

Basic Linux Commands with Syntax

ls:

Lists files and directories.

Syntax: ls [options] [directory]

pwd:

Displays the current directory path.

Syntax: pwd

cd:

Changes the current directory.

Syntax: cd [directory]

mkdir:

Creates a new directory.

Syntax: mkdir [directory_name]

rmdir:

Removes an empty directory.

Syntax: rmdir [directory_name]

rm:

Deletes files or directories.

Syntax: rm [options] [file/directory]

cp:

Copies files or directories.

Syntax: cp [source] [destination]

mv:

Moves or renames files or directories.

Syntax: mv [source] [destination]

touch:

Creates a new empty file.

Syntax: touch [file_name]

cat:

Displays file content.

Syntax: cat [file_name]

nano / vim:

Opens a file in a text editor.

Syntax: nano [file_name] / vim [file_name]

grep:

Searches for a pattern in a file.

Syntax: grep [pattern] [file]

find:

Searches for files and directories.

Syntax: find [directory] -name "[pattern]"

chmod:

Changes file permissions.

Syntax: chmod [permissions] [file]

chown:

Changes file owner.

Syntax: chown [user:group] [file]

df:

Displays disk space usage.

Syntax: df -h

du:

Shows file/directory disk usage.

Syntax: du -sh [directory]

ps:

Displays active processes.

Syntax: ps aux

kill:

Terminates a process.

Syntax: kill [PID]

top:

Shows real-time system resource usage.

Syntax: top

tar:

Archives files.

Syntax: tar -cvf archive.tar [files] / tar -xvf archive.tar

zip/unzip:

Compresses or extracts ZIP files.

Syntax: zip archive.zip [files] / unzip archive.zip

wget:

Downloads a file from the internet.

Syntax: wget [URL]

scp:

Securely copies files between systems.

Syntax: scp [file] user@host:[destination]

ssh:

Connects to a remote system.

Syntax: ssh user@host

history:

Shows command history.

Syntax: history

man:

Displays the manual of a command.

Syntax: man [command]

echo:

Prints text to the terminal.

Syntax: echo "text"

uname -a:

Shows system information.

Syntax: uname -a

whoami:

Displays the currently logged-in user.

Syntax: whoami