

# **4.BUILT-IN COMMANDS**

## **VE482 LAB 3**

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# SYNOPSIS

bash defines the following built-in commands:

:, ., [, alias, bg, bind, break, builtin, case, cd, command, compgen, complete, continue, declare, dirs, disown, echo, enable, eval, exec, exit, export, fc, fg, getopts, hash, help, history, if, jobs, kill, let, local, logout, popd, printf, pushd, pwd, read, readonly, return, set, shift, shopt, source, suspend, test, times, trap, type, typeset, ulimit, umask, unalias, unset, until, wait, while.

# Built-in commands in pl

- cd
- pwd

## 2.8 Internal commands: [5+5+5]

### 2.8.1 Implement pwd as a built-in command; [5]

Do not use the builtin pwd command. Instead, you should implement it yourself.

### 2.8.2 Allow changing working directory using cd; [5]

You should consider these:

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- Execute pwd , then execute cd .. followed by cd . and another pwd
- Execute cd /etc/../etc/../../etc
- Execute cd alone
- Execute cd with more than 1 argument
- Execute cd ~
- Execute cd -

**cd [-L|[-P [-e]] [-@]] [dir]**

- In Linux '**cd**' (**C**hange **D**irectory) command is one of the most important and most widely used command for newbies as well as system administrators. For admins on a headless server, '**cd**' is the only way to navigate to a directory to check log, execute a program/ application/ script and for every other task. For newbie it is among those initial commands they make their hands dirty with.

## 1. Change from current directory to /usr/local.

```
explcre@LAPTOP-5HQLAHIF: ~$ cd /usr/local
explcre@LAPTOP-5HQLAHIF: /usr/local$
avi@tecmint: /usr/local$
```

## 2. Change from current directory to /usr/local/lib using absolute path.

```
explcre@LAPTOP-5HQLAHIF: /usr/local$ cd /usr/local/lib
explcre@LAPTOP-5HQLAHIF: /usr/local/lib$
avi@tecmint: /usr/local/lib$
```

## 3. Change from current working directory to /usr/local/lib using relative path.

```
explcre@LAPTOP-5HQLAHIF: /usr/local$ cd lib
explcre@LAPTOP-5HQLAHIF: /usr/local/lib$
avi@tecmint: /usr/local/lib$
```

**4. (a) Move one directory back from where you are now.**

```
explcre@LAPTOP-5HQLAHIF:/usr/local/lib$ cd -  
/usr/local
```

```
explcre@LAPTOP-5HQLAHIF:/usr/local$
```

**/usr/local**

**avi@tecmin:/usr/local\$**

```
explcre@LAPTOP-5HQLAHIF:/usr/local$ cd ..  
explcre@LAPTOP-5HQLAHIF:/usr$
```

**avi@tecmin:/usr/local/lib\$**

**cd**

- **5. Show last working directory from where we moved (use**

```
explcre@LAPTOP-5HQLAHIF:/usr$ cd --
```

- ```
explcre@LAPTOP-5HQLAHIF:~$ pwd  
/home/explcre
```

- **/home/avi**

- **6. Move two directories up from**

```
explcre@LAPTOP-5HQLAHIF:/usr/local$ cd ../../
```

```
explcre@LAPTOP-5HQLAHIF:/$ cd ~
```

- **avi@tecmin:~/usr/local\$ cd ../ ../**

- ```
explcre@LAPTOP-5HQLAHIF:/$ cd /usr/local
```

- ```
explcre@LAPTOP-5HQLAHIF:/usr/local$ cd ~
```

- ```
explcre@LAPTOP-5HQLAHIF:~$ pwd
```

```
/home/explcre
```

- **avi@tecmin:~/usr/local\$ cd ~**

```
explcre@LAPTOP-5HQLAHIF:/usr/local$ cd
```

- ```
explcre@LAPTOP-5HQLAHIF:~$ pwd
```

```
/home/explcre
```



- **8. Change working directory to current working directory (seems no**

```
explcre@LAPTOP-5HQLAHIF: ~/Downloads$ cd .
```

- ```
explcre@LAPTOP-5HQLAHIF: ~/Downloads$
```

- **avi@tecmin:~/Downloads\$**

```
explcre@LAPTOP-5HQLAHIF: ~/Downloads$ cd ./
```

- ```
explcre@LAPTOP-5HQLAHIF: ~/Downloads$
```

- **avi@tecmin:~/Downloads\$**

- **9. Your present working Directory is “/usr/local/lib/python3.4/dist-packages/”, change it to “/home/avi/Desktop/”, in one line command, by moving up in the directory till ‘/’ then using absolute**



# How to implement “cd” in c

## <unistd.h> header file:

The <unistd.h> header defines miscellaneous symbolic constants and types, and declares miscellaneous functions. It contains the **chdir()** and **fchdir()** functions.

### chdir():

The chdir function is used to change the current working directory of the program or process by passing the path to the function as shown in the syntax.

**Function declaration:** `int chdir( const char *pathname );`

**Return value :** The function return a integer value ,it returns 0 if the change of directory was successful otherwise it returns -1 and the current working directory remains unchanged and *errno* is set to to indicate the error type.

### Errors:

**1.EACCES** :Search permission is denied for any component of the pathname.

**2.ELOOP** :Too many symbolic links were encountered in resolving path.

**3.ENAMETOOLONG** :The path argument exceeds {PATH\_MAX} in length or a pathname component is longer than {NAME\_MAX}.

**4.ENOENT** :A component of path does not name an existing directory or path is an empty string.

**5.ENOTDIR** :A component of the pathname is not a directory.

Example code:

```
#include<stdio.h>
#include<unistd.h>
int main()
{
    //pass your path in the function
    int ch=chdir("xxx");
    /*if the change of directory was successful it will print successful otherwise
    if(ch<0)
    printf("chdir change of directory not successful\n");
    else
    printf("chdir change of directory successful");
    return 0;
}
```

# **pwd**

## **BASIC SYNTAX OF PWD:**

# pwd [OPTION]

## **OPTIONS USED WITH PWD**

| <i>Options</i>       | <i>Description</i>                                                  |
|----------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>-L (logical)</i>  | <i>Use PWD from environment, even if it contains symbolic links</i> |
| <i>-P (physical)</i> | <i>Avoid all symbolic links</i>                                     |
| <i>-help</i>         | <i>Display this help and exit</i>                                   |
| <i>-version</i>      | <i>Output version information and exit</i>                          |

If both ‘-L’ and ‘-P’ options are used, option ‘L’ is taken into priority. If no option is specified at the prompt, pwd will execute as same as with “-L”

Exit status of command pwd:

|                 |                |
|-----------------|----------------|
| <i>0</i>        | <i>Success</i> |
| <i>Non-zero</i> | <i>Failure</i> |

# 1. Different between pwd, pwd -L and pwd -P when symbolic link exist.

```
mike@ubuntu:/var$ ll
总用量 56
drwxr-xr-x 14 root root      4096 8月   5  2019 ./
drwxr-xr-x 24 root root      4096 10月 23  2019 ../
drwxr-xr-x  2 root root      4096 9月   19 06:38 backups/
drwxr-xr-x 16 root root      4096 9月   6  2019 cache/
drwxrwsrwt  2 root whoopsie 4096 9月  28 00:24 crash/
drwxr-xr-x 65 root root      4096 9月  18 18:49 lib/
drwxrwsr-x  2 root staff     4096 4月  24  2018 local/
lrwxrwxrwx  1 root root         9 9月   6  2019 lock -> /run/lock/
drwxrwxr-x 12 root syslog    4096 9月  30 01:21 log/
drwxrwsr-x  2 root mail      4096 8月   5  2019 mail/
drwxrwsrwt  2 root whoopsie 4096 8月   5  2019 metrics/
drwxr-xr-x  2 root root      4096 8月   5  2019 opt/
lrwxrwxrwx  1 root root         4 9月   6  2019 run -> /run/
drwxr-xr-x 14 root root      4096 9月  27 06:55 snap/
drwxr-xr-x  7 root root      4096 8月   5  2019 spool/
drwxrwxrwt  9 root root      4096 9月  28 17:05 tmp/
mike@ubuntu:/var$ cd lock/
mike@ubuntu:/var/lock$ pwd
/var/lock
mike@ubuntu:/var/lock$ pwd -P
/run/lock
mike@ubuntu:/var/lock$ pwd -L
/var/lock
```

# How to implement “pwd” in c

## **getcwd():**

**The `getcwd()` function places an absolute pathname of the current working directory in the array pointed to by `buf`, and returns `buf`. The size argument is the size in bytes of the array pointed to by the `buf`. If `buf` is a null pointer, the**

```
char *getcwd(char *buf, size_t size);
```

**Function return:** The `getcwd()` function returns a pointer which points to a character array where the path of current working directory is stored. In case the path is not found then it returns a null pointer and the contents of the array are undefined and the `errno` is set to indicate the type of error.

## **Type of errors in `getcwd()`:**

1. **EINVAL:** The size argument is 0.
2. **ERANGE:** The size argument is greater than 0, but is smaller than the length of the pathname + 1.
3. **EACCES:** Read or search permission was denied for a component of the pathname.
4. **ENOMEM:** Insufficient storage space is available.

Example code:

```
#include <unistd.h>
#include <stdio.h>
int main() {
    char cwd[256];

    if (getcwd(cwd, sizeof(cwd)) == NULL)
        perror("getcwd() error");
    else
        printf("current working directory is: %s\n", cwd);

    return 0;
}
```