

Instructions:

Write the answer to each question below the question in the space provided.
You can “wrap-around” the answer on separate lines if you need more space.

1. Hard Links:

- a. What is the purpose of creating a hard-link?

-> For backup purposes. As long as one hard link of original file exists, no data is lost.

- b. What is a limitation of a hard link?

-> You cannot hard link directories or files contained on other file-systems (network)

- c. Write a single Linux command to create a hard link called **~/backup/myfile.txt.lnk** for the existing file called **~/myfile.txt**

-> **ln ~/myfile.txt ~/backup/myfile.txt.lnk**

- d. Write a single Linux command to display the **i-node** number for both files. Are the **i-node** numbers identical?

→ **ls -li ~/myfile.txt ~/backup/myfile.txt.lnk**

→ **YES**

2. Symbolic (Soft) Links:

- a. What is the purpose of creating a symbolic (soft) link?

-> A symbolic link is a shortcut (pointer) to an existing file.

- b. What is a limitation of a symbolic (soft) link?

-> Not good for backup purposes.

- c. Write a single Linux command to create a symbolic link called **~/shortcuts/murray.saul.lnk**

to the existing directory called **~/murray.saul**

-> **ln -s ~/murray.saul ~/shortcuts/murray.saul.lnk**

- d. Are the i-node numbers identical for both of those files?

-> NO

- e. What data is contained in the file called **~/shortcuts/murray.saul.lnk**?

-> Same data as in the **~/murray.saul** directory

3. Background / Foreground Processes:

- a. Write a single Linux command to run the program called `~/clean.sh` in the **background**.
-> `~/clean.sh &`
- b. Write a single Linux command to place the previously issued program in the **foreground**.
-> `fg`
- c. Write a single Linux command to **confirm** that this program is running in the *background*.
-> `jobs`
- d. What **key-combination** would you issue to send that program again into the **background**?
-> **Ctrl + Z**
- e. Write a single Linux command to have that process sent into the background to **continue running**.

→ `bg %1`

4. Managing Background processes:

Use the following diagram to answer the accompanying questions.

Each of the following questions will use the diagram below and are treated as independent situations.

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[1] Stopped vim a
[2]- Stopped vim b
[3]+ Stopped vim c
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- a. Write a single Linux command to bring the second-recently process placed in the background into the **foreground**.
-> `fg %2`
- b. Write a single Linux command to **terminate job #3**.

→ `kill %3`

5. Write a single Linux command to display running processes in “real-time”.

-> `top`

6. Write a single Linux command to terminate a process that has the following PID: **22384**

-> `kill 22384`

7. Aliases / History:

- a. Write a linux command to create an **alias** called **ld** that issues the command: **ls -ld**
-> **alias ld='ls -ld'**
 - b. Write a linux command to unset the **alias** created in the previous question.
-> **unalias ld**
 - c. Issue a Linux command to list **history** of commands that match the pattern called **touch**.
→ **history | grep touch**
8. Create a **table** listing each Linux command, useful options and command purpose for the following Linux commands:
ln , ps , top , fg , bg , jobs , kill , alias , unalias , history

Command	Useful Options	Purpose
ln	-	Create links between files/directories
ps	aux	Display information about running processes
top	-	Display and update sorted information about processes
fg	%job_number	Bring a background job to the foreground
bg	%job_number	Resume a suspended background job
jobs	-	List all jobs
kill	-	Terminate a process
alias	-	Create an alias for a command
unalias	-	Remove an alias
history	-	Display command history