Symbolic Links in Athena

How do I create a symbolic link in Athena?

Context

- A symbolic link is a pointer to another file or directory. It can be used just like the original file or directory.
- A common use of symbolic links at Athena is to create redirects to `/www` directories.

Example

User mrhalp has created a page in his `/www` directory. He would like visitors to use the URL `"http://web.mit.edu/mrhalp"` rather than `"http://web.mit.edu/mrhalp/www"`.

Rather than have multiple copies of his site, mrhalp can create a symbolic link in the `/mrhalp` that points to `/mrhalp/www/index.html`.

Solution

`ln -s `**`TARGET-DIRECTORY-OR-FILE SHORTCUT`**

Ex. (Working directory is /afs/athena.mit.edu/user/m/r/mrhalp/)

`athena% ln -s ~/www/index.html index.html`