



# Basic Linux Commands



## Multiple Choice Questions (MCQs)

**Instructions:** Choose the correct answer. Each question carries **1 mark**.

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**1** What does the **pwd** command do?

- A) Lists files
- B) Prints working directory
- C) Changes directory
- D) Deletes files



**Answer: B**

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**2** Which command lists files in long listing format?

- A) `ls -a`
- B) `ls -lh`
- C) `ls -l`
- D) `pwd`



**Answer: C**

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**3** What does **ls -a** show?

- A) Only directories
- B) Hidden files
- C) File size in MB
- D) Only executable files



**Answer: B**

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**4** The first character in **ll** output indicates:

- A) File size
- B) Owner
- C) File type
- D) Date modified

✓ Answer: C

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**5** What does the symbol **d** represent in permissions?

- A) Regular file
- B) Device file
- C) Directory
- D) Link

✓ Answer: C

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**6** Which command creates nested directories automatically?

- A) `mkdir -r`
- B) `mkdir -p`
- C) `mkdir -a`
- D) `mkdir -n`

✓ Answer: B

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**7** Which command removes only empty directories?

- A) `rm -r`
- B) `delete`
- C) `rmdir`
- D) `remove`

✓ Answer: C

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**8** What does `rm -r` do?

- A) Deletes only files
- B) Deletes directories recursively
- C) Renames files
- D) Lists directories

✓ Answer: B

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9) What does **cd -** do?

- A) Goes to root directory
- B) Moves up one level
- C) Switches to previous directory
- D) Deletes current directory

✓ Answer: C

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10) Which command displays manual pages?

- A) help
- B) manual
- C) man
- D) info

✓ Answer: C

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11) What does **touch file.txt** do?

- A) Deletes file
- B) Creates empty file
- C) Opens file
- D) Copies file

✓ Answer: B

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12) Which command displays file content?

- A) read
- B) view
- C) cat
- D) show

 **Answer: C**

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**13) Which command shows file content in reverse order?**

- A) rev
- B) tac
- C) cat -r
- D) reverse

 **Answer: B**

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**14) What is the correct syntax for copying a file?**

- A) copy source destination
- B) cp destination source
- C) cp source destination
- D) mv source destination

 **Answer: C**

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**15) Which command is used to rename a file?**

- A) rename
- B) mv
- C) cp
- D) rm

 **Answer: B**

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**16) An absolute path always starts with:**

- A) ~
- B) ..

- C) /
- D) .

✓ Answer: C

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**17 Which of the following is a relative path?**

- A) /home/ec2-user/file.txt
- B) ../../projectA/src/app.txt
- C) /etc/passwd
- D) /var/log/messages

✓ Answer: B

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**18 Which path works from anywhere in the system?**

- A) Relative path
- B) Absolute path
- C) Local path
- D) Parent path

✓ Answer: B

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**19 What does .. represent in Linux?**

- A) Current directory
- B) Root directory
- C) One level up
- D) Hidden file

✓ Answer: C

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**20 Which command is dangerous if used carelessly?**

- A) ls
- B) pwd
- C) rm -r \*
- D) cd

✓ Answer: C

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