LINUX TOP 50 COMMANDS:

1.	ls - The most frequently used command in Linux to list directories
2.	pwd - Print working directory command in Linux
3.	cd - Linux command to navigate through directories
4.	mkdir - Command used to create directories in Linux
5.	mv - Move or rename files in Linux
6.	cp - Similar usage as mv but for copying files in Linux
7.	rm - Delete files or directories
8.	touch - Create blank/empty files
9.	ln - Create symbolic links (shortcuts) to other files
10.	cat - Display file contents on the terminal
11.	clear - Clear the terminal display
12.	echo - Print any text that follows the command
13.	less - Linux command to display paged outputs in the terminal
14.	man - Access manual pages for all Linux commands
15.	uname - Linux command to get basic information about the OS
16.	whoami - Get the active username
17.	tar - Command to extract and compress files in Linux
18.	grep - Search for a string within an output
19.	head - Return the specified number of lines from the top
20.	tail - Return the specified number of lines from the bottom
21.	diff - Find the difference between two files
22.	cmp - Allows you to check if two files are identical
23.	comm - Combines the functionality of diff and cmp
24.	sort - Linux command to sort the content of a file while outputting
25.	export - Export environment variables in Linux
26.	zip - Zip files in Linux
27.	unzip - Unzip files in Linux
28.	ssh - Secure Shell command in Linux
29.	service - Linux command to start and stop services
30.	ps - Display active processes
31.	kill and killall - Kill active processes by process ID or name
32.	df - Display disk filesystem information
33.	mount - Mount file systems in Linux
34.	chmod - Command to change file permissions
35.	chown - Command for granting ownership of files or folders
36.	ifconfig - Display network interfaces and IP addresses
37.	traceroute - Trace all the network hops to reach the destination
38.	wget - Direct download files from the internet
39.	ufw - Firewall command
40.	iptables - Base firewall for all other firewall utilities to interface with
41.	apt, pacman, yum, rpm - Package managers depending on the distro

- 42. sudo Command to escalate privileges in Linux
- 43. cal View a command-line calendar
- 44. alias Create custom shortcuts for your regularly used commands
- 45. dd Majorly used for creating bootable USB sticks
- 46. whereis Locate the binary, source, and manual pages for a command
- 47. whatis Find what a command is used for
- 48. top View active processes live with their system usage
- 49. useradd and usermod Add new user or change existing users data
- 50. passwd Create or update passwords for existing users

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oratik@PRATIK:~$ sudo su
[sudo] password for pratik:
root@PRATIK:/home/pratik# pwd
/home/pratik
root@PRATIK:/home/pratik# touch pratik.txt
root@PRATIK:/home/pratik# rm -rf pratik.txt
root@PRATIK:/home/pratik# top
top - 12:27:19 up 2 min, 0 users, load average: 0.00, 0.00, 0.00
Tasks: 9 total, 1 running, 8 sleeping,
                                              0 stopped,
                                                             0 zombie
                                              0.0 wa, 0.0 hi, 0.0 si, 0.0 st
%Cpu(s): 0.0 us, 0.0 sy, 0.0 ni,100.0 id,
            7817.3 total,
                                                             88.2 buff/cache
                            7447.8 free,
                                             281.3 used,
MiB Mem :
MiB Swap:
            2048.0 total,
                            2048.0 free,
                                               0.0 used.
                                                           7362.9 avail Mem
 PID USER
                PR
                   NI
                          VIRT
                                  RES
                                          SHR S %CPU %MEM
                                                                 TIME+ COMMAND
                                  3644
   33 root
                20
                     0
                          7812
                                         3036 R
                                                  0.3
                                                        0.0
                                                              0:00.01 top
                                         1108 S
   1 root
                20
                     0
                          1816
                                  1184
                                                  0.0
                                                        0.0
                                                              0:00.02 init
                20
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                                            0 S
                                                              0:00.00 init
   8 root
                     0
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                                           0 S
   9 root
                20
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                          2172
                                  360
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                                                              0:00.02 init
                          6204
                20
                     0
                                  5104
                                         3384 S
                                                              0:00.04 bash
  10 pratik
                                                  0.0
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                20
                     0
                          9172
                                  5844
                                         4940 S
                                                  0.0
                                                        0.1
                                                              0:00.06 sudo
   22 root
   23 root
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                          9172
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                                                              0:00.00 sudo
                                         3632 S
                                                              0:00.00 su
   24 root
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                          7624
                                  4164
                                                  0.0
                                                        0.1
                                         3428 S
                                                              0:00.01 bash
   25 root
                20
                          5040
                                 4048
                                                  0.0
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atik@PRATIK:~$ sudo su
[sudo] password for pratik:
root@PRATIK:/home/pratik# vi pratik.txt
root@PRATIK:/home/pratik# cat pratik.txt
Jay shree ram
root@PRATIK:/home/pratik# grep "ram" pratik.txt
Jay shree ram
root@PRATIK:/home/pratik# mkdir folder1
root@PRATIK:/home/pratik# cp pratik.txt folder1
root@PRATIK:/home/pratik# cd folder1
root@PRATIK:/home/pratik/folder1# ls
pratik.txt
root@PRATIK:/home/pratik/folder1# cd ..
coot@PRATIK:/home/pratik# mv pratik.txt aditya.txt
coot@PRATIK:/home/pratik# ls
Pratik aditya.txt application.sh count_executables.sh folder1 new_script.sh pratik
root@PRATIK:/home/pratik# cat > aditya.txt
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root@PRATIK:/home/pratik# cat aditya.txt
Har Har Mahadev
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root@PRATIK:/home/pratik# touch linux_commands
root@PRATIK:/home/pratik# cat > linux_commands
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cat - Display file contents on the terminalroot@PRATIK:/home/pratik#
root@PRATIK:/home/pratik# c_
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Select root@PRATIK: /home/pratik
root@PRATIK:/home/pratik# head -5 linux commands
ls - The most frequently used command in Linux to list directories
pwd - Print working directory command in Linux
cd - Linux command to navigate through directories
mkdir - Command used to create directories in Linux
mv - Move or rename files in Linux
root@PRATIK:/home/pratik#
root@PRATIK:/home/pratik# tail -8 linux commands
cd - Linux command to navigate through directories
mkdir - Command used to create directories in Linux
mv - Move or rename files in Linux
cp - Similar usage as mv but for copying files in Linux
rm - Delete files or directories
touch - Create blank/empty files
ln - Create symbolic links (shortcuts) to other files
cat - Display file contents on the terminalroot@PRATIK:/home/pratik# vi linux_commands
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root@PRATIK:/home/pratik# ps
                  TIME CMD
 PID TTY
   74 pts/1
              00:00:00 sudo
              00:00:00 su
  75 pts/1
  76 pts/1
              00:00:00 bash
 104 pts/1
              00:00:00 ps
root@PRATIK:/home/pratik#
root@PRATIK:/home/pratik# df
Filesystem
              1K-blocks
                             Used Available Use% Mounted on
                                              1% /
/dev/sdc
              263174212
                         1517904 248218152
none
                4002452
                               28 4002424
                                              1% /mnt/wslg
                                             1% /mnt/wsl
none
                4002452
                                4
                                    4002448
              265759044 237577228 28181816 90% /init
tools
none
                4002452
                                4
                                    4002448
                                              1% /run
                                              0% /run/lock
                4002452
                                0
                                    4002452
none
                4002452
                                0
                                   4002452
                                              0% /run/shm
none
                4002452
                               0 4002452
                                             0% /run/user
none
tmpfs
                                0
                                   4002452
                                             0% /sys/fs/cgroup
                4002452
                                   28181816
               265759044 237577228
drivers
                                             90% /usr/lib/wsl/drivers
               265759044 237577228 28181816
lib
                                             90% /usr/lib/wsl/lib
                                             1% /mnt/wslg/versions.txt
none
                4002452
                               76
                                   4002376
                                             1% /mnt/wslg/doc
none
                4002452
                               76
                                   4002376
              265759044 237577228 28181816 90% /mnt/c
drvfs
drvfs
              209714172 146935360 62778812 71% /mnt/d
root@PRATIK:/home/pratik#
root@PRATIK:/home/pratik# du
        ./folder1
60
root@PRATIK:/home/pratik# hostname
PRATIK
root@PRATIK:/home/pratik# uname
Linux
root@PRATIK:/home/pratik# free -m
              total
                           used
                                        free
                                                  shared
                                                         buff/cache
                                                                      available
               7817
                            284
                                        7435
                                                      0
                                                                 97
                                                                           7354
Mem:
                2048
                                        2048
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Select root@PRATIK: /home/pratik
root@PRATIK:/home/pratik# more aditya.txt
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root@PRATIK:/home/pratik# less aditya.txt
root@PRATIK:/home/pratik#
root@PRATIK:/home/pratik# chmod u+rwx aditya.txt
root@PRATIK:/home/pratik# chmod 777 linux commands
root@PRATIK:/home/pratik# ls -ltr
total 36
-rw-r--r-- 1 root root
                            0 Apr 9 03:18 pratik
-rwxr-xr-x 1 root root
                          262 Apr 12 10:45 new script.sh
-rwxr-xr-x 1 root root
                          333 Apr 12 10:50 count_executable
-rwxr-xr-x 1 root root
                         1236 Apr 12 10:55 application.sh
-rw-r--r-- 1 root root
                           28 Apr 12 12:30 Pratik
                        4096 Apr 12 12:33 folder1
drwxr-xr-x 2 root root
-rwxr--r-- 1 root root
                           20 Apr 12 12:36 aditya.txt
-rwxrwxrwx 1 root root 10240 Apr 12 12:45 linux commands
root@PRATIK:/home/pratik# _
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root@PRATIK:/home/pratik# ls
Pratik aditya.txt application.sh count_executables.sh folder1 linux_commands new_script.sh pratik
root@PRATIK:/home/pratik# wc linux_commands
  0 0 10240 linux commands
root@PRATIK:/home/pratik# wc -l aditya.txt
3 aditya.txt
root@PRATIK:/home/pratik# gzip linux_commands
root@PRATIK:/home/pratik# ls
Pratik aditya.txt application.sh count_executables.sh folder1 linux_commands.gz new_script.sh pratik
root@PRATIK:/home/pratik# unzip linux_commands
Command 'unzip' not found, but can be installed with:
apt install unzip
root@PRATIK:/home/pratik# gunzip linux_commands
root@PRATIK:/home/pratik# ls
Pratik aditya.txt application.sh count_executables.sh folder1 linux_commands new_script.sh pratik
root@PRATIK:/home/pratik#
root@PRATIK:/home/pratik# find pratik
pratik
root@PRATIK:/home/pratik# find . -name "*.txt"
./folder1/pratik.txt
./aditya.txt
root@PRATIK:/home/pratik# locate pratik
Command 'locate' not found, but can be installed with:
apt install plocate
root@PRATIK:/home/pratik# apt install plocate
Reading package lists... Done
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root@PRATIK:/home/pratik# ls
Pratik aditya.txt application.sh count_executables.sh folder1 linux_commands new_script.sh pratik
root@PRATIK:/home/pratik# rm application.sh
root@PRATIK:/home/pratik#
root@PRATIK:/home/pratik# locate linux commands
/home/pratik/linux_commands
root@PRATIK:/home/pratik# ps
 PID TTY
                   TIME CMD
   74 pts/1
              00:00:00 sudo
   75 pts/1
               00:00:00 su
   76 pts/1
               00:00:00 bash
  278 pts/1
               00:00:00 ps
root@PRATIK:/home/pratik# kill 278
bash: kill: (278) - No such process
root@PRATIK:/home/pratik# kill 74
root@PRATIK:/home/pratik#
Session terminated, killing shell... ...killed.
pratik@PRATIK:~$ ls
Pratik aditya.txt count_executables.sh folder1 linux_commands new_script.sh pratik
pratik@PRATIK:~$ ls -la
total 56
drwxr-x--- 3 pratik pratik 4096 Apr 12 13:18 .
drwxr-xr-x 4 root root
                            4096 Apr 9 03:32 ...
                           101 Apr 12 10:56 .bash_history
-rw------ 1 pratik pratik
-rw-r--r-- 1 pratik pratik 220 Apr 9 03:15 .bash_logout
-rw-r--r-- 1 pratik pratik 3771 Apr 9 03:15 .bashrc
-rw-r--r-- 1 pratik pratik
                               0 Apr 12 10:44 .motd_shown
-rw-r--r-- 1 pratik pratik
                             807 Apr 9 03:15 .profile
-rw-r--r-- 1 pratik pratik
                               0 Apr 9 03:17 .sudo_as_admin_successful
-rw-r--r-- 1 root root
                              28 Apr 12 12:30 Pratik
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pratik@PRATIK:~$ tac aditya.txt
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pratik@PRATIK:~$ man cat
oratik@PRATIK:~$ whereis sudo
sudo: /usr/bin/sudo /usr/libexec/sudo /usr/share/man/man8/sudo.8.gz
oratik@PRATIK:~$ whatis sudo
sudo (8)
                     - execute a command as another user
oratik@PRATIK:~$ id
uid=1000(pratik) gid=1000(pratik) groups=1000(pratik),4(adm),20(dialout),24(cdrom),25(floppy),27(sudo),29(audio)
oratik@PRATIK:~$
pratik@PRATIK:~$ useradd PratikS
useradd: Permission denied.
useradd: cannot lock /etc/passwd; try again later.
oratik@PRATIK:~$ sudo su
[sudo] password for pratik:
root@PRATIK:/home/pratik# useradd PratikS
root@PRATIK:/home/pratik# sudo useradd PratikS
useradd: user 'PratikS' already exists
root@PRATIK:/home/pratik# sudo useradd PratikS
root@PRATIK:/home/pratik# sudo useradd Pratik_1996
root@PRATIK:/home/pratik# passwd Pratik 1996
New password:
Retype new password:
passwd: password updated successfully
root@PRATIK:/home/pratik#
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