

1. What is Linux, and how does it differ from other operating systems like Windows and macOS?

Feature	Linux	Windows	macOS
Source	Open source; code can be modified and distributed freely.	Closed source; proprietary to Microsoft.	Closed source; proprietary to Apple.
Cost	Generally free; no licensing fees.	Requires purchasing a license; can be costly.	Included in the price of Apple devices; no additional fees.
Customization	Highly customizable with multiple desktop environments.	Limited customization; mainly themes and settings.	Limited customization; focuses on a unified experience.
Security	Known for high security and quick vulnerability patches.	More susceptible to malware; receives regular updates.	Secure, but can still be targeted; regular updates provided.
Software	Supports open-source software; may lack compatibility with some proprietary software.	Extensive library of proprietary software and games.	Compatible with creative software like Adobe; smaller game library.
User Interface	Varied interfaces depending on the distribution; can have a learning curve.	Consistent and user-friendly interface.	Polished and intuitive interface.
Use Cases	Popular in servers, cloud computing, and embedded systems.	Widely used in business, gaming, and personal computing.	Preferred for creative work and within the Apple ecosystem.

2. Name three popular Linux distributions and briefly describe one of them

- 1. Ubuntu
- 2. Fedora
- 3. Debian

Brief Description of Ubuntu

Ubuntu is one of the most popular and user-friendly Linux distributions. It is based on Debian and is developed by Canonical Ltd. Ubuntu is known for its ease of use, making it a great choice for beginners and those transitioning from other operating systems like Windows or macOS. It provides a polished and cohesive user experience with a wide range of pre-installed applications and a robust software center for installing additional software.

Key Features of Ubuntu:

- User-Friendly Interface: Ubuntu features a clean and intuitive interface, with the GNOME desktop environment being the default in the latest versions. It also offers other desktop environments like KDE and XFCE through variants such as Kubuntu and Xubuntu.
- Regular Updates: Ubuntu follows a predictable release cycle with Long Term Support (LTS) versions released every two years. These LTS releases are supported for five years, providing users with stability and security updates over an extended period.
- Community Support: Ubuntu has a large and active community, offering extensive documentation, forums, and support channels. This makes it easy for users to find help and resources for troubleshooting and learning.
- Wide Range of Applications: Ubuntu provides access to a vast repository of open-source software through its software center, as well as support for popular third-party applications like Spotify, Steam, and Microsoft Teams.

• Strong Security: Ubuntu is known for its focus on security, offering regular updates and patches, as well as features like built-in firewall and encryption options to protect user data.

3. What is the root directory in Linux, and what is its significance

In Linux, the root directory is denoted by a single forward slash (/). It's the topmost directory in the filesystem hierarchy, and everything on the system is organized within it. Here's why it's significant:

- 1. Hierarchy: The root directory serves as the starting point for the filesystem hierarchy. All other directories and files are organized under this root.
- 2. System Structure: Essential system directories like /bin (binaries), /etc (configuration files), /home (user directories), /lib (libraries), and /var (variable data) are located directly under the root directory.
- 3. **Permissions**: Typically, only the root user (superuser) has unrestricted access to the root directory and its subdirectories. This helps in maintaining system security and integrity.
- 4. **Mount Points**: Additional filesystems or partitions can be mounted at various points within the root directory. For example, an external drive might be mounted at /mint/external.

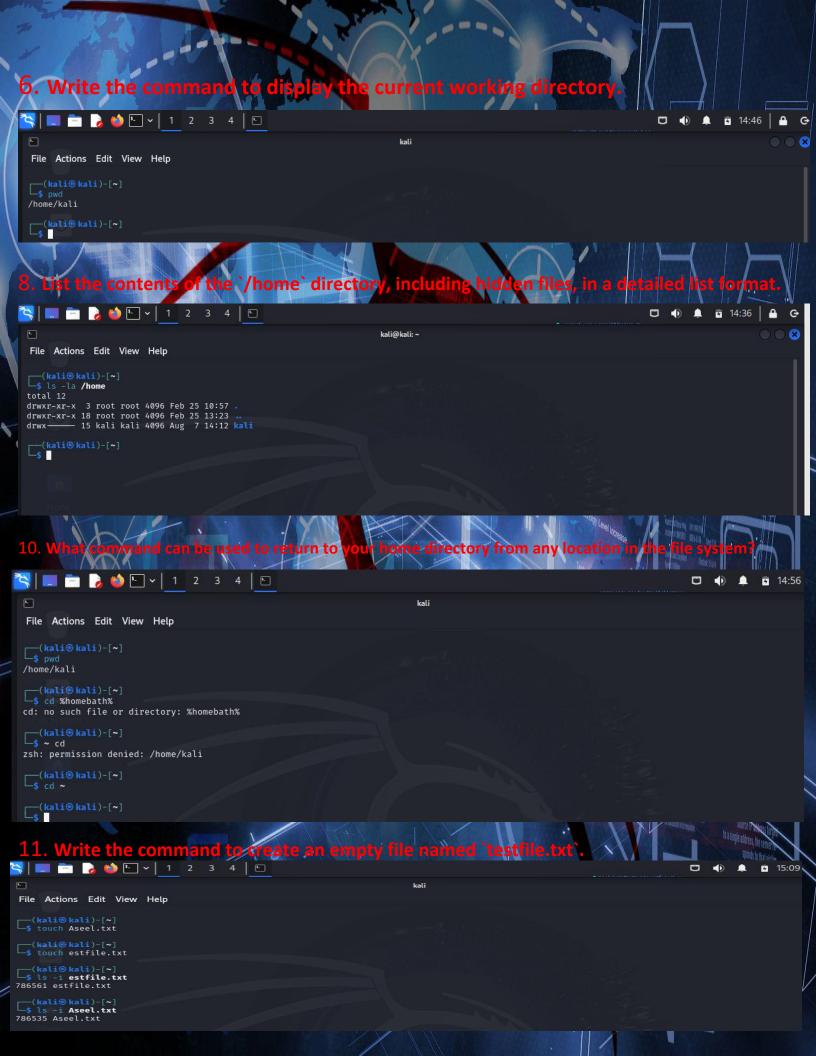
Explain the difference between an absolute path and a relative path in Linux

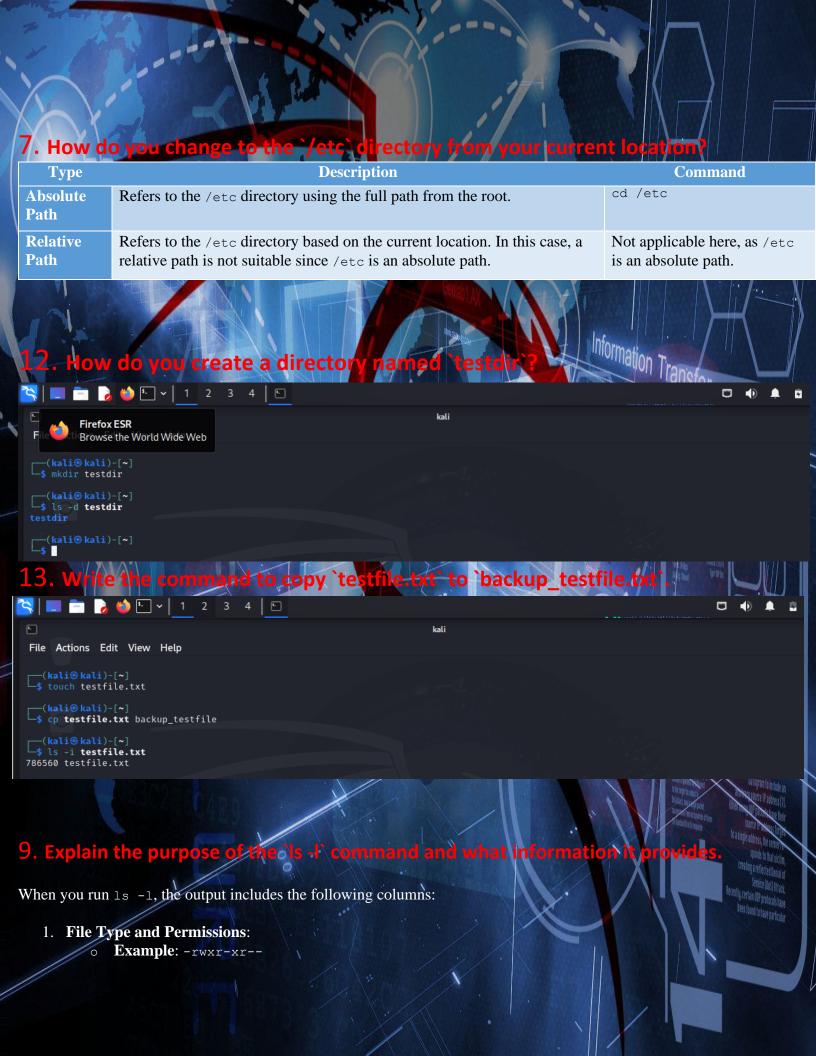
Feature	Absolute Path	Relative Path
Definition	A complete path from the root directory (/) to the	A path relative to the current working
	specified file or directory	directory to the target file or directory
Starts With	Starts with a forward slash (/)	Does not start with a forward slash (/)
Example	/home/user/Documents/report.txt	Documents/report.txt
Usage	Used to specify the exact location of a file or directory	Used for navigation within the current
	regardless of the current working directory	directory structure easily
Changes with	Does not change, as it specifies the location based on the	Changes based on the current working
Directory	root	directory
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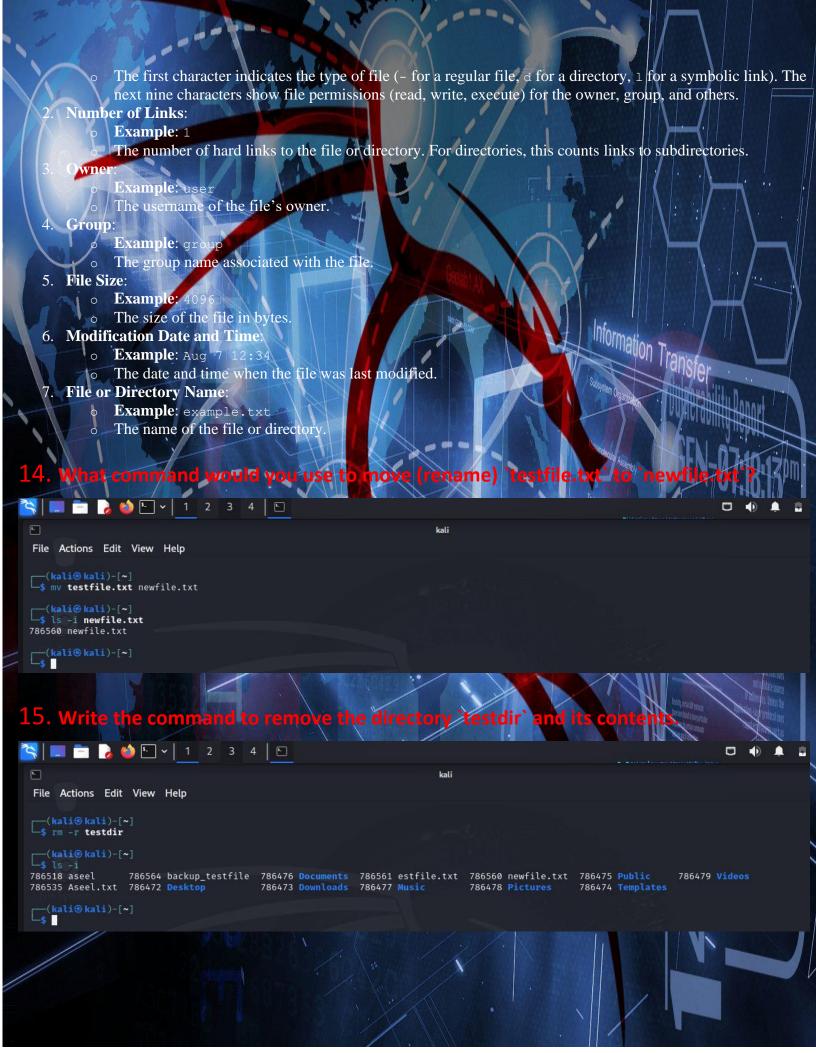
5. What command would you use to update the package list on a Debian-based system

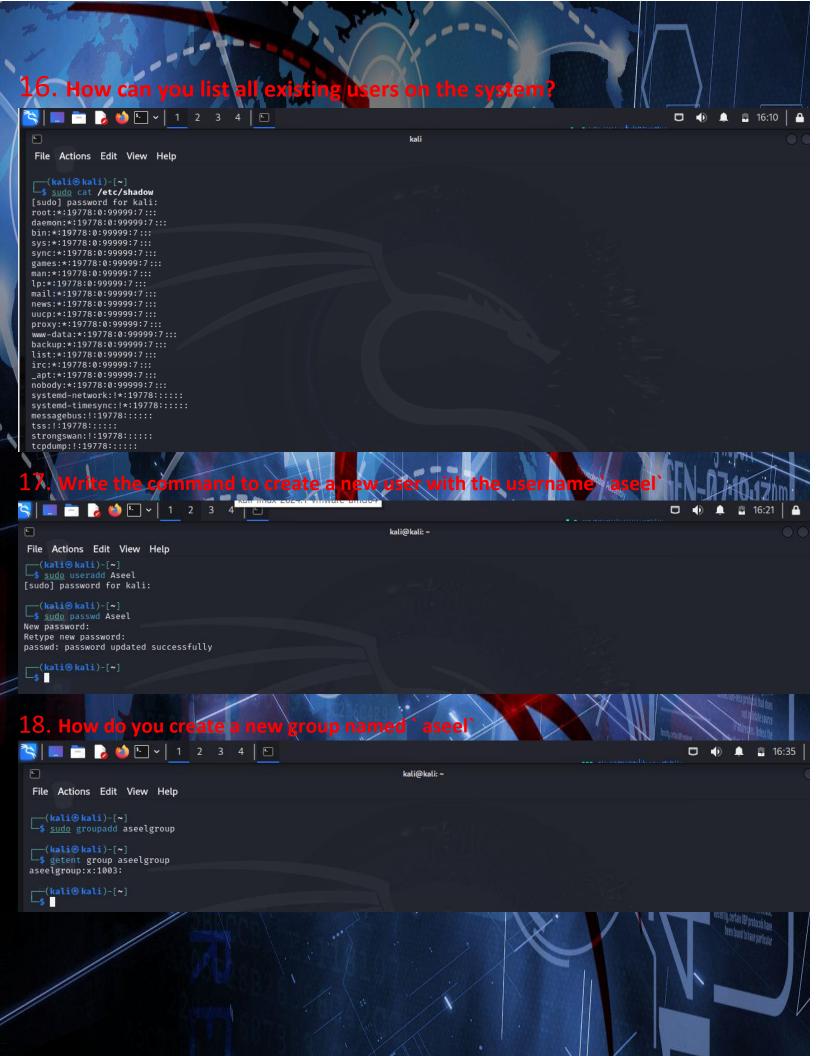
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   -$ <u>sudo</u> apt update
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Reading package lists... Done

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Repository 'Kali Linux' changed its 'firmware component' value from 'non-free' to 'non-free-firmware'
More information about this can be found online at: https://www.kali.org/blog/non-free-firmware-transition/
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19. Write the command to add the user `aseel` to the group 'aseel` __(kali@kali)-[~]

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$\sudo usermod -aG Aseelgroup Aseel usermod: group 'Aseelgroup' does not exist

[kali@kali)-[~]
$ getent group Aseelgroup

[kali@kali)-[~]
$ id Aseel
uid=1001(Aseel) gid=1001(Aseel) groups=1001(Aseel)

[kali@kali)-[~]
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20. What command would you use to change the password for the use

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-(kali⊕ kali)-[~]
sudo passwd Aseel
New password:
Retype new password:
passwd: password updated successfully
  -(kali®kali)-[~]
sudo chage -l Aseel
Last password change
                                                        : Aug 07, 2024
Password expires
                                                        : never
Password inactive
                                                        : never
Account expires
                                                        : never
Minimum number of days between password change
                                                        : 0
Maximum number of days between password change
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Number of days of warning before password expires
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21. Describe the steps you would take to install a Linux distribution on a virtual machine

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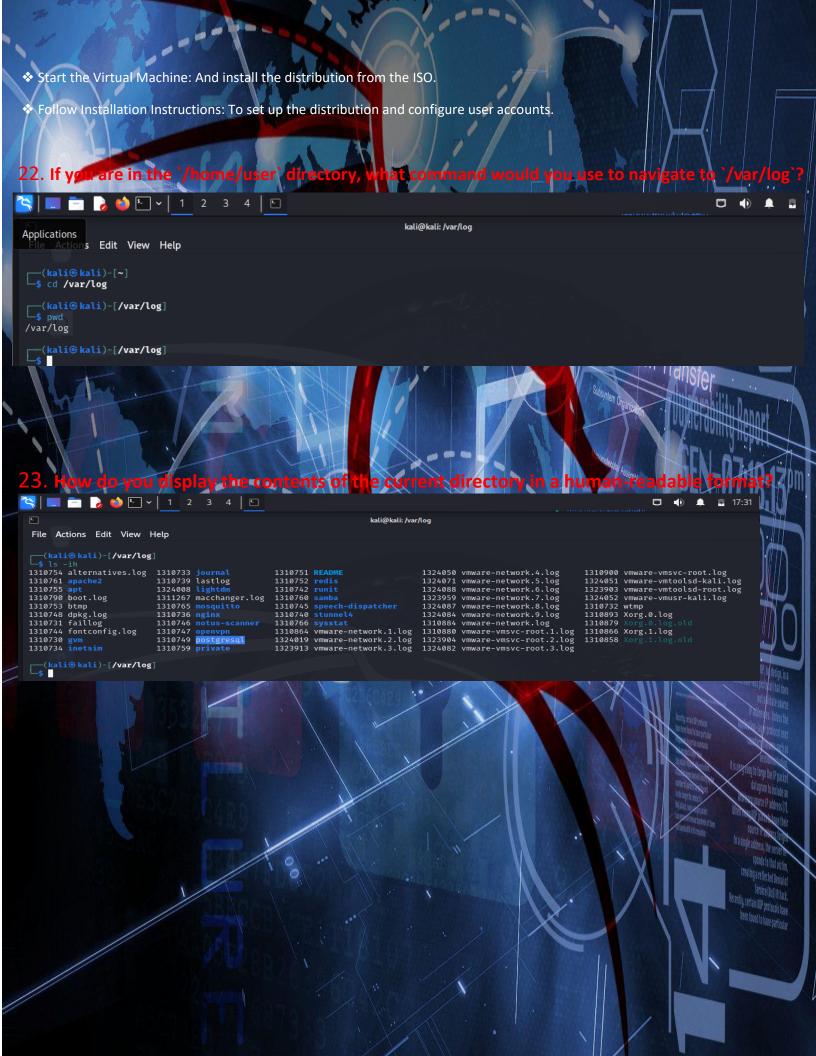
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install a Linux distribution on a virtual machine, follow these steps:

- ❖ Install Virtual Machine Software: Such as VirtualBox or VMware.
- Download the ISO Image: From the desired Linux distribution's website.

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- Create a Virtual Machine: Using the virtual machine software.
- Configure Resources: Allocate memory and disk size.
- ❖ Attach the ISO Image: As the boot medium.



24. Explain what the following command does: `cp -r /home/user/docs /home/user/docs | backup

Part	Description
ср	The basic command for copying files and directories.
-r	The option that stands for "recursive." It copies directories and their contents recursively.
/home/user/docs	The path to the source directory that you want to copy.
/home/user/docs_backup	The path to the destination. If docs_backup does not exist, it will be created, and the docs directory will be copied into it.

25. What is the difference between the rm and rm -r commands?

26. Explain the significance of the '/etc' directory in Linux.

The /etc directory in Linux is crucial because it contains system-wide configuration files and directories. It holds:

- Configuration Files: Settings for the system and applications (e.g., /etc/fstab, /etc/passwd).
- Service Configurations: Files for system services and daemons (e.g., /etc/ssh/sshd_config).
- Security Settings: Security and user permissions (e.g., /etc/sudoers).
- Initialization Scripts: Scripts run during system startup and shutdown.

System Defaults: Default configurations for various applications

