SHEET -11 - PROCESS MANAGEMENT - TOP & NICE

- 1. Run top cmd and observe the display, noting the information shown about CPU usage, memory usage, and the list of running processes.
- 2. Press q to exit top.
- 3. Run top again and while in top
 - a. Press M to sort processes by memory
 - b. Press P (uppercase) to sort processes by CPU usage.
 - c. Press N (uppercase) to sort processes by PID.
 - d. Press T (uppercase) to sort processes by TIME+.

4. While in top

- a. Press I to toggle first line (load summary line)
- b. Press t- swap the CPU displays to simple ASCII graphs that show the percentage of usage for each CPU
- c. Press "t" again to change the graph display to solid block characters
- d. Press "t" once more to remove the CPU display and task summary line completely.
- e. Press m to cycle the memory and swap memory lines through different display options.
- f. Press c to toggle the command name and full command line.

5. While in top

- a. Press d to change the delay time to 2.0 and back to 3.0
- b. Press f to change the columns to be displayed in top result (select/unselect using d)
- c. Press z to change color of the display.
- d. Press n to list n number of lines (e.g. press n and then enter 10 to display only 10 lines)
 - i. Press = to get the normal display back

6. While in top

- a. Press u and give the username to filter the process by username (press u -enter root to see all processes run by root etc)
- b. Press o to enter the filter option
 - i. Type COMMAND=yourProcessname and press enter
 - 1. COMMAND=sleep
 - 2. COMMAND=gnome
 - 3. COMMAND=kworker
 - ii. Type %CPU>anyvalue and press enter
 - iii. Type %MEM=anyvalue and press enter
 - iv. Type !USER=root and press enter
 - v. Type USER=username and press enter

7. While in top

- a. Press k to kill a process (create sleep process to run bg and kill it)
- b. Enter signal 15 and 9 and check
- c. Kill the top process itself
- 8. Create a process with nice value
 - a. nice -n 10 sleep 100 & and Run ps -eo pid,nice,cmd | grep sleep
 - b. nice -n 8 cat and Run ps -eo pid, nice, cmd | grep cat
 - c. nice -n -9 seq 20 (become root) and Run ps -eo pid, nice, cmd | grep seq
- 9. Change the nice value of a running process using renice niceval pidofprocess
- 10. Check the change using ps -f pidofprocess.