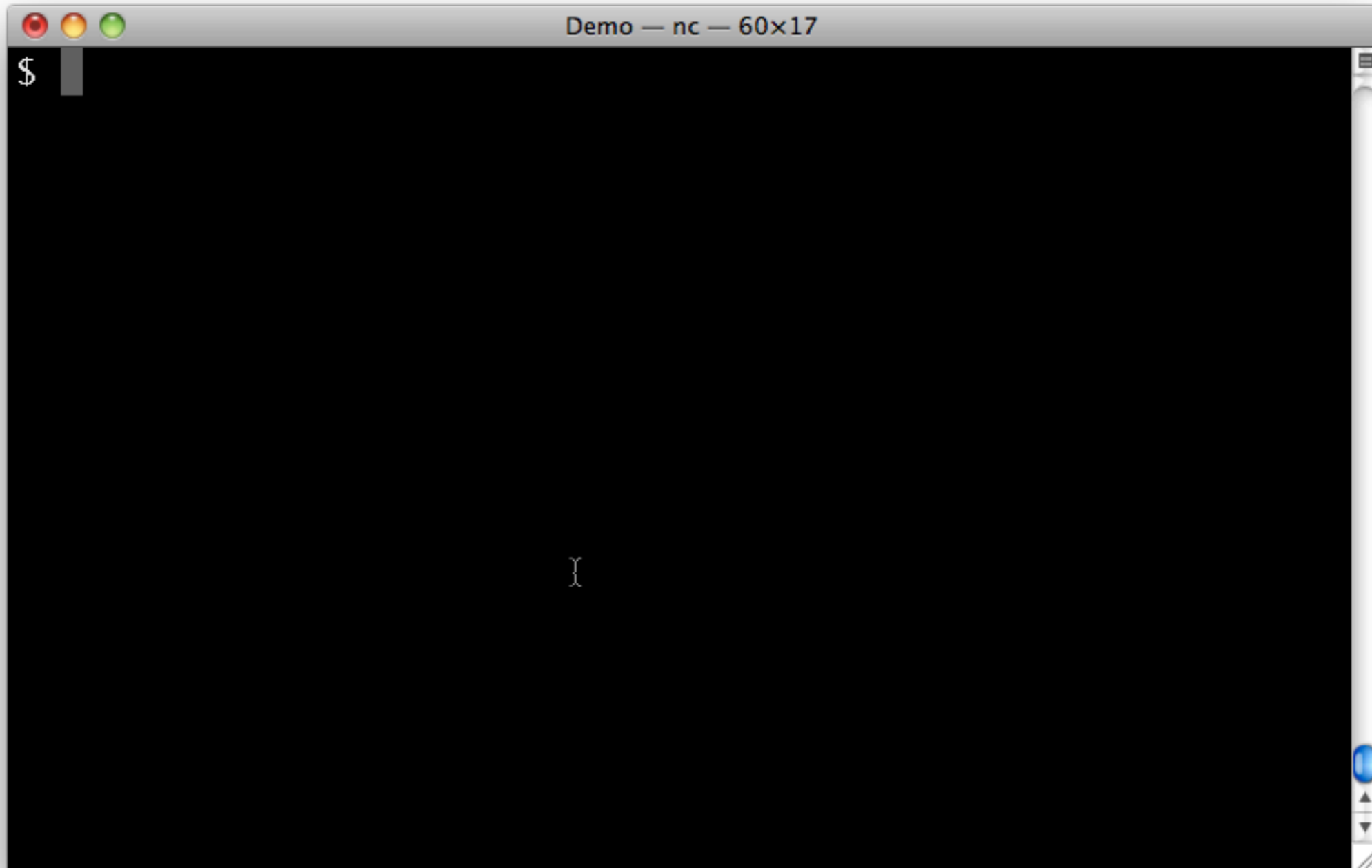
# Snapshots

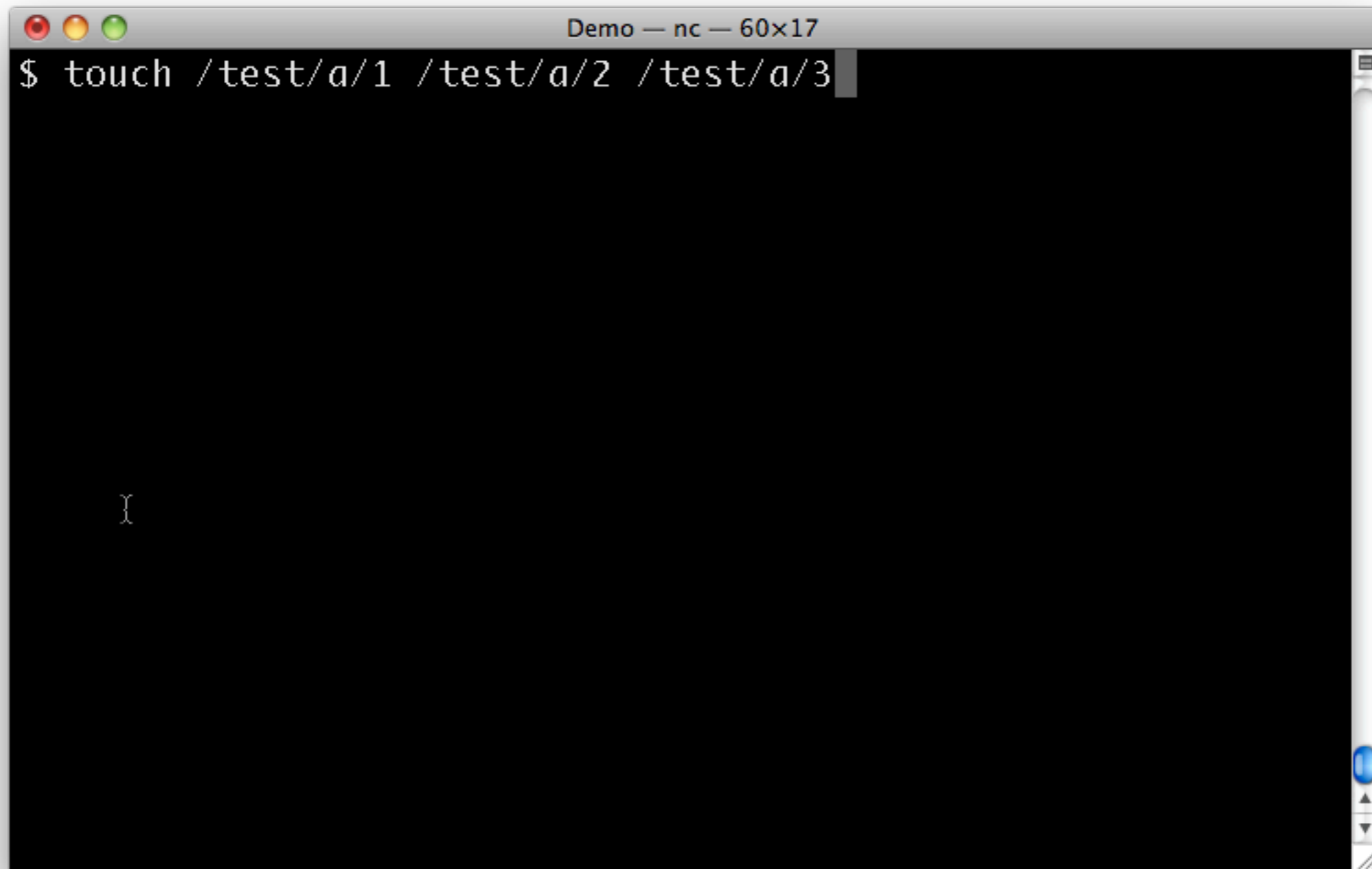
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One of the more useful administrative features of ZFS is the ability to take snapshots. A number of features are built around them and many of the examples we will show later use them. Before we get to those, some simple snapshot basics.



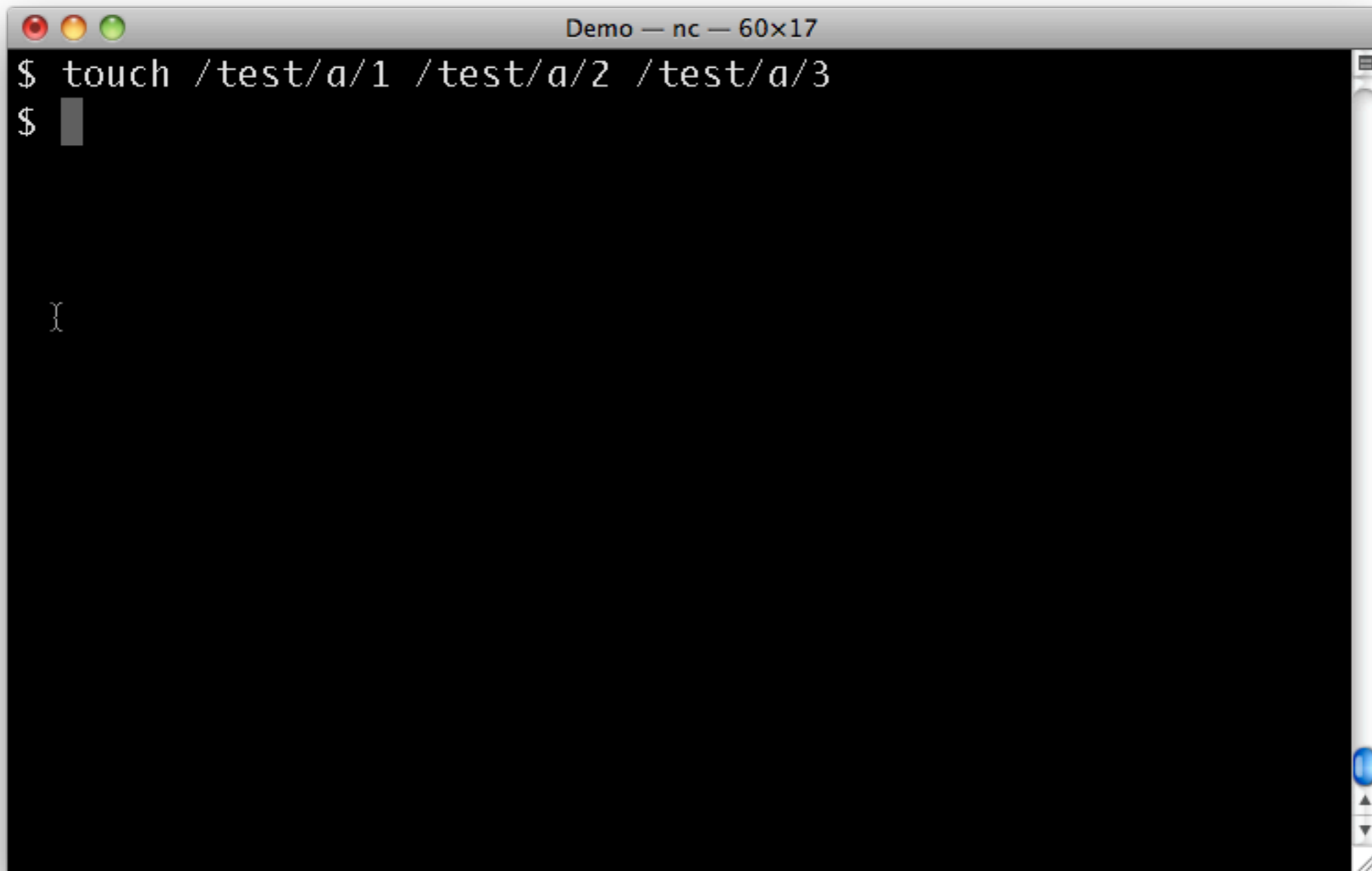


A terminal window titled "Demo — nc — 60x17" with a dark background. The command `$ touch /test/a/1 /test/a/2 /test/a/3` is entered at the top. A cursor is visible on the line below the command.



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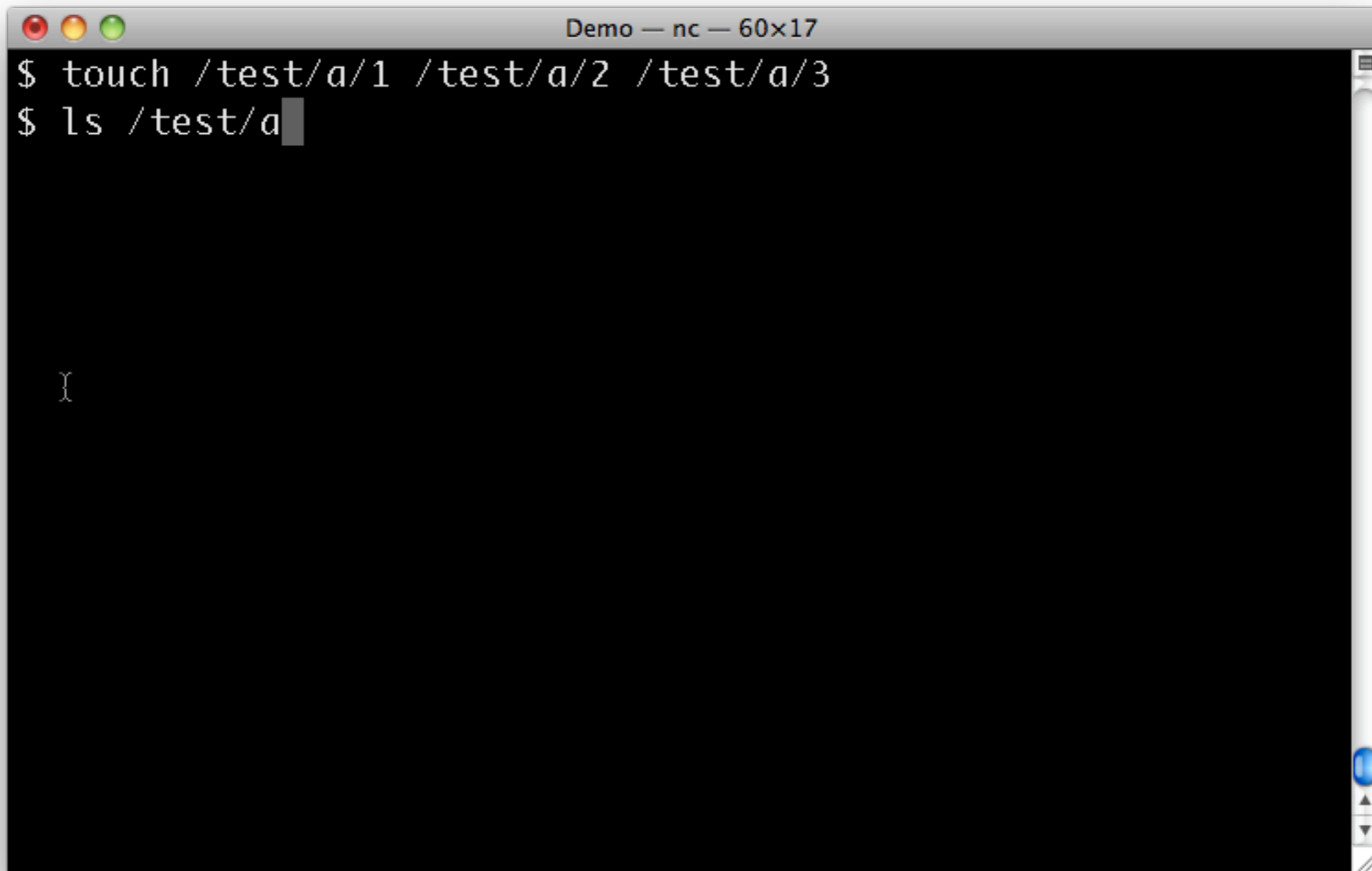
Before we start messing with snapshots, let's put some trivial contents in the test tree.



A terminal window titled "Demo — nc — 60x17" with standard macOS window controls (red, yellow, green buttons). The terminal shows a shell prompt "\$" followed by the command "touch /test/a/1 /test/a/2 /test/a/3". The command has been executed, and the prompt "\$" is shown again with a cursor. A vertical scrollbar is visible on the right side of the terminal window.

```
Demo — nc — 60x17
$ touch /test/a/1 /test/a/2 /test/a/3
$
```





A terminal window titled "Demo — nc — 60x17" with standard macOS window controls (red, yellow, green buttons) at the top left. The terminal displays two lines of text: "\$ touch /test/a/1 /test/a/2 /test/a/3" followed by "\$ ls /test/a" with a cursor at the end of the second line. The terminal background is black, and the text is white. On the right side of the terminal window, there are standard macOS window controls including a scroll bar and a zoom button.

```
Demo — nc — 60x17
$ touch /test/a/1 /test/a/2 /test/a/3
$ ls /test/a
```

```
Demo — nc — 60x17
$ touch /test/a/1 /test/a/2 /test/a/3
$ ls /test/a
1      2      3
$
```

```
Demo — nc — 60x17
$ touch /test/a/1 /test/a/2 /test/a/3
$ ls /test/a
1      2      3
$ zfs snapshot test@single$
```

```
Demo — nc — 60x17
$ touch /test/a/1 /test/a/2 /test/a/3
$ ls /test/a
1      2      3
$ zfs snapshot test@singlesnap
$ █
}
}
```

```
Demo — nc — 60x17
$ touch /test/a/1 /test/a/2 /test/a/3
$ ls /test/a
1      2      3
$ zfs snapshot test@single snap
$ zfs list -t snapshot
```



```
Demo — nc — 60x17
$ touch /test/a/1 /test/a/2 /test/a/3
$ ls /test/a
1      2      3
$ zfs snapshot test@singlesnap
$ zfs list -t snapshot
NAME                USED  AVAIL  REFER  MOUNTPOINT
test@singlesnap      0     -     24K    -
$
```



```
Demo — nc — 60x17
$ touch /test/a/1 /test/a/2 /test/a/3
$ ls /test/a
1      2      3
$ zfs snapshot test@singlesnap
$ zfs list -t snapshot
NAME                USED  AVAIL  REFER  MOUNTPOINT
test@singlesnap      0     -      24K    -
$ zfs snapshot -r test@snap
```



```
Demo — nc — 60x17
$ touch /test/a/1 /test/a/2 /test/a/3
$ ls /test/a
1      2      3
$ zfs snapshot test@single snap
$ zfs list -t snapshot
NAME                USED  AVAIL  REFER  MOUNTPOINT
test@single snap    0      -      24K    -
$ zfs snapshot -r test@snap
$
```





```
Demo — nc — 60x17
$ touch /test/a/1 /test/a/2 /test/a/3
$ ls /test/a
1      2      3
$ zfs snapshot test@singlesnap
$ zfs list -t snapshot
NAME                USED  AVAIL  REFER  MOUNTPOINT
test@singlesnap      0     -      24K    -
$ zfs snapshot -r test@snap
$ zfs list -t snapshot
```



```
Demo — nc — 60x17
$ touch /test/a/1 /test/a/2 /test/a/3
$ ls /test/a
1      2      3
$ zfs snapshot test@singlesnap
$ zfs list -t snapshot
NAME                USED  AVAIL  REFER  MOUNTPOINT
test@singlesnap      0     -     24K    -
$ zfs snapshot -r test@snap
$ zfs list -t snapshot
NAME                USED  AVAIL  REFER  MOUNTPOINT
test@singlesnap      0     -     24K    -
test@snap            0     -     24K    -
test/a@snap          0     -     22K    -
test/b@snap          0     -     21K    -
$
```



```
Demo — nc — 60x17
$ touch /test/a/1 /test/a/2 /test/a/3
$ ls /test/a
1      2      3
$ zfs snapshot test@singlesnap
$ zfs list -t snapshot
NAME                USED  AVAIL  REFER  MOUNTPOINT
test@singlesnap      0     -     24K    -
$ zfs snapshot -r test@snap
$ zfs list -t snapshot
NAME                USED  AVAIL  REFER  MOUNTPOINT
test@singlesnap      0     -     24K    -
test@snap            0     -     24K    -
test/a@snap          0     -     22K    -
test/b@snap          0     -     21K    -
$ zfs destroy test@singlesnap
```



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We won't use the non-recursive snapshot so I'll get it out of the way. You remove snapshots with the destroy command.

```
Demo — nc — 60x17
$ touch /test/a/1 /test/a/2 /test/a/3
$ ls /test/a
1      2      3
$ zfs snapshot test@singlesnap
$ zfs list -t snapshot
NAME                USED  AVAIL  REFER  MOUNTPOINT
test@singlesnap      0     -     24K    -
$ zfs snapshot -r test@snap
$ zfs list -t snapshot
NAME                USED  AVAIL  REFER  MOUNTPOINT
test@singlesnap      0     -     24K    -
test@snap            0     -     24K    -
test/a@snap          0     -     22K    -
test/b@snap          0     -     21K    -
$ zfs destroy test@singlesnap
$
```

```
Demo — nc — 60x17
$ touch /test/a/1 /test/a/2 /test/a/3
$ ls /test/a
1      2      3
$ zfs snapshot test@singlesnap
$ zfs list -t snapshot
NAME                USED  AVAIL  REFER  MOUNTPOINT
test@singlesnap      0     -     24K    -
$ zfs snapshot -r test@snap
$ zfs list -t snapshot
NAME                USED  AVAIL  REFER  MOUNTPOINT
test@singlesnap      0     -     24K    -
test@snap            0     -     24K    -
test/a@snap          0     -     22K    -
test/b@snap          0     -     21K    -
$ zfs destroy test@singlesnap
$ rm /test/a/*
```

```
Demo — nc — 60x17
$ touch /test/a/1 /test/a/2 /test/a/3
$ ls /test/a
1      2      3
$ zfs snapshot test@single snap
$ zfs list -t snapshot
NAME                USED  AVAIL  REFER  MOUNTPOINT
test@single snap    0      -    24K    -
$ zfs snapshot -r test@snap
$ zfs list -t snapshot
NAME                USED  AVAIL  REFER  MOUNTPOINT
test@single snap    0      -    24K    -
test@snap           0      -    24K    -
test/a@snap         0      -    22K    -
test/b@snap         0      -    21K    -
$ zfs destroy test@single snap
$ rm /test/a/*
$
```



```
Demo — nc — 60x17
$ touch /test/a/1 /test/a/2 /test/a/3
$ ls /test/a
1      2      3
$ zfs snapshot test@singlesnap
$ zfs list -t snapshot
NAME                USED  AVAIL  REFER  MOUNTPOINT
test@singlesnap      0     -     24K    -
$ zfs snapshot -r test@snap
$ zfs list -t snapshot
NAME                USED  AVAIL  REFER  MOUNTPOINT
test@singlesnap      0     -     24K    -
test@snap            0     -     24K    -
test/a@snap          0     -     22K    -
test/b@snap          0     -     21K    -
$ zfs destroy test@singlesnap
$ rm /test/a/*
$ ls /test/a
```



```
Demo — nc — 60x17
$ ls /test/a
1      2      3
$ zfs snapshot test@singlesnap
$ zfs list -t snapshot
NAME                USED  AVAIL  REFER  MOUNTPOINT
test@singlesnap      0     -      24K    -
$ zfs snapshot -r test@snap
$ zfs list -t snapshot
NAME                { USED  AVAIL  REFER  MOUNTPOINT
test@singlesnap      0     -      24K    -
test@snap            0     -      24K    -
test/a@snap          0     -      22K    -
test/b@snap          0     -      21K    -
$ zfs destroy test@singlesnap
$ rm /test/a/*
$ ls /test/a
$
```





```
Demo — nc — 60x17
$ ls /test/a
1      2      3
$ zfs snapshot test@single snap
$ zfs list -t snapshot
NAME                USED  AVAIL  REFER  MOUNTPOINT
test@single snap    0      -      -      -
$ zfs snapshot -r test@single snap
$ zfs list -t snapshot
NAME                USED  AVAIL  REFER  MOUNTPOINT
test@single snap    0      -      24K    -
test@single snap    0      -      24K    -
test/a@single snap  0      -      22K    -
test/b@single snap  0      -      21K    -
$ zfs destroy test@single snap
$ rm /test/a/1
$ ls /test/a
$
```

OOOPS!



```
Demo — nc — 60x17
$ ls /test/a
1      2      3
$ zfs snapshot test@singlesnap
$ zfs list -t snapshot
NAME                USED  AVAIL  REFER  MOUNTPOINT
test@singlesnap      0     -     24K    -
$ zfs snapshot -r test@snap
$ zfs list -t snapshot
NAME                USED  AVAIL  REFER  MOUNTPOINT
test@singlesnap      0     -     24K    -
test@snap            0     -     24K    -
test/a@snap          0     -     22K    -
test/b@snap          0     -     21K    -
$ zfs destroy test@singlesnap
$ rm /test/a/*
$ ls /test/a
$ ls /test/a/.zfs/snapshot
```



```
Demo — nc — 60x17
$ zfs snapshot test@singlesnap
$ zfs list -t snapshot
NAME                USED  AVAIL  REFER  MOUNTPOINT
test@singlesnap      0     -     24K    -
$ zfs snapshot -r test@snap
$ zfs list -t snapshot
NAME                USED  AVAIL  REFER  MOUNTPOINT
test@singlesnap      0     -     24K    -
test@snap            0     -     24K    -
test/a@snap          0     -     22K    -
test/b@snap          0     -     21K    -
$ zfs destroy test@singlesnap
$ rm /test/a/*
$ ls /test/a
$ ls /test/a/.zfs/snapshot
snap
$
```



```
Demo — nc — 60x17
$ zfs snapshot test@singlesnap
$ zfs list -t snapshot
NAME                USED  AVAIL  REFER  MOUNTPOINT
test@singlesnap      0     -     24K    -
$ zfs snapshot -r test@snap
$ zfs list -t snapshot
NAME                USED  AVAIL  REFER  MOUNTPOINT
test@singlesnap      0     -     24K    -
test@snap            0     -     24K    -
test/a@snap          0     -     22K    -
test/b@snap          0     -     21K    -
$ zfs destroy test@singlesnap
$ rm /test/a/*
$ ls /test/a
$ ls /test/a/.zfs/snapshot
snap
$ ls /test/a/.zfs/snapshot/snap
```



```
Demo — nc — 60x17
NAME          USED  AVAIL  REFER  MOUNTPOINT
test@singlesnap  0    -    24K    -
$ zfs snapshot -r test@snap
$ zfs list -t snapshot
NAME          USED  AVAIL  REFER  MOUNTPOINT
test@singlesnap  0    -    24K    -
test@snap     0    -    24K    -
test/a@snap   0    -    22K    -
test/b@snap   0    -    21K    -
$ zfs destroy test@singlesnap
$ rm /test/a/*
$ ls /test/a
$ ls /test/a/.zfs/snapshot
snap
$ ls /test/a/.zfs/snapshot/snap
1      2      3
$
```



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For a simple change like this, we might just copy the files out of the snapshot to recover them. However, ZFS gives us other options that might be more appropriate in more complicated cases.

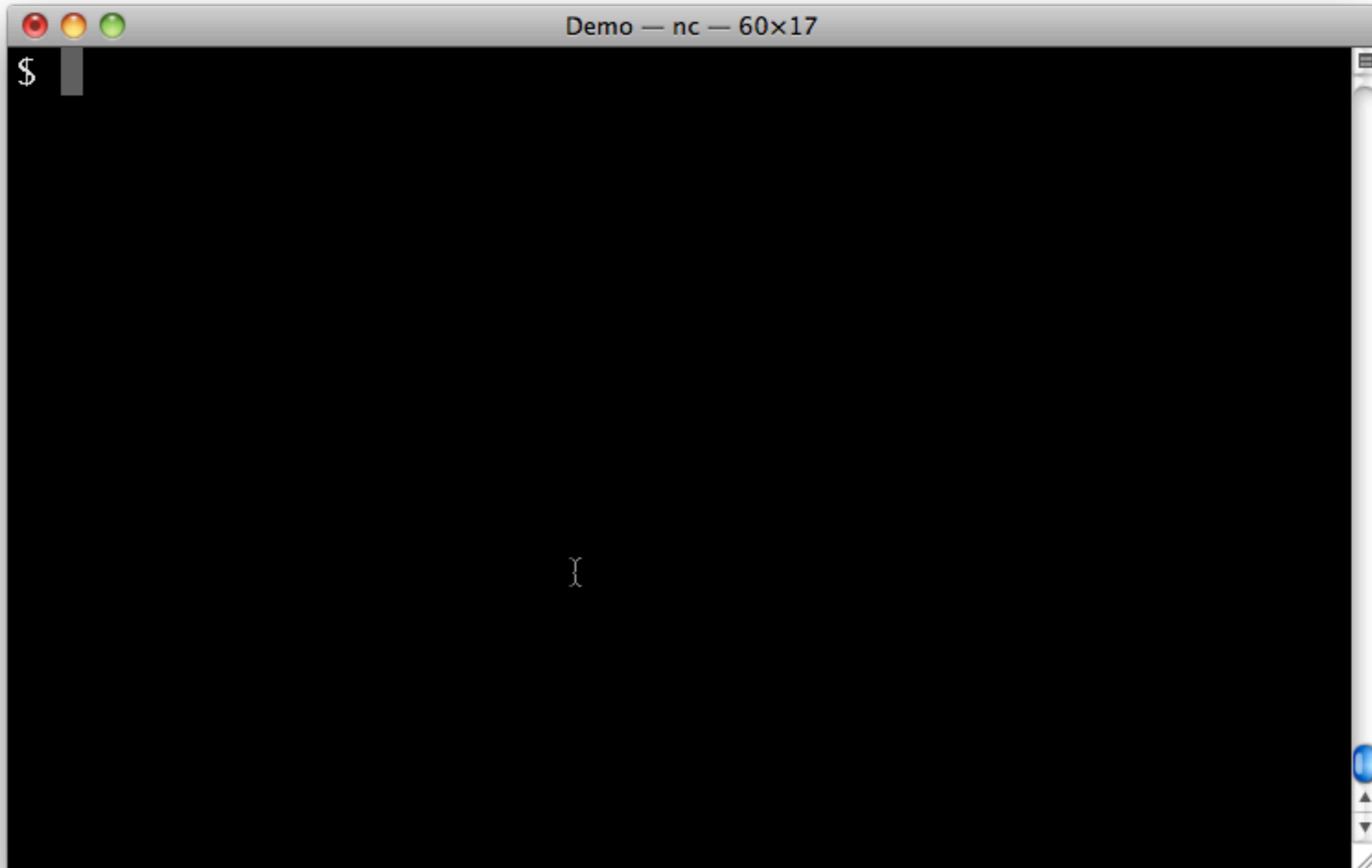
# Clones

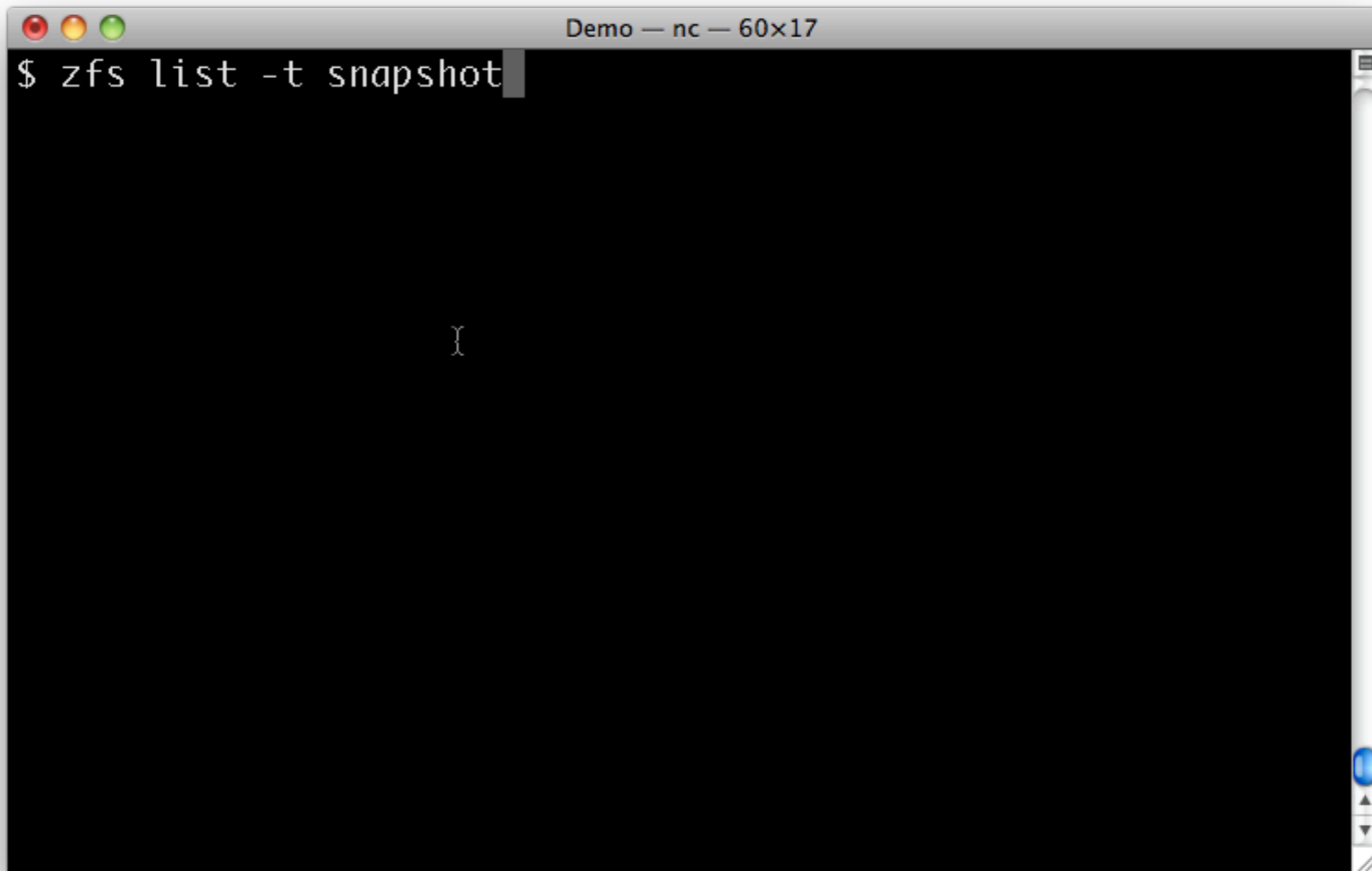
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While piecemeal restoration of files is useful and can be a great self service mechanism for users it's not ideal for complex problems. Snapshot clones provide a more full features mechanism for access to snapshots.





A terminal window titled "Demo — nc — 60x17" with a dark background. The command prompt shows "\$ zfs list -t snapshot" with a cursor at the end. The window has standard macOS window controls (red, yellow, green buttons) and a scroll bar on the right side.

```
$ zfs list -t snapshot
```



```
Demo — nc — 60x17
$ zfs list -t snapshot
NAME          USED  AVAIL  REFER  MOUNTPOINT
test@snap     20K   -      24K   -
test/a@snap   20K   -      22K   -
test/b@snap    0     -      21K   -
$
```



```
Demo — nc — 60x17
$ zfs list -t snapshot
NAME          USED  AVAIL  REFER  MOUNTPOINT
test@snap     20K   -      24K   -
test/a@snap   20K   -      22K   -
test/b@snap    0     -      21K   -
$ zfs clone test/a@snap test/a.prime
```



A clone is a writable copy of the snapshot. In effect a fork of it.

```
Demo — nc — 60x17
$ zfs list -t snapshot
NAME          USED  AVAIL  REFER  MOUNTPOINT
test@snap     20K   -      24K   -
test/a@snap   20K   -      22K   -
test/b@snap    0     -      21K   -
$ zfs clone test/a@snap test/a.prime
$
```



```
Demo — nc — 60x17
$ zfs list -t snapshot
NAME          USED  AVAIL  REFER  MOUNTPOINT
test@snap     20K   -      24K   -
test/a@snap   20K   -      22K   -
test/b@snap    0     -      21K   -
$ zfs clone test/a@snap test/a.prime
$ zfs list -t all -r test/a test/a.prime
```



```
Demo — nc — 60x17
$ zfs list -t snapshot
NAME                USED  AVAIL  REFER  MOUNTPOINT
test@snap           20K   -      24K   -
test/a@snap         20K   -      22K   -
test/b@snap          0     -      21K   -
$ zfs clone test/a@snap test/a.prime
$ zfs list -t all -r test/a test/a.prime
NAME                USED  AVAIL  REFER  MOUNTPOINT
test/a              41K   457G   21K   /test/a
test/a@snap         20K   -      22K   -
test/a.prime        0     457G   22K   /test/a.prime
$
```



```
Demo — nc — 60x17
$ zfs list -t snapshot
NAME          USED  AVAIL  REFER  MOUNTPOINT
test@snap     20K   -      24K   -
test/a@snap   20K   -      22K   -
test/b@snap    0     -      21K   -
$ zfs clone test/a@snap test/a.prime
$ zfs list -t all -r test/a test/a.prime
NAME          USED  AVAIL  REFER  MOUNTPOINT
test/a        41K   457G   21K   /test/a
test/a@snap   20K   -      22K   -
test/a.prime  0     457G   22K   /test/a.prime
$ ls /test/a.prime
```



```
Demo — nc — 60x17
$ zfs list -t snapshot
NAME                USED  AVAIL  REFER  MOUNTPOINT
test@snap           20K   -      24K   -
test/a@snap         20K   -      22K   -
test/b@snap          0     -      21K   -
$ zfs clone test/a@snap test/a.prime
$ zfs list -t all -r test/a test/a.prime
NAME                USED  AVAIL  REFER  MOUNTPOINT
test/a              41K   457G   21K   /test/a
test/a@snap         20K   -      22K   -
test/a.prime        0     457G   22K   /test/a.prime
$ ls /test/a.prime
1      2      3
$
```



```
Demo — nc — 60x17
$ zfs list -t snapshot
NAME                USED  AVAIL  REFER  MOUNTPOINT
test@snap           20K   -      24K   -
test/a@snap         20K   -      22K   -
test/b@snap          0     -      21K   -
$ zfs clone test/a@snap test/a.prime
$ zfs list -t all -r test/a test/a.prime
NAME                USED  AVAIL  REFER  MOUNTPOINT
test/a              41K   457G   21K   /test/a
test/a@snap         20K   -      22K   -
test/a.prime        0     457G   22K   /test/a.prime
$ ls /test/a.prime
1      2      3
$ zfs promote test/a.prime
```





```
Demo — nc — 60x17
$ zfs list -t snapshot
NAME                USED  AVAIL  REFER  MOUNTPOINT
test@snap           20K   -      24K   -
test/a@snap         20K   -      22K   -
test/b@snap          0     -      21K   -
$ zfs clone test/a@snap test/a.prime
$ zfs list -t all -r test/a test/a.prime
NAME                USED  AVAIL  REFER  MOUNTPOINT
test/a              41K   457G   21K   /test/a
test/a@snap         20K   -      22K   -
test/a.prime        0     457G   22K   /test/a.prime
$ ls /test/a.prime
1      2      3
$ zfs promote test/a.prime
$
```



```
Demo — nc — 60x17
$ zfs list -t snapshot
NAME                USED  AVAIL  REFER  MOUNTPOINT
test@snap           20K   -      24K   -
test/a@snap         20K   -      22K   -
test/b@snap          0     -      21K   -
$ zfs clone test/a@snap test/a.prime
$ zfs list -t all -r test/a test/a.prime
NAME                USED  AVAIL  REFER  MOUNTPOINT
test/a              41K   457G   21K   /test/a
test/a@snap         20K   -      22K   -
test/a.prime        0     457G   22K   /test/a.prime
$ ls /test/a.prime
1      2      3
$ zfs promote test/a.prime
$ zfs list -t all -r test/a test/a.prime
```



```
Demo — nc — 60x17
test/a@snap    20K    -    22K    -
test/b@snap    0      -    21K    -
$ zfs clone test/a@snap test/a.prime
$ zfs list -t all -r test/a test/a.prime
NAME          USED    AVAIL    REFER    MOUNTPOINT
test/a        41K    457G    21K     /test/a
test/a@snap   20K     -    22K     -
test/a.prime  0      457G    22K     /test/a.prime
$ ls /test/a.prime
1      2      3
$ zfs promote test/a.prime
$ zfs list -t all -r test/a test/a.prime
NAME          USED    AVAIL    REFER    MOUNTPOINT
test/a        19K    457G    21K     /test/a
test/a.prime  22K    457G    22K     /test/a.prime
test/a.prime@snap  0      -    22K     -
$
```



```
Demo — nc — 60x17
test/a@snap      20K      -      22K      -
test/b@snap      0         -      21K      -
$ zfs clone test/a@snap test/a.prime
$ zfs list -t all -r test/a test/a.prime
NAME              USED      AVAIL    REFER    MOUNTPOINT
test/a            41K      457G    21K      /test/a
test/a@snap       20K         -      22K      -
test/a.prime      0         457G    22K      /test/a.prime
$ ls /test/a.prime
1      2      3
$ zfs promote test/a.prime
$ zfs list -t all -r test/a test/a.prime
NAME              USED      AVAIL    REFER    MOUNTPOINT
test/a            19K      457G    21K      /test/a
test/a.prime      22K      457G    22K      /test/a.prime
test/a.prime@snap 0         -      22K      -
$ zfs destroy test/a
```



```
Demo — nc — 60x17
test/b@snap      0      -    21K  -
$ zfs clone test/a@snap test/a.prime
$ zfs list -t all -r test/a test/a.prime
NAME              USED  AVAIL  REFER  MOUNTPOINT
test/a            41K   457G   21K    /test/a
test/a@snap       20K     -    22K    -
test/a.prime      0     457G   22K    /test/a.prime
$ ls /test/a.prime
1      2      3
$ zfs promote test/a.prime
$ zfs list -t all -r test/a test/a.prime
NAME              USED  AVAIL  REFER  MOUNTPOINT
test/a            19K   457G   21K    /test/a
test/a.prime      22K   457G   22K    /test/a.prime
test/a.prime@snap  0     -     22K    -
$ zfs destroy test/a
$
```



```
Demo — nc — 60x17
test/b@snap      0      -    21K  -
$ zfs clone test/a@snap test/a.prime
$ zfs list -t all -r test/a test/a.prime
NAME              USED    AVAIL  REFER  MOUNTPOINT
test/a            41K    457G   21K    /test/a
test/a@snap       20K     -     22K    -
test/a.prime      0      457G   22K    /test/a.prime
$ ls /test/a.prime
1      2      3
$ zfs promote test/a.prime
$ zfs list -t all -r test/a test/a.prime
NAME              USED    AVAIL  REFER  MOUNTPOINT
test/a            19K    457G   21K    /test/a
test/a.prime      22K    457G   22K    /test/a.prime
test/a.prime@snap 0      -     22K    -
$ zfs destroy test/a
$ zfs rename test/a.prime test/a
```



```
Demo — nc — 60x17
$ zfs clone test/a@snap test/a.prime
$ zfs list -t all -r test/a test/a.prime
NAME                USED  AVAIL  REFER  MOUNTPOINT
test/a              41K   457G   21K    /test/a
test/a@snap         20K     -    22K    -
test/a.prime         0     457G   22K    /test/a.prime
$ ls /test/a.prime
1      2      3
$ zfs promote test/a.prime
$ zfs list -t all -r test/a test/a.prime
NAME                USED  AVAIL  REFER  MOUNTPOINT
test/a              19K   457G   21K    /test/a
test/a.prime        22K   457G   22K    /test/a.prime
test/a.prime@snap   0     -    22K    -
$ zfs destroy test/a
$ zfs rename test/a.prime test/a
$
```



```
Demo — nc — 60x17
$ zfs clone test/a@snap test/a.prime
$ zfs list -t all -r test/a test/a.prime
NAME                USED  AVAIL  REFER  MOUNTPOINT
test/a              41K   457G   21K    /test/a
test/a@snap         20K     -    22K    -
test/a.prime        0     457G   22K    /test/a.prime
$ ls /test/a.prime
1      2      3
$ zfs promote test/a.prime
$ zfs list -t all -r test/a test/a.prime
NAME                USED  AVAIL  REFER  MOUNTPOINT
test/a              19K   457G   21K    /test/a
test/a.prime        22K   457G   22K    /test/a.prime
test/a.prime@snap   0     -    22K    -
$ zfs destroy test/a
$ zfs rename test/a.prime test/a
$ zfs list
```





```
Demo — nc — 60x17
test/a.prime      0   457G   22K   /test/a.prime
$ ls /test/a.prime
1          2          3
$ zfs promote test/a.prime
$ zfs list -t all -r test/a test/a.prime
NAME                USED   AVAIL   REFER  MOUNTPOINT
test/a              19K   457G   21K   /test/a
test/a.prime        22K   457G   22K   /test/a.prime
test/a.prime@snap    0     -       22K   -
$ zfs destroy test/a
$ zfs rename test/a.prime test/a
$ zfs list
NAME      USED   AVAIL   REFER  MOUNTPOINT
test     239K   457G   24K   /test
test/a   38K   457G   22K   /test/a
test/b   21K   457G   21K   /test/b
$
```



```
Demo — nc — 60x17
test/a.prime      0   457G   22K   /test/a.prime
$ ls /test/a.prime
1          2          3
$ zfs promote test/a.prime
$ zfs list -t all -r test/a test/a.prime
NAME                USED   AVAIL   REFER  MOUNTPOINT
test/a              19K   457G   21K   /test/a
test/a.prime        22K   457G   22K   /test/a.prime
test/a.prime@snap    0     -       22K   -
$ zfs destroy test/a
$ zfs rename test/a.prime test/a
$ zfs list
NAME      USED   AVAIL   REFER  MOUNTPOINT
test     239K   457G   24K   /test
test/a   38K   457G   22K   /test/a
test/b   21K   457G   21K   /test/b
$ ls /test/a
```



```
Demo — nc — 60x17
1      2      3
$ zfs promote test/a.prime
$ zfs list -t all -r test/a test/a.prime
NAME                USED  AVAIL  REFER  MOUNTPOINT
test/a              19K   457G   21K    /test/a
test/a.prime        22K   457G   22K    /test/a.prime
test/a.prime@snap    0     -      22K    -
$ zfs destroy test/a
$ zfs rename test/a.prime test/a
$ zfs list
NAME      USED  AVAIL  REFER  MOUNTPOINT
test     239K  457G   24K    /test
test/a   38K   457G   22K    /test/a
test/b   21K   457G   21K    /test/b
$ ls /test/a
1      2      3
$
```



# Solving problems with ZFS



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Now that I have introduced some ZFS basics, it's time to move on to some of the problems we have addressed with ZFS.

# History of Aerospace Adoption of ZFS

- NAS filers (Solaris)
- Mirror server
- Aerosource
- General servers, root FS



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First a brief history of our adoption of ZFS.

...  
I will talk about the middle two

# Mirroring with ZFS

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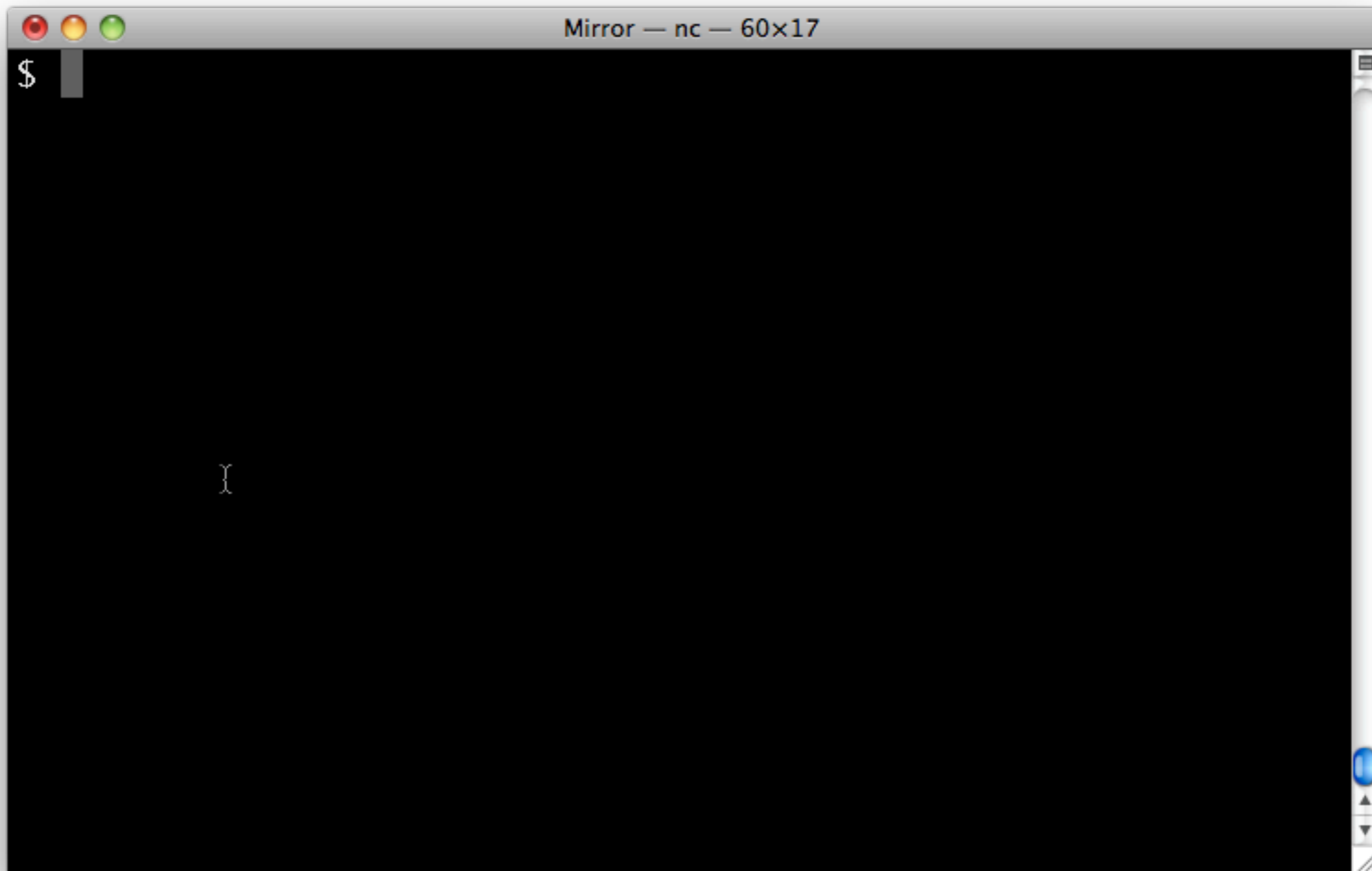
# ZFS management model and cost: excellent fit for mirrors

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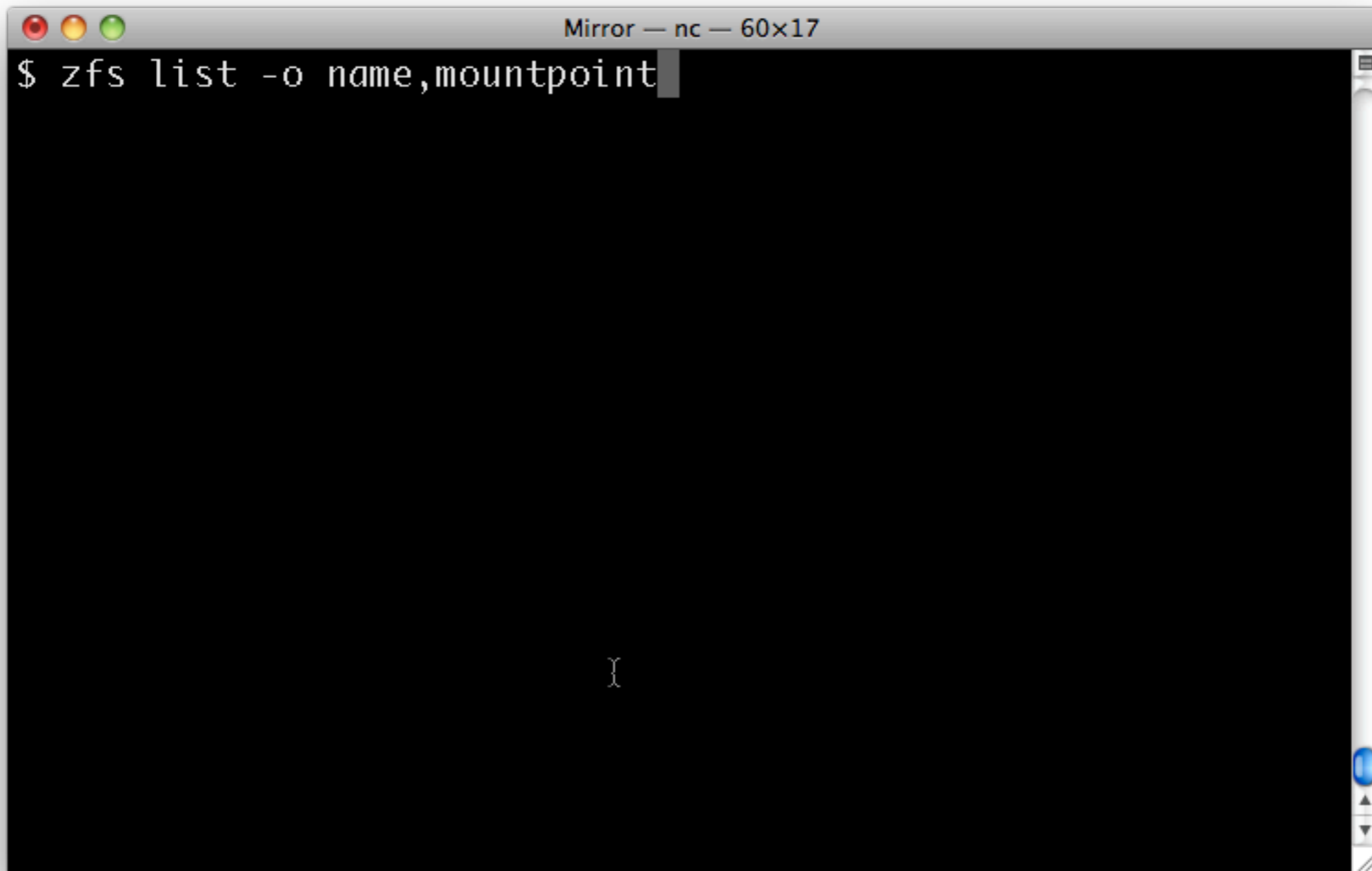


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One big pool of storage  
No need to buy raid controllers  
Fast reboots







```
Mirror — nc — 60x17
$ zfs list -o name,mountpoint
}
```

```
Mirror — nc — 60x17
$ zfs list -o name,mountpoint
NAME                                MOUNTPOINT
mymirrors                           /mymirrors
mymirrors/DragonFly                 /mymirrors/DragonFly
mymirrors/FreeBSD                   /mymirrors/FreeBSD
mymirrors/NetBSD                    /mymirrors/NetBSD
mymirrors/OpenBSD                   /mymirrors/OpenBSD
$ █
```



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You could do a simple mirror layout like this.  
It would give you some basic ZFS benefits including easy addition of storage.

# Addressing mirror consistency with ZFS

---

# Catalog and data files out of sync

- When you rsync a mirror you may get catalogs before the files they reference
  - Arguably the problem is naive mirror software like rsync
  - Workarounds
    - Rsync --delete-after and --delay-updates
    - Use an rsync, test, repeat if needed loop
- 

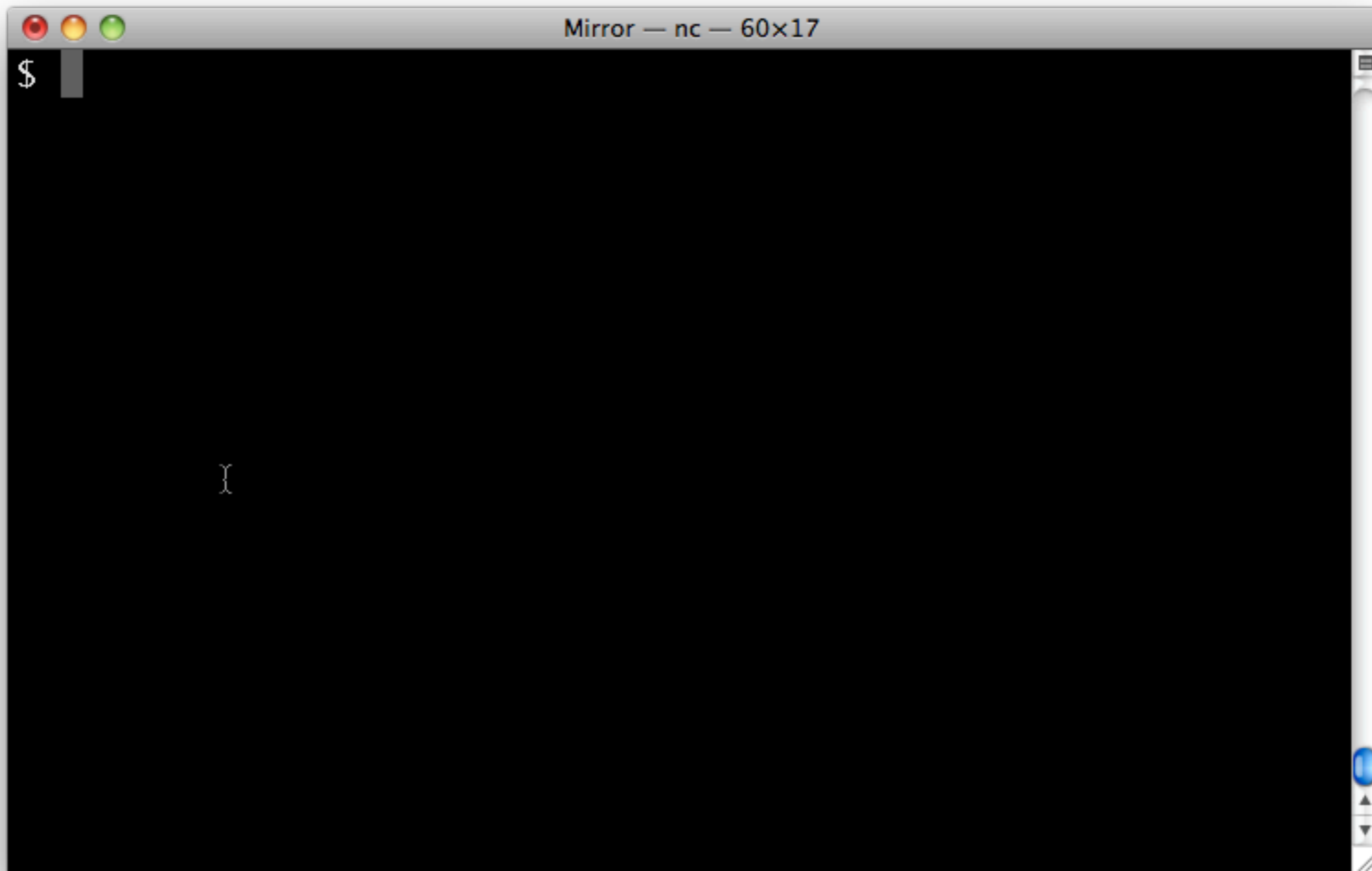


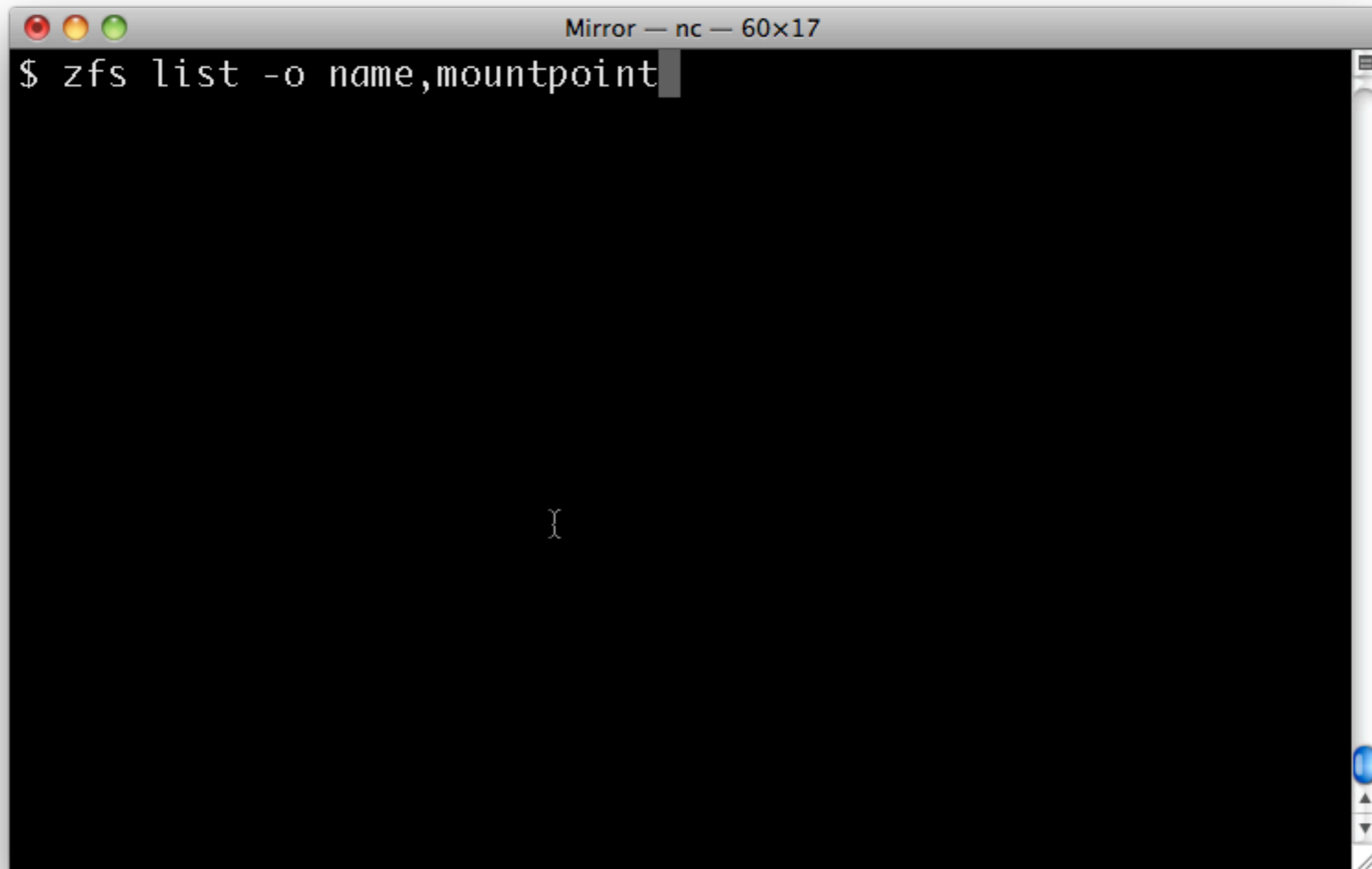
# ZFS cloned snapshots



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An alternative solution is ... and updating the snapshot





Mirror — nc — 60x17

```
$ zfs list -o name,mountpoint
```

The image shows a terminal window with a dark background and white text. The window title is "Mirror — nc — 60x17". The command entered is "\$ zfs list -o name,mountpoint". A cursor is visible at the end of the command line. The window has standard macOS-style window controls (red, yellow, green buttons) in the top-left corner and a scroll bar on the right side.

```
Mirror — nc — 60x17
$ zfs list -o name,mountpoint
NAME                                MOUNTPOINT
sites                               /sites
sites/DragonFly-2011-02-26         /sites/DragonFly-2011-02-26
sites/FreeBSD-2011-02-26           /sites/FreeBSD-2011-02-26
sites/NetBSD-2011-02-26            /sites/NetBSD-2011-02-26
sites/OpenBSD-2011-02-26           /sites/OpenBSD-2011-02-26
$
```



```
Mirror — nc — 60x17
$ zfs list -o name,mountpoint
NAME                                MOUNTPOINT
sites                               /sites
sites/DragonFly-2011-02-26         /sites/DragonFly-2011-02-26
sites/FreeBSD-2011-02-26           /sites/FreeBSD-2011-02-26
sites/NetBSD-2011-02-26            /sites/NetBSD-2011-02-26
sites/OpenBSD-2011-02-26           /sites/OpenBSD-2011-02-26
$ ls -l /sites/FreeBSD
```



```
Mirror — nc — 60x17
$ zfs list -o name,mountpoint
NAME                                MOUNTPOINT
sites                               /sites
sites/DragonFly-2011-02-26         /sites/DragonFly-2011-02-26
sites/FreeBSD-2011-02-26           /sites/FreeBSD-2011-02-26
sites/NetBSD-2011-02-26            /sites/NetBSD-2011-02-26
sites/OpenBSD-2011-02-26           /sites/OpenBSD-2011-02-26
$ ls -l /sites/FreeBSD
lrwxr-xr-x  1 root  wheel  18 Feb 28 00:24 /sites/FreeBSD ->
  FreeBSD-2011-02-26
$
```



```
Mirror — nc — 60x17
$ zfs list -o name,mountpoint
NAME                                MOUNTPOINT
sites                               /sites
sites/DragonFly-2011-02-26         /sites/DragonFly-2011-02-26
sites/FreeBSD-2011-02-26           /sites/FreeBSD-2011-02-26
sites/NetBSD-2011-02-26            /sites/NetBSD-2011-02-26
sites/OpenBSD-2011-02-26           /sites/OpenBSD-2011-02-26
$ ls -l /sites/FreeBSD
lrwxr-xr-x  1 root  wheel  18 Feb 28 00:24 /sites/FreeBSD ->
  FreeBSD-2011-02-26
$ zfs snapshot sites/FreeBSD-2011-02-26@updating
```



```
Mirror — nc — 60x17
$ zfs list -o name,mountpoint
NAME                                MOUNTPOINT
sites                               /sites
sites/DragonFly-2011-02-26         /sites/DragonFly-2011-02-26
sites/FreeBSD-2011-02-26           /sites/FreeBSD-2011-02-26
sites/NetBSD-2011-02-26            /sites/NetBSD-2011-02-26
sites/OpenBSD-2011-02-26           /sites/OpenBSD-2011-02-26
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lrwxr-xr-x  1 root  wheel  18 Feb 28 00:24 /sites/FreeBSD ->
  FreeBSD-2011-02-26
$ zfs snapshot sites/FreeBSD-2011-02-26@updating
$
```



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Mirror — nc — 60x17
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NAME                                MOUNTPOINT
sites                               /sites
sites/DragonFly-2011-02-26         /sites/DragonFly-2011-02-26
sites/FreeBSD-2011-02-26           /sites/FreeBSD-2011-02-26
sites/NetBSD-2011-02-26            /sites/NetBSD-2011-02-26
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lrwxr-xr-x  1 root  wheel  18 Feb 28 00:24 /sites/FreeBSD ->
  FreeBSD-2011-02-26
$ zfs snapshot sites/FreeBSD-2011-02-26@updating
$ zfs clone sites/FreeBSD-2011-02-26@updating sites/FreeBSD-
2011-02-27
```



```
Mirror — nc — 60x17
$ zfs list -o name,mountpoint
NAME                                MOUNTPOINT
sites                               /sites
sites/DragonFly-2011-02-26         /sites/DragonFly-2011-02-26
sites/FreeBSD-2011-02-26          /sites/FreeBSD-2011-02-26
sites/NetBSD-2011-02-26           /sites/NetBSD-2011-02-26
sites/OpenBSD-2011-02-26         /sites/OpenBSD-2011-02-26
$ ls -l /sites/FreeBSD
lrwxr-xr-x  1 root  wheel  18 Feb 28 00:24 /sites/FreeBSD ->
  FreeBSD-2011-02-26
$ zfs snapshot sites/FreeBSD-2011-02-26@updating
$ zfs clone sites/FreeBSD-2011-02-26@updating sites/FreeBSD-
2011-02-27
$ █
```



# Update the FreeBSD-2011-02-27 filesystem until consistent



```
Mirror — nc — 60x17
$ zfs list -o name,mountpoint
NAME                                MOUNTPOINT
sites                               /sites
sites/DragonFly-2011-02-26         /sites/DragonFly-2011-02-26
sites/FreeBSD-2011-02-26           /sites/FreeBSD-2011-02-26
sites/NetBSD-2011-02-26            /sites/NetBSD-2011-02-26
sites/OpenBSD-2011-02-26           /sites/OpenBSD-2011-02-26
$ ls -l /sites/FreeBSD
lrwxr-xr-x  1 root  wheel  18 Feb 28 00:24 /sites/FreeBSD ->
  FreeBSD-2011-02-26
$ zfs snapshot sites/FreeBSD-2011-02-26@updating
$ zfs clone sites/FreeBSD-2011-02-26@updating sites/FreeBSD-
2011-02-27
$
$ zfs promote sites/FreeBSD-2011-02-27
```





```
Mirror — nc — 60x17
$ zfs list -o name,mountpoint
NAME                                MOUNTPOINT
sites                               /sites
sites/DragonFly-2011-02-26         /sites/DragonFly-2011-02-26
sites/FreeBSD-2011-02-26           /sites/FreeBSD-2011-02-26
sites/NetBSD-2011-02-26            /sites/NetBSD-2011-02-26
sites/OpenBSD-2011-02-26           /sites/OpenBSD-2011-02-26
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  FreeBSD-2011-02-26
$ zfs snapshot sites/FreeBSD-2011-02-26@updating
$ zfs clone sites/FreeBSD-2011-02-26@updating sites/FreeBSD-
2011-02-27
$
$ zfs promote sites/FreeBSD-2011-02-27
$
```



```
Mirror — nc — 60x17
$ zfs list -o name,mountpoint
NAME                                MOUNTPOINT
sites                               /sites
sites/DragonFly-2011-02-26         /sites/DragonFly-2011-02-26
sites/FreeBSD-2011-02-26           /sites/FreeBSD-2011-02-26
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  FreeBSD-2011-02-26
$ zfs snapshot sites/FreeBSD-2011-02-26@updating
$ zfs clone sites/FreeBSD-2011-02-26@updating sites/FreeBSD-
2011-02-27
$
$ zfs promote sites/FreeBSD-2011-02-27
$ zfs list -o name,mountpoint -t all
```



```
Mirror — nc — 60x17
FreeBSD-2011-02-26
$ zfs snapshot sites/FreeBSD-2011-02-26@updating
$ zfs clone sites/FreeBSD-2011-02-26@updating sites/FreeBSD-
2011-02-27
$
$ zfs promote sites/FreeBSD-2011-02-27
$ zfs list -o name,mountpoint -t all
NAME                                MOUNTPOINT
sites                                /sites
sites/DragonFly-2011-02-26          /sites/DragonFly-2011-02-
26
sites/FreeBSD-2011-02-26            /sites/FreeBSD-2011-02-26
sites/FreeBSD-2011-02-27            /sites/FreeBSD-2011-02-27
sites/FreeBSD-2011-02-27@updating  -
sites/NetBSD-2011-02-26             /sites/NetBSD-2011-02-26
sites/OpenBSD-2011-02-26           /sites/OpenBSD-2011-02-26
$
```



```
Mirror — nc — 60x17
FreeBSD-2011-02-26
$ zfs snapshot sites/FreeBSD-2011-02-26@updating
$ zfs clone sites/FreeBSD-2011-02-26@updating sites/FreeBSD-
2011-02-27
$
$ zfs promote sites/FreeBSD-2011-02-27
$ zfs list -o name,mountpoint -t all
NAME                                MOUNTPOINT
sites                               /sites
sites/DragonFly-2011-02-26         /sites/DragonFly-2011-02-
26
sites/FreeBSD-2011-02-26           /sites/FreeBSD-2011-02-26
sites/FreeBSD-2011-02-27           /sites/FreeBSD-2011-02-27
sites/FreeBSD-2011-02-27@updating -
sites/NetBSD-2011-02-26            /sites/NetBSD-2011-02-26
sites/OpenBSD-2011-02-26           /sites/OpenBSD-2011-02-26
$ ln -sf FreeBSD-2011-02-27 FreeBSD
```



```
Mirror — nc — 60x17
$ zfs snapshot sites/FreeBSD-2011-02-26@updating
$ zfs clone sites/FreeBSD-2011-02-26@updating sites/FreeBSD-
2011-02-27
$
$ zfs promote sites/FreeBSD-2011-02-27
$ zfs list -o name,mountpoint -t all
NAME                                MOUNTPOINT
sites                               /sites
sites/DragonFly-2011-02-26         /sites/DragonFly-2011-02-
26
sites/FreeBSD-2011-02-26           /sites/FreeBSD-2011-02-26
sites/FreeBSD-2011-02-27           /sites/FreeBSD-2011-02-27
sites/FreeBSD-2011-02-27@updating -
sites/NetBSD-2011-02-26            /sites/NetBSD-2011-02-26
sites/OpenBSD-2011-02-26           /sites/OpenBSD-2011-02-26
$ ln -sf FreeBSD-2011-02-27 FreeBSD
$
```



```
Mirror — nc — 60x17
$ zfs snapshot sites/FreeBSD-2011-02-26@updating
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2011-02-27
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NAME                                MOUNTPOINT
sites                               /sites
sites/DragonFly-2011-02-26          /sites/DragonFly-2011-02-
26
sites/FreeBSD-2011-02-26            /sites/FreeBSD-2011-02-26
sites/FreeBSD-2011-02-27            /sites/FreeBSD-2011-02-27
sites/FreeBSD-2011-02-27@updating  -
sites/NetBSD-2011-02-26             /sites/NetBSD-2011-02-26
sites/OpenBSD-2011-02-26           /sites/OpenBSD-2011-02-26
$ ln -sf FreeBSD-2011-02-27 FreeBSD
$ zfs destroy sites/FreeBSD-2011-02-26
```



```
Mirror — nc — 60x17
$ zfs clone sites/FreeBSD-2011-02-26@updating sites/FreeBSD-2011-02-27
$
$ zfs promote sites/FreeBSD-2011-02-27
$ zfs list -o name,mountpoint -t all
NAME                                MOUNTPOINT
sites                                /sites
sites/DragonFly-2011-02-26          /sites/DragonFly-2011-02-26
sites/FreeBSD-2011-02-26            /sites/FreeBSD-2011-02-26
sites/FreeBSD-2011-02-27            /sites/FreeBSD-2011-02-27
sites/FreeBSD-2011-02-27@updating  -
sites/NetBSD-2011-02-26             /sites/NetBSD-2011-02-26
sites/OpenBSD-2011-02-26           /sites/OpenBSD-2011-02-26
$ ln -sf FreeBSD-2011-02-27 FreeBSD
$ zfs destroy sites/FreeBSD-2011-02-26
$
```



```
Mirror — nc — 60x17
$ zfs clone sites/FreeBSD-2011-02-26@updating sites/FreeBSD-2011-02-27
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$ zfs promote sites/FreeBSD-2011-02-27
$ zfs list -o name,mountpoint -t all
NAME                                MOUNTPOINT
sites                                /sites
sites/DragonFly-2011-02-26          /sites/DragonFly-2011-02-26
sites/FreeBSD-2011-02-26            /sites/FreeBSD-2011-02-26
sites/FreeBSD-2011-02-27            /sites/FreeBSD-2011-02-27
sites/FreeBSD-2011-02-27@updating  -
sites/NetBSD-2011-02-26             /sites/NetBSD-2011-02-26
sites/OpenBSD-2011-02-26            /sites/OpenBSD-2011-02-26
$ ln -sf FreeBSD-2011-02-27 FreeBSD
$ zfs destroy sites/FreeBSD-2011-02-26
$ zfs destroy sites/FreeBSD-2011-02-27@updating
```



This will also fail in that case so a script needs to handle this.



```
Mirror — nc — 60x17
2011-02-27
$
$ zfs promote sites/FreeBSD-2011-02-27
$ zfs list -o name,mountpoint -t all
NAME                                MOUNTPOINT
sites                               /sites
sites/DragonFly-2011-02-26         /sites/DragonFly-2011-02-26
sites/FreeBSD-2011-02-26           /sites/FreeBSD-2011-02-26
sites/FreeBSD-2011-02-27           /sites/FreeBSD-2011-02-27
sites/FreeBSD-2011-02-27@updating -
sites/NetBSD-2011-02-26            /sites/NetBSD-2011-02-26
sites/OpenBSD-2011-02-26           /sites/OpenBSD-2011-02-26
$ ln -sf FreeBSD-2011-02-27 FreeBSD
$ zfs destroy sites/FreeBSD-2011-02-26
$ zfs destroy sites/FreeBSD-2011-02-27@updating
$
```



**Not currently  
mirroring to ZFS due  
to unstable hardware**



# Aerosource and ZFS



# Intro to Aerosource and ARANDA



# What is Aerosouce?



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## Aerosource: Enterprise Source Software at Aerospace

Aerosource is a project management environment for Aerospace that allows the [free sharing of ideas and source code](#) within the Aerospace Corporation. Aerosource is built using the [Trac](#) project management software and utilizes the [Subversion](#) version control system for managing source code.

### Getting Started

#### Create a new project

- [Everything you need to know about Subversion](#)
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### Request A Project



### Commit Summary

#### 24 Hour Commit Summary



#### 31 Day Commit Summary

#### 12 Month Commit Summary

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# ARANDA: Aerosource Restricted And NDA



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Projects where pieces are subject to legal or security restrictions.  
Not supported at all for many years, added recently to support continuity of operations and provide uniform access to tools.

# About 300 Projects

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# 90GB of Project Data

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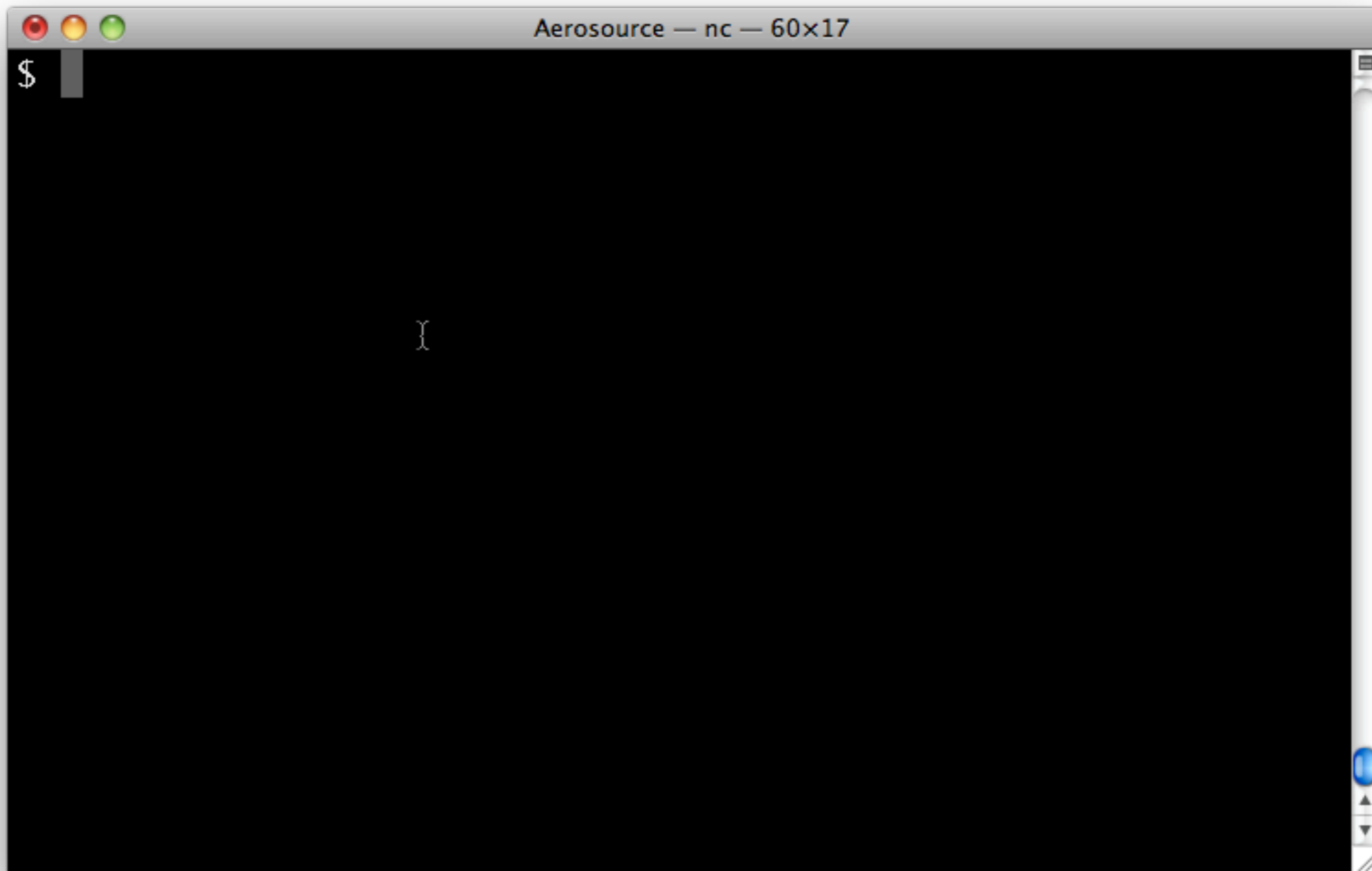
# More on ZFS Properties

- Properties are attached to filesystems and volumes
- Property names containing ':' are reserved for user defined properties
- No other structure exists for property names

**Problem:**  
**Avoiding conflicting meanings  
for ZFS properties between  
scripts**

**Solution:**  
**Prepend domain name  
to property names**

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A screenshot of a terminal window titled "Aerosource — nc — 60x17". The terminal has a black background with white text. The command entered is "\$ zfs get -o property all data/aerosource/aerosource | grep aero.org". A cursor is visible at the end of the command. The window has standard macOS window controls (red, yellow, green buttons) in the top-left corner and a scroll bar on the right side.

```
Aerosource — nc — 60x17
$ zfs get -o property all data/aerosource/aerosource | grep
aero.org
```

```
Aerosource — nc — 60x17
$ zfs get -o property all data/aerosource/aerosource | grep
aero.org
aerosource.aero.org:project:group
aerosource.aero.org:lastsnap:aerosource-vm-dev.aero.org
aerosource.aero.org:project:type
aerosource.aero.org:targethosts
aerosource.aero.org:sourcehost
$ █
```



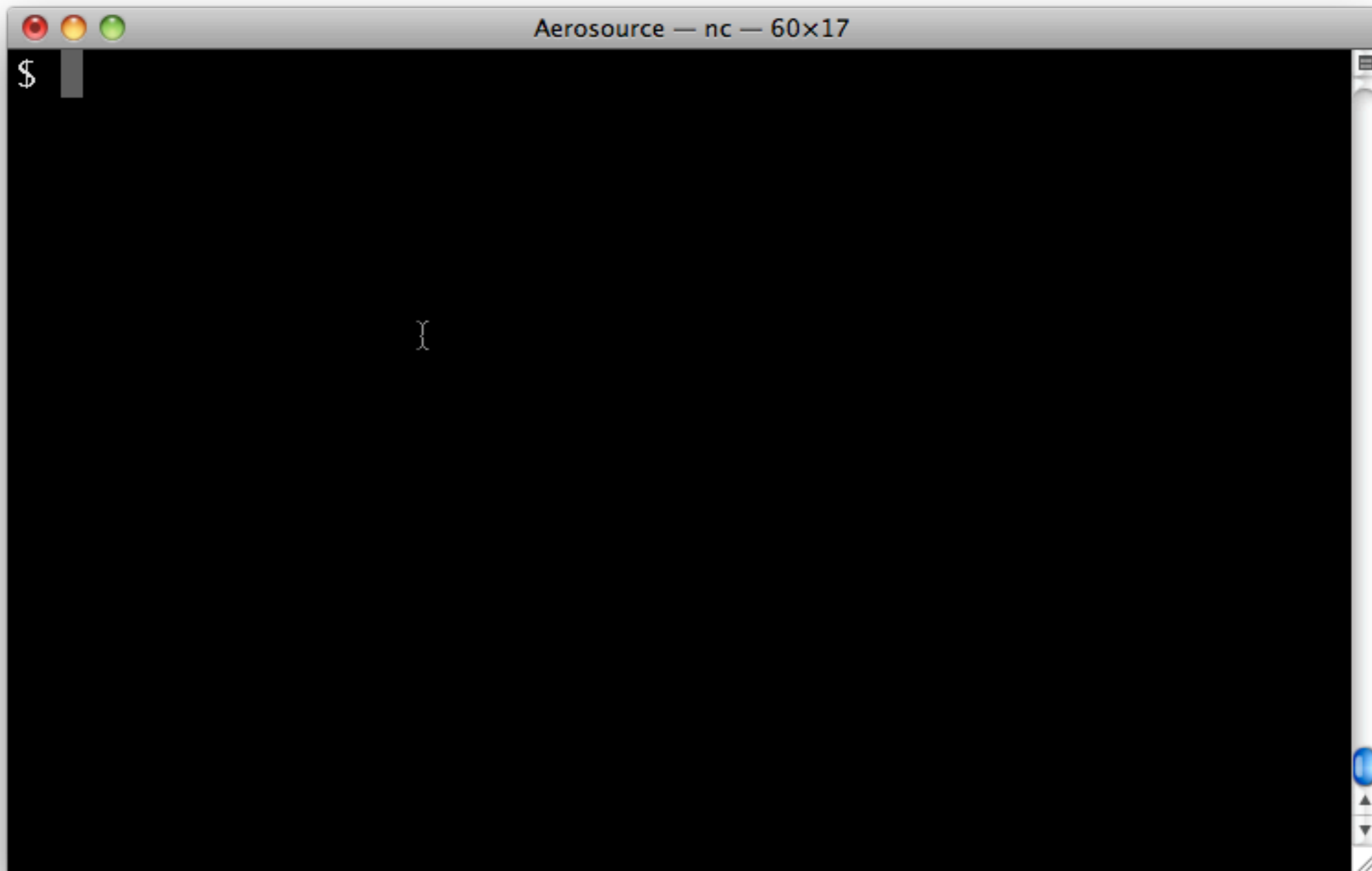
# ZFS Properties for project meta-data

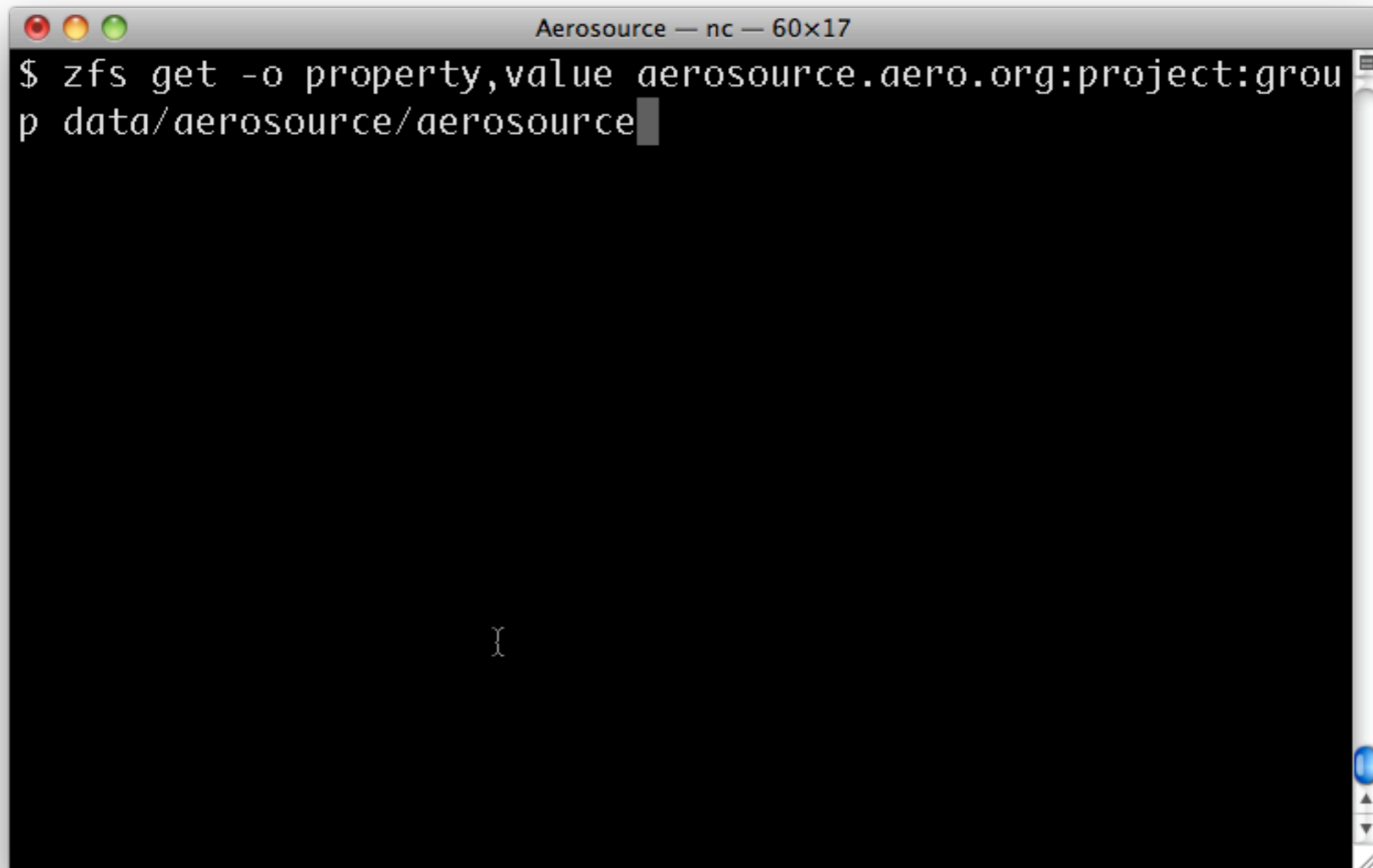
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# What to store?

- Project user and group
  - Only store the group (same as user)
- Project access control (Apache configuration)
  - Public, Auth Required, Private Group



A terminal window titled "Aerosource — nc — 60x17" with standard macOS window controls (red, yellow, green buttons) in the top-left corner. The terminal text is white on a black background. The command entered is "\$ zfs get -o property,value aerosource.aero.org:project:group data/aerosource/aerosource" with a cursor at the end of the second line. A vertical scrollbar is visible on the right side of the terminal window.

```
Aerosource — nc — 60x17
$ zfs get -o property,value aerosource.aero.org:project:group
p data/aerosource/aerosource
```

```
Aerosource — nc — 60x17
$ zfs get -o property,value aerosource.aero.org:project:grou
p data/aerosource/aerosource
PROPERTY                                VALUE
aerosource.aero.org:project:group      aerosource
$
```



```
Aerosource — nc — 60x17
$ zfs get -o property,value aerosource.aero.org:project:group
p data/aerosource/aerosource
PROPERTY                                VALUE
aerosource.aero.org:project:group      aerosource
$ zfs get -o property,value aerosource.aero.org:project:type
data/aerosource/aerosource
```



```
Aerosource — nc — 60x17
$ zfs get -o property,value aerosource.aero.org:project:grou
p data/aerosource/aerosource
PROPERTY                                VALUE
aerosource.aero.org:project:group      aerosource
$ zfs get -o property,value aerosource.aero.org:project:type
data/aerosource/aerosource
PROPERTY                                VALUE
aerosource.aero.org:project:type       OldPublic
$ █
```



# Properties drive scripts that create Apache config files



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previously we had files containing lists of projects for each type of project.

# Project Storage Replication





# Differing Replication Needs

- Off-site warm spare
  - Alternate datacenter on East coast
  - Full replication
  - Efficient on slow WAN links
- Development server
  - Smaller system
  - Developers not authorized to see all project contents
  - Avoid using excessive disk space

# Long term goal: multiple source hosts

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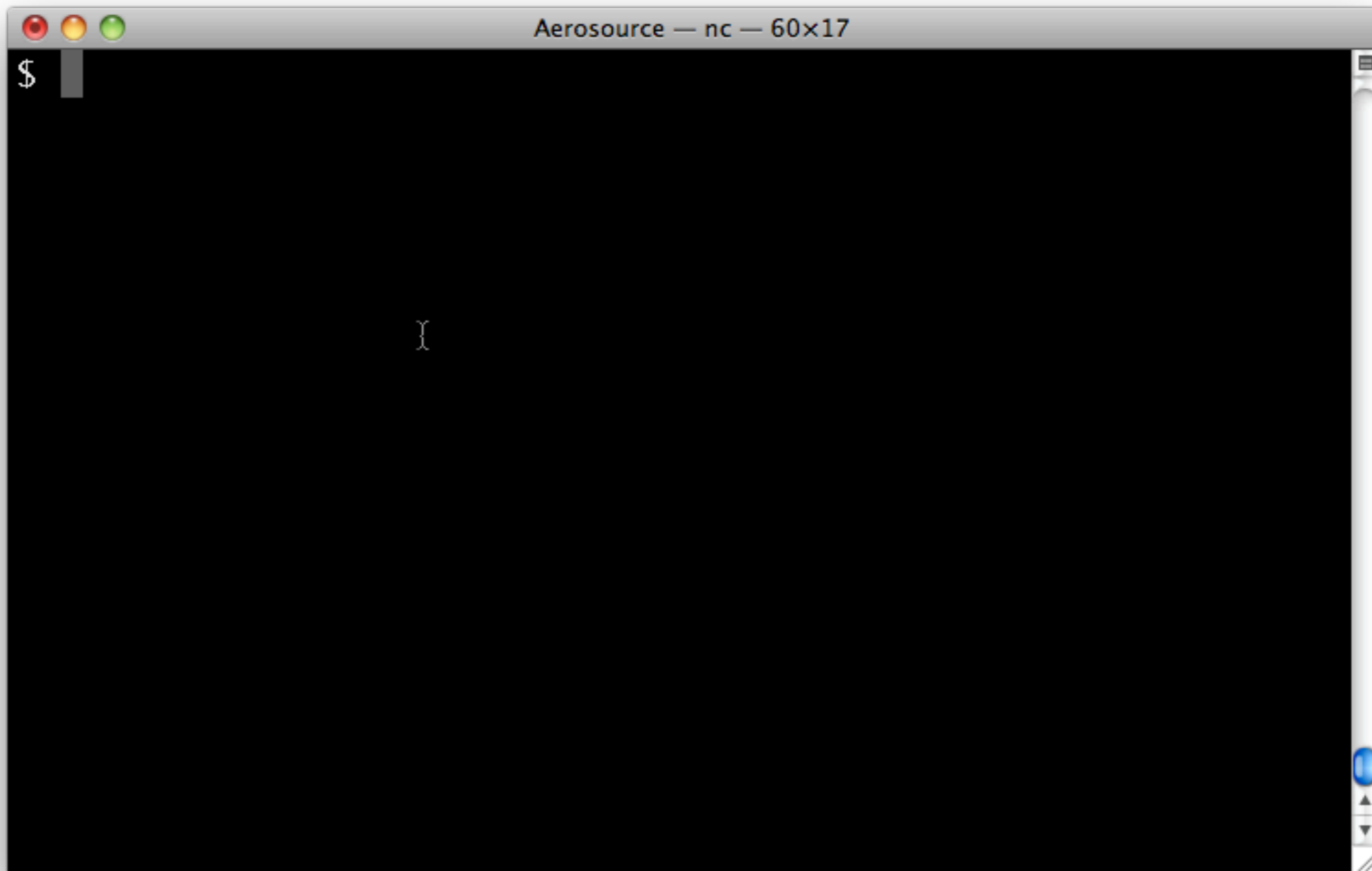
Additionally, we'd eventually like to support having projects have a home server so both servers are active and serving the projects that are at home on them.

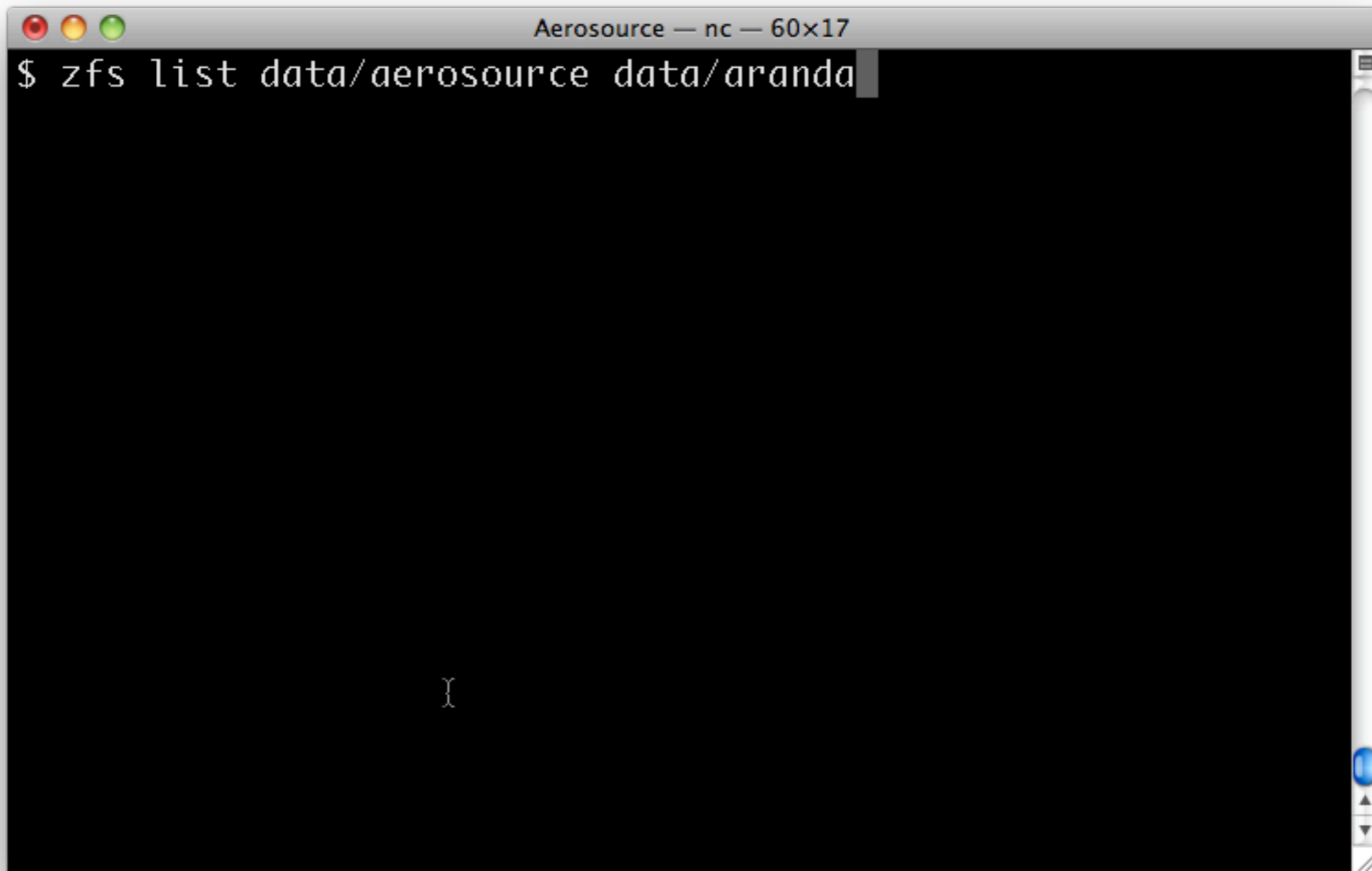
# Want only one replication script



# Aerosource storage layout





A terminal window titled "Aerosource — nc — 60x17" with standard macOS window controls (red, yellow, green buttons) at the top left. The terminal content shows a command prompt "\$" followed by the command "zfs list data/aerosource data/aranda" with a cursor at the end. The terminal background is black, and the text is white. On the right side of the terminal, there are standard macOS window navigation icons: a menu icon, a scroll bar, a blue mouse cursor icon, and up/down arrow icons.

```
Aerosource — nc — 60x17
$ zfs list data/aerosource data/aranda
```

```
Aerosource — nc — 60x17
$ zfs list data/aerosource data/aranda
NAME                USED  AVAIL  REFER  MOUNTPOINT
data/aerosource     71.6G  1.06T   841K   /aerosource
data/aranda         19.3G  1.06T    60K   /aranda
$
```



# Properties supporting replication

- `aerosource.aero.org:sourcehost => aerosource-west.aero.org`
- `aerosource.aero.org:targethost => aerosource-vm-dev.aero.org:data`
- `aerosource.aero.org:lastsnap:targethost => rep_1298838010`



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sourcehost: home system, always aerosource-west today  
targethost: list of hosts and zfs datasets to send data to  
lastsnap:targethost name of the last snapshot sent to a given host



# Replication Cases

- Bootstrap: Project not transferred before
- Incremental: Transfer changes since last transferred snapshot

# Case: Bootstrap

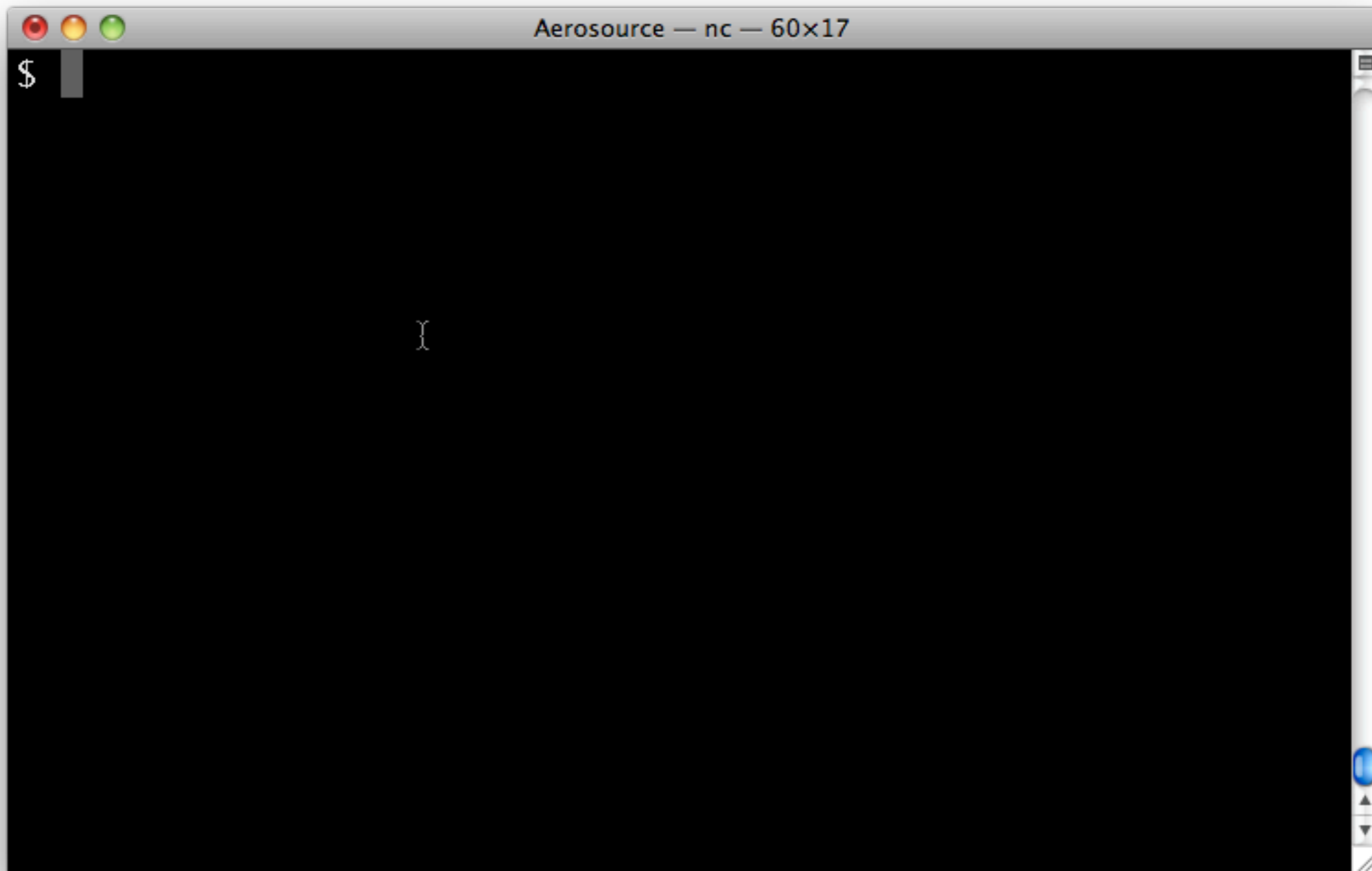


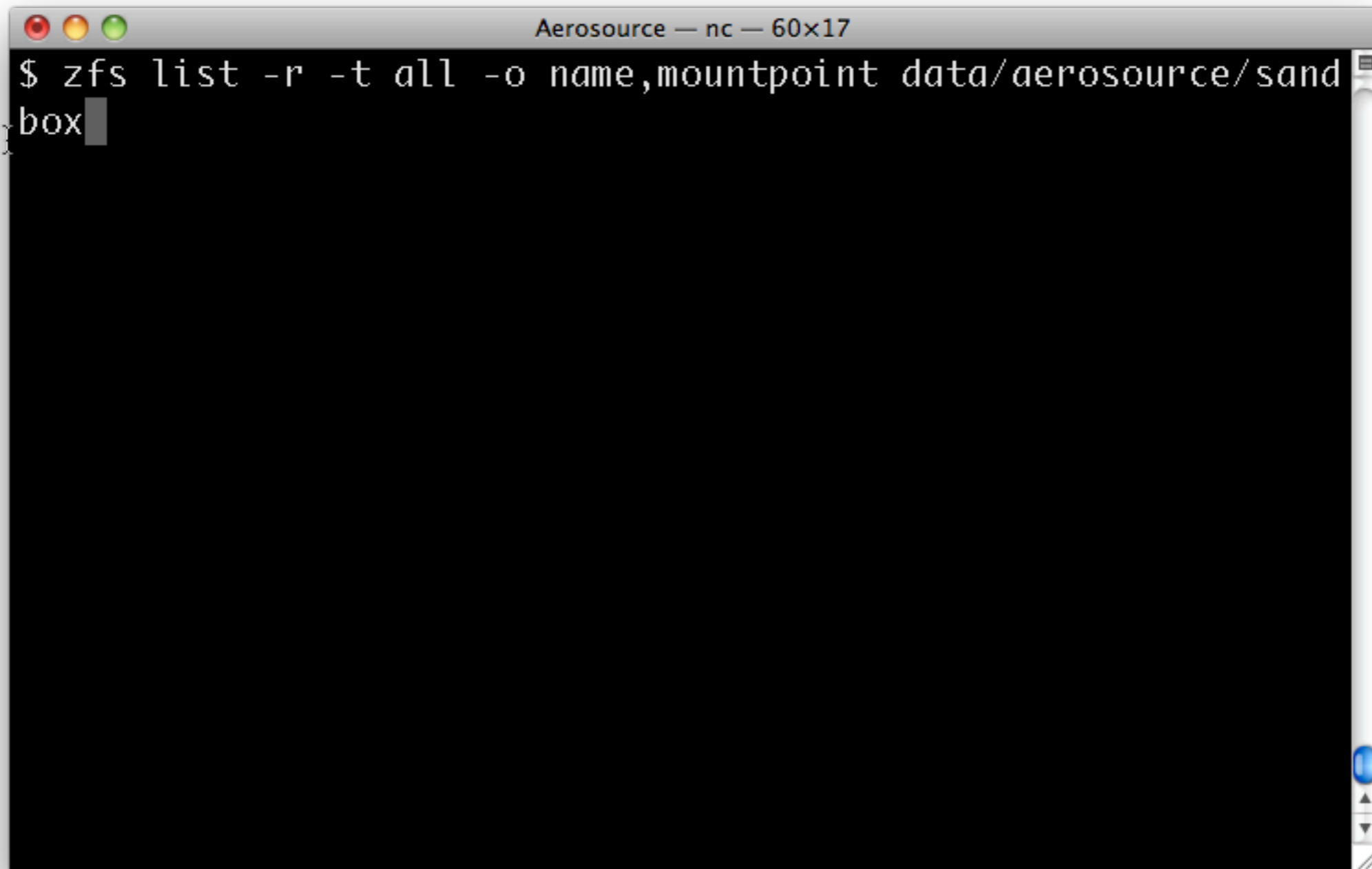
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Bootstrap is the easiest case

Just make a snapshot and send it.

We have an option to destroy the file system on the other end if one exists.



A terminal window titled "Aerosource — nc — 60x17" with a dark background and white text. The command "\$ zfs list -r -t all -o name,mountpoint data/aerosource/sand box" is entered. The window has standard macOS window controls (red, yellow, green buttons) at the top left and a scroll bar on the right side.

```
Aerosource — nc — 60x17
$ zfs list -r -t all -o name,mountpoint data/aerosource/sand
box
```

```
Aerosource — nc — 60x17
$ zfs list -r -t all -o name,mountpoint data/aerosource/sand
box
NAME                MOUNTPOINT
data/aerosource/sandbox /aerosource/sandbox
$
```



```
Aerosource — nc — 60x17
$ zfs list -r -t all -o name,mountpoint data/aerosource/sand
box
NAME                MOUNTPOINT
data/aerosource/sandbox /aerosource/sandbox
$ zfs snapshot -r data/aerosource/sandbox@rep_1298838010
```



```
Aerosource — nc — 60x17
$ zfs list -r -t all -o name,mountpoint data/aerosource/sand
box
NAME                MOUNTPOINT
data/aerosource/sandbox /aerosource/sandbox
$ zfs snapshot -r data/aerosource/sandbox@rep_1298838010
$
```



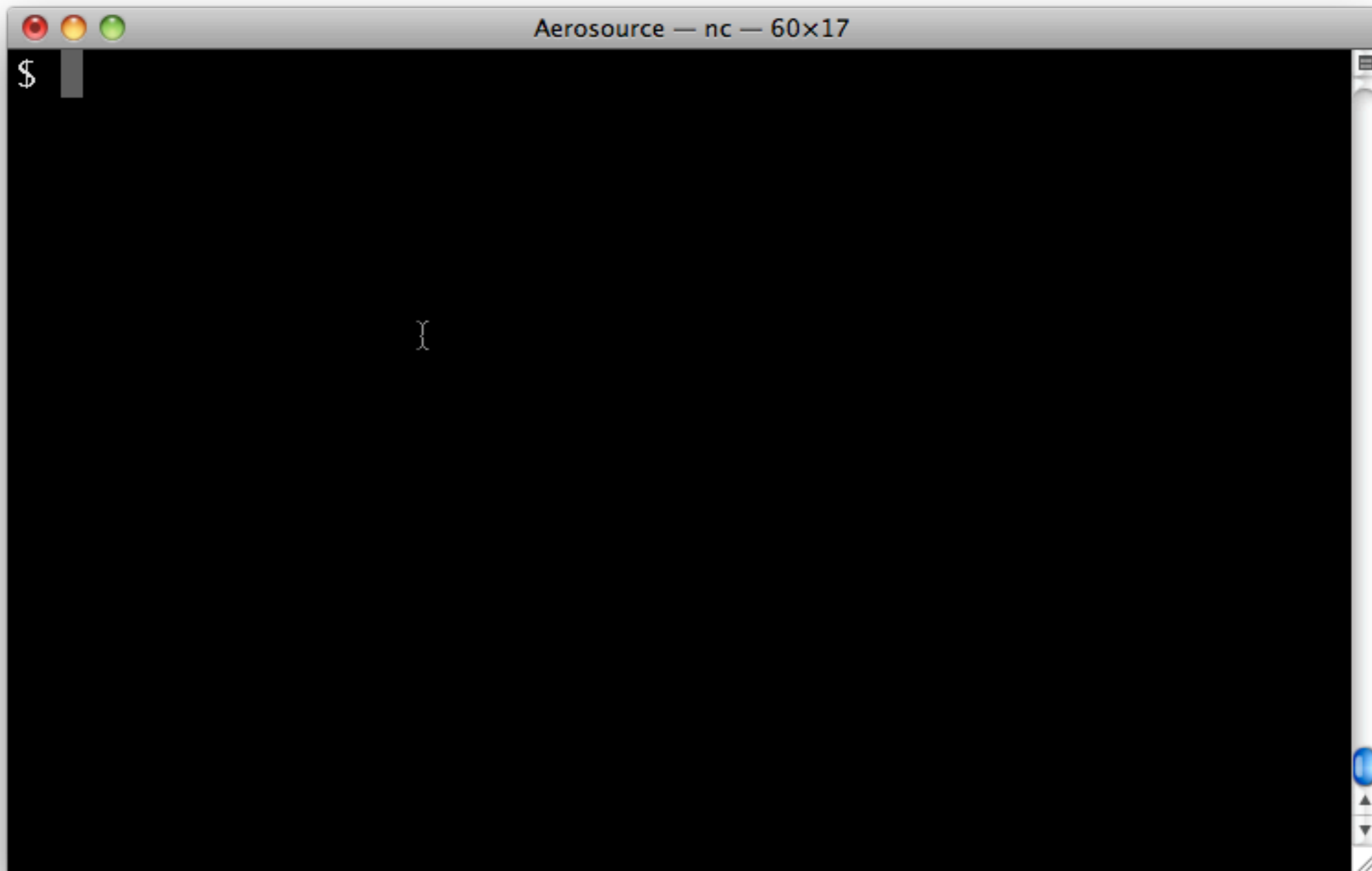
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box
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data/aerosource/sandbox /aerosource/sandbox
$ zfs snapshot -r data/aerosource/sandbox@rep_1298838010
$ zfs list -r -t all -o name,mountpoint data/aerosource/sand
box
```

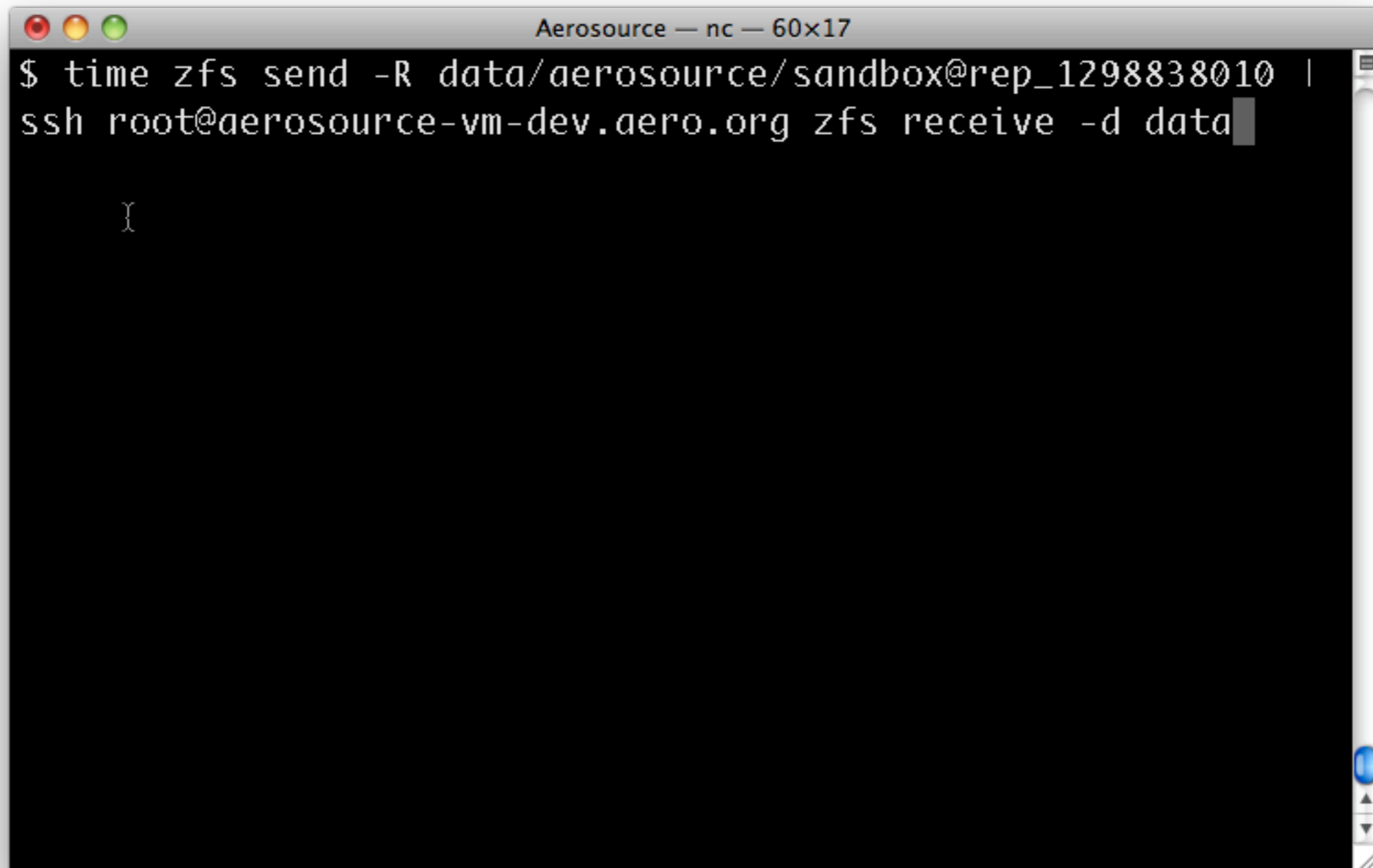




```
Aerosource — nc — 60x17
$ zfs list -r -t all -o name,mountpoint data/aerosource/sand
box
NAME                MOUNTPOINT
data/aerosource/sandbox /aerosource/sandbox
$ zfs snapshot -r data/aerosource/sandbox@rep_1298838010
$ zfs list -r -t all -o name,mountpoint data/aerosource/sand
box
NAME                MOUNTPOINT
data/aerosource/sandbox /aerosource/sandbox
data/aerosource/sandbox@rep_1298838010 -
$
```

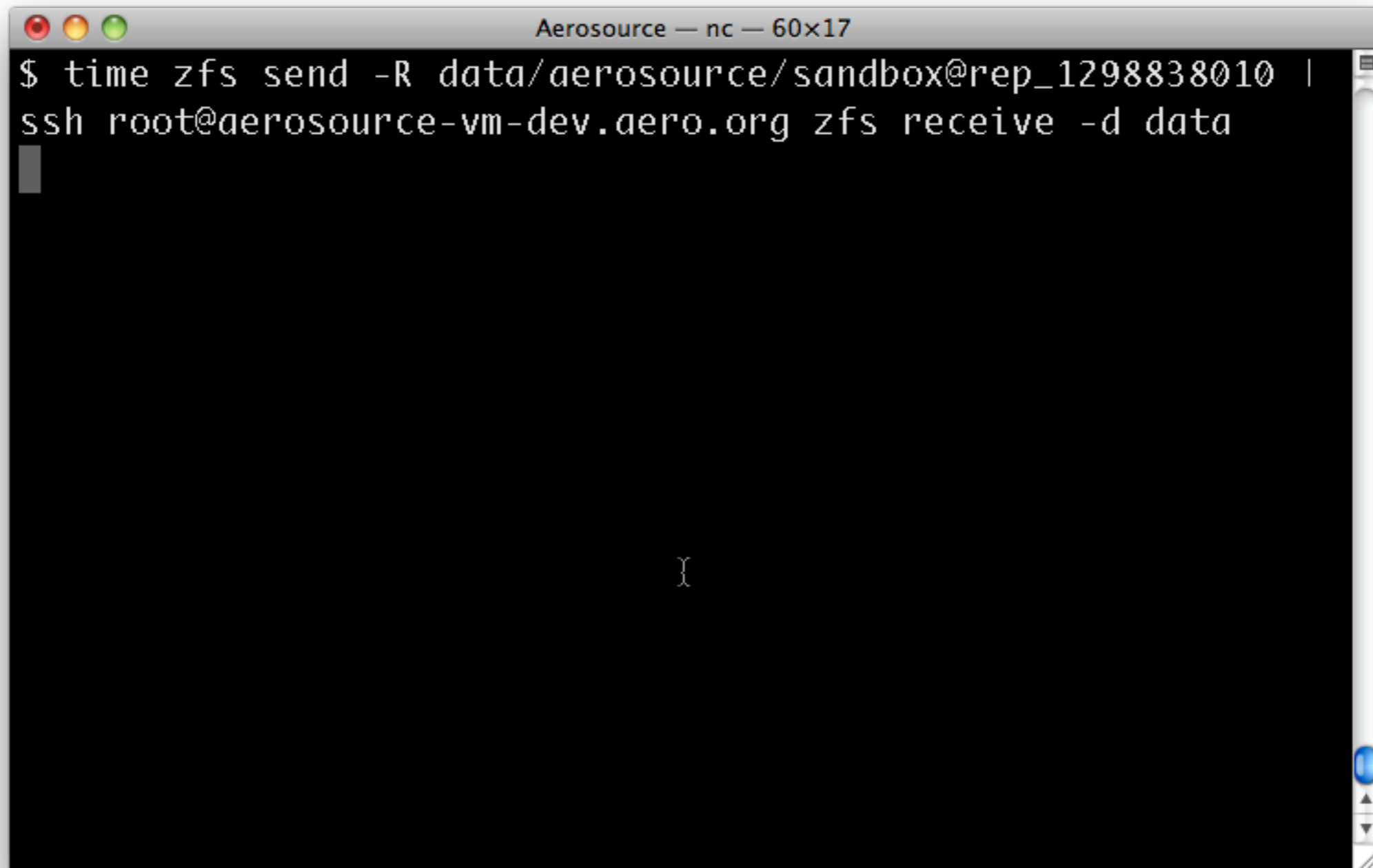






```
Aerosource — nc — 60x17
$ time zfs send -R data/aerosource/sandbox@rep_1298838010 |
ssh root@aerosource-vm-dev.aero.org zfs receive -d data
```



A terminal window titled "Aerosource — nc — 60x17" with standard macOS window controls (red, yellow, green buttons) at the top left. The terminal text is as follows:

```
$ time zfs send -R data/aerosource/sandbox@rep_1298838010 |  
ssh root@aerosource-vm-dev.aero.org zfs receive -d data  
}
```

The terminal background is black with white text. A vertical scrollbar is visible on the right side of the terminal area. The window has a slight drop shadow.

```
Aerosource — nc — 60x17
$ time zfs send -R data/aerosource/sandbox@rep_1298838010 |
ssh root@aerosource-vm-dev.aero.org zfs receive -d data

real    4m56.640s
user    0m56.602s
sys     0m16.322s
$ █
```



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Aerosource — nc — 60x17
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ssh root@aerosource-vm-dev.aero.org zfs receive -d data

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name,mountpoint data/aerosource/sandbox
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NAME                                     MOUNTPOINT
data/aerosource/sandbox                 /aerosource/sandbox
data/aerosource/sandbox@rep_1298838010 -
$
```



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data/aerosource/sandbox             /aerosource/sandbox
data/aerosource/sandbox@rep_1298838010 -
$ zfs set aerosource.aero.org:lastsnap:aerosource-vm-dev.aer
o.org=rep_1298838010 data/aerosource/sandbox
```





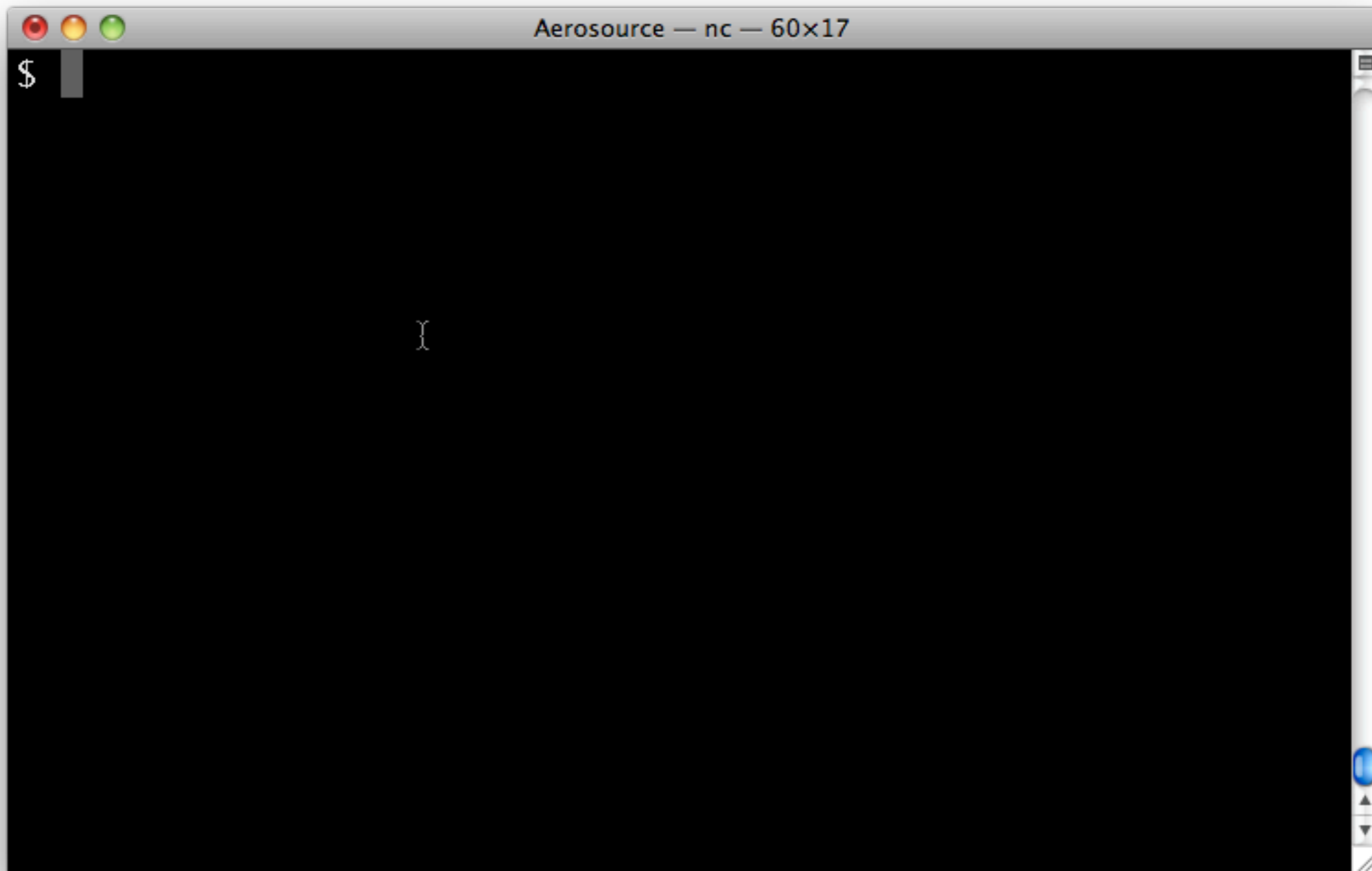
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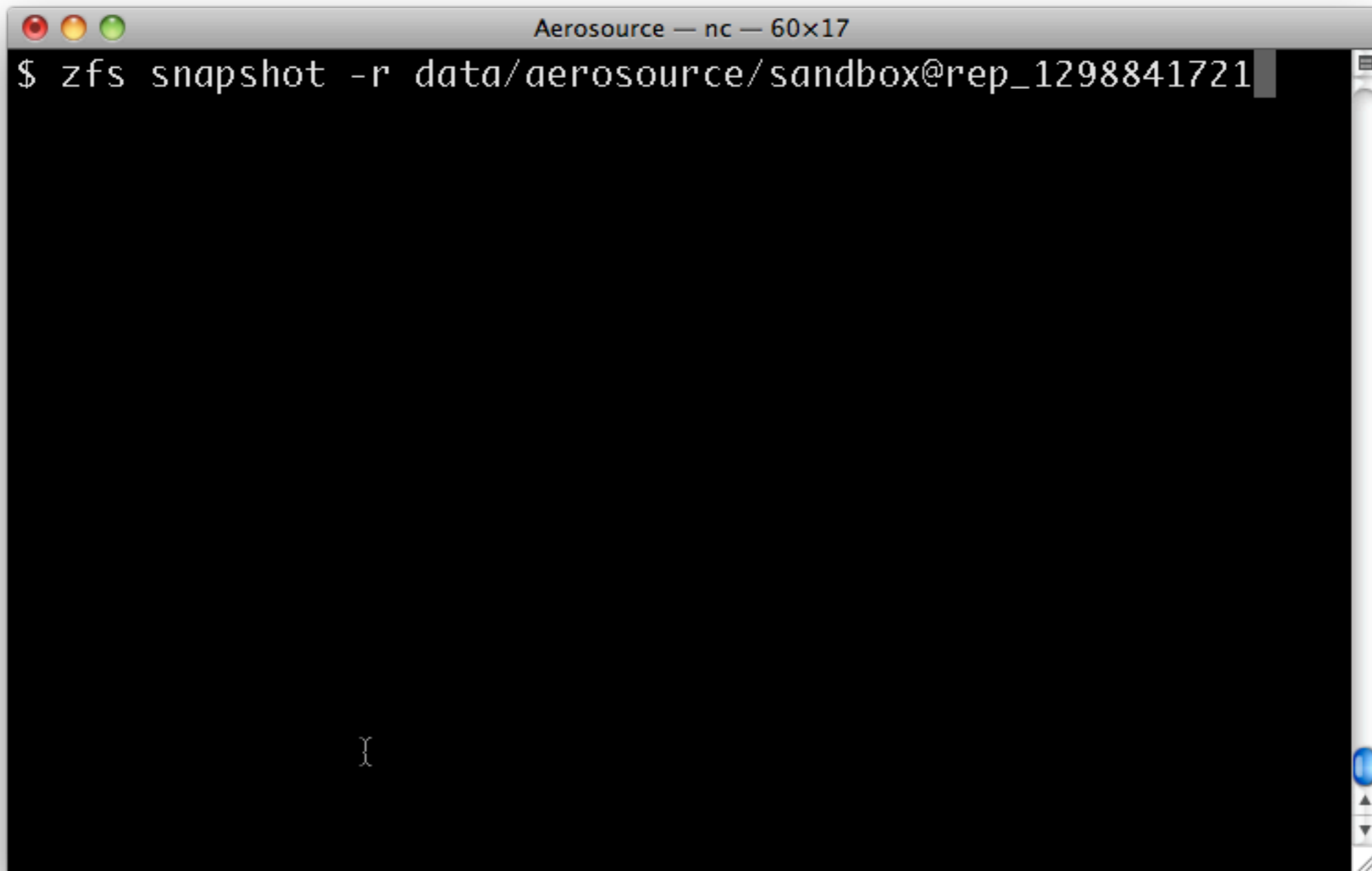
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$ █
```



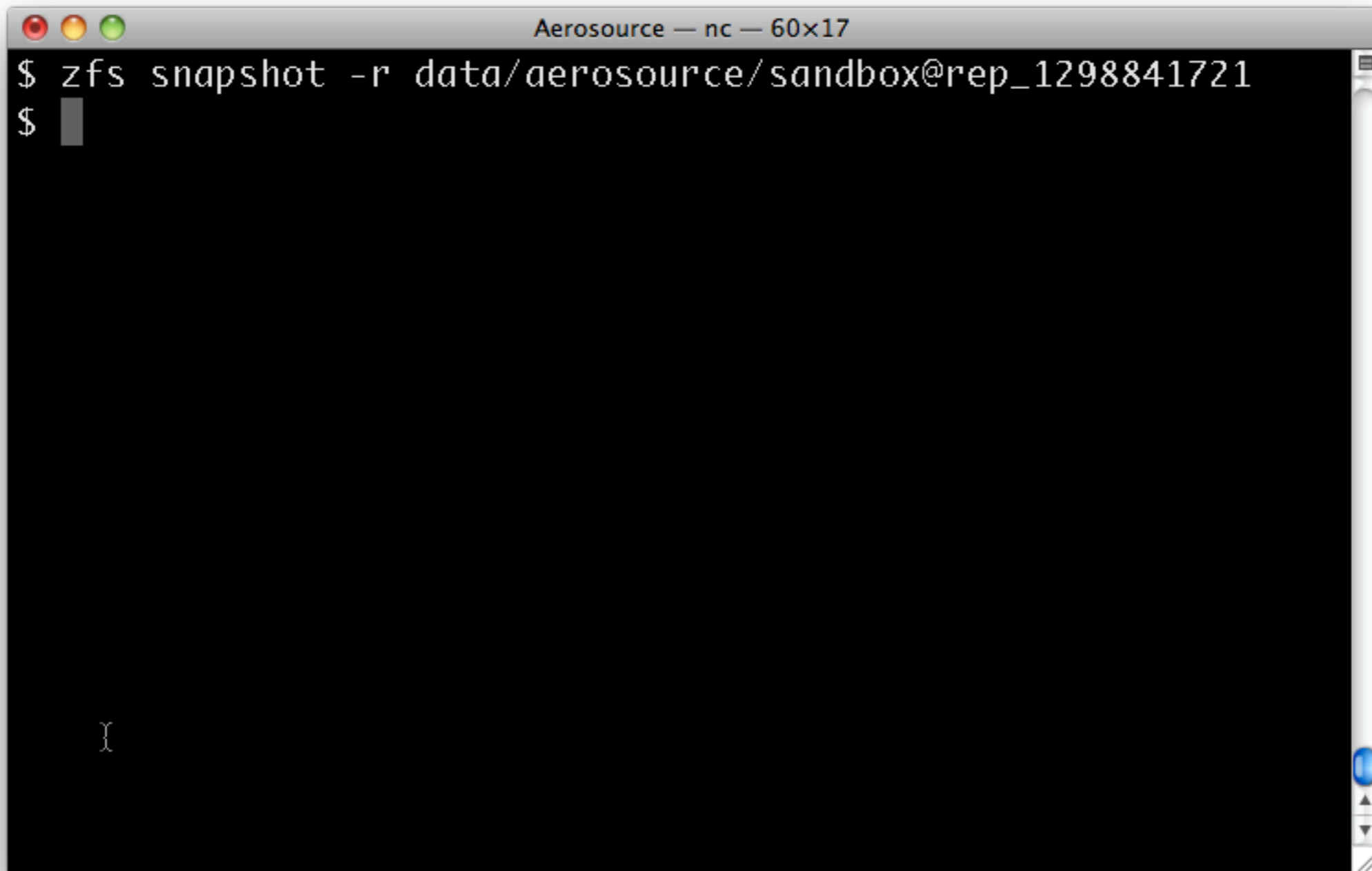
# Case: Incremental

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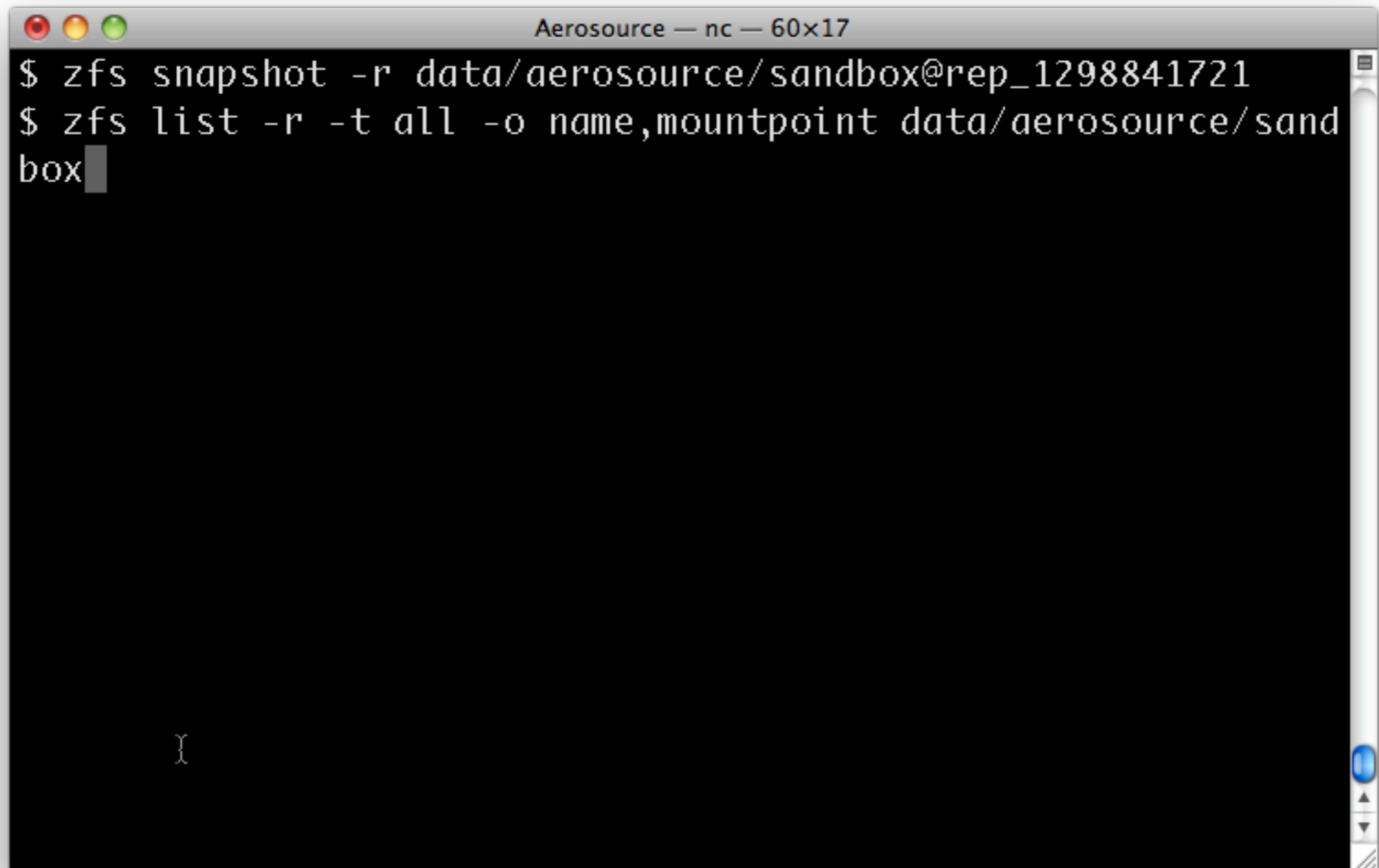




A screenshot of a terminal window titled "Aerosource — nc — 60x17". The terminal displays a command: `$ zfs snapshot -r data/aerosource/sandbox@rep_1298841721`. The command is entered on a black background with white text. A cursor is visible at the end of the command line. The window has standard macOS window controls (red, yellow, green buttons) in the top-left corner and a scroll bar on the right side.



A screenshot of a terminal window titled "Aerosource — nc — 60x17". The terminal shows a command being executed: `$ zfs snapshot -r data/aerosource/sandbox@rep_1298841721`. Below the command, there is a prompt `$` followed by a vertical bar cursor. The terminal window has standard macOS window controls (red, yellow, green buttons) at the top left and a scroll bar on the right side.

A terminal window titled "Aerosource — nc — 60x17" with standard macOS window controls (red, yellow, green buttons) at the top left. The terminal text is as follows:

```
$ zfs snapshot -r data/aerosource/sandbox@rep_1298841721  
$ zfs list -r -t all -o name,mountpoint data/aerosource/sand  
box
```

The cursor is positioned at the end of the second line. The terminal has a scrollbar on the right side and a blue mouse cursor icon at the bottom right.

```
Aerosource — nc — 60x17
$ zfs snapshot -r data/aerosource/sandbox@rep_1298841721
$ zfs list -r -t all -o name,mountpoint data/aerosource/sand
box
NAME                                MOUNTPOINT
data/aerosource/sandbox              /aerosource/sandbox
data/aerosource/sandbox@rep_1298838010 -
data/aerosource/sandbox@rep_1298841721 -
$ █
```



```
Aerosource — nc — 60x17
$ zfs snapshot -r data/aerosource/sandbox@rep_1298841721
$ zfs list -r -t all -o name,mountpoint data/aerosource/sand
box
NAME                                MOUNTPOINT
data/aerosource/sandbox              /aerosource/sandbox
data/aerosource/sandbox@rep_1298838010 -
data/aerosource/sandbox@rep_1298841721 -
$ time zfs send -R -I @rep_1298838010 data/aerosource/sandbo
x@rep_1298841721 | ssh root@aerosource-vm-dev.aero.org zfs r
eceive -F -d data
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Aerosource — nc — 60x17
$ zfs snapshot -r data/aerosource/sandbox@rep_1298841721
$ zfs list -r -t all -o name,mountpoint data/aerosource/sand
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Aerosource — nc — 60x17
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$ zfs list -r -t all -o name,mountpoint data/aerosource/sand
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NAME                                MOUNTPOINT
data/aerosource/sandbox              /aerosource/sandbox
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eceive -F -d data

real    0m7.468s
user    0m0.021s
sys     0m0.039s
$ █
```



```
Aerosource — nc — 60x17
$ zfs snapshot -r data/aerosource/sandbox@rep_1298841721
$ zfs list -r -t all -o name,mountpoint data/aerosource/sand
box
NAME                                MOUNTPOINT
data/aerosource/sandbox             /aerosource/sandbox
data/aerosource/sandbox@rep_1298838010 -
data/aerosource/sandbox@rep_1298841721 -
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eceive -F -d data
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real    0m7.468s
user    0m0.021s
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$ zfs set aerosource.aero.org:lastsnap:aerosource-vm-dev.aer
o.org=rep_1298841721 data/aerosource/sandbox
```



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Aerosource — nc — 60x17
$ zfs snapshot -r data/aerosource/sandbox@rep_1298841721
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Aerosource — nc — 60x17
$ zfs snapshot -r data/aerosource/sandbox@rep_1298841721
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o.org=rep_1298841721 data/aerosource/sandbox
$ zfs destroy -r data/aerosource/sandbox@rep_1298838010
```



```
Aerosource — nc — 60x17
$ zfs list -r -t all -o name,mountpoint data/aerosource/sand
box
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data/aerosource/sandbox@rep_1298841721 -
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real    0m7.468s
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$ zfs set aerosource.aero.org:lastsnap:aerosource-vm-dev.aer
o.org=rep_1298841721 data/aerosource/sandbox
$ zfs destroy -r data/aerosource/sandbox@rep_1298838010
$
```



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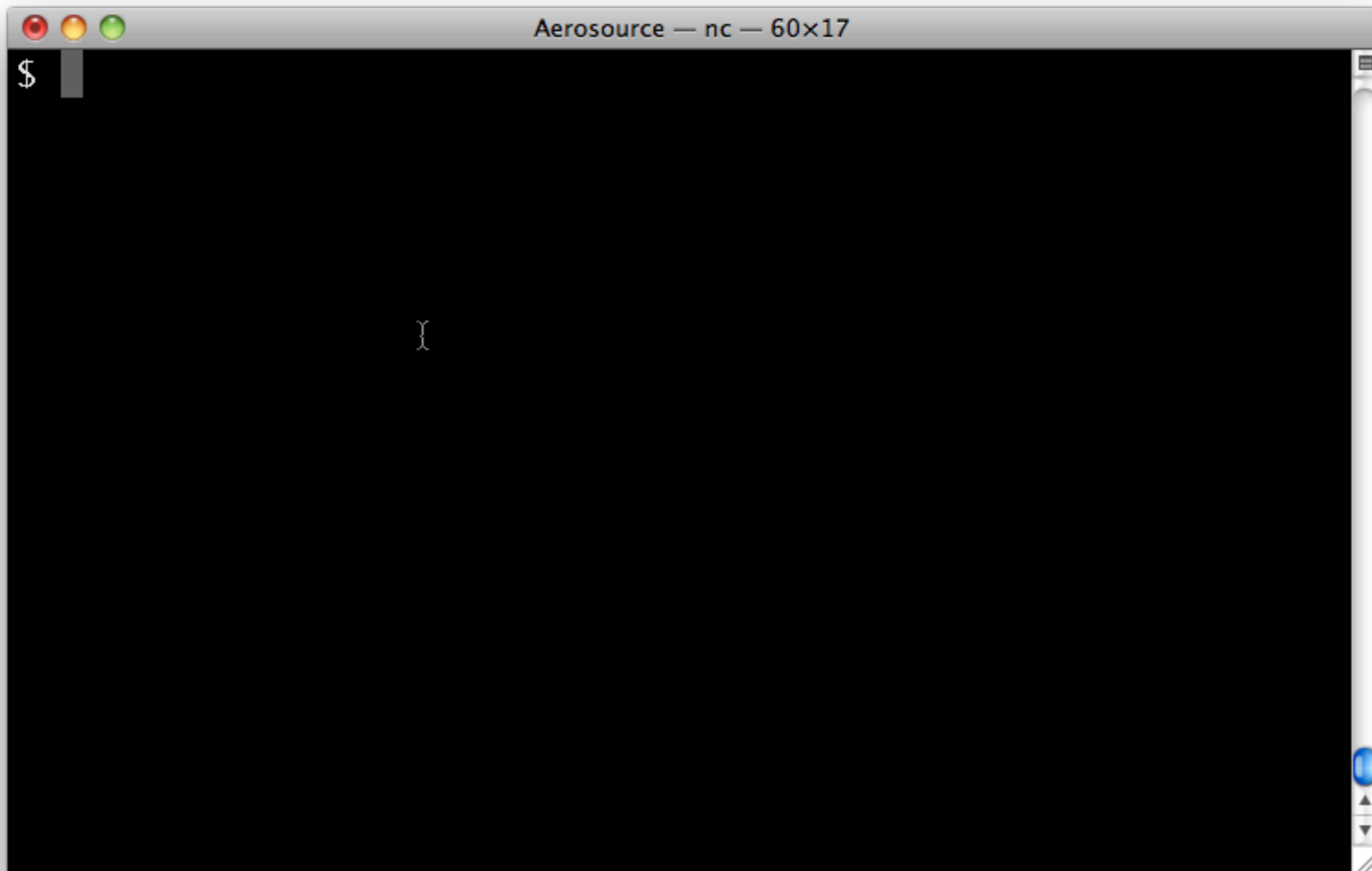
And that's it for the update.

You might have noticed that we didn't remove the snapshot on the remote system. The reason for this is that we don't need to due to our use of the `-F` option to `zfs receive`. It removes filesystems and snapshots that were removed on the source side as well as any changes made on the target side since the snapshot specified by `-I`

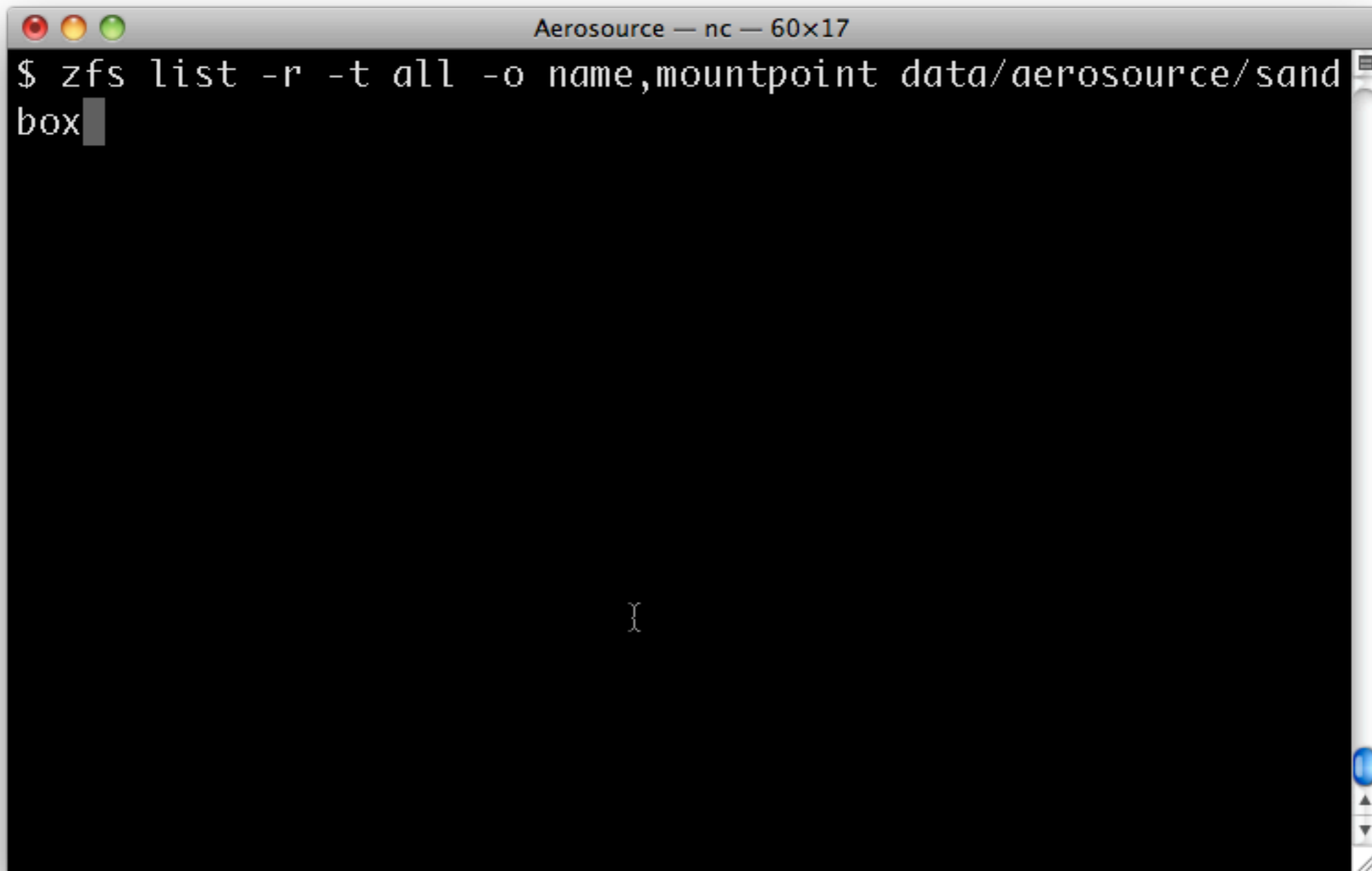
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Aerosource — nc — 60x17
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user    0m0.021s
sys     0m0.039s
$ zfs set aerosource.aero.org:lastsnap:aerosource-vm-dev.aer
o.org=rep_1298841721 data/aerosource/sandbox
$ zfs destroy -r data/aerosource/sandbox@rep_1298838010
$ clear
```







A terminal window titled "Aerosource — nc — 60x17" with standard macOS window controls (red, yellow, green buttons) at the top left. The terminal text is white on a black background. The command entered is "\$ zfs list -r -t all -o name,mountpoint data/aerosource/sand" followed by "box" on the next line. A cursor is visible at the end of the second line. A vertical scrollbar is on the right side of the terminal area.

```
Aerosource — nc — 60x17
$ zfs list -r -t all -o name,mountpoint data/aerosource/sand
box
```

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Aerosource — nc — 60x17
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box
NAME                                MOUNTPOINT
data/aerosource/sandbox              /aerosource/sandbox
data/aerosource/sandbox@rep_1298841721 -
$
```



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Aerosource — nc — 60x17
$ zfs list -r -t all -o name,mountpoint data/aerosource/sand
box
NAME                                MOUNTPOINT
data/aerosource/sandbox              /aerosource/sandbox
data/aerosource/sandbox@rep_1298841721 -
$ ssh aerosource-vm-dev.aero.org zfs list -r -t all -o name,
mountpoint data/aerosource/sandbox
```



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Aerosource — nc — 60x17
$ zfs list -r -t all -o name,mountpoint data/aerosource/sand
box
NAME                                MOUNTPOINT
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NAME                                MOUNTPOINT
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data/aerosource/sandbox@rep_1298838010 -
data/aerosource/sandbox@rep_1298841721 -
$ █
```



```
Aerosource — nc — 60x17
$ zfs list -r -t all -o name,mountpoint data/aerosource/sand
box
NAME                                MOUNTPOINT
data/aerosource/sandbox             /aerosource/sandbox
data/aerosource/sandbox@rep_1298841721 -
$ ssh aerosource-vm-dev.aero.org zfs list -r -t all -o name,
mountpoint data/aerosource/sandbox
NAME                                MOUNTPOINT
data/aerosource/sandbox             /aerosource/sandbox
data/aerosource/sandbox@rep_1298838010 -
data/aerosource/sandbox@rep_1298841721 -
$ zfs snapshot -r data/aerosource/sandbox@rep_1298842588
```



```
Aerosource — nc — 60x17
$ zfs list -r -t all -o name,mountpoint data/aerosource/sand
box
NAME                                MOUNTPOINT
data/aerosource/sandbox              /aerosource/sandbox
data/aerosource/sandbox@rep_1298841721 -
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NAME                                MOUNTPOINT
data/aerosource/sandbox              /aerosource/sandbox
data/aerosource/sandbox@rep_1298838010 -
data/aerosource/sandbox@rep_1298841721 -
$ zfs snapshot -r data/aerosource/sandbox@rep_1298842588
$ █
```



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Aerosource — nc — 60x17
$ zfs list -r -t all -o name,mountpoint data/aerosource/sand
box
NAME                                MOUNTPOINT
data/aerosource/sandbox              /aerosource/sandbox
data/aerosource/sandbox@rep_1298841721 -
$ ssh aerosource-vm-dev.aero.org zfs list -r -t all -o name,
mountpoint data/aerosource/sandbox
NAME                                MOUNTPOINT
data/aerosource/sandbox              /aerosource/sandbox
data/aerosource/sandbox@rep_1298838010 -
data/aerosource/sandbox@rep_1298841721 -
$ zfs snapshot -r data/aerosource/sandbox@rep_1298842588
$ zfs send -R -I @rep_1298841721 data/aerosource/sandbox@rep
_1298842588 | ssh root@aerosource-vm-dev.aero.org zfs receiv
e -F -d data
```



```
Aerosource — nc — 60x17
$ zfs list -r -t all -o name,mountpoint data/aerosource/sand
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NAME                                MOUNTPOINT
data/aerosource/sandbox              /aerosource/sandbox
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NAME                                MOUNTPOINT
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mountpoint data/aerosource/sandbox
NAME                                MOUNTPOINT
data/aerosource/sandbox              /aerosource/sandbox
data/aerosource/sandbox@rep_1298838010 -
data/aerosource/sandbox@rep_1298841721 -
$ zfs snapshot -r data/aerosource/sandbox@rep_1298842588
$ zfs send -R -I @rep_1298841721 data/aerosource/sandbox@rep
_1298842588 | ssh root@aerosource-vm-dev.aero.org zfs receiv
e -F -d data
$ zfs set aerosource.aero.org:lastsnap:aerosource-vm-dev.aer
o.org=rep_1298842588 data/aerosource/sandbox
```



```
Aerosource — nc — 60x17
box
NAME                                MOUNTPOINT
data/aerosource/sandbox             /aerosource/sandbox
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$ ssh aerosource-vm-dev.aero.org zfs list -r -t all -o name,
mountpoint data/aerosource/sandbox
NAME                                MOUNTPOINT
data/aerosource/sandbox             /aerosource/sandbox
data/aerosource/sandbox@rep_1298838010 -
data/aerosource/sandbox@rep_1298841721 -
$ zfs snapshot -r data/aerosource/sandbox@rep_1298842588
$ zfs send -R -I @rep_1298841721 data/aerosource/sandbox@rep
_1298842588 | ssh root@aerosource-vm-dev.aero.org zfs receiv
e -F -d data
$ zfs set aerosource.aero.org:lastsnap:aerosource-vm-dev.aer
o.org=rep_1298842588 data/aerosource/sandbox
$
```



```
Aerosource — nc — 60x17
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data/aerosource/sandbox@rep_1298841721 -
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mountpoint data/aerosource/sandbox
NAME MOUNTPOINT
data/aerosource/sandbox /aerosource/sandbox
data/aerosource/sandbox@rep_1298838010 -
data/aerosource/sandbox@rep_1298841721 -
$ zfs snapshot -r data/aerosource/sandbox@rep_1298842588
$ zfs send -R -I @rep_1298841721 data/aerosource/sandbox@rep
_1298842588 | ssh root@aerosource-vm-dev.aero.org zfs receiv
e -F -d data
$ zfs set aerosource.aero.org:lastsnap:aerosource-vm-dev.aer
o.org=rep_1298842588 data/aerosource/sandbox
$ zfs destroy -r data/aerosource/sandbox@rep_1298841721
```



```
Aerosource — nc — 60x17
data/aerosource/sandbox /aerosource/sandbox
data/aerosource/sandbox@rep_1298841721 -
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o.org=rep_1298842588 data/aerosource/sandbox
$ zfs destroy -r data/aerosource/sandbox@rep_1298841721
$
```



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Aerosource — nc — 60x17
data/aerosource/sandbox@rep_1298841721 -
$ ssh aerosource-vm-dev.aero.org zfs list -r -t all -o name,
mountpoint data/aerosource/sandbox
NAME                                MOUNTPOINT
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$ zfs set aerosource.aero.org:lastsnap:aerosource-vm-dev.aer
o.org=rep_1298842588 data/aerosource/sandbox
$ zfs destroy -r data/aerosource/sandbox@rep_1298841721
$ zfs list -r -t all -o name,mountpoint data/aerosource/sand
box
```



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Aerosource — nc — 60x17
NAME                                MOUNTPOINT
data/aerosource/sandbox            /aerosource/sandbox
data/aerosource/sandbox@rep_1298838010 -
data/aerosource/sandbox@rep_1298841721 -
$ zfs snapshot -r data/aerosource/sandbox@rep_1298842588
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$ zfs set aerosource.aero.org:lastsnap:aerosource-vm-dev.aero.org=rep_1298842588 data/aerosource/sandbox
$ zfs destroy -r data/aerosource/sandbox@rep_1298841721
$ zfs list -r -t all -o name,mountpoint data/aerosource/sandbox
NAME                                MOUNTPOINT
data/aerosource/sandbox            /aerosource/sandbox
data/aerosource/sandbox@rep_1298842588 -
$
```



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data/aerosource/sandbox /aerosource/sandbox
data/aerosource/sandbox@rep_1298838010 -
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data/aerosource/sandbox@rep_1298842588 -
$ ssh aerosource-vm-dev.aero.org zfs list -r -t all -o name,
mountpoint data/aerosource/sandbox
```



```
Aerosource — nc — 60x17
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$ zfs set aerosource.aero.org:lastsnap:aerosource-vm-dev.aero.org=rep_1298842588 data/aerosource/sandbox
$ zfs destroy -r data/aerosource/sandbox@rep_1298841721
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NAME                                MOUNTPOINT
data/aerosource/sandbox             /aerosource/sandbox
data/aerosource/sandbox@rep_1298841721 -
data/aerosource/sandbox@rep_1298842588 -
$
```





# Scripting with ZFS



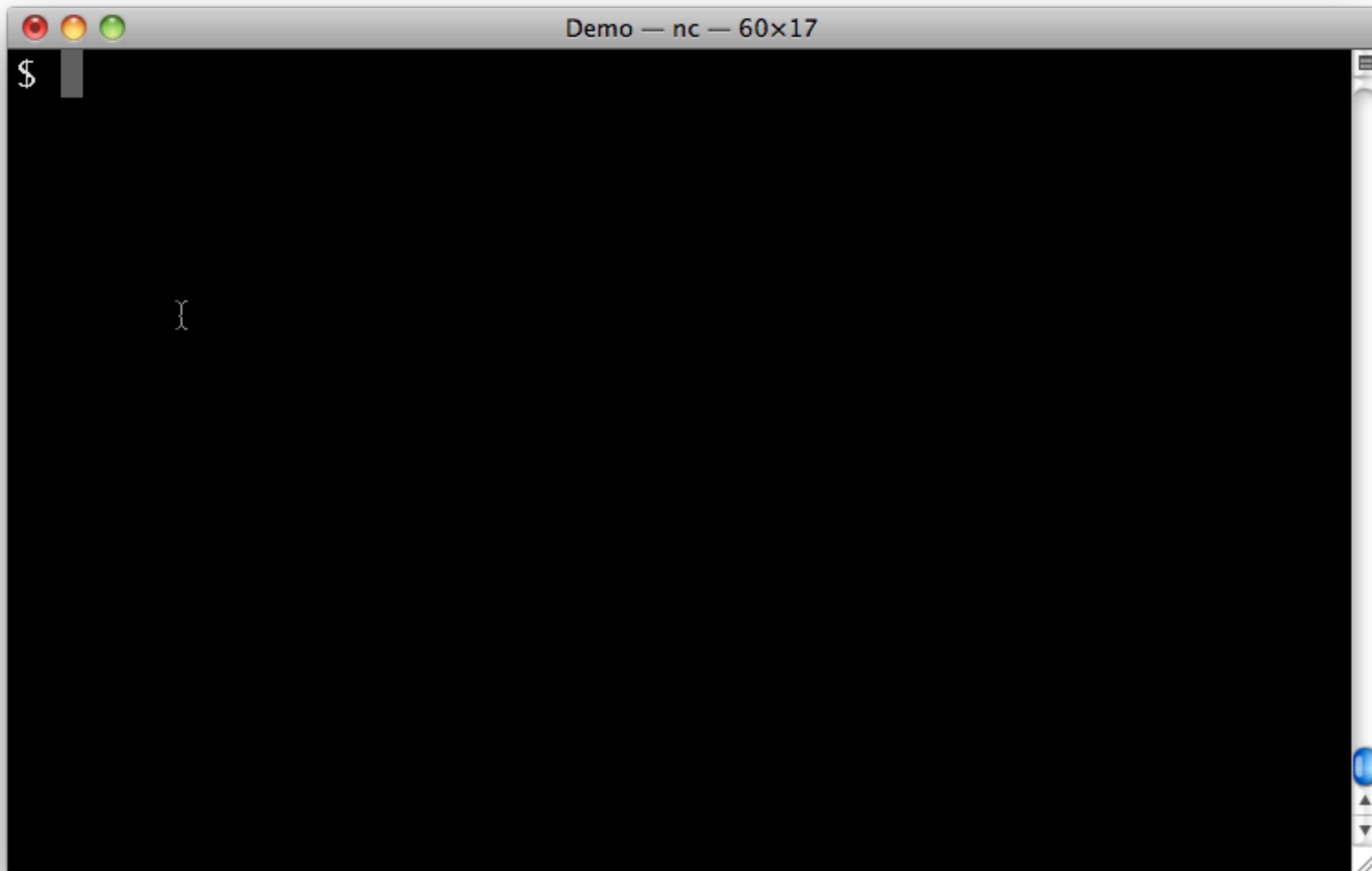
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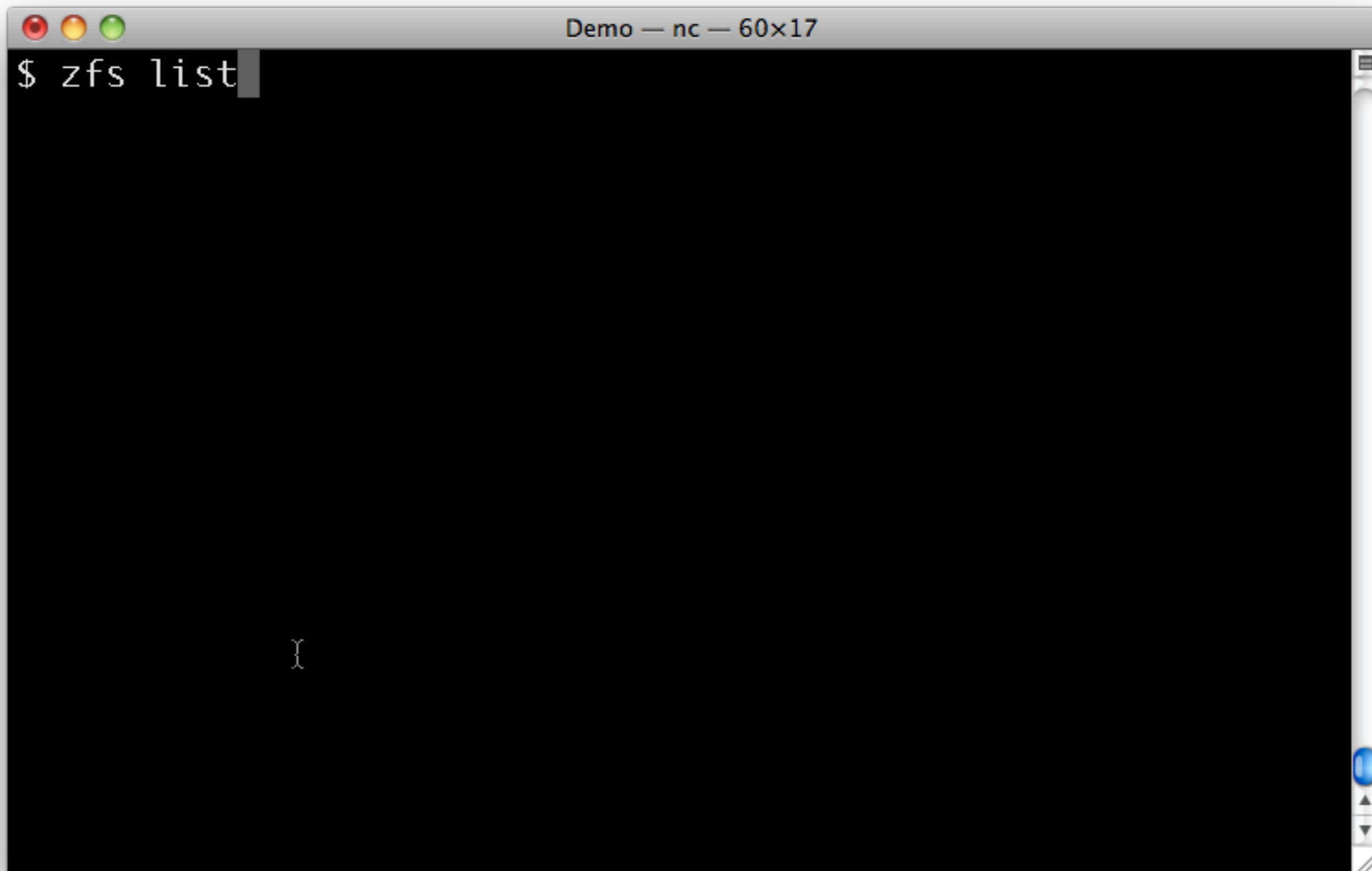
That's it for my concrete examples. For the replication I suggest looking over the script in the paper. I hope to release an updated version of the script soon with our latest improvements.

Now for some tidbits on ZFS and scripting.

**Default output is  
human friendly, not  
machine friendly**

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A terminal window titled "Demo — nc — 60x17" with standard macOS window controls (red, yellow, green buttons) in the top-left corner. The terminal background is black with white text. The command "\$ zfs list" is entered at the top left, followed by a grey cursor block. A white cursor is positioned in the center of the terminal area. On the right side, there is a vertical scrollbar and a blue mouse cursor icon.

```
$ zfs list
```

```
Demo — nc — 60x17
$ zfs list
NAME          USED  AVAIL  REFER  MOUNTPOINT
test          239K  457G   24K    /test
test/a        38K   457G   22K    /test/a
test/b        21K   457G   21K    /test/b
$
```



```
Demo — nc — 60x17
$ zfs list
NAME          USED  AVAIL  REFER  MOUNTPOINT
test          239K  457G   24K    /test
test/a        38K   457G   22K    /test/a
test/b        21K   457G   21K    /test/b
$ zfs get all test | more
```



```
Demo — nc — 60x17
NAME  PROPERTY          VALUE              SOURCE
test  type              filesystem         -
test  creation          Sat Feb 26 21:54 2011 -
test  used              239K              -
test  available          457G              -
test  referenced         24K               -
test  compressratio     1.00x            -
test  mounted           yes               -
test  quota             none              default
test  reservation       none              default
test  recordsize        128K              default
test  mountpoint        /test             default
test  sharenfs          off               default
test  checksum          on                default
test  compression       off               default
test  atime             on                default
--More--(byte 901)
```



```
Demo — nc — 60x17
test devices      on      default
test exec         on      default
test setuid       on      default
test readonly    off     default
test jailed      off     default
test snapdir     hidden  default
test aclmode     groupmask default
test aclinherit  restricted default
test canmount    on      default
test shareiscsi  off     default
test xattr       off     temporary
test copies      1      default
test version     4      -
test utf8only    off     -
test normalization none    -
test casesensitivity sensitive -
--More--(byte 1823)
```





```
Demo — nc — 60x17
test  copies          1          default
test  version          4          -
test  utf8only         off         -
test  normalization   none        -
test  casesensitivity  sensitive  -
test  vscan            off         default
test  nbmand           off         default
test  sharesmb         off         default
test  refquota         none        default
test  refreservation  none        default
test  primarycache    all         default
test  secondarycache  all         default
test  usedbysnapshots  21K        -
test  usedbydataset    24K        -
test  usedbychildren   194K       -
test  usedbyrefreservation 0          -
$
```



```
Demo — nc — 60x17
test  copies          1          default
test  version          4          -
test  utf8only         off         -
test  normalization   none       -
test  casesensitivity  sensitive  -
test  vscan            off        default
test  nbmand           off        default
test  sharesmb         off        default
test  refquota         none       default
test  refreservation  none       default
test  primarycache     all        default
test  secondarycache   all        default
test  usedbysnapshots  21K       -
test  usedbydataset    24K       -
test  usedbychildren   194K      -
test  usedbyreservation 0          -
$ zfs get referenced test
```



```
Demo — nc — 60x17
test normalization none -
test casesensitivity sensitive -
test vscan off default
test nbmand off default
test sharesmb off default
test refquota none default
test refreservation none default
test primarycache all default
test secondarycache all default
test usedbysnapshots 21K -
test usedbydataset 24K -
test usedbychildren 194K -
test usedbyrefreservation 0 -
$ zfs get referenced test
NAME PROPERTY VALUE SOURCE
test referenced 24K -
$ █ }
```



```
Demo — nc — 60x17
test normalization none -
test casesensitivity sensitive -
test vscan off default
test nbmand off default
test sharesmb off default
test refquota none default
test refreservation none default
test primarycache all default
test secondarycache all default
test usedbysnapshots 21K -
test usedbydataset 24K -
test usedbychildren 194K -
test usedbyrefreservation 0 -
$ zfs get referenced test
NAME PROPERTY VALUE SOURCE
test referenced 24K -
$ zfs get -H referenced test
```



```
Demo — nc — 60x17
test  vscan          off          default
test  nbmand           off          default
test  sharesmb        off          default
test  refquota        none         default
test  refreservation  none         default
test  primarycache    all          default
test  secondarycache  all          default
test  usedbysnapshots 21K         -
test  usedbydataset   24K         -
test  usedbychildren  194K        -
test  usedbyreservation 0            -
$ zfs get referenced test
NAME PROPERTY  VALUE  SOURCE
test  referenced 24K    -
$ zfs get -H referenced test
test  referenced 24K    -
$
```



```
Demo — nc — 60x17
test  vscan          off          default
test  nbmand          off          default
test  sharesmb       off          default
test  refquota       none         default
test  refreservation none         default
test  primarycache   all          default
test  secondarycache all          default
test  usedbysnapshots 21K         -
test  usedbydataset  24K         -
test  usedbychildren  194K        -
test  usedbyreservation 0           -
$ zfs get referenced test
NAME PROPERTY      VALUE  SOURCE
test  referenced   24K    -
$ zfs get -H referenced test
test  referenced      24K    -
$ zfs get -H -o value referenced test
```



```
Demo — nc — 60x17
test sharesmb off default
test refquota none default
test refreservation none default
test primarycache all default
test secondarycache all default
test usedbysnapshots 21K -
test usedbydataset 24K -
test usedbychildren 194K -
test usedbyreservation 0 -
$ zfs get referenced test
NAME PROPERTY VALUE SOURCE
test referenced 24K -
$ zfs get -H referenced test
test referenced 24K -
$ zfs get -H -o value referenced test
24K
$
```



```
Demo — nc — 60x17
test sharesmb off default
test refquota none default
test refreservation none default
test primarycache all default
test secondarycache all default
test usedbysnapshots 21K -
test usedbydataset 24K -
test usedbychildren 194K -
test usedbyreservation 0 -
$ zfs get referenced test
NAME PROPERTY VALUE SOURCE
test referenced 24K -
$ zfs get -H referenced test
test referenced 24K -
$ zfs get -H -o value referenced test
24K
$ zfs get -H -p -o value referenced test
```





```
Demo — nc — 60x17
test  reservation      none      default
test  primarycache      all       default
test  secondarycache    all       default
test  usedbysnapshots   21K      -
test  usedbydataset     24K      -
test  usedbychildren   194K     -
test  usedbyreservation 0         -
$ zfs get referenced test
NAME PROPERTY      VALUE  SOURCE
test  referenced   24K    -
$ zfs get -H referenced test
test  referenced      24K    -
$ zfs get -H -o value referenced test
24K
$ zfs get -H -p -o value referenced test
24576
$
```

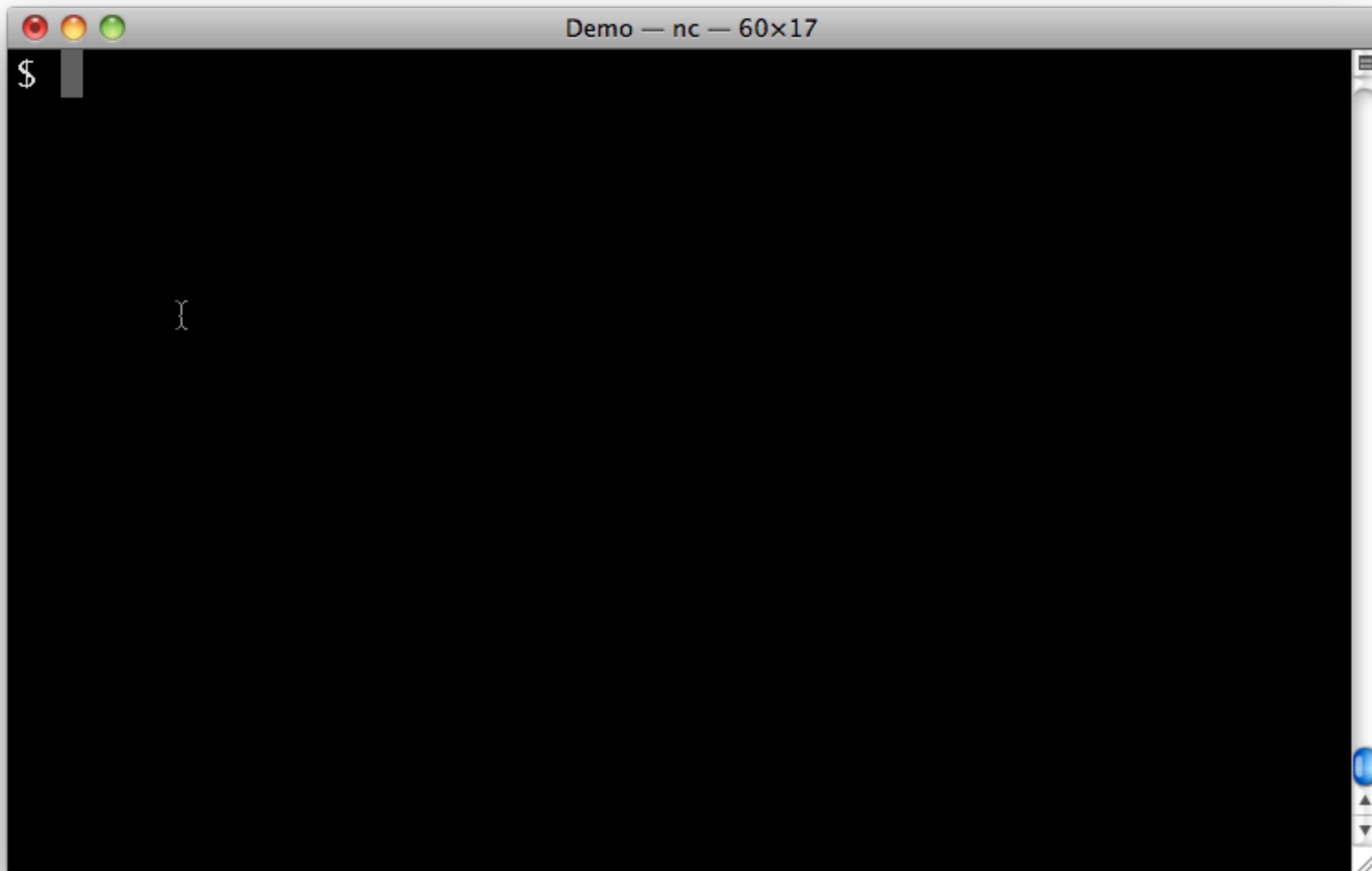


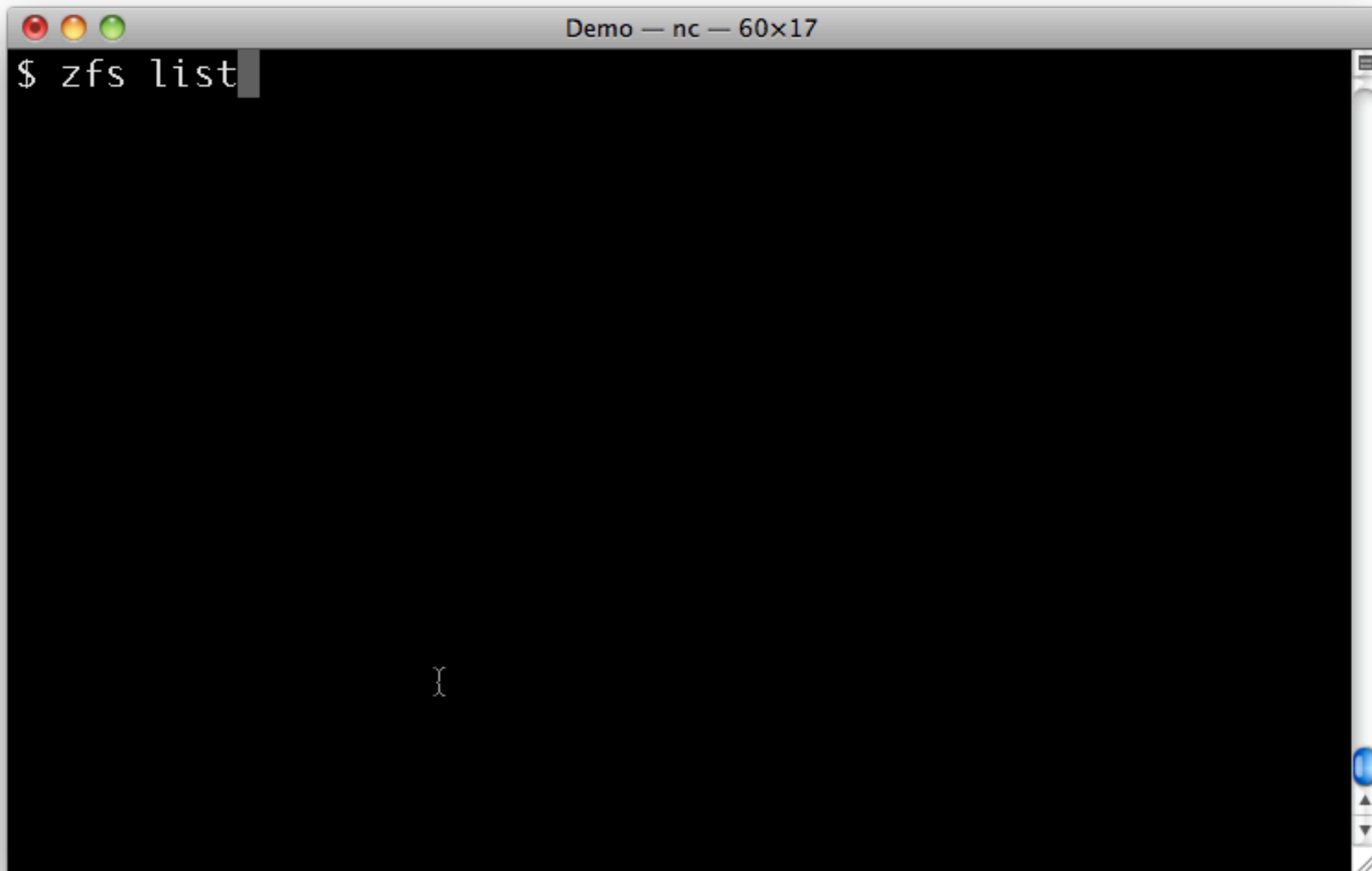
# Restricting zfs list output



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One other thing that is useful to do is to restrict the output of “zfs list”





A terminal window titled "Demo — nc — 60x17" with a dark background. The command "\$ zfs list" is entered at the top left. A cursor is visible in the center of the terminal area. The window has standard macOS-style window controls (red, yellow, green buttons) at the top left and a scroll bar on the right side.

```
$ zfs list
```

```
Demo — nc — 60x17
$ zfs list
NAME          USED  AVAIL  REFER  MOUNTPOINT
test          390K  457G   24K    /test
test/a        85K   457G   24K    /test/a
test/a/a      21K   457G   21K    /test/a/a
test/a/b      21K   457G   21K    /test/a/b
test/b        84K   457G   24K    /test/b
test/b/a      21K   457G   21K    /test/b/a
test/b/b      21K   457G   21K    /test/b/b
$
```



For example you might have a file system hierarchy like this.

```
Demo — nc — 60x17
$ zfs list
NAME          USED  AVAIL  REFER  MOUNTPOINT
test          390K  457G   24K    /test
test/a        85K   457G   24K    /test/a
test/a/a      21K   457G   21K    /test/a/a
test/a/b      21K   457G   21K    /test/a/b
test/b        84K   457G   24K    /test/b
test/b/a      21K   457G   21K    /test/b/a
test/b/b      21K   457G   21K    /test/b/b
$ zfs list test
```



```
Demo — nc — 60x17
$ zfs list
NAME          USED    AVAIL    REFER    MOUNTPOINT
test          390K    457G    24K      /test
test/a        85K     457G    24K      /test/a
test/a/a      21K     457G    21K      /test/a/a
test/a/b      21K     457G    21K      /test/a/b
test/b        84K     457G    24K      /test/b
test/b/a      21K     457G    21K      /test/b/a
test/b/b      21K     457G    21K      /test/b/b
$ zfs list test
NAME    USED    AVAIL    REFER    MOUNTPOINT
test   390K    457G    24K      /test
$
```



```
Demo — nc — 60x17
$ zfs list
NAME          USED    AVAIL    REFER    MOUNTPOINT
test          390K    457G    24K      /test
test/a        85K     457G    24K      /test/a
test/a/a      21K     457G    21K      /test/a/a
test/a/b      21K     457G    21K      /test/a/b
test/b        84K     457G    24K      /test/b
test/b/a      21K     457G    21K      /test/b/a
test/b/b      21K     457G    21K      /test/b/b
$ zfs list test
NAME    USED    AVAIL    REFER    MOUNTPOINT
test   390K    457G    24K      /test
$ zfs list -d1 test
```





```
Demo — nc — 60x17
NAME      USED    AVAIL   REFER  MOUNTPOINT
test      390K    457G   24K    /test
test/a    85K     457G   24K    /test/a
test/a/a  21K     457G   21K    /test/a/a
test/a/b  21K     457G   21K    /test/a/b
test/b    84K     457G   24K    /test/b
test/b/a  21K     457G   21K    /test/b/a
test/b/b  21K     457G   21K    /test/b/b
$ zfs list test
NAME      USED    AVAIL   REFER  MOUNTPOINT
test      390K    457G   24K    /test
$ zfs list -d1 test
NAME      USED    AVAIL   REFER  MOUNTPOINT
test      390K    457G   24K    /test
test/a    85K     457G   24K    /test/a
test/b    84K     457G   24K    /test/b
$
```



# ZFS Scripting Deficiencies

- Need to get all props if you use variable prop names like `aerosource.aero.org:lastsnap:host`
- Need to scan “zfs list” output to get lists of snapshots, filesystems, etc
- Adding `fnmatch()` support to the `get` and `list` commands would help



# Conclusions

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We're using ZFS in a number of interesting ways and I think it's making our lives easier. I hope this talk inspires you to think about more interesting things you can do with ZFS. There are a lot of basic scripts out there, but there's room for more interesting frameworks.

# Questions?



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