Linux Guide

Bash shell prompt:

means you are using as superuser (root)

$ means you are a normal user

Command format

Command [option] [arguments]

Example:

$ ls -l /boot

Smart tricky commands

<tab> : complete the commands with sufficient uniqueness

history : display command history

alt : filter through previously passed arguments

!<no. of previous command> : recall previous command by number

!! : execute the previous command

^r : search command history with specific some text part

!$: recall previous argument

. : current directory

.. : parent directory of current directory

~ : current user home directory

Some useful commands to know user details

$whoami

$groups

$id

$grep <user_name> /etc/passwd

Gives user id's and related user and group with directory information.

$grep <user_name> /etc/group

Gives group name, id and member details

$cp : copy

$cp -r : copy directory

$mv : move file

$rm -r : remove directory

Files

Absolute path: (/path)

Relative path: (path/name_location)

$ls file*

$ ls file{a..g}

$ date +%F

$ tail -1 /path/file //show last line of file

Vim:

$vimtutor

:q to exit

:help

Press 'I' insert mode

Press ':' command mode

:w path/file_name save the file

yy copy a line

<number>p number times past a line

dw delete word

x deletes individual character

d$ deletes to end of the line

u undo

:wq save and quit in command mode

GG save and quite in insert mode

o take your file pointer at end of the lines

:q! quit without saving

Esc alter insert mode to command mode

Kill:

$ kill -signal_number p_id

Signal number-

‘1’ -> ‘HUP’ (hangup process or reinitialization without termination of process)

‘2’ -> ‘INT’ (keyboard interrupt, process can be blocked or handled. (Ctrl+c))

‘3’ -> ‘QUIT’ (keyboard quit, similar like ‘INT’ also produce process dump at termination. (Ctrl+\))

‘9’ -> ‘KILL’ (Kill, unblockable, causes abrupt program termination)

‘15’ -> ‘TERM’ (Terminate, default termination of program, allows self-cleanup)

‘18’ -> ‘CONT’ (Continue, always resume the process)

‘19’ -> ‘STOP’ (Stop, unbloackable, suspends the process)

‘20’ -> ‘TSTP’ (Keyboard stop (Ctrl+z))

//// funny commands

$ xeyes & // eye boles which follows your curser

Process:

Jobs:

$jobs //display running jobs

$ps j // display job information

$bg %job_no. // start a process in background

$fg %job_no. // bring a process to foreground

Permissions:

Sticky bit: ‘t’ sign in place of ‘x’, for other

chmod o+t /path/file

Setgid bit: ‘s’ sign in place of ‘x’, for group owner

chmod g+s /path/file

Setuid bit: ‘s’ sing in place of ‘x’, for user owner

chmod u+s /path/file

#

$ ls -ld /path/file

Output gives drwxr-rw-r: user_name group_name time argument

First d – directory sign, rwx – user permission, rw – group permission, r – other permission.

Monitoring process activities

$uptime

Output provides load average: last_1min, last_5min, last_15min

Overload detection:

If (last_1min / total_no_cpu) > 1) then system is overloaded.

$ top //running processes detailed info

Press ‘k’ and then press ‘enter’ will kill the highly %cpu process.

Press ‘q’ to close ‘top’ command.

$ps aux // provide process details

Action:	**Required permissions**:
View the file contents	r
Change file contents	w
Execute file	rx
Change directory	x
List the directory content	rx
Create/delete file inside directory	w

Users:

useradd user_name // add new user

groupadd group_name // add new group

usermod -aG group_name user_name //add a user_name as a member of the group_name

groupmod -g new_id_no group_name // assign a group id number to group_name

groupdel group_name // delete group

/etc/passwd contains user information’s

usermod -u new_user_id -c “new_user_argument” -s /bin/new_shell user_name

// it change user id, argument and default shell

grep user_name /etc/passwd // provide user details

userdel user_name // delete user

passwd user_name // setting up new user account password

su - // login as root user (super user)

sudo -i // login as root

logout // shortcut (Ctrl+d)

YUM:

$ yum info package

$ yum provides /path/package/package_config_file //package information

yum install -y package_name // install package

yum remove package_name

yum update package_name

yum grouplist // software package groups

yum group info “group_name” // all info about software group, in output ‘+’ package is part of this group and install by default with group installation.

yum group install -y “group_name”

yum history // provide all transactions history with transaction number.

yum history undo transaction_number // undo that specific transaction

ssh:

$ ssh user_name@server_name // login to another server

$ ls .ssh // key storing files

$ ssh-keygen // create new ssh private (id_rsa) and public (id_rsa.pub) key in current server

$ ssh-copy-id user_name@server_name //store your public key file in another server machine.

File permissions

U – owning user

G – owning group

O – other

+/- - adding/taking_away to what is there already

= - setting permission irrespective of the current state

r – 4

w – 2

x – 1

$ chmod 764 /path/file_name // permission provided as rwx-rw-r

7 – rwx or 4+2+1

6 – rw or 4+2

4 – r or 4

chown user_name /path/file //transferring ownership

chgrp group_name /path/file // change owning group

chown user_name:group_name /path/file // change user and group both