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BASIC LINUX COMMANDS

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output

- 1) a) 01
- b) Jan
- c) 21
- d) 25
- e) 28
- f) 27
- g) 29

2. god is great

3. cal Jan 2025

January 2025

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5	6	7	8	9	10	11
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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:

EXAMPLE:s

Output:

4) echo "10+10" | bc
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6. who am i
cse26 hbs/17 2025-02-01 8:16 (172.16.9.26)

7. id
uid = 1026 (cse26) gid = 1016 (cse26) groups = 1016 (cse26)
context = unconfined-u : unconfined-t : unconfined-t : so - 60:00
id -u
1015

8. tty
/dev/pts/17

19. hbs

PID	TTY	TIME	CMD
1936	pts/17	00:00:00	bash
2589	pts/17	00:00:00	hbs

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

EXAMPLE:s

outputs

```
12. . uname -n
    local host . local domain

. uname -m
    i686

. uname -r
    4.11.8-300.fc26.i686.PAE

. uname -s
    linux

. uname -v
    #1 SMP Thu Jun 29 20:38:21 UTC 2017

. uname -a
    Linux local host . local domain 4.11.8-300.fc26.i686.PAE
    #1 SMP Thu Jun 29 20:38:21 UTC 2017 i686 i686
    1386 GNU/Linux
```

1.2) directory commands

1. /home/cse26
2. File Objects
3. cse cse.sh ex1sh ex2b.sh ex2.sh ex3.sh sample

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, 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:

EXAMPLE:s

1.3 File handling commands

3) \$ cat > euc

Hi

\$ cat > demo

\$ cp src demo

cat demo

Hi

5) \$ cat > rec

Hi

\$ cat > sample

\$ mv src sample

Hi

6) 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 src rec

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 src rec

6. The 'file' command:

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

SYNTAX: \$ file filename

EXAMPLE: \$ file reccee

7) 1 2 16 rec

9) who | wc rec
n 10 71 rec

10) who | tee sample | wc rec
n 11 71 rec

11) rec → ls r**
ls ?ec → rec

7. The 'wc' command:

The 'wc' command is used to count the number of words, lines and characters in a file.

SYNTAX: \$ wc filename

EXAMPLE: \$ wc recere

8. The 'Directing output to a file' command:

The 'ls' command lists the files on the terminal (screen). Using the redirection operator '>' we can send the output to file instead of showing it on the screen.

SYNTAX: \$ ls > filename

EXAMPLE: \$ ls > cseere

9. The 'pipe' command:

The Unix allows us to connect two commands together using these pipes. A pipe (|) is a mechanism by which the output of one command can be channelled into the input of another command.

SYNTAX: \$ command1 | command2

EXAMPLE: \$ who | wc -l

10. The 'tee' command:

While using pipes, we have not seen any output from a command that gets piped into another command. To save the output, which is produced in the middle of a pipe, the 'tee' command is very useful.

SYNTAX: \$ command | tee filename

EXAMPLE: \$ who | tee sample | wc -l

11. The 'Metacharacters of unix' command:

Metacharacters are special characters that are at higher and abstract level compared to most of other characters in Unix. The shell understands and interprets these metacharacters in a special way.

* - Specifies number of characters

? - Specifies a single character

[] - used to match a whole set of file names at a command line.

! - Used to Specify Not

EXAMPLE:

\$ ls r** - Displays all the files whose name begins with 'r'

\$ ls r?kk - Displays the files which are having 'kk', from the second characters irrespective of the first character.

\$ ls [a-m] - Lists the files whose names begins alphabets from 'a' to 'm'

\$ ls [!a-m] - Lists all files other than files whose names begins alphabets from 'a' to 'm' 12.

The 'File permissions' command:

File permission is the way of controlling the accessibility for each of three users.
The file permissions are available, they are

r-read
w-write
x-execute

The permission

First three bits	Owner of the file
Three bits	which of the file belongs
Last three bits	Others

Example: \$ ls -l

rw-r--r-- 1 Lak Jan 10 12:10 cd

The file is readable, writable and executable by the owner of the file.

Lak specifies Owner of the file.

r-x Indicates absence of the write permission by the Group owner of the file, S is the Owner of the file.

F- Indicates read permissions others.

ls -l - the 'ls' command:

The ls command is used to view the file and execute permissions for all categories of

(L.sers tör file.

SYNTAX: S chmod

category operation permission file		
Category	Operation	permission
u-users	+ assign	r-read
g-group	-Remove	w-write
o-others	= assign absolutely	x-execute
a-all		

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EXAMPLE:

S chmod u -W.X college

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

S chmod u 4 rms', g4rw college

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

S chmod g=wx college

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

14. The 'Octal Notations' command:

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

are

Read permission	4
Write permission	

EXAMPLE:

S chmod 761 college

Execute permission	
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Assigns all permission the owner, read and executable permission to the others for 'college' file.

permissions to the group and only

1.4 GROUPING COMMANDS

1. The 'semicolon' command:

The semicolon(;) command is used to separate multiple commands

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

EXAMPLE: \$ who;date

'&&' operator:

The '&&' operator signifies the logical AND operation in between two or

commands. It

will be executed,

then

SYNTAX:

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

EXAMPLE: \$ who && date

multiple commands at the command line.

SYNTAX: \$ command

EXAMPLE: \$ who;date

2. The more valid Unix the next command

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 successfully, it will continue to execute next commands.

SYNTAX: command1 • command2 • ... • commandn

EXAMPLE: S who date

1.5 FILTERS

1. The head filter

It displays the first ten lines of a file.

SYNTAX: S head filename

EXAMPLE: S 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: S 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: S Is -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 ece

Kani cse

`$ grep "cse" stu nt`

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 screen, the actual file remains unchanged.

SYNTAX: S 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 -PI (one) option. Sorts according to second column

The nl filter adds line numbers to a file and it displays the contents on the screen.

SYNTAX: \$ nl filename

E: \$ nl college

* command:

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.

6. The 'nl' command:
displays the file and not provides access to edit

EXAMPLE: \$ nl college

7. The 'cut' command:
We can select specified fields from a line

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1.5 OTHER ESSENTIAL COMMANDS

1. free

Display amount of free and used physical and swapped memory.

Synopsis: free [options]

example

[root@localhost ~]# free -t total used free shared buffers available

4044;SO 605404 2045080

148820 1393S36 s,,ap: 26214360 2621436

Total: 6665S16 605464 4666516

2. top

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

Synopsis: top [options]

example

```

[root@localhost ~]# top
top - 24 min. 2 users, load
average: 0.01, 0.06, 0.23
Tasks: 211 total, 1 running, 210 sleeping, 0 stop, 0 idle
      O.S. us. 0.3 sy, 0.0 id, 98.9 wa, 0.0 hi, 0.0 si, 0.0 st
KiB Mem : 4044380 total, 2052        600452 used, 1390968 free, 0 swap:
2621436 total, 2621436      , 0 used, 3234S20 avail      PID USER PR NI VIRT RES
SHR S          TIME+ COMMAND
      105      -00 175008 75700 51264 S 1.7 1.9 0:20.46 xorg 2529 root
32640 2        1.0 0.0 0:02.47 gnome-termin 3.

```

It reports the snapshot of current

processes synopsis- `ps [options]` example

```

[root@localhost ~]# ps -e

```

PID TTY TIME CMD

```
1 ? 0:00:03 systemd
2 ? 0:00:00 kthreadd
3 ? 0:00:00 ksolirqWO
```

4. vmstat

It reports virtual memory

statistics synopsis- vmstat

[options] example

```
[root@localhost ~]# vmstat proc s -m-memory---sq-apn m--io---
```

```
system-- cpu---
```

```
- r b swpd free butt cache si so bi bo in cs us sy id wa st 000 1879368
```

```
1604 14871 16 00 64 7 72 140 1 0 97 1 0
```

5. df

It displays the amount of disk space available in the 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 /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
04      tim 172.16.4.1 : icmp_seq=3 ttl=64 time=0.264 ms
04 bytes from 172.16.4.1 : icmp_seq=4 ttl=64 time=0.312 ms

```

— 1 72.16.4.1 ping statistics —

```

4 packets transmitted, 4 received,    packet loss, time 3000ms

```

```

rtt min/avg/max/mdev = 0.228/0.264/0.312/0.044 ms

```

7. ifconfig

It is used to configure network interface.

Synopsis: ifconfig [options]

example

```

Iroot@localhost ~# ifconfig

```

mtu

```

1500 inet 172.16.6.102 netmask 255.255.252.0 broadcast 172.16.7.255 inet6
pre-txlen 64 scopeid 0x20<link> ether txqueuelen 1000 (Ethernet)

```

```

RX packets 23216 bytes          (2.3 MiB)

```

```

RX errors 0 dropped overruns 0 frame 0

```

```

TX packets      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

```

Iroot@localhost ~# traceroute -S traceroute wv.wrajalakshmi.org traceroute to
wv.wrajalakshmi.org (220.227.30.5 1), 30 hops max, 60 byte packets I
gateway (172.16.4.1) 0.299 ms 0.297 ms 0.327 ms

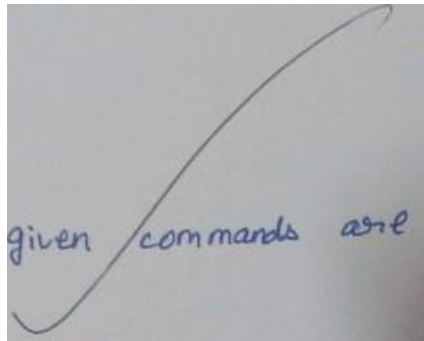
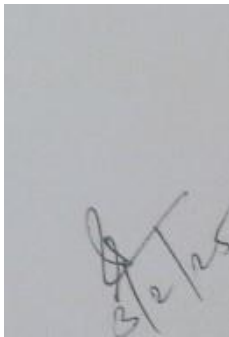
```


```

2 220.225.219.35 (220.225.219.38) 6.185 ms 6.203 ms 6.189 ms

```

Result: wen



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