Basic Linux Commands

1) pwd

Function: Print the current working directory.

Syntax: pwd

```
bijay@bijay-VirtualBox:~

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pwd

/home/bijay

bijay@bijay-VirtualBox:~

bijay@bijay-VirtualBox:~
```

2) cd

Function: Change the current directory.

Syntax: cd [directory]

```
bijay@bijay-VirtualBox: ~/Desktop
bijay@bijay-VirtualBox: ~$ pwd
/home/bijay
bijay@bijay-VirtualBox: ~$ cd Desktop/
bijay@bijay-VirtualBox: ~/Desktop$
```

3) ls

Function: List the files and directories in the current directory.

Syntax: ls [options] [directory]

```
bijay@bijay-VirtualBox:~$ ls

Desktop Documents Downloads Music Pictures Public snap Templates Videos
bijay@bijay-VirtualBox:~$
```

4) ls -all

Function: List the files and directories in the current directory.

Syntax: ls -all

```
bijay@bijay-VirtualBox:~$ ls -all
total 76
drwxr-x--- 15 bijay bijay 4096 Aug 7 12:58
drwxr-xr-x 3 root root 4096 Aug 7 08:41
           1 bijay bijay 712 Sep 2 09:40 .bash_history
           1 bijay bijay 220 Mar 31 14:26 .bash_logout
-rw-r--r-- 1 bijay bijay 3771 Mar 31 14:26 .bashrc
drwx----- 10 bijay bijay 4096 Aug 7 12:58 .cache
drwx----- 11 bijay bijay 4096 Aug 7 09:02 .config
drwxr-xr-x 4 bijay bijay 4096 Sep 2 09:35 Desktop
drwxr-xr-x 2 bijay bijay 4096 Aug 7 08:43 Documents
drwxr-xr-x 3 bijay bijay 4096 Aug 7 12:57 Downloads
drwx----- 4 bijay bijay 4096 Aug 7 08:43 .local
drwxr-xr-x 2 bijay bijay 4096 Aug 7 08:43 Music
drwxr-xr-x 2 bijay bijay 4096 Aug 7 08:43 Pictures
-rw-r--r-- 1 bijay bijay 807 Mar 31 14:26 .profile
drwxr-xr-x 2 bijay bijay 4096 Aug 7 08:43 Public
          6 bijay bijay 4096 Sep 2 09:26 snap
drwx----- 2 bijay bijay 4096 Aug 7 08:42 .ssh
-rw-r--r-- 1 bijay bijay
                           0 Aug 7 12:49 .sudo_as_admin_successful
drwxr-xr-x 2 bijay bijay 4096 Aug 7 08:43 Templates
drwxr-xr-x 2 bijay bijay 4096 Aug 7 08:43 Videos
```

5) mkdir

Function: Create a new directory. Syntax: mkdir [options] directory

```
bijay@bijay-VirtualBox:-$ mkdir csit4th
bijay@bijay-VirtualBox:-$
```

6) touch

Function: Create an empty file or update the timestamp of an existing file. Syntax: touch [options] file

```
bijay@bijay-VirtualBox:~$ touch newfile.txt
bijay@bijay-VirtualBox:~$
```

7) chmod

Function: Change the permissions of a file or directory. Set permissions to read, write, and execute for the user, and read and execute for the group and others Syntax: chmod [permissions] file

```
bijay@bijay-VirtualBox:-$ chmod 755 newfile.txt
bijay@bijay-VirtualBox:-$ ls -l newfile.txt
-rwxr-xr-x 1 bijay bijay 0 Sep 2 09:52 newfile.txt
bijay@bijay-VirtualBox:-$
```

8) rm

Function: Remove a file. Syntax: rm [options] file

```
bijay@bijay-VirtualBox:~$ rm newfile.txt
bijay@bijay-VirtualBox:~$ ls -l
total 40
drwxrwxr-x 2 bijay bijay 4096 Sep 2 09:50 csit4th
drwxr-xr-x 4 bijay bijay 4096 Sep 2 09:35 Desktop
drwxr-xr-x 2 bijay bijay 4096 Aug 7 08:43 Documents
drwxr-xr-x 3 bijay bijay 4096 Aug 7 12:57 Downloads
drwxr-xr-x 2 bijay bijay 4096 Aug 7 08:43 Music
drwxr-xr-x 2 bijay bijay 4096 Aug 7 08:43 Pictures
drwxr-xr-x 2 bijay bijay 4096 Aug 7 08:43 Public
drwx----- 6 bijay bijay 4096 Sep 2 09:26 snap
drwxr-xr-x 2 bijay bijay 4096 Aug 7 08:43 Templates
drwxr-xr-x 2 bijay bijay 4096 Aug 7 08:43 Videos
bijay@bijay-VirtualBox:~$
```

9). vi

Function: Open and edit the file using the Vim text editor. Syntax: vi file

```
I am BIjay Sah Rauniyar

I am Bijay Sah Rauniyar

"newfile.txt" 9 lines, 37 bytes
```

10). cat

Function: Display the content of the file.

Syntax: cat [options] file

```
bijay@bijay-VirtualBox:~$ cat newfile.txt

I am BIjay Sah Rauniyar

bijay@bijay-VirtualBox:~$
```

11). tree

Function: Display directory structure in a tree-like format.

Syntax: tree [options] [directory]

```
bijay@bijay-VirtualBox:-$ tree

csit4th

Desktop
bij
nij.txt
csit4.1
Lcsit4.txt
hello

Documents

Downloads
Apache_OpenOffice_4.1.15_Linux_x86-64_install-deb_en-US
en-US

desktop-integration
openoffice_4.1.15-2_amd64.deb
openoffice-brand-base_4.1.15-2_amd64.deb
openoffice-brand-calc_4.1.15-2_amd64.deb
openoffice-brand-draw_4.1.15-2_amd64.deb
openoffice-brand-draw_4.1.15-2_amd64.deb
openoffice-brand-draw_4.1.15-2_amd64.deb
openoffice-brand-draw_4.1.15-2_amd64.deb
openoffice-brand-draw_4.1.15-2_amd64.deb
openoffice-brand-impress_4.1.15-2_amd64.deb
openoffice-brand-impress_4.1.15-2_amd64.deb
openoffice-brand-impress_4.1.15-2_amd64.deb
```

12) sudo apt-get install

Function: Install a package using the APT package manager.

Syntax: sudo apt-get install package

```
bijay@bijay-VirtualBox:~$ sudo apt-get install vim
[sudo] password for bijay:
Reading package lists... Done
Building dependency tree... Done
Reading state information... Done
The following additional packages will be installed:
   libsodium23 vim-common vim-runtime vim-tiny xxd
Suggested packages:
```

13) History

Function: Display the command history. Syntax:

history

```
bijay@bijay-VirtualBox:~$ history
   1 cd downloads
   3 cd Downlaods
   4 cd Downloads
   6 tar -xvf Apacheoffice_OpenOffice_4.1.14_Linux
     cd
   8 ld
   9 ls
  10 cd Downloads
  11 ls
  12 root
  13 whoami
  14 cd
      ls
  16 cd
      pwd
  17
  18 cd
  19 is
  20 ls
  21 ls-all
  22 cd Desktop/
  23 ls-a;;
```

14) clear

Function: Clear the terminal screen.

Syntax: clear

```
bijay@bijay-VirtualBox:~$
```

15) ln -s

Function: Create a Symbolic Link to a File

Syntax: In -s source destination

16) cp

Function: Copies files or directories from a source to a destination. Syntax: cp [options] source destination

```
bijay@bijay-VirtualBox:~$ cp newfile.txt newfile2.txt
bijay@bijay-VirtualBox:~$ ls
csit4th Documents Music newfile.txt Public Templates
Desktop Downloads newfile2.txt Pictures snap Videos
bijay@bijay-VirtualBox:~$
```

17) mv

Function: Moves files or directories from a source to a destination; can also be used to rename files or directories.

Syntax: mv [options] source destination

```
bijay@bijay-VirtualBox:~$ mv newfile.txt Desktop/
bijay@bijay-VirtualBox:~$ cd Desktop/
bijay@bijay-VirtualBox:~/Desktop$ ls
bij csit4.1 hello newfile.txt
bijay@bijay-VirtualBox:~/Desktop$
```

18) sudo useradd

Function: Adds a new user to the system.

Syntax: sudo useradd [options] username

```
bijay@bijay-VirtualBox:~/Desktop$ sudo useradd newuserbij
[sudo] password for bijay:
bijay@bijay-VirtualBox:~/Desktop$
```

19) sudo passwd

Function: Sets or changes the password for a user.

Syntax: sudo passwd username

```
bijay@bijay-VirtualBox:~/Desktop$ sudo passwd newuserbij
New password:
BAD PASSWORD: The password fails the dictionary check - it is too simplistic/systematic
Retype new password:
passwd: password updated successfully
bijay@bijay-VirtualBox:~/Desktop$
```

20) whoami

Function: Displays the username of the current user.

Syntax: whoami

```
bijay@bijay-VirtualBox:~/Desktop$ whoami
bijay
bijay@bijay-VirtualBox:~/Desktop$
```

21) su

Function: Switches to a different user account.

Syntax: su username

```
bijay@bijay-VirtualBox:~/Desktop$ su newuserbij
Password:
$
```

22) shutdown

Function: Shuts down or restarts the computer.

Syntax: shutdown -h [time] [message]

```
bijay@bijay-VirtualBox:~$ shutdown -h now
```

23) df

Function: Display information about disk space

usage.

Syntax: df [options] [file...]

```
bijay@bijay-VirtualBox:~$ df -h
               Size Used Avail Use% Mounted on
Filesystem
                    1.5M 391M
tmpfs
               392M
                                 1% /run
                               43% /
/dev/sda2
                25G 9.9G
                          14G
                                 0% /dev/shm
                     0 2.0G
tmpfs
               2.0G
                                 1% /run/lock
tmpfs
               5.0M 8.0K 5.0M
               392M 108K 392M
                                 1% /run/user/1000
tmpfs
bijay@bijay-VirtualBox:~$
```

24) ps

Function: Display information about running processes.

Syntax: ps [options]

<u>, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , </u>									
bijay@bijay-VirtualBox:~\$ ps -aux									
USER	PID	%CPU	%MEM	VSZ	RSS	TTY	STAT	START	TIME COMMAND
root	1	1.3	0.3	23112	13952	?	Ss	11:20	0:01 /sbin/init sp
root	2	0.0	0.0	0	0	?	S	11:20	0:00 [kthreadd]
root	3	0.0	0.0	0	0	?	S	11:20	0:00 [pool_workque
root	4	0.0	0.0	0	0	?	I<	11:20	0:00 [kworker/R-rc
root	5	0.0	0.0	0	0	?	I<	11:20	0:00 [kworker/R-rc
root	6	0.0	0.0	0	0	?	I<	11:20	0:00 [kworker/R-sl
root	7	0.0	0.0	0	0	?	I<	11:20	0:00 [kworker/R-ne
root	8	0.0	0.0	0	0	?	I	11:20	0:00 [kworker/0:0-
root	9	0.0	0.0	0	0	?	I	11:20	0:00 [kworker/0:1-
root	10	0.0	0.0	0	0	?	I<	11:20	0:00 [kworker/0:0H
root	11	0.0	0.0	0	0	?	I	11:20	0:00 [kworker/u4:0
root	12	0.0	0.0	0	0	?	I<	11:20	0:00 [kworker/R-mm
root	13	0.0	0.0	0	0	?	I	11:20	0:00 [rcu_tasks_kt
root	14	0.0	0.0	0	0	?	I	11:20	0:00 [rcu_tasks_ru
root	15	0.0	0.0	0	0	?	I	11:20	0:00 [rcu_tasks_tr
root	16	0.0	0.0	0	0	?	S	11:20	0:00 [ksoftirqd/0]
root	17	0.1	0.0	0	0	?	I	11:20	0:00 [rcu_preempt]
root	18	0.0	0.0	0	0	?	S	11:20	0:00 [migration/0]
root	19	0.0	0.0	0	0	?	S	11:20	0:00 [idle_inject/
root	20	0.0	0.0	0	0	?	S	11:20	0:00 [cpuhp/0]
root	21	0.0	0.0	0	0	?	S	11:20	0:00 [cpuhp/1]

25) df -i

Function: Display the inode usage of file systems.

Syntax: df -i

```
bijay@bijay-VirtualBox:~$ df -i
Filesystem
               Inodes IUsed
                               IFree IUse% Mounted on
tmpfs
               501264
                         998 500266
                                       1% /run
/dev/sda2
              1638400 171032 1467368
                                       11% /
                                        1% /dev/shm
tmpfs
               501264
                             501263
                           5 501259
tmpfs
               501264
                                        1% /run/lock
tmpfs
               100252
                         157 100095
                                        1% /run/user/1000
bijay@bijay-VirtualBox:~$
```

Function: Display information about the system, including the kernel version. Syntax: uname -a

```
bijay@bijay-VirtualBox:-$ uname -a
Linux bijay-VirtualBox 6.8.0-31-generic #31-Ubuntu SMP PREEMPT_DYNAMIC Sat Apr 2
0 00:40:06 UTC 2024 x86_64 x86_64 x86_64 GNU/Linux
bijay@bijay-VirtualBox:-$
```

27) env

Function: Display the environment variables for the current session.

Syntax: env

```
SHELL=/bin/bash
SESSION MANAGER=local/bijay-VirtualBox:@/tmp/.ICE-unix/1779,unix/bijay-VirtualBo
x:/tmp/.ICE-unix/1779
QT ACCESSIBILITY=1
COLORTERM=truecolor
XDG_CONFIG_DIRS=/etc/xdg/xdg-ubuntu:/etc/xdg
XDG_MENU_PREFIX=gnome-
GNOME DESKTOP SESSION ID=this-is-deprecated
GNOME_SHELL_SESSION_MODE=ubuntu
SSH_AUTH_SOCK=/run/user/1000/keyring/ssh
MEMORY_PRESSURE_WRITE=c29tZSAyMDAwMDAgMjAwMDAwMAA=
XMODIFIERS=@im=ibus
DESKTOP_SESSION=ubuntu
GTK MODULES=gail:atk-bridge
PWD=/home/bijay
LOGNAME=bijay
XDG_SESSION_DESKTOP=ubuntu
XDG_SESSION_TYPE=wayland
SYSTEMD EXEC PID=1810
XAUTHORITY=/run/user/1000/.mutter-Xwaylandauth.I7H2U2
```

28) uptime

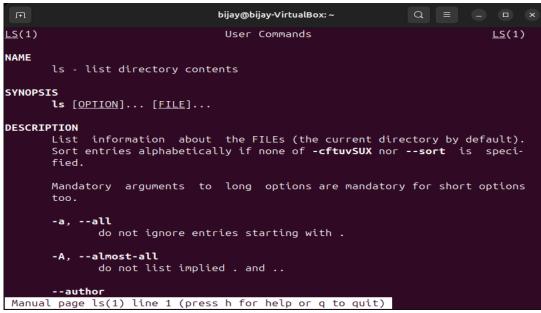
Function: Show how long the system has been running, along with the system load.

Syntax: uptime

```
bijay@bijay-VirtualBox:~$ uptime
11:24:38 up 4 min, 1 user, load average: 0.03, 0.16, 0.09
bijay@bijay-VirtualBox:~$
```

29) man

Function: Display the manual for a command. Syntax: man [command] Example: man ls



30) top

Function: Display real-time system processes and resource usage, such as CPU and memory usage.

Syntax: top

bijay@bijay-VirtualBox:~\$ top top - 11:26:57 up 6 min, 1 user, load average: 0.08, 0.14, 0.09												
Tasks: 192 total, 1 running, 191 sleeping, 0 stopped, 0 zombie												
		: 0.0 us,										
MiB Mem : 3916.1 total, 2116.3 free, 942.6 used, 1108.7 buff/cache MiB Swap: 3916.0 total, 3916.0 free, 0.0 used. 2973.5 avail Mem												
Μ	iB Swap	o: 3916.	0 to	otal,	3916	0 free,	'	0.0	used.	2973	.5 avail	Mem
ľ	PID	USER	PR	NI	VIRT	RES	SHR	S	%CPU	%MEM	TIME+	COMMAND
		root	20	0	325412	9088	7552		0.3	0.2		upowerd
	1810	bijay	20	0	3966696	366244	135364	S	0.3	9.1		gnome-s+
	3317	bijay	20	0	23204	5760	3584	R	0.3	0.1	0:00.06	top
	1	root	20	0	23112	14080	9472	S	0.0	0.4	0:02.35	systemd
	2	root	20	0	0	0	0	S	0.0	0.0		kthreadd
	3	root	20	0	0	0	0	S	0.0	0.0	0:00.00	pool_wo+
	4	root	0	- 20	0	0	0	Ι	0.0	0.0	0:00.00	kworker+
	5	root		- 20	0	0		Ι	0.0	0.0		kworker+
	6	root	0	- 20	0	0	0	Ι	0.0	0.0	0:00.00	kworker+
	7	root	0	- 20	0	0	0	Ι	0.0	0.0	0:00.00	kworker+
	8	root	20	0	0	0	0	Ι	0.0	0.0		kworker+
	9	root	20		0	0		Ι	0.0	0.0		kworker+
	10	root		- 20	0	0		Ι	0.0	0.0		kworker+
	11	root	20	0	0	0	0	Ι	0.0	0.0	0:00.00	kworker+

31) du

Function: Show disk usage of files and directories. Syntax: du [options] [directory] Example: du -sh *

```
bijay@bijay-VirtualBox:~$ du -sh *
4.0K
        csit4th
28K
        Desktop
4.0K
        Documents
320M
        Downloads
4.0K
        Music
4.0K
        newfile2.txt
4.0K
        Pictures
4.0K
        Public
103M
        snap
4.0K
        Templates
4.0K
       Videos
bijay@bijay-VirtualBox:~$
```