

Assignment 2: Basics of Linux and Open-Source Tools

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Assignment Title: Demonstrating Linux Setup, Command Usage, and Automation Through Practical Implementation

1. Introduction:

Linux is one of the most powerful and flexible operating systems used in both academics and industry. It is open-source, secure, and widely used for programming, networking, and server management.

This assignment helped me understand how Linux works and how to use it for daily tasks. I learned to install Ubuntu, use different terminal commands, write shell scripts, and upload my work to GitHub. Doing everything step by step made me realize how important command-line practice is for programmers.

1. Linux Installation:

I installed Ubuntu 22.04 using VirtualBox on my Windows 11 system. The system configuration was:

- Processor: Intel Core i5 1135G7
- RAM: 8 GB
- Disk Space: 100 GB allocated for Ubuntu

Installation Steps:

1. Downloaded the Ubuntu ISO file from the official website.
2. Installed **Oracle VirtualBox** and created a new virtual machine.
3. Allocated memory, storage, and attached the ISO file.

4. Started the VM and followed on-screen steps to install Ubuntu.
5. Created a username and password for login.
6. After installation, updated the system using the command:

All screenshots are attested below this page

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A screenshot of a search results page from a dark-themed search engine. The search bar at the top contains the text "virtualbox". Below the search bar, there are tabs for "Ask", "All", "Images", "News", "Videos", and "Goggles". The "All" tab is currently selected. The main content area displays a search result for "Oracle VirtualBox" from "virtualbox.org". The result includes a small icon of a blue and white box, the text "Oracle VirtualBox", and a link to "virtualbox.org". Below this, there is a brief description of VirtualBox: "VirtualBox is a general-purpose full virtualization software for x86_64 hardware (with version 7.1 additionally for macOS/Arm and with version 7.2 also for Windows/Arm), targeted at laptop, desktop, server and embedded use." Further down, there are two columns of links. The left column includes "Downloads" (with a link to "See our FAQ for answers to common questions. VirtualBox Extension Pack..."), "Download VirtualBox (Old Buil...", "VirtualBox 7.2 (active maintenance)", and "VirtualBox 7.1 (active maintenance)...". The right column includes "Download VirtualBox for Linu..." (with a link to "The VirtualBox base package binaries are released under the terms of the GPL..."), "Download_Old_Builds_6_1" (with a link to "The Extension Packs in this section are released under the VirtualBox Personal..."), and another "Download_Old_Builds_6_1" link.

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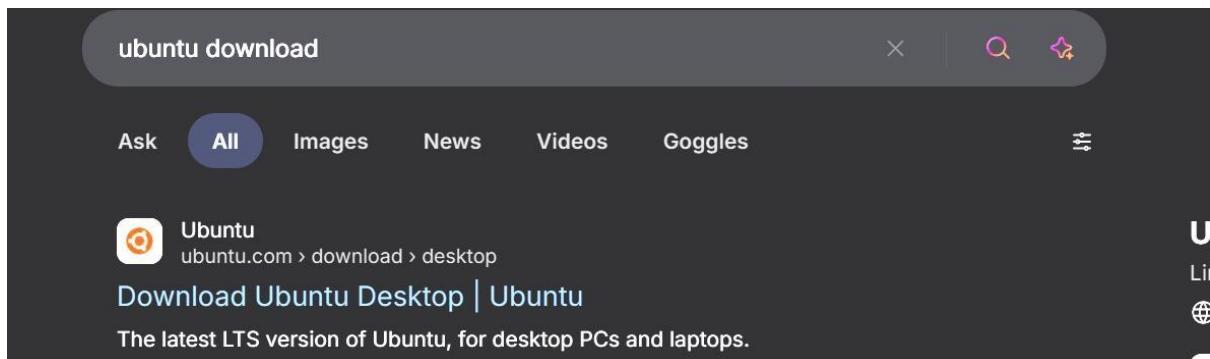


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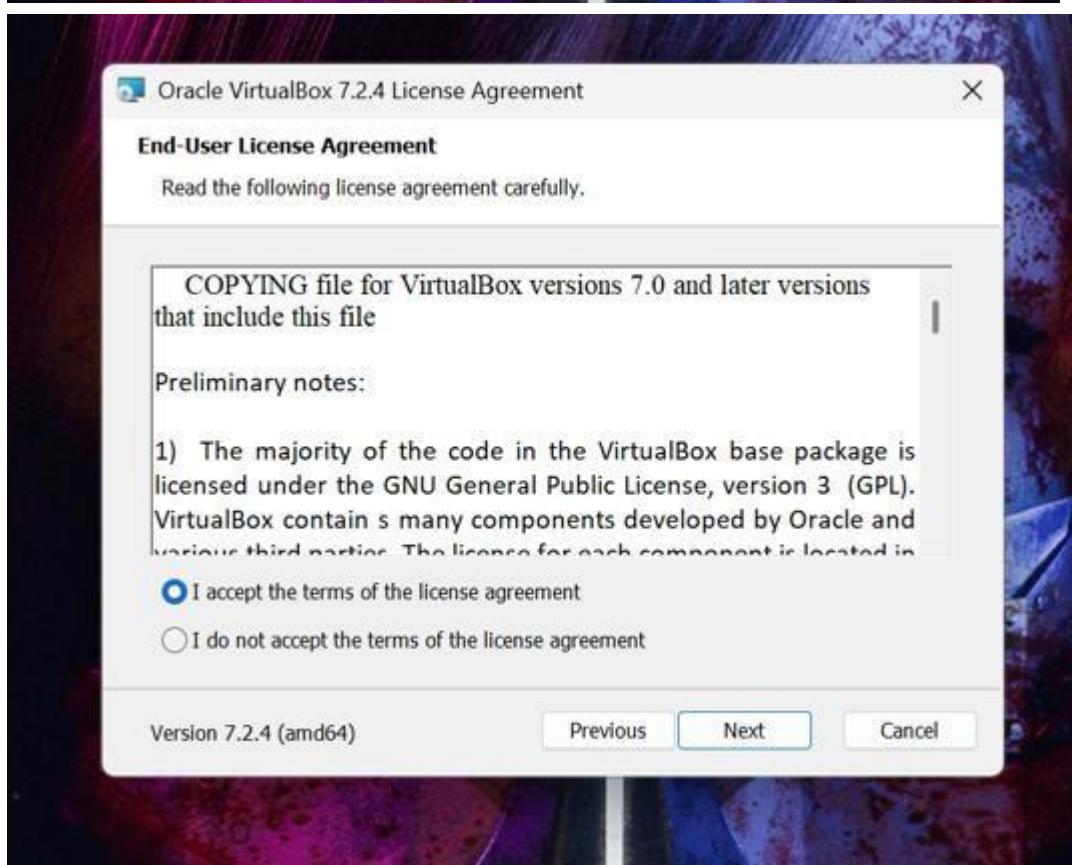
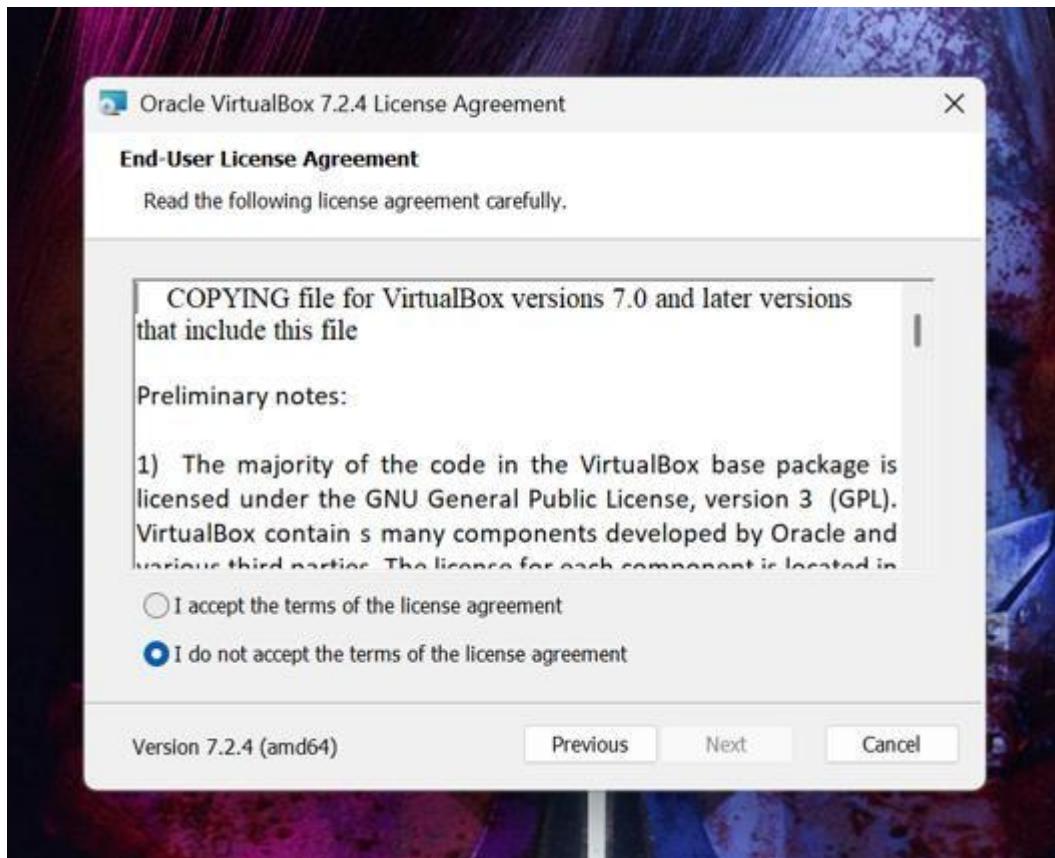
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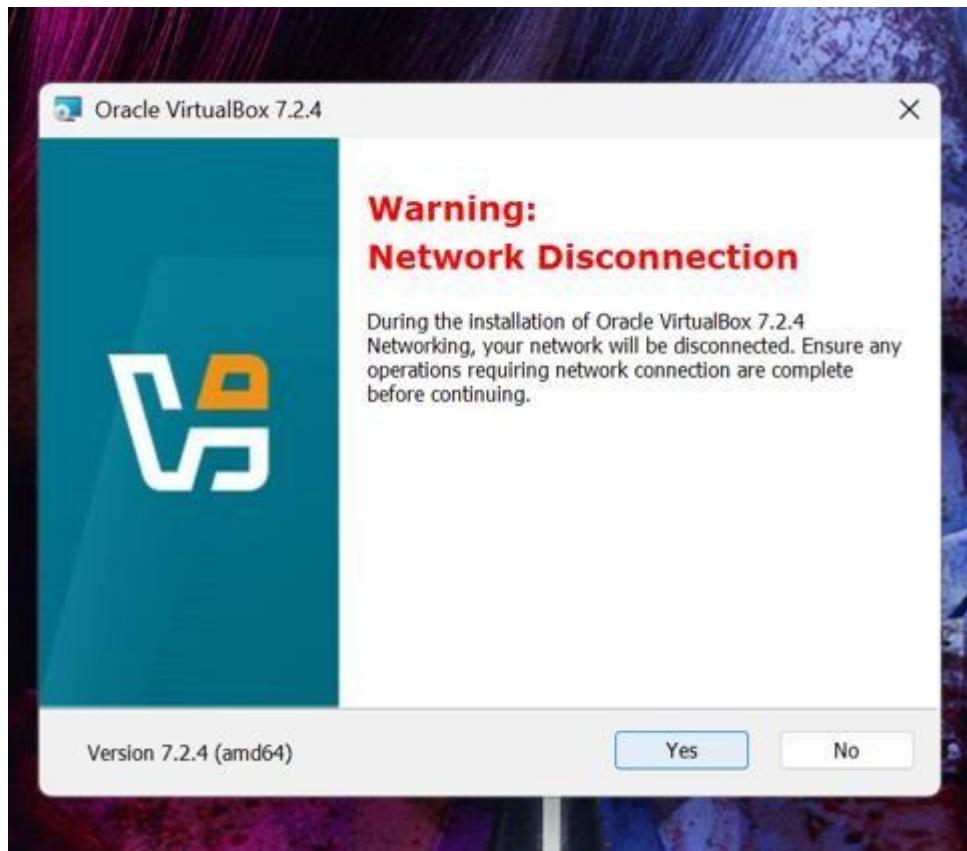
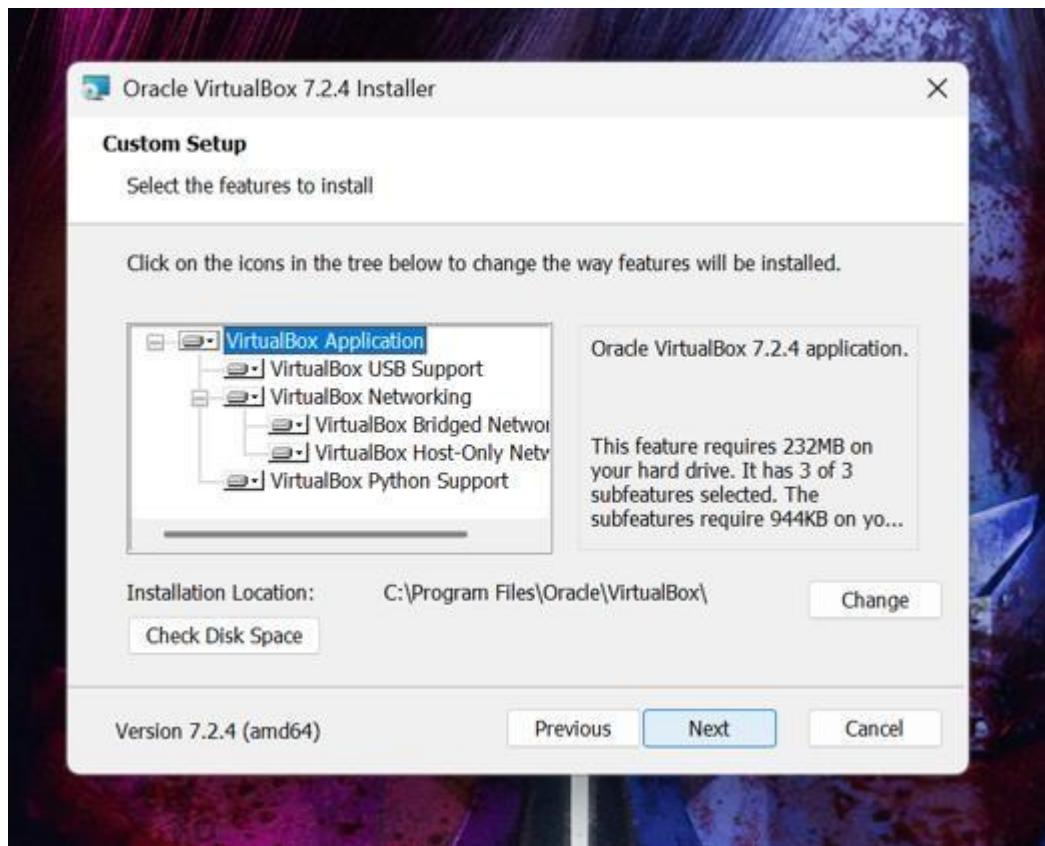
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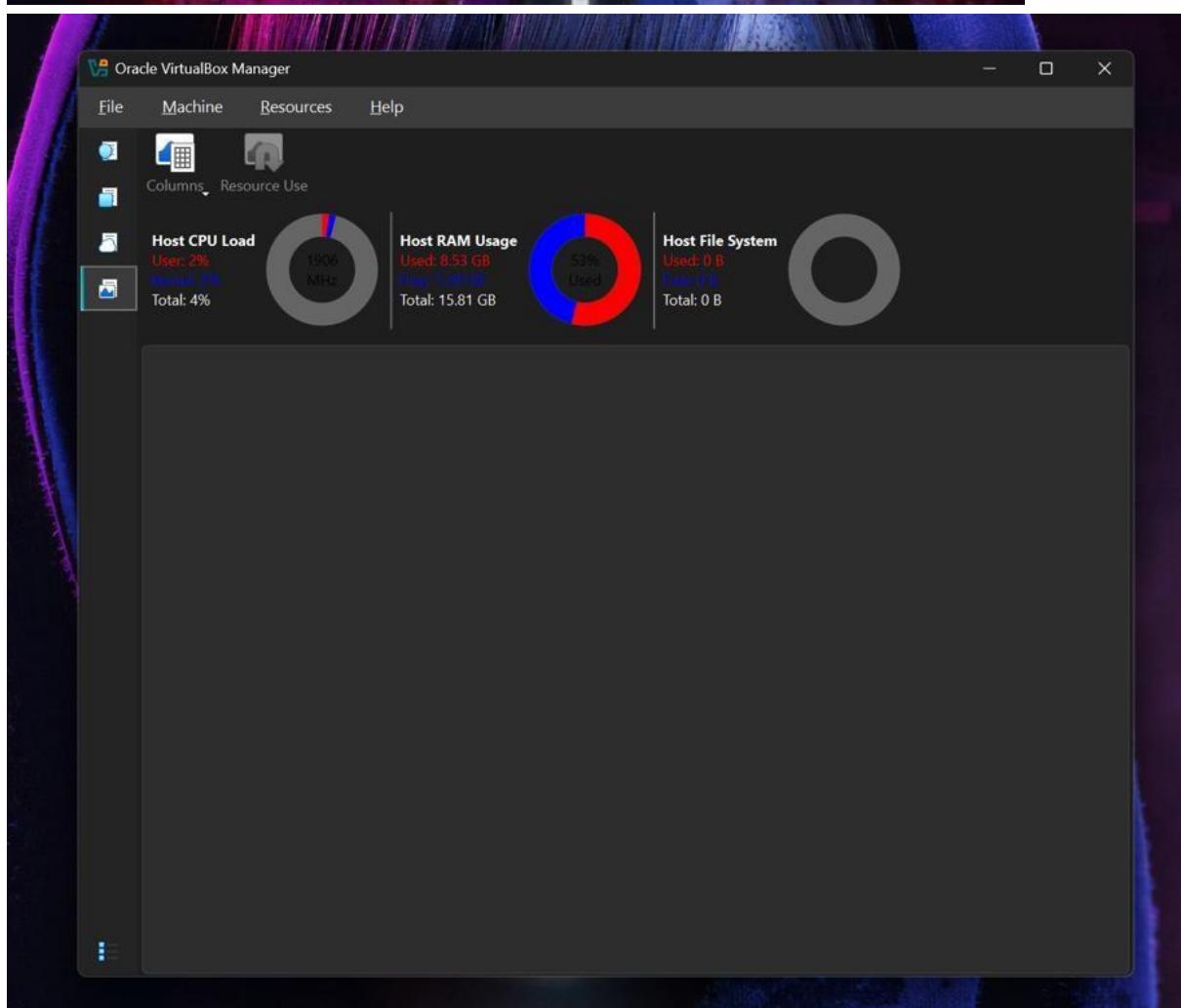


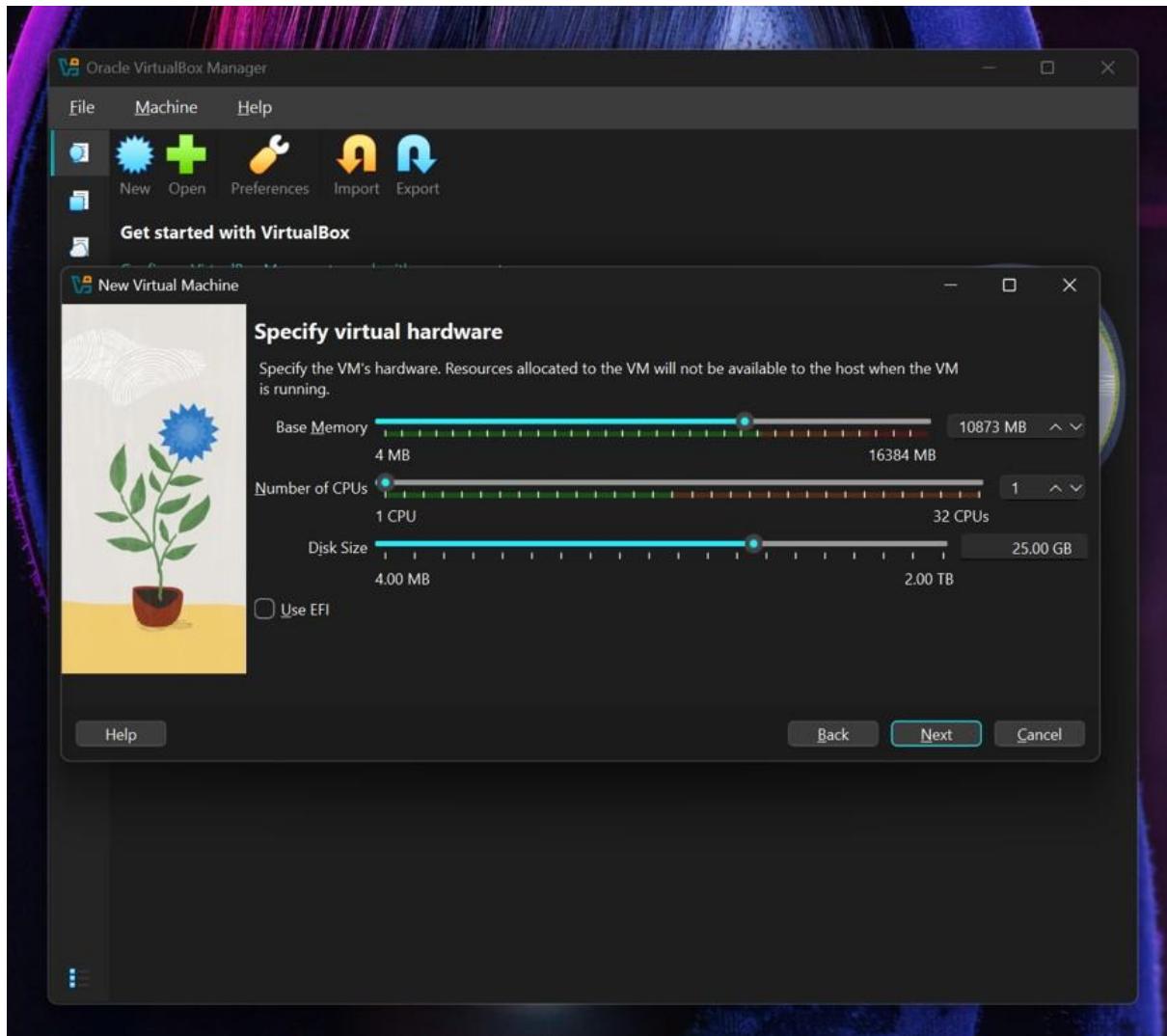


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- **Shell Commands And Their Use**

I performed more than 20 Linux commands and noted their use.
Below are some examples:

Command	Syntax / Example Purpose / Description
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Command	Syntax / Example	Purpose / Description
pwd	pwd	Shows current working directory.
ls	ls -l	Lists all files and folders in a directory.
cd	cd Documents	Changes the current directory.
mkdir	mkdir myfolder	Creates a new folder.
rmdir	rmdir myfolder	Removes an empty directory.
cp	cp file1.txt backup/	Copies a file to another location.
mv	mv file.txt newname.txt	Moves or renames a file.
rm	rm file.txt	Deletes a file.
cat	cat notes.txt	Displays contents of a file.
touch	touch newfile.txt	Creates an empty file.
chmod	chmod 755 file.sh	Changes file permissions.
chown	chown user:user file.txt	Changes file ownership.
ps	ps	Shows running processes.
top	top	Displays system performance.
kill	kill 1234	Kills a process using its PID.
ping	ping google.com	Checks network connectivity.

ifconfig	ifconfig	Displays network interface details.
clear	clear	Clears the terminal screen.
whoami	whoami	Displays current logged-in user.
tree	tree	Shows folder structure in tree form.

4. Shell Script Development

I wrote three small shell scripts as part of the assignment. Each one was tested on Ubuntu.

a) Backup Script

File name: backup.sh

```
#!/bin/bash # Script to back up a folder with  
timestamp
```

```
src="/home/user/Documents"  
dest="/home/user/backup" timestamp=$(date  
+%Y-%m-%d_%H-%M-%S)
```

```
mkdir -p "$dest" cp -r "$src"  
"$dest/backup_$timestamp"
```

```
echo "Backup completed successfully at  
$timestamp."
```

b) CPU/ Memory Monitoring Script

File name: monitor.sh
#!/bin/bash # Script to log
CPU and Memory usage

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logfile="/home/user/system_usage.log"
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echo "System usage on $(date)" >> $logfile  
top -b -n1 | head -n 10 >> $logfile echo "-----  
-----" >> $logfile
```

```
echo "System usage logged successfully."
```

c) File download Script

File name: download.sh #!/bin/bash # Script to download a file using wget

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url="https://example.com/sample.pdf"
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```
dest="/home/user/Downloads"
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wget -P $dest $url
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```
echo "File downloaded to $dest"
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. This is the whole assignment

This assignment was a very good learning experience.

At first, using the terminal was confusing, but with practice, I started understanding how powerful it is. I learned how to automate tasks using simple scripts and how GitHub helps in saving and sharing code.

It also helped me realize the importance of open-source software in the real world. The most challenging part was writing correct syntax in shell scripts, but after testing and debugging, it became easier.