

Lab No : 06

Name of the Lab : Linux Command for processs

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Objectives:

- i) How to manage processes from the Linux Terminal?
- ii) Run the following process commands in Linux:
Top, htop, Ps, pstree, kill, pgrep, pkill ,killall, renice, xkill.

Answer no (i):

An instance of a program is called a Process. In simple terms, any command that you give to your Linux machine starts a new process. The Linux terminal has a number of useful commands that can display running processes, kill them, and change their priority level. This post lists the classic, traditional commands, as well as some more useful, modern ones. Many of the commands here perform a single function and can be combined — that's the Unix philosophy of designing programs.

Answer no (ii):

1) “top”: The **top** command is the traditional way to view your system's resource usage and see the processes that are taking up the most system resources.

```
top - 06:55:44 up 42 min, 1 user, load average: 0.44, 0.37, 0.39
Tasks: 227 total, 1 running, 226 sleeping, 0 stopped, 0 zombie
%Cpu(s): 5.7 us, 1.6 sy, 0.0 ni, 91.4 id, 0.3 wa, 0.0 hi, 0.9 si, 0.0 st
MiB Mem : 3858.4 total, 135.2 free, 1753.2 used, 1970.0 buff/cache
MiB Swap: 1024.0 total, 1024.0 free, 0.0 used. 1458.4 avail Mem
```

PID	USER	PR	NI	VIRT	RES	SHR	S	%CPU	%MEM	TIME+	COMMAND
1626	ruhan	20	0	2888584	225924	112436	S	18.5	5.7	3:01.46	gnome-she+
1194	ruhan	20	0	1055492	113960	86452	S	6.3	2.9	2:20.19	Xorg
3465	ruhan	20	0	2481212	156844	119168	S	0.7	4.0	0:25.11	Web Conte+
3575	ruhan	20	0	2586912	201080	104652	S	0.7	5.1	0:22.69	Web Conte+
4381	ruhan	20	0	20860	4036	3340	R	0.7	0.1	0:00.10	top
1	root	20	0	167592	11932	7560	S	0.3	0.3	0:05.35	systemd
10	root	20	0	0	0	0	I	0.3	0.0	0:03.35	rcu_sched
344	root	20	0	0	0	0	I	0.3	0.0	0:02.48	kworker/3+
553	root	-2	0	0	0	0	S	0.3	0.0	0:00.82	i915/sign+
2966	ruhan	20	0	3789636	369100	206684	S	0.3	9.3	1:55.16	firefox
3017	ruhan	20	0	2976144	205312	132820	S	0.3	5.2	1:18.01	Web Conte+
3131	ruhan	20	0	2473764	161364	119152	S	0.3	4.1	0:12.92	Web Conte+
3503	ruhan	20	0	2621676	183852	126524	S	0.3	4.7	0:28.08	Web Conte+
3816	ruhan	20	0	1356832	274948	143368	S	0.3	7.0	0:46.37	soffice.b+
4250	root	20	0	0	0	0	I	0.3	0.0	0:00.13	kworker/u+
2	root	20	0	0	0	0	S	0.0	0.0	0:00.00	kthreadd
3	root	0	-20	0	0	0	I	0.0	0.0	0:00.00	rcu_gp

2) **“htop”**: The **htop** command is an improved top. It’s not installed by default on most Linux distributions — here’s the command you’ll need to install it on Ubuntu: `sudo apt-get install htop`.

```

1  [||| 4.5%] Tasks: 121, 560 thr; 1 running
2  [||| 1.3%] Load average: 0.21 0.31 0.37
3  [||| 1.9%] Uptime: 00:41:18
4  [||| 2.7%]
Mem[|||||2.06G/3.77G]
Swp[0K/1024M]

```

PID	USER	PRI	NI	VIRT	RES	SHR	S	CPU%	MEM%	TIME+	Command
1098	ruhan	20	0	20572	4472	0	S	0.0	0.1	0:00.00	(sd-pam)
1096	ruhan	20	0	16844	9472	7520	S	0.0	0.2	0:00.35	/lib/systemd/sys
315	root	19	-1	66088	21520	19968	S	0.0	0.5	0:00.89	/lib/systemd/sys
924	root	20	0	14732	7124	6164	S	0.0	0.2	0:00.45	/lib/systemd/sys
847	systemd-r	20	0	22624	9596	8340	S	0.0	0.2	0:00.51	/lib/systemd/sys
863	systemd-t	20	0	90264	6124	5348	S	0.0	0.2	0:00.00	/lib/systemd/sys
846	systemd-t	20	0	90264	6124	5348	S	0.0	0.2	0:00.33	/lib/systemd/sys
380	root	20	0	19444	5364	3004	S	0.0	0.1	0:02.57	/lib/systemd/sys
1167	root	20	0	9512	5940	4676	S	0.0	0.2	0:00.01	/sbin/dhclient -
1	root	20	0	163M	11932	7560	S	0.7	0.3	0:05.21	/sbin/init splas
3284	root	20	0	18456	2652	1840	S	0.0	0.1	0:00.35	/sbin/mount.ntfs
931	root	20	0	11408	7584	6808	S	0.0	0.2	0:00.53	/sbin/wpa_suppli
1606	ruhan	20	0	7268	4060	3608	S	0.0	0.1	0:00.20	/usr/bin/dbus-da

F1Help F2Setup F3Search F4Filter F5Tree F6SortBy F7Nice - F8Nice + F9Kill F10Quit

3) **“ps”**: The **ps** command lists running processes.

You could also pipe the output through **grep** to search for a specific process without using any other commands. The following command would search for the Codeblocks process:

```
ruhan@ruhan-HP-Notebook:~$ ps -A | grep firefox
2966 tty2      00:02:05 firefox
ruhan@ruhan-HP-Notebook:~$
```

4) **“pstree”**: The **pstree** command is another way of visualizing processes. It displays them in tree format.

```
ruhan@ruhan-HP-Notebook:~$ pstree
systemd--ModemManager--2*[{ModemManager}]
        |NetworkManager--dhclient
        |                  2*[{NetworkManager}]
--accounts-daemon--2*[{accounts-daemon}]
--acpid
--avahi-daemon--avahi-daemon
--bluetoothd
--boltd--2*[{boltd}]
--colord--2*[{colord}]
--cron
--cups-browsed--2*[{cups-browsed}]
--cupsd
--dbus-daemon
--firefox--Web Content--26*[{Web Content}]
          |2*[{Web Content--25*[{Web Content}]]
          |Web Content--27*[{Web Content}]
          |2*[{Web Content--28*[{Web Content}]]
          |Web Content--20*[{Web Content}]
          |WebExtensions--24*[{WebExtensions}]
          |64*[{firefox}]
--fwupd--4*[{fwupd}]
```

5) **“kill”**: The **kill** command can kill a process, given its process ID.

```

ruhan@ruhan-HP-Notebook:~$ kill rhythmbox
bash: kill: rhythmbox: arguments must be process or job IDs
ruhan@ruhan-HP-Notebook:~$ ps -A | grep rhythmbox
4831 tty2      00:00:01  rhythmbox
ruhan@ruhan-HP-Notebook:~$ kill 3841
bash: kill: (3841) - No such process
ruhan@ruhan-HP-Notebook:~$ kill 4841
bash: kill: (4841) - No such process
ruhan@ruhan-HP-Notebook:~$ kill 4831
ruhan@ruhan-HP-Notebook:~$

```

6) **“pgrep”**: **pgrep** returns the process IDs that match it.

```

ruhan@ruhan-HP-Notebook:~$ pgrep rhythmbox
4917
ruhan@ruhan-HP-Notebook:~$ kill $(pgrep rhythmbox)
ruhan@ruhan-HP-Notebook:~$

```

7) **“pkill & killall”**: The **pkill** and **killall** commands can kill a process, given its name.

```

ruhan@ruhan-HP-Notebook:~$ pkill rhythmbox

```

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ruhan@ruhan-HP-Notebook:~$ killall rhythmbox
ruhan@ruhan-HP-Notebook:~$

```

8) **“renice”**: The **renice** command changes the nice value of an already running process. The nice value determines what priority the process runs with. A value of **-19** is very high priority, while a value of **19** is very low priority. A value of **0** is the default priority.

```

ruhan@ruhan-HP-Notebook:~$ pgrep rhythmbox
5247
ruhan@ruhan-HP-Notebook:~$ renice 19 5247
5247 (process ID) old priority 0, new priority 19
ruhan@ruhan-HP-Notebook:~$

```

9) **“xkill”**: The **xkill** command is a way of easily killing graphical programs. Run it and your cursor will turn into an x sign. Click a program’s window to kill that program. If you don’t want to kill a program, you can back out of xkill by right-clicking instead.

```
ruhan@ruhan-HP-Notebook:~$ xkill  
Select the window whose client you wish to kill with button 1....
```