

1.1

1. \$ date

Thu Jan-23 08:19:43 IST 2025

2. \$ date +%A

Thursday

3. \$ date +%B

January

4. \$ date +%m

01

5. \$ date +%h

Jan

6. \$ date +%d

23

7. \$ date +%Y

25

8. \$ date +%H

08

9. \$ date +%M

33

10. \$ date +%S

07

11. \$ echo "Welcome to OS"

Welcome to OS

12. \$ cal Oct 2024

October 2024

Su Mo Tu We Th Fr Sa

1 2 3 4 5

6 7 8 9 10 11 12

13 14 15 16 17 18 19

20 21 22 23 24 25 26

27 28 29 30 31

13. \$ bc

3+5

8

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BASIC LINUX COMMANDS

1.1 GENERAL PURPOSE COMMANDS

1. The 'date' command:

The date command displays the current date with day of week, month, day, time (24 hours clock) and the year.

SYNTAX: \$ date

The date command can also be used with following format.

Format	Purpose	Example
+%m	To display only month	\$ date +%m
+%h	To display month name	\$ date +%h
+%d	To display day of month	\$ date +%d
+%y	To display last two digits of the year	\$ date +%y
+%H	To display Hours	\$ date +%H
+%M	To display Minutes	\$ date +%M
+%S	To display Seconds	\$ date +%S

2. The echo command:

The echo command is used to print the message on the screen.

SYNTAX: \$ echo

EXAMPLE: \$ echo "God is Great"

3. The 'cal' command:

The cal command displays the specified month or year calendar.

SYNTAX: \$ cal [month] [year]

EXAMPLE: \$ cal Jan 2012

4. The 'bc' command:

14. \$ who

```
root pts/0 2025-01-23 08:14 (:0)
cse368 pts/1 2025-01-23 08:16 (172.16.9.18)
cse387 pts/5 2025-01-23 08:17 (172.16.9.11)
cse369 pts/12 2025-01-23 08:18 (172.16.9.17)
```

15. \$ who am i

```
cse369 pts/12 2025-01-23 08:18 (172.16.9.17)
```

16. \$ id

```
uid=1370(cse369) gid=1370(cse369) groups=1370(cse369)
context=unconfined_u:unconfined_r:unconfined_t:s0-s0:c0.c1023
```

17. \$ tty

```
/dev/pts/12
```

18. \$ man cat

NAME

cat - concatenate files and print on the standard output

SYNOPSIS

```
cat [OPTION]... [FILE]...
```

DESCRIPTION

Concatenate FILE(s) to standard output

With no FILE, or when FILE is -, read standard input.

-A, --show-all
equivalent to -vET

-b, --number-nonblank

: number nonempty output lines, overrides -n

11. \$ ps

```
PID TTY      TIME CMD
1730 pts/12  00:00:00 bash
5025 pts/12  00:00:00 ps
```

\$ ps -e

```
PID TTY      TIME CMD
1    ?        00:00:02 systemd
2    ?        00:00:00 kthreadd
...
```

Unix offers an online calculator and can be invoked by the command bc.

SYNTAX: \$ bc

EXAMPLE: bc -l

16/4

5/2

5. The 'who' command

The who command is used to display the data about all the users who are currently logged into the system.

SYNTAX: \$ who

6. The 'who am i' command

The who am i command displays data about login details of the user.

SYNTAX: \$ who am i

7. The 'id' command

The id command displays the numerical value corresponding to your login.

SYNTAX: \$ id

8. The 'tty' command

The tty (teletype) command is used to know the terminal name that we are using.

SYNTAX: \$ tty

9. The 'clear' command

The clear command is used to clear the screen of your terminal.

SYNTAX: \$ clear

10. The 'man' command

The man command gives you complete access to the Unix commands.

SYNTAX: \$ man [command]

11. The 'ps' command

The ps command is used to the process currently alive in the machine with the 'ps' (process status) command, which displays information about process that are alive when you run the command. 'ps' produces a snapshot of machine activity.

SYNTAX: \$ ps

EXAMPLE: \$ ps

\$ ps -e

\$ ps -aux

⑫ \$ uname -n

localhost.localdomain

\$ uname -s

Linux

\$ uname -v

#1 SMP Thu Jun 29 20:38:21 UTC 2017

⑬

1. \$ pwd

/home/cse369

2. \$ mkdir 123

\$ cd 123

[cse369@localhost 123] \$ cd

[cse369@localhost ~] \$ vi add.c

[cse369@localhost ~] \$ cc add.c

[cse369@localhost ~] \$./a.out

\$ ls

add.c

\$ cd:

3. [cse369@localhost 123] \$ cd

[cse369@localhost ~] \$

⑭ \$ ls :

add.c

12. The 'uname' command

The uname command is used to display relevant details about the operating system on the standard output.

-m -> Displays the machine id (i.e., name of the system hardware)

-n -> Displays the name of the network node. (host name)

-r -> Displays the release number of the operating system.

-s -> Displays the name of the operating system (i.e., system name)

-v -> Displays the version of the operating system.

-a -> Displays the details of all the above five options.

SYNTAX: \$ uname [option]

EXAMPLE: \$ uname -a

1.2 DIRECTORY COMMANDS

1. The 'pwd' command:

The pwd (print working directory) command displays the current working directory.

SYNTAX: \$ pwd

2. The 'mkdir' command:

The mkdir is used to create an empty directory in a disk.

SYNTAX: \$ mkdir dirname

EXAMPLE: \$ mkdir receee

3. The 'rmdir' command:

The rmdir is used to remove a directory from the disk. Before removing a directory, the directory must be empty (no files and directories).

SYNTAX: \$ rmdir dirname

EXAMPLE: \$ rmdir receee

4. The 'cd' command:

The cd command is used to move from one directory to another.

SYNTAX: \$ cd dirname

EXAMPLE: \$ cd receee

5. The 'ls' command:

1.3.

1. \$ cat > filename
\$ cat > sub-rec

2. \$ cat filename

```
$ cat sub-rec
```

```
#include <stdio.h>
```

```
int main ()
```

```
{
```

```
    int x, y;
```

```
    x = 5;
```

```
    y = 3;
```

```
    z = x - y
```

```
    printf ("%d", z);
```

```
}
```

3. \$ cp

```
$ cp sub-c add-c
```

4. \$ rm ad

```
$ rm add-c
```

5. \$ mv

```
$ mv sub-c add-c
```

6. \$ file

```
$ file add-c
```

```
add-c: C source, ASCII text
```

The ls command displays the list of files in the current working directory.

SYNTAX: \$ ls

EXAMPLE: \$ ls

```
$ ls -l
```

```
$ ls -a
```

1.3 FILE HANDLING COMMANDS

1. The 'cat' command:

The cat command is used to create a file.

SYNTAX: \$ cat > filename

EXAMPLE: \$ cat > rec

2. The 'Display contents of a file' command:

The cat command is also used to view the contents of a specified file.

SYNTAX: \$ cat filename

3. The 'cp' command:

The cp command is used to copy the contents of one file to another and copies the file from one place to another.

SYNTAX: \$ cp oldfile newfile

EXAMPLE: \$ cp cse ece

4. The 'rm' command:

The rm command is used to remove or erase an existing file

SYNTAX: \$ rm filename

EXAMPLE: \$ rm rec

```
$ rm -f rec
```

Use option -fr to delete recursively the contents of the directory and its subdirectories.

5. The 'mv' command:

The mv command is used to move a file from one place to another. It removes a specified file from its original location and places it in specified location.

SYNTAX: \$ mv oldfile newfile

EXAMPLE: \$ mv cse eee

6. The 'file' command:

The file command is used to determine the type of file.

SYNTAX: \$ file filename

EXAMPLE: \$ file receee

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1. Semicolon

\$ who ; date

Student pts/0 2025-01-25 13:30 (:0)
Student pts/1 2025-01-25 13:42 (:0)
Sat Jan 25 14:14:52 1ST 2025

2. &&

\$ who && date

Student pts/0 2025-01-25 13:30 (:0)
student pts/1 2025-01-25 13:42 (:0)
Sat Jan 25 14:14:52 1ST 2025

EXAMPLE:

\$ chmod u-wx college

Removes write & execute permission for users for 'college' file.

\$ chmod u+rw,g+rw college

Assigns read & write permission for users and groups for 'college' file.

\$ chmod g=wx college

Assigns absolute permission for groups of all read, write and execute permissions for 'college' file.

14. The 'Octal Notations' command:

The file permissions can be changed using octal notations also. The octal notations for file permission are

Read permission	4
Write permission	2

EXAMPLE:

\$ chmod 761 college

Execute permission	1
--------------------	---

Assigns all permission to the owner, read and write permissions to the group and only executable permission to the others for 'college' file.

1.4 GROUPING COMMANDS

1. The 'semicolon' command:

The semicolon (;) command is used to separate multiple commands at the command line.

SYNTAX: \$ command1;command2;command3.....;commandn

EXAMPLE: \$ who;date

2. The '&&' operator:

The '&&' operator signifies the logical AND operation in between two or more valid Unix commands. It means that only if the first command is successfully executed, then the next command will be executed.

SYNTAX: \$ command1 && command2 && command3.....&&commandn

EXAMPLE: \$ who && date

3. '\$||' operator

\$ who || date

student	pts/0	2025-01-25	13:30 (:0)
student	pts/1	2025-01-25	13:42 (:0)

4. \$ head

\$ head sub.c

#include <stdio.h>

int main()

{
 int x, y, z;

 x = 5;

 y = 3;

 z = x - y;

 printf("%d", z);

}

5. \$ tail

\$ tail sub.c

#include <stdio.h>

int main()

{
 int x, y, z;

 x = 5;

 y = 3;

 z = x - y;

 printf("%d", z);

}

6. \$ more

\$ ls -l | more

-rw-rw-r--	1	student	student	0	Jan 23 10:33	282
-rw-rw-r--	2	student	student	11	Jan 23 10:37	180

3. The '||' operator:

The '||' operator signifies the logical OR operation in between two or more valid Unix commands. It means, that only if the first command will happen to be unsuccessful, it will continue to execute next commands.

SYNTAX: \$ command1 || command2 || command3 || commandn

EXAMPLE: \$ who || date

1.5 FILTERS

1. The head filter

It displays the first ten lines of a file.

SYNTAX: \$ head filename

EXAMPLE: \$ head college Display the top ten lines.

\$ head -5 college Display the top five lines.

2. The tail filter

It displays ten lines of a file from the end of the file.

SYNTAX: \$ tail filename

EXAMPLE: \$ tail college Display the last ten lines.

\$ tail -5 college Display the last five lines.

3. The more filter:

The pg command shows the file page by page.

SYNTAX: \$ ls -l | more

4. The 'grep' command:

This command is used to search for a particular pattern from a file or from the standard input and display those lines on the standard output. "Grep" stands for "global search for regular expression."

SYNTAX: \$ grep [pattern] [file_name]

EXAMPLE: \$ cat > student

Arun cse

Ram cse

Kani cse

\$ grep "cse" student

Arun cse

Kani cse

5. The 'sort' command:

The sort command is used to sort the contents of a file. The sort command reports only to the

4. cat abn.txt

123633

33258

69733

5. \$ grep

~~\$ grep abn.txt~~

\$ grep "33" abn.txt

123633

33258

69733

6. \$ sort

\$ sort abn.txt

123633

33258

69733

7. \$ sort -n

\$ sort -n abn.txt

69733

33258

69733

8. nl abn.txt

1. 123633

2. 33258

3. 69733

9. \$ cut -c 3 abn.txt

3

2

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screen, the actual file remains unchanged.

SYNTAX: \$ sort filename

EXAMPLE: \$ sort college

OPTIONS:

Command	Purpose
Sort -r college	Sorts and displays the file contents in reverse order
Sort -c college	Check if the file is sorted
Sort -n college	Sorts numerically
Sort -m college	Sorts numerically in reverse order

Sort -u college	Remove duplicate records
Sort -l college	Skip the column with +l (one) option. Sorts according to second column

6. The 'nl' command:

The nl filter adds line numbers to a file and it displays the file and not provides access to edit but simply displays the contents on the screen.

SYNTAX: \$ nl filename

EXAMPLE: \$ nl college

7. The 'cut' command:

We can select specified fields from a line of text using cut command.

SYNTAX: \$ cut -c filename

EXAMPLE: \$ cut -c college

OPTION:

-c - Option cut on the specified character position from each line.

4.5

(1) \$free

	total	used	free	shared	buff	available
Mem	1093876	507092	457020	55300	1029764	1840432
Swap	2125820	0	2125820			

(2) \$top

top - 15:00:33 up 1.01 min, 2 users, load average: 0.01, 0.03

Tasks: 159 total, 2 running, 157 sleeping, 0 stopped

%cpu(s): 0.8 us, 0.3 sy, 0.0 hi, 98.9 id, 0.0 wa, 0.0 hi

KiB Mem: 4062328 total, 2702276 free 487024

(3) \$ps

PID	USER	PR	NI	VIRT	RES	SHRS	%CPU	%MEM	TIME	COMMAND
10	root	20	0	0	0	0 S	0.0	0.0	0.0034	top
1	root	20	0	32264	0	0 S	0.3	0.01	28	system
2	root	0	-20	0	0	0 S	0.0	0.0	0.0000	kernel

1.5 OTHER ESSENTIAL COMMANDS

1. free

Display amount of free and used physical and swapped memory system.

synopsis- free [options]

example

[root@localhost ~]# free -t

total used free shared buff/cache available Mem: 4044380 605464 2045080

148820 1393836 3226708 Swap: 2621436 0 2621436

Total: 6665816 605464 4666516

2. top

It provides a dynamic real-time view of processes in the system.

synopsis- top [options]

example

[root@localhost ~]# top

top - 08:07:28 up 24 min, 2 users, load average: 0.01, 0.06, 0.23

Tasks: 211 total, 1 running, 210 sleeping, 0 stopped, 0 zombie

%Cpu(s): 0.8 us, 0.3 sy, 0.0 ni, 98.9 id, 0.0 wa, 0.0 hi, 0.0 si, 0.0 st

KiB Mem : 4044380 total, 2052960 free, 600452 used, 1390968 buff/cache KiB Swap:

2621436 total, 2621436 free, 0 used. 3234820 avail Mem PID USER PR NI VIRT RES

SHR S %CPU %MEM TIME+ COMMAND

1105 root 20 0 175008 75700 51264 S 1.7 1.9 0:20.46 Xorg 2529 root 0 0 80444

32640 24796 S 1.0 0.8 0:02.47 gnome-term 3. ps

It reports the snapshot of current processes

synopsis- ps [options]

example

[root@localhost ~]# ps -e

5. ps -e

PID	TTY	TIME	CMD
1	?	00:00:01	systemd
2	?	00:00:00	kthreadd
3	?	00:00:00	kworker/0:00

4. vmstat

procs	memory	swap	io	system	CPU
r b	swpd free	bufl cache	si so	bi in	cs us
0 0	0 2702788	65940807036	0 0	103	202 264

5. df

File System	1k-blocks	used	Available	use	1dev
dev tmpfs	2020176	0	2020176	0%	1dev
tmpfs	2031164	0	2031164	0%	1dev

6. ping 172.16.4.1

PING 172.16.4.1 (172.16.4.1) 56(84) bytes of data
 64 bytes from 172.16.4.1: icmp_seq=1 ttl=64 time=0.0
 64 bytes from 172.16.4.1: icmp_seq=2 ttl=64 time=0.0

7. ifconfig

```

enp350: flags=4163<UP, BROADCAST, RUNNING,
MULTICAST> mtu, 500
inet 172.16.9.6 netmask 255.255.252.0
broadcast 172.16.11.255
  
```

PID TTY TIME CMD

```

1 ? 00:00:03 systemd
2 ? 00:00:00 kthreadd
3 ? 00:00:00 ksoftirqd/0
  
```

4. vmstat

It reports virtual memory statistics

synopsis- vmstat [options]

example

```
[root@localhost ~]# vmstat
```

```
procs-----memory-----swap-----io-----system-----cpu---
```

```
- r b swpd free buff cache si so bi bo in cs us sy id wa st 0 0 0 1879368
```

```
1604 1487116 0 0 64 7 72 140 1 0 97 1 0
```

5. df

It displays the amount of disk space available in file-system.

Synopsis- df [options]

example

```
[root@localhost ~]# df
```

Filesystem 1K-blocks Used Available Use% Mounted on

```

devtmpfs 2010800 0 2010800 0% /dev tmpfs 2022188 148 2022040 1% /dev/shm
tmpfs 2022188 1404 2020784 1% /run /dev/sda6 487652 168276 289680 37% /boot
  
```

6. ping

It is used to verify that a device can communicate with another on network. PING stands for Packet Internet Groper.

synopsis- ping [options]

```
[root@localhost ~]# ping 172.16.4.1
```

PING 172.16.4.1 (172.16.4.1) 56(84) bytes of data.

64 bytes from 172.16.4.1: icmp_seq=1 ttl=64 time=0.328 ms

64 bytes from 172.16.4.1: icmp_seq=2 ttl=64 time=0.228 ms

8. traceroute www.rajalakshmi.org
traceroute to www.rajalakshmi.org (14.99.10.232)
30 hops max, 60 byte packets

1. rajalakshmi.org (14.99.10.232) 31.6 20 ms **

64 bytes from 172.16.4.1: icmp_seq=3 ttl=64 time=0.264 ms
64 bytes from 172.16.4.1: icmp_seq=4 ttl=64 time=0.312 ms
^C
--- 172.16.4.1 ping statistics ---
4 packets transmitted, 4 received, 0% packet loss, time 3000ms
rtt min/avg/max/mdev = 0.228/0.283/0.328/0.039 ms

7. ifconfig

It is used to configure network interface.

synopsis- ifconfig [options]

example

[root@localhost ~]# ifconfig

enp2s0: flags=4163<UP,BROADCAST,RUNNING,MULTICAST> mtu 1500
inet 172.16.6.102 netmask 255.255.252.0 broadcast 172.16.7.255
ether 48:0f:cf:6d:60:57 prefixlen 64 scopeid 0x20<link>
ether 48:0f:cf:6d:60:57 txqueuelen 1000 (Ethernet)

RX packets 23216 bytes 2483338 (2.3 MiB)
RX errors 0 dropped 5 overruns 0 frame 0
TX packets 1077 bytes 107740 (105.2 KiB)
TX errors 0 dropped 0 overruns 0 carrier 0 collisions 0 8.

traceroute

It tracks the route the packet takes to reach the destination.

synopsis- traceroute [options]

example

[root@localhost ~]# traceroute www.rajalakshmi.org
traceroute to www.rajalakshmi.org (220.227.30.51), 30 hops max, 60 byte packets
1 gateway (172.16.4.1) 0.299 ms 0.297 ms 0.327 ms
2 220.225.219.38 (220.225.219.38) 6.185 ms 6.203 ms 6.189 ms

Result:

Thus the general purpose commands, the directory commands, file handling commands, grouping commands and other essential commands have been successfully observed and executed.

