

***Use 'tldr' command to get quick info about any command.***  
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1. **man:**  
Doc for any command (complete documentation)  
*Use tldr <command> (to get short and quick info about any command),*  
**Install :** sudo apt install tldr
2. **ls:** list files  
List content of any directory
3. **cd:** change directory  
Move from one directory to another  
Special indicators are –
  - a. Period (.) = current working directory
  - b. Double period (..) = parent directory of current working directory*Cd ~<username> : cd ~aryantapre (moves to user directory)*
4. **pwd :** print current working directory path (absolute)  
aryantapre@frontman: pwd  
/media/aryantapre/nvme0n1p6
5. **mkdir :** creating fresh directories  
Options  
A. -m | --mode = give permissions  
*Execute: 1*  
*Read: 4*  
*Write: 2*
6. **rmdir:** remove directories
7. **rm:** remove files  
Options  
Rm -rf (remove forcefully)
8. **mv :** move or rename files / directories
9. **cp:** copy files / directories
10. **open :** open files / URL

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open x.png  
Open '<https://google.com>'

## 11. **touch** : create an empty file

**Rsync:** advanced copy function.

*Powerful & efficient copying and synchronizing file and directories  
In remote locations.  
algorithm to copy only the differences between source and destination  
Files,*

*Options:*

*-r*

*Recursively copy directories and their contents.*

*-a*

*Archive mode; preserves symbolic links, permissions, timestamps, etc.*

*-v*

*Verbose output; shows detailed progress during the transfer.*

*-z*

*Compresses file data during transfer (useful for remote sync).*

*-P*

*Combines --progress (shows progress) and --partial (keeps partial files).*

*--delete*

*Deletes files in the destination that are no longer in the source.*

*-e*

*Specifies the remote shell (e.g., -e ssh for SSH).*

*--exclude*

*Excludes specific files or patterns from syncing (e.g., --exclude='\*.log').*

## 12. **find** : search for files / folders matching a particular searching pattern (regex)

tldr find

*\* = all chars matching*

*? = single char matching*

*[char]*

*[!char]*

*[:class:]*

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- 13. ln :** create hard and soft links (symbolic links)

Limitations of hard link

- can't connect outside file system
- can't connect to directory

*Soft links* : overcomes limitation of hard link

Syntax: `ln -s <original-file> <linked-file>`

- 14. gzip :** compress file using LZ77 protocol.

*By default it deletes original after compressing*

`gzip -k` : keep original after compressing

`gzip - <range>` : from 1 to 9 (low-high) compression level

`gzip -v` : defines percentage level

***The best file compression utility is 'xz' command***

- 15. tar :** used to archive files into single one

To archive

Syntax: `tar -cf <archive_file_name> file1 file2` (*cf = create file*)

To extract

Syntax: `tar -xf <archive_file_name> -directory=path / .` (*xf = extract file*)

*E.g*

`tar -cf aryan.tar file1 file2`

`Tar -xf aryan.tar -directory=data/.` (*extracting onto data directory*)

- 16. Alias:** used to create aliases of commands

Like for `ls -la` we can create the following—

Syntax: `alias <name> = ' expression/ command '`

`alias ll='ls -la'`

- 17. Cat:** creates a new file, concat multiple files into one

`Cat file1 file2 >> file3` (append file1 & file2 to file3)

Creating new file

`Cat > <file_name.extension>`

- 18. less:** shows content of file in interactive mode

Syntax: `less <file_name>`

*To search : use forward slash*

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19. **tail:** open file from last (mostly used to see log files)  
*Argument: -f (any time there is new content in file, printed in window)*  
*E.g tail -f data.txt*
  
20. **wc:** determines supportive information of file like no of lines, no of words, no of Bytes etc  
*Syntax: wc -lines -words -bytes <file\_name>*  
*Even use it with pipe operator with other command*  
*Ls -la | wc*
  
21. **grep :** used to search in files, combine it with pipe to filter the output of another Command.  
*Syntax: grep <regex> or <search\_pattern> <file\_name>*  
*grep \*.pdf ./destinations*  
*-r -n (recursive, show line number)*  
*~by default search in case insensitive, use -i for sensitive...*
  
22. **sort:** used to sort data  
*By default sort is in ascending order*  
*Arguments:*  
*-r = for reverse sorting i.e descending order*  
*Syntax: sort -r <file\_name> (sort in reverse...)*
  
23. **Diff:** determine difference in files , directories and etc  
*Syntax: diff <options> <files\_name1> <file\_name2> ..*  
*Arguments: -y (compare files side-by-side)*  
*-u (compare files as git does — ++++ and so on..)*  
*-r (recursively compares files in directories)*
  
24. **echo :** print to output the arguments passed to it.  
*echo "hello world "*  
*echo "my path is \$PATH" (interpolate variable)*  
  
*Printing... files of directory*  
*echo \* (print all files)*  
*echo ~aryantapre (print home directory of user)*
  
25. **Chown:** used to define ownership to file / directory  
*UNIX system has Ownership for every file and directory*  
*I.e root, group, others*

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Syntax: `chown <root_user>:<group_name> <file_name>`

Arguments:

*-R, -h (recursively, symbolic link) change ownership of directories*

*ls -la*

*Chown root:aryantapre sample.txt*

**26. Chmod:** changes permission to existing file / directories in context of owner, group and others users

2 ways to use chmod:

A. symbolic

*a = stands for all*

*u = stands for user*

*g = stands for group*

*o = stands for others*

Use + to add , and - to remove permissions

*r=read, w=write, x= execute*

Syntax: `chmod a+rx <file_name>` (read, write and execute permissions to all ).

Arguments -r (for recursively apply permissions to directories and sub-directories)

B. Numeric:

*Permissions: 1+4+2 = 7 (read, write and execute..)*

*Execute - 1*

*Read - 4*

*Write - 2*

Syntax : `chmod <owner,group,users> <file_name>`

*E.g chmod 777 sample.txt (read, write and execute)*

**27. Umask:** it sets the default permissions for newly created file / directories.

*Works only for current session, permission will not sustain for every OS boot.*

Syntax: `umask <numeric-permission> default; 002`

*Default permission*

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~ file = 666

~ directory = 777

Working,

Generally umask subtracts some values from default to set Permissions based on file / directory.

1 = execute, 4 = read, 2 = write

Changing permission for file to rw

666 - 000(mask) = 666 (4+2= rw)

To get rw i.e 6 need to subtract 0(mask) from default

Umask 000

28. **du** : calculate the size of directory as a whole

Syntax: *du <options> <directory\_name / \*>*

Options:

-m = display values in MB

-g = display values in GB

-h = display human-readable notations

Du -m ./destination

29. **Df**: define current disk usages

Syntax: *df <options>*

Options:

-h = human-readable format

cd /

cd media/aryantapre

df -h \*

30. **basename**: returns last segment of path to file / directory.

Path = /media/nvme0n1p6/DSA/stack.cpp

Basename /media/nvme0n1p6/DSA/stack.cpp

It will return stack.cpp

31. **dirname**: returns directories segment of path to file / directory.

Path = /media/nvme0n1p6/DSA/stack.cpp

Basename /media/nvme0n1p6/DSA/stack.cpp

It will return /media/nvme0n1p6/DSA

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- 32. ps:** list all running processes of computer

Default: list processes of current session only (Terminal)

*Options*

*-ax = (also list other user process, show processes not linked to terminal)*

*Pid = process id*

*TT = terminal id used*

*STAT = state of the process*

*I = a process is idle (sleeping for longer than 20 seconds)*

*R = runnable process*

*S = sleeping less than 20 seconds*

*T = stopped process*

*U = uninterruptible*

*Z = dead process (zombie)*

*+ (process is in foreground in its terminal)*

*s (session leader)*

*TIME = how long process is being running.*

- 33. top:** used to display dynamic real time information of all running processes in the system

- 34. htop:** an interactive top with all features, better graphics

- 35. kill:** linux processes receive signal and react based on them

*Syntax: kill <signal> <process\_id>*

*Signals:*

*HUP= hangs up process automatically send when terminal window that*

*Started process get closed before terminating the process.*

*INT = means interrupt, it sends signal when we press ctrl + c in terminal,*

*Which usually terminate the process.*

*KILL = immediately kernel terminates the process.*

*TERM = process does self destruction (TERM = terminate)*

*CONT = continue to run process*

*STOP = pause / STOP the process kernel does it.*

- 36. killall:** similar to kill, sends signals to multiple processes all at once.

*Syntax: killall <name>*

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37. **jobs:** used to run a command in background using '&' symbol after command

E.g = `top &`

*If we run **top &** and **top -o mem &** we have two top instances running right ?*

*Jobs (displays all running background jobs..)*

*We can switch to job using **fg <job\_id>***

*Stop program = hit CTRL + Z*

*Jobs -l = print processID for each job*

38. **bg:** resume suspended jobs (e.g using ctrl + Z), and keeps them running in the background.

*Syntax: **bg <job\_id>***

*Before that get jobID using **jobs -l***

*Bg = background*

39. **fg :** runs command in foreground, that is already running in background using or 'bg' command.

*Syntax: **fg <job\_id>***

40. **type:** display type of command shell will execute

*Command in MacOS / Linux OS are of 4 types*

- a. *executable*
- b. *shell built-in program*
- c. *shell function*
- d. *Alias*

*Syntax: **type <command\_name>***

*type ls*

41. **Which:** locates program in users path

*Only works with User associated programs not built-in*

*Syntax: **which <command\_name>***

*Which google-chrome*

42. **nohup:** allows process to live when terminal get killed

*To run long -living process on a remote machine, you won't want command get Halted due to network issue*

*You want process should continue to run even after logout*



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Syntax: `nohup <command>`

- 43. xargs:** output of one command is used as input of another command.

*Used using pipe ( | )*

*E.g we have three files file1.txt, file2.txt and file3.txt*

*In file todelete.txt we have names of these files as*

*Todelete.txt*

*file1.txt*

*file2.txt*

*file3.txt*

*cat todelete.txt | xargs -p rm -rf*

*Options*

*-p = print confirmation before executing action*

*-n = perform one iteration at a time , can individually confirm them*

- 44. Vim:** vim is one of the powerful editor of unix like system ubuntu / macOS

*Has two main mode:*

*Command = where all commands are executed..*

*Insert = to insert text content to file*

*Arrow keys:*

*H-L = left and right*

*J-K = down and up*

*Commands:*

*:w = save the file*

*:wq = save and exit from file*

*U = undo*

*R = redo*

*X = deletes character currently highlighted*

*Capital A = goes to end of currently selected line*

*0 = goes to start of line*

*\$ = goes to end of line.*

*Dw = deletes a single word.*

*D2w = deletes 2 words in forward (number can be any).*

*Dd = deletes entire line.*

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**Type vimtutor for full overview at terminal....**

45. **whoami:** prints current user logged in to the terminal
46. **Who:** displays users logged to the system  
*Defines when did user logged in / when session was started.*  
*Related data (process, boot time)*
47. **su:** used to switch between user account  
*Syntax: su <username>*  
*su aryantapre*  
*su root*  
  
*Setting new root password:*  
*command = su passwd root*
48. **sudo :** commonly used to run commands as root user  
  
*E.g sudo vim /etc/fstab*
49. **passwd:** used to change passwords of user Account.|  
*Used in two way.*
  - A. *when you want to change your password (current user)*  
*type 'passwd' command in terminal*
  - B. *you want to change password of other account , only possible if you*  
*Loggedin as 'root ' user*  
*Syntax:*  
*passwd <user\_name> <new\_password>*
50. **ping:** used to check reachability of n/w host, on local n/w or the Internet  
*Sends ICMP ECHO\_REQUEST and gets ICMP\_REPLY back*  
*Options*  
*-c <number> = defines ping count*  
*Ping commands sends ECHO\_REQUEST every second until we STOP it*  
*Using CTRL + C*
51. **Traceroute:** gather all information of packet travelled from your local machine to Network host, prints onto the console.  
*Syntax:traceroute <options> <host-name> / <ip-address>*  
*By default traceroute tries 3 times to get better indication of packets*

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Options:

-q = count traceroute tries to reach host

```
traceroute -q 1 google.com
```

traceroute to google.com (142.250.192.110), 30 hops max, 60 byte packets

```
1 _gateway (192.168.38.203) 2.926 ms
2 *
3 10.0.242.109 (10.0.242.109) 44.478 ms
4 aes-static-253.85.22.125.airtel.in (125.22.85.253) 36.254 ms
5 182.79.141.205 (182.79.141.205) 50.252 ms
6 72.14.212.48 (72.14.212.48) 51.230 ms
7 *
8 142.250.214.100 (142.250.214.100) 50.203 ms
9 72.14.237.139 (72.14.237.139) 50.137 ms
10 192.178.110.107 (192.178.110.107) 77.824 ms
11 bom12s17-in-f14.1e100.net (142.250.192.110) 77.424 m
```

**52. clear:** clears the text written on screen, keep scrolling to get previous Content.

**53. History:** shows all the commands used before as 'history'  
*It memorized every command as 'history'*  
*To clear History*  
*Syntax: history -c*

**54. export:** exports shell variables to child processes  
*Making shell variable available globally over any terminal session*

*Creating a variable*  
*<variable\_name> = "<value>"*

*E.g aryan="aryan"*  
*export aryan*

**55. Crontab:** Schedule cron jobs on a time interval for the current user.  
*Generally used on server to automate tasks, meaning running scripts automatically on specific time interval*

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*Syntax: crontab -l*

- 56. Uname:** prints information about current machine and OS running on it  
*uname without any arguments prints OS codename*

*Options:*

- A. *-m = hardware name*
- B. *-p = processor architecture*
- C. *-s = OS name*
- D. *-r = release*
- E. *-v = version*
- F. *-n = node network name (device name like 'frontman')*
- G. *-a = prints all information*

- 57. env:** env command is used to pass environment variable without setting in external environment (current shell)

*Suppose you want to run nodejs app and set some environment variable  
You can run as*

*env USER=flavio node app.js*

- 58. Printenv:** used to print the values of all environment variables  
*Syntax: printenv*

- 59. Id:** displays current User and group identify

- 60. free:** Display amount of free and used memory in the system...  
*Syntax: free <options>*  
*Options:*

*Free - b | k | m | g (bytes, KB, MB, GB)*

- 61. mount:** used to mount a storage media to file system tree  
*e.g mount /dev/nvme0n1p7*

- 62. umount:** used to unmount a storage media from a file system tree  
*e.g umount /dev/nvme0n1p7*

- 63. fdisk:** Manage partition tables and partitions on a hard disk.

- 64. dmidecode -t bios:** shows bios memory address

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## ===== CURSOR MOVEMENTS=====

1. **CTRL+a** = move cursor at start of line
2. **CTRL+e** = move cursor at end of line
3. **CTRL+f** = move cursor forward character-by-character
4. **CTRL+b** = move cursor backward character-by-character
5. **ALT+F** = move cursor forward word-by-word
6. **ALT+B** = move cursor backward word-by-word

## ALTERING TEXT

1. **CTRL+d** = Deletes single character highlighted
2. **ALT+d** = Deletes/cuts single word highlighted
3. **CTRL+w** = deletes a word before cursor
4. **ALT+u** = convert text to uppercase.
5. **ALT+l** = convert text to lowercase.
6. **CTRL+k** = Cut everything after the cursor (stores it in a buffer).
7. **CTRL+y** = Copy/ yank what you just cut (yank it back).
8. **CTRL + p** = Paste whatever is cutted / copied.

## EDITING MULTIPLE FILES IN SINGLE VIM SESSION

1. **Opening multiple files at once:**  
*Syntax: vim file1 file2 file3 fileN*

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(This opens specified files in buffers)

2. **Switching between files**

Syntax:     :bn = move to next file (Buffer Next)  
              :bp = move to previous file (Buffer Previous)

3. **List all open files**

Syntax:     :buffers

4. **Switch to specific buffer**

Syntax:     buffer N (where 'N' is buffer number)

## SEARCH & REPLACE IN ENTIRE FILE

Syntax:     :%s/<search\_pattern>/<replace\_text>/g

: = stands for exec command

% = defines range of lines for operation by-default set to 'Entire File'

s = operation name 'substitution' means search and replace

search\_pattern = define the pattern/text to search

Replace\_text = define the replacement text

G = global i.e entire file

## TMUX

*Tmux server*

*Session*

*Window*

*Pane*

1. **Attach and detach**

A. tmux :

Start new tmux session (create default session number 0 with a single window )

;     **b**You can even name a session as follows:

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`tmux new -s <session_name>`

B. `tmux a -t : <window_number>`

Attach a specific window

C. `CTRL + b d :`

Detach from tmux session, leaving it running in background

D. `CTRL + b & :`

Exit and quit tmux

E. `CTRL + b x :`

Kill / close a pane

F. `CTRL + b ? :`

List all key bindings (press Q to exit help screen)

## **2. Window management**

A. `CTRL + b c :`

Create new window

B. `CTRL + b n :`

Move to next window

C. `CTRL + b p :`

Move to previous window

D. `CTRL + b l :`

Move to last window

E. `CTRL + b 0-9 :`

Move to window by index number

F. `CTRL + b w :`

Open a panel to navigate across windows in multiple sessions

G. `CTRL + b comma (,) :`

To rename a window

## **3. Session management**

A. `CTRL + b ) :`

Move to next session

B. `CTRL + b ( :`

Move to previous session

C. `CTRL + b : :`

Suspend the session

## **4. Split windows into panes**

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- A. CTRL + b % :  
Vertical split (panes side by side)
- B. CTRL + b " :  
Horizontal split (one pane below the other)
- C. CTRL + b arrow\_keys :  
To navigate b/w panes
- D. CTRL + b o :  
Moves to other pane
- E. CTRL + b CTRL-up/down:  
Resize current pane (due north/south)
- F. CTRL + b CTRL-left/right :  
Resize current pane (due west/east)

## **5. Multitex**

- A. CTRL + b colon :  
Access tmux command prompt

## **6. Killing tmux (runs on Terminal only not inside tmux windows/panes)**

- A. kill-pane :  
Destroy a give pane
- B. kill-server :  
Kill clients, sessions and server
- C. kill-session :  
Destroy a given session  
tmux kill-session -t <session-name>
- D. kill-window :  
Destroy a given window