

Operating Systems 2

Section 1

Basic Linux terminal commands

A- File management/manipulation commands:

1. **Pwd** : printing current working directory

This command show the directory we are currently working at.

```
guru99@VirtualBox:~$ pwd
/home/guru99
guru99@VirtualBox:~$
```

present working directory

2. **Cd /tmp**: change directory to the directory we pass after it, in this case tmp.

```
guru99@VirtualBox:~$ cd /tmp
guru99@VirtualBox:/tmp$ cd /bin
guru99@VirtualBox:/bin$ cd /usr
guru99@VirtualBox:/usr$ cd /tmp
guru99@VirtualBox:/tmp$
```

Cd ~: the cd tiled goes to the home directory.

Cd /: cd forward slash goes to the root directory.

Cd /dev/cpu: we can change to subdirectory inside a directory in one command.

Cd .. : cd double dots return back one level.

3. **Relative path**: here we write the full path of a file after the cd command like that

Cd /home/fue/Music

Absolute path: here we move directly to the directory name without providing the whole path.

4. **Mv mydirectory newdirectory**: rename the file file1 as file2.

```

home@VirtualBox:~$ mv mydirectory newdirectory
home@VirtualBox:~$ ls
Desktop    Downloads      Music          Pictures  Templates
Documents  examples.desktop newdirectory    Public    Videos
home@VirtualBox:~$

```

B- Listing:

1. **Ls**: listing the contents of the current directory

```

guru99@VirtualBox:~$ ls
Desktop    Downloads      Music          Public    Videos
Documents  examples.desktop Pictures        Templates
guru99@VirtualBox:~$

```

2. **Ls -R**: here we pass an option to the command which list the directories and any subdirectories inside them.

```

guru99@VirtualBox:~$ ls -R
.:
Desktop    Downloads      Music          Public    Videos
Documents  examples.desktop Pictures        Templates

./Desktop:

./Documents:

./Downloads:

./Music:
English

./Music/English:
Rock  Trans

./Music/English/Rock:
Test.mp3

./Music/English/Trans:

./Pictures:

./Public:

./Templates:

./Videos:
guru99@VirtualBox:~$

```

3. **Ls -a**: here we pass an option to the list command which shows all the files include hidden ones with a dot at the begging of their names.

```
guru99@VirtualBox:~$ ls -a
.          .dmrc          .ICEauthority  sample
..         Documents .local         sample1
.bash_history Downloads      .mission-control sample2
.bash_logout examples.desktop Music          Templates
.bashrc    .gconf        Pictures       .thumbnails
.cache     .gnome2       .profile       Videos
.config    .gstreamer-0.10 Public         .Xauthority
.dbus      .gtk-bookmarks .pulse         .xsession-erro
Desktop    .gvfs         .pulse-cookie
guru99@VirtualBox:~$
```

4. **Ls -al**: list all files including the access type, owner, group, size, and date-time.

```
n100@N100: ~
n100@N100:~$ ls -al
total 220
drwxr-xr-x 22 n100 n100 4096 2012-08-18 18:09 .
drwxr-xr-x  3 root root 4096 2012-08-18 04:36 ..
-rw-r--r--  1 n100 n100  117 2012-08-18 18:12 .bash_history
```

C- Directories management commands:

1. **Mkdir**: create new directory taking the name of the directory after it.

```
home@VirtualBox:~$ mkdir mydirectory
home@VirtualBox:~$ ls
Desktop  Downloads  Music      Pictures  Templates
Documents examples.desktop mydirectory Public     Videos
home@VirtualBox:~$
```

2. **Rmdir**: remove directory, but it must be empty or an error message will be shown.
3. **Mv dir1 dir2**: as in files, it rename the directories from dir1 to dir2.

D- Creating and Writing to files:

1. **Cat > file1:** create a file named file1 if not exist, and open it for writing in, ctrl+d to exit.
2. **Cat file1:** show the content of file1.
3. **Cat file1 file2 > file3:** concatenate the content of file1 and file2 and put them in file3.

E- General commands:

1. **History:** show all the command we wrote within the terminal session.
2. **Clear:** clear the content of the terminal.
3. **Man:** show help about any comment wrote behind it.

Refrence: Basic Linux/Unix Commands with Examples, Guru99

<https://www.guru99.com/must-know-linux-commands.html>