# Unit-9 Unix Commands

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### cd (Change Directory) Command

 The cd command is used to change the current directory (i.e., the directory in which the user is currently working)

#### Syntax:

cd [-Options] [Directory]

#### Example:

Option	Use
cd	Change Current directory to parent directory
cd ~	Move to users home directory from anywhere
cd lab_1	Change from current working directory to lab_1
cd/downloads	If we are currently in /home/username/documents then we would be placed in /home/username/downloads.

```
Change Current directory to parent directory

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[student@localhost ~]$ pwd
/home/student
[student@localhost ~]$ cd ...
[student@localhost home]$ pwd
/home
[student@localhost home]$
```

```
Tile Edit View Search Terminal Help

[student@localhost Documents]$ ls

lab-1

[student@localhost Documents]$ cd ~

[student@localhost ~]$ ls

Desktop Documents Downloads Music Pictures Public Templates Videos

[student@localhost ~]$
```

```
Change from current working directory to lab_1

File Edit View Search Terminal Help

[student@localhost Documents]$ ls

lab-1

[student@localhost Documents]$ cd lab-1/

[student@localhost lab-1]$ pwd
/home/student/Documents/lab-1

[student@localhost lab-1]$
```

cd ../downloads

If we are currently in /home/student/documents then we would be placed in /home/student/downloads

```
File Edit View Search Terminal Help

[student@localhost Documents]$ pwd

/home/student/Documents

[student@localhost Documents]$ cd ../Downloads/

[student@localhost Downloads]$ pwd

/home/student/Downloads

[student@localhost Downloads]$
```

#### **Is** Command

List directory contents.

#### Syntax:

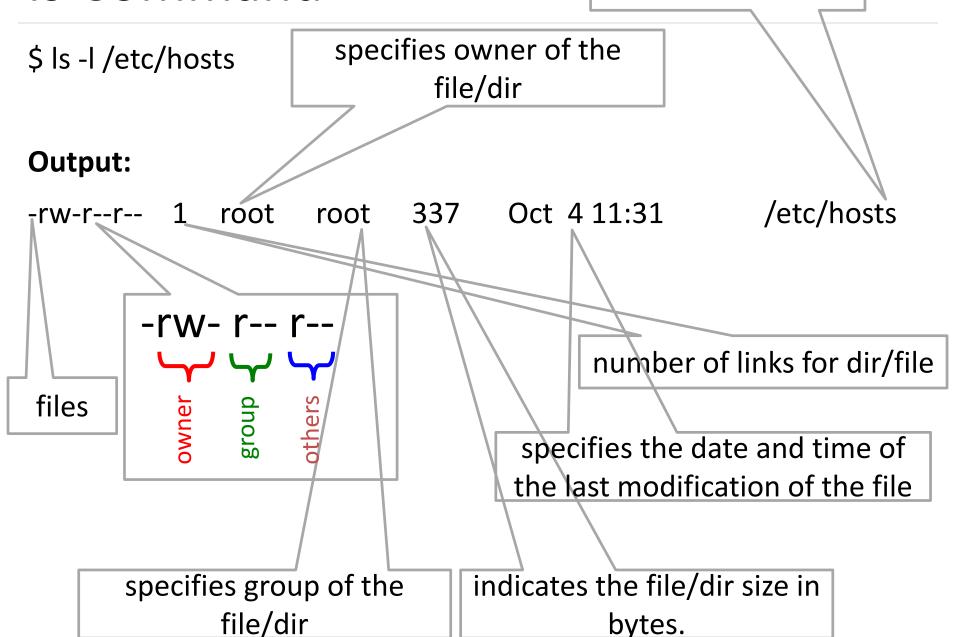
Is [Options] [file|dir]

#### Example:

Option	Use
ls -l	To show long listing information about the file/directory
ls -a	List all files including hidden file starting with '.'
ls -r	List in reverse order
ls -t	Sort by time & date
ls -s	Sort by file size

#### Is Command

name of the file/dir



# Is Command Example

```
ls -l
                To show long listing information about the file/directory
File Edit View Search Terminal Help
[student@localhost ~]$ ls
calc.sh Documents hello.c Pictures
                                       Templates
                                       Videos
Desktop Downloads Music
                             Public
[student@localhost ~]$
File Edit View Search Terminal Help
[student@localhost ~]$ ls -l
total 32
-rw-rw-r--. 1 student student 0 Mar 24 00:23 calc.sh
drwxr-xr-x. 2 student student 4096 Mar 24 00:23 Desktop
drwxr-xr-x. 3 student student 4096 Mar 24 00:18 Documents
drwxr-xr-x. 2 student student 4096 Mar 23 23:29 Downloads
-rw-rw-r--. 1 student student
                                 0 Mar 24 00:22 hello.c
drwxr-xr-x. 2 student student 4096 Mar 23 23:29 Music
drwxr-xr-x. 2 student student 4096 Mar 23 23:29 Pictures
drwxr-xr-x. 2 student student 4096 Mar 23 23:29 Public
drwxr-xr-x. 2 student student 4096 Mar 23 23:29 Templates
drwxr-xr-x. 2 student student 4096 Mar 23 23:29 Videos
[student@localhost ~]$
```

# **Is** Command Example

```
List all files including hidden file starting with '.'
ls -a
File Edit View Search Terminal Help
[student@localhost ~]$ ls -a
                               .gtk-bookmarks
                                                Pictures
              Desktop
                                                Public
               .dmrc
                               .gvfs
                               hello.c
bash logout
              Documents
                                                .pulse
bash profile Downloads
                               .ICEauthority
                                                .pulse-cookie
bashrc
         .esd auth
                                .imsettings.log
                                                .recently-used.xbel
                               .local
                                                Templates
. cache
              .gconf
calc.sh
                               .mozilla
                                                .thumbnails
              .gconfd
.config
              .gnome2
                               Music
                                                Videos
               .gnome2 private
                               .nautilus
                                                .xsession-errors
dbus
[student@localhost ~]$
```

# **Is** Command Example

```
Is -r

List in reverse order

File Edit View Search Terminal Help

[student@localhost ~]$ ls -r

Videos Public Music Downloads Desktop

Templates Pictures hello.c Documents calc.sh

[student@localhost ~]$
```

#### man Command

- It is the interface used to view the system's reference manuals.
- Syntax:

man [command name]

#### Example

```
File Edit View Search Terminal Help
[student@localhost ~]$ man ls
File Edit View Search Terminal Help
                                     User Commands
LS(1)
                                                                                 LS(1)
NAME
        ls - list directory contents
SYNOPSIS
        ls [<u>OPTION</u>]... [<u>FILE</u>]...
DESCRIPTION
       List information about the FILEs (the current directory by default).
       Sort entries alphabetically if none of -cftuvSUX nor --sort.
```

#### echo Command

Display a line of text/string on standard output or a file.

#### Syntax:

echo [option] [string]

#### Example:

Option	Use
echo -n	Do not output a trailing newline
echo -e	Enable interpretation of backslash escape sequences

Option	Use
\b	It removes all the spaces in between the text
\n	It creates new line from where it is used
\t	It create horizontal tab spaces

### echo Command Example

```
File Edit View Search Terminal Help
[student@localhost ~]$ echo "hello linux"
hello linux
[student@localhost ~]$
                     Do not output a trailing newline
echo -n
File Edit View Search Terminal Help
[student@localhost ~]$ echo -n "hello linux"
hello linux[student@localhost ~]$
```

# echo Command Example

echo -e	Enable interpretation of backslash escape sequences	
\b	It removes all the spaces in between the text	
\n	It creates new line from where it is used	
\t	It create horizontal tab spaces	
File Edit View Search Te	rminal Help	
[student@localhost HiGoodMorning	~]\$ echo -e "Hi \bGood \bMorning"	^
[student@localhost Hi	~]\$ echo -e "Hi \nGood \nMorning"	
Good		
Morning	1d asks a mid Nacasal Name and and	
-	~]\$ echo -e "Hi \tGood \tMorning" rning	
[student@localhost	<u>-</u>	=

#### cal Command

• Displays a simple, formatted calendar in your terminal.

#### Syntax:

cal [options] [[[day] month] year]

#### Example:

Option	Use
cal -1	Display single month output. (This is the default.)
cal -3	Display three months spanning the date.
cal -s	Display Sunday as the first day of the week.
cal -m	Display Monday as the first day of the week.
cal -j	Use day-of-year numbering for all calendars. These are also called ordinal days. Ordinal days range from 1 to 366.
cal –y	Display a calendar for the whole year

```
cal -3
                     Display three months spanning the date.
File Edit View Search Terminal Help
[student@localhost ~]$ cal -3
    February 2020
                            March 2020
                                                    April 2020
Su Mo Tu We Th Fr Sa Su Mo Tu We Th Fr Sa Su Mo Tu We Th Fr Sa
                            9 10
                                11 12 13 14
      11 12 13 14 15
                      15 16 17 18 19 20
                                          21
                      22 23 <mark>24</mark> 25 26 27 28
   17 18 19 20 21 22
                                               19 20 21 22 23 24 25
23 24 25 26 27 28 29 29 30 31
                                               26 27 28 29 30
[student@localhost ~]$
```

```
| Display Sunday as the first day of the week.

| File | Edit | View | Search | Terminal | Help | |
| Student@localhost ~ | $ | cal -s |
| March | 2020 |
| Su | Mo | Tu | We | Th | Fr | Sa |
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 |
| 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 |
| 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 |
| 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 |
| 29 | 30 | 31 |
| Student@localhost ~ | $
```

```
Use day-of-year numbering for all calendars. These are also called
cal -j
                      ordinal days. Ordinal days range from 1 to 366.
File Edit View Search Terminal Help
[student@localhost ~]$ cal -j
          March 2020
Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat
                       66
 61
     62
          63
              64
                   65
                            67
          70
 68
     69
              71
                   72
                       73
                            74
 75
     76
          77
              78
                  79
                       80
                           81
 82
     83 84
              85
                   86
                       87
                            88
 89
     90
          91
[student@localhost ~]$
```

```
Display a calendar for the whole year
 cal -y
 File Edit View Search Terminal Help
[student@localhost ~]$ cal -y
                               2020
                            February
       January
                                                     March
                       Su Mo Tu We Th Fr Sa
Su Mo Tu We Th Fr Sa
                                              8 9 10 11 12 13 14
           9 10 11
12 13 14 15 16 17 18
                                             15 16 17 18 19 20 21
                            11 12 13 14 15
19 20 21 22 23 24 25
                      16 17 18 19 20 21 22
                                             22 23 24 25 26 27 28
26 27 28 29 30 31
                      23 24 25 26 27 28 29
                                             29 30 31
        April
                               May
                                                     June
Su Mo Tu We Th Fr Sa
                      Su Mo Tu We Th Fr Sa
                                             Su Mo Tu We Th Fr Sa
            2 3 4
                                                    2 3
                                                          4 5 6
            9 10 11
                                                    9 10 11 12 13
12 13 14 15 16 17 18
                       10 11 12 13 14 15 16
                                              14 15 16 17 18 19 20
19 20 21 22 23 24 25
                       17 18 19 20 21 22 23
                                             21 22 23 24 25 26 27
26 27 28 29 30
                       24 25 26 27 28 29 30
                                             28 29 30
                       31
        July
                             August
                                                   September
                       Su Mo Tu We Th Fr Sa
Su Mo Tu We Th Fr Sa
                                             Su Mo Tu We Th Fr Sa
           9 10 11
      7 8
                                                       9 10 11 12
12 13 14 15 16 17 18
                       9 10 11 12 13 14 15
                                              13 14 15 16 17 18 19
19 20 21 22 23 24 25
                       16 17 18 19 20 21 22
                                              20 21 22 23 24 25 26
26 27 28 29 30 31
                      23 24 25 26 27 28 29
                                             27 28 29 30
                       30 31
       0ctober
                             November
                                                   December
Su Mo Tu We Th Fr Sa
                       Su Mo Tu We Th Fr Sa
                                              Su Mo Tu We Th Fr Sa
               2 3
           8
               9 10
                       8 9 10 11 12 13 14
                                                    8 9 10 11 12
11 12 13 14 15 16 17
                      15 16 17 18 19 20 21
                                             13 14 15 16 17 18 19
```

#### date Command

Print or set the system date and time.

#### Syntax:

date [OPTION]... [+FORMAT]

#### Example:

Option	Use
date +%a	The abbreviated weekday name (e.g., Sun)
date +%A	The full weekday name (e.g., Sunday)
date +%b	The abbreviated month name (e.g., Jan)
date +%B	Locale's full month name (e.g., January)
date +%C	The current century; like %Y, except omit last two digits (e.g., 20)
date +%w	day of week (06); 0 is Sunday

### date Command

Option	Use
date +%d	Display the day of the month
date +%m	Displays the month of year (01 to 12)
date +%y	Displays last two digits of the year(00 to 99)
date +%Y	Display four-digit year.
date +%T	Display the time in 24 hour format as HH:MM:SS
date +%H	Display the hour
date +%M	Display the minute
date +%S	Display the seconds
date +%V	ISO week number, with Monday as first day of week (0153)
date +%P	locale's equivalent of either AM or PM

```
date +%a

The abbreviated weekday name (e.g., Sun)

The full weekday name (e.g., Sunday)

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[student@localhost ~]$ date
Tue Mar 24 12:15:52 IST 2020
[student@localhost ~]$

File Edit View Search Terminal Help

[student@localhost ~]$ date +%a
Tue
[student@localhost ~]$ date +%A
Tuesday
[student@localhost ~]$
```

date +%b	The abbreviated month name (e.g., Jan)
date +%B	Locale's full month name (e.g., January)
File Edit View Search Terr	minal Help
[student@localhost Mar	~]\$ date +%b
[student@localhost March	~]\$ date +%B
[student@localhost	~]\$

date +%c	Full date with IST timing
date +%C	The current century; like %Y, except omit last two digits (e.g., 20)
File Edit View Search Terminal Help	
[student@localhost ~]\$ date +%c	
Tue 24 Mar 2020 12:16:47 PM IST	
[student@localhost ~]\$ date +%C	
20	
[student@localhost ~1\$	

date +%d	Display the day of the month
date +%m	Displays the month of year (01 to 12)
date +%y	Displays last two digits of the year(00 to 99)
File Edit View Search Terminal Help	

```
File Edit View Search Terminal Help

[student@localhost ~]$ date

Tue Mar 24 12:23:52 IST 2020

[student@localhost ~]$ date +%d

24

[student@localhost ~]$ date +%m

03

[student@localhost ~]$ date +%y

20

[student@localhost ~]$
```

```
date +%y

Displays last two digits of the year(00 to 99)

date +%Y

Display four-digit year.

File Edit View Search Terminal Help

[student@localhost ~]$ date +%y
20

[student@localhost ~]$ date +%Y
2020
[student@localhost ~]$
```

date +%T	Display the time in 24 hour format as HH:MM:SS	
date +%H	Display the hour	
date +%M	Display the minute	
date +%S	Display the seconds	
File Edit View Search Terr	ninal Help	
[student@localhost   12:25:13	~]\$ date +%T	^
[student@localhost   12	~]\$ date +%H	
[student@localhost   25	~]\$ date +%M	
[student@localhost   19	~]\$ date +%S	
[student@localhost	~]\$	

#### clear Command

- Clear the terminal screen.
- If you take a detailed look after running the clear command, you'll find that it doesn't really clear the terminal. The tool just shifts the text upwards, out of the viewable area.

#### Syntax:

clear

# clear Command Example

```
File Edit View Search Terminal Help
[student@localhost ~]$ cal
     March 2020
Su Mo Tu We Th Fr Sa
   16 17 18 19 20 21
22 23 24 25 26 27 28
29 30 31
[student@localhost ~]$ clear
File Edit View Search Terminal Help
[student@localhost ~]$ clear
```

#### cat Command

• It is used to create, display and concatenate file contents.

#### Syntax:

cat [OPTION] [FILE]

#### Example:

Option	Use
cat -b	Omits line numbers for blank space in the output
cat -E	Displays a \$ (dollar sign) at the end of each line
cat -n	Line numbers for all the output lines
cat -s	Suppress repeated empty output lines
cat -T	Displays the tab characters as ^I in the output

#### cat Command

#### Example:

#### \$ cat > file1.txt

- It creates file1.txt and allow us to insert content for this file.
- After inserting content you can use ctrl+c to exit the file.

#### \$cat file.txt > newfile.txt

 Read the contents of file.txt and write them to newfile.txt, overwriting anything newfile.txt previously contained. If newfile.txt does not exist, it will be created.

#### \$cat file.txt >> newfile.txt

 Read the contents of file.txt and append them to the end of newfile.txt. If newfile.txt does not exist, it will be created.

#### cat Command

#### Example:

#### cat file1.txt file2.txt

 It will read the contents of file1.txt and file2.txt and display the result in the terminal.

#### cat file1.txt file2.txt > combinedfile.txt

- It will concatenate the contents of file1.txt and file2.txt and write them to a new file combinedfile.txt using the (>) operator.
- If the combinedfile.txt file doesn't exist the command will create
  it. Otherwise it will overwrite the file.

- \$ cat > file1.txt
- It creates file1.txt and allow us to insert content for this file.
- After inserting content you can use ctrl+c to exit the file.

```
File Edit View Search Terminal Help

[student@localhost lab]$ cat > file1.txt
hi
good
morning
^C
[student@localhost lab]$

File Edit View Search Terminal Help

[student@localhost lab]$ cat file1.txt
hi
good
morning
[student@localhost lab]$
```

```
cat -b Omits line numbers for blank space in the output

cat -E Displays a $ (dollar sign) at the end of each line

File Edit View Search Terminal Help

[student@localhost lab]$ cat -E file1.txt
hi$
good$
morning$
[student@localhost lab]$ cat -b file1.txt

1 hi
2 good
3 morning
[student@localhost lab]$
```

- \$cat file.txt > newfile.txt
- Read the contents of file.txt and write them to newfile.txt,
   overwriting anything newfile.txt previously contained.
- If newfile.txt does not exist, it will be created.

```
File Edit View Search Terminal Help
[student@localhost lab]$ cat file1.txt
hi
good
morning
[student@localhost lab]$ cat file1.txt > newfile1.txt
[student@localhost lab]$ cat newfile1.txt
hi
good
morning
[student@localhost lab]$
```

- \$cat file.txt >> newfile.txt
- Read the contents of file.txt and append them to the end of newfile.txt. If newfile.txt does not exist, it will be created.

```
File Edit View Search Terminal Help
[student@localhost lab]$ cat file2.txt
hello linux
[student@localhost lab]$ cat newfile1.txt
hi
good
morning
[student@localhost lab]$ cat file2.txt >> newfile1.txt
[student@localhost lab]$ cat newfile1.txt
hi
good
morning
hello linux
[student@localhost lab]$
```

#### cat file1.txt file2.txt

 It will read the contents of file1.txt and file2.txt and display the result in the terminal.

```
File Edit View Search Terminal Help

[student@localhost lab]$ ls

file1.txt file2.txt newfile1.txt
[student@localhost lab]$ cat file1.txt file2.txt

hi

good

morning

hello linux
[student@localhost lab]$
```

- cat file1.txt file2.txt > combinedfile.txt
- It will concatenate the contents of file1.txt and file2.txt and write them to a new file combinedfile.txt using the (>) operator.
- If the combinedfile.txt file doesn't exist the command will create it otherwise it will overwrite the file.

```
File Edit View Search Terminal Help

[student@localhost lab]$ cat file1.txt file2.txt > combined.txt

[student@localhost lab]$ cat combined.txt

hi

good

morning

hello linux
[student@localhost lab]$
```

## pwd (Print working directory) Command

 It prints the current working directory name with the complete path starting from root (/).

#### Syntax:

pwd [-OPTION]

```
File Edit View Search Terminal Help

[student@localhost lab]$ passwd

Changing password for user student.

Changing password for student.

(current) UNIX password:
```

#### who Command

• It display the users that are currently logged into your Unix computer system.

#### Syntax:

who [-options] [filename]

Option	Use
who -b	Display the time of the last system boot
who -H	Print a line of column headings
who -q	Displays all login names, and a count of all logged-on users
who -a	Display all details of current logged in user

```
File Edit View Search Terminal Help

[student@localhost lab]$ who
student tty1 2020-03-24 10:48 (:0)
student pts/0 2020-03-24 10:48 (:0.0)

[student@localhost lab]$

who -b

Display the time of the last system boot

File Edit View Search Terminal Help

[student@localhost lab]$ who -b
system boot 2020-03-24 10:48

[student@localhost lab]$
```

```
who -H Print a line of column headings

File Edit View Search Terminal Help

[student@localhost lab]$ who -H

NAME LINE TIME COMMENT

student tty1 2020-03-24 10:48 (:0)

student pts/0 2020-03-24 10:48 (:0.0)

[student@localhost lab]$
```

```
who -q Displays all login names, and a count of all logged-on users

File Edit View Search Terminal Help

[student@localhost lab]$ who -q
student student
# users=2
[student@localhost lab]$
```

```
who -a
           Display all details of current logged in user
File Edit View Search Terminal Help
[student@localhost lab]$ who -a
           system boot 2020-03-24 10:48
           run-level 5 2020-03-24 10:48
LOGIN
          tty2
                       2020-03-24 10:48
                                                      1254 id=2
                                                      1256 id=3
LOGIN
          tty3
                        2020-03-24 10:48
LOGIN
          tty4
                        2020-03-24 10:48
                                                      1260 id=4
LOGIN
          tty5
                        2020-03-24 10:48
                                                      1263 id=5
LOGIN
           tty6
                       2020-03-24 10:48
                                                      1267 id=6
student
         - tty1
                  2020-03-24 10:48
                                         old
                                                      1383 (:0)
student
         + pts/0
                                                      1804 (:0.0)
                  2020-03-24 10:48
[student@localhost lab]$
```

#### whoami Command

• This command prints the username associated with the current effective user ID.

#### Syntax:

whoami [-OPTION]

Option	Use
whoamihelp	Display a help message, and exit
whoamiversion	Display version information, and exit

```
Display a help message, and exit
whoami --help
File Edit View Search Terminal Help
[student@localhost lab]$ whoami --help
Usage: whoami [OPTION]...
Print the user name associated with the current effective user ID.
Same as id -un.
       --help display this help and exit
       --version output version information and exit
Report whoami bugs to bug-coreutils@gnu.org
GNU coreutils home page: <a href="http://www.gnu.org/software/coreutils/">http://www.gnu.org/software/coreutils/>
General help using GNU software: <a href="http://www.gnu.org/gethelp/">http://www.gnu.org/gethelp/</a>
For complete documentation, run: info coreutils 'whoami invocation'
[student@localhost lab]$
```

```
whoami --version

Display version information, and exit

File Edit View Search Terminal Help

[student@localhost lab]$ whoami
student
[student@localhost lab]$ whoami --version
whoami (GNU coreutils) 8.5

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Written by Richard Mlynarik.
[student@localhost lab]$
```

## uname (unix name) Command

Print information about the current system.

#### Syntax:

uname [-OPTION]

Option	Use
uname -s	Print the kernel name
uname -n	Print the network node hostname
uname -v	Print the kernel version
uname -m	Print the machine hardware name
uname -o	Print the operating system

```
uname -s

File Edit View Search Terminal Help

[student@localhost lab]$ uname

Linux
[student@localhost lab]$ uname -s

Linux
[student@localhost lab]$
```

# uname -n Print the network node hostname File Edit View Search Terminal Help [student@localhost lab]\$ uname -n localhost.localdomain [student@localhost lab]\$

```
uname -v Print the kernel version

File Edit View Search Terminal Help

[student@localhost lab]$ uname -v
#1 SMP Mon Oct 18 23:56:17 UTC 2010
[student@localhost lab]$
```

uname -m Print the machine hardware name

File Edit View Search Terminal Help

[student@localhost lab]\$ uname -m

i686

[student@localhost lab]\$

```
uname -o Print the operating system

File Edit View Search Terminal Help

[student@localhost lab]$ uname -o

GNU/Linux
[student@localhost lab]$
```

#### passwd Command

 The passwd command is used to change the password of a user account.

#### Syntax:

passwd [-options] [username]

```
File Edit View Search Terminal Help

[student@localhost lab]$ passwd

Changing password for user student.

Changing password for student.

(current) UNIX password:
```

#### mkdir Command

This command is used to make Directories.

#### Syntax:

mkdir [-OPTION] DIRECTORY

Option	Use
mkdir -v	Print a message for each created directory
mkdir -p	No error if existing, make parent directories as needed
mkdir -m	To control the permissions of new directories

## mkdir Command Example

```
mkdir -v Print a message for each created directory

File Edit View Search Terminal Help

[student@localhost lab]$ mkdir lab-1

[student@localhost lab]$ ls

combined.txt file1.txt file2.txt lab-1 newfile1.txt

[student@localhost lab]$ mkdir -v lab-2

mkdir: created directory `lab-2'

[student@localhost lab]$ ls

combined.txt file1.txt file2.txt lab-1 lab-2 newfile1.txt

[student@localhost lab]$
```

## mkdir Command Example

```
mkdir-p No error if existing, make parent directories as needed

File Edit View Search Terminal Help

[student@localhost lab]$ ls

combined.txt file1.txt file2.txt lab-1 lab-2 newfile1.txt

[student@localhost lab]$ mkdir lab-2

mkdir: cannot create directory `lab-2': File exists

[student@localhost lab]$ mkdir -p lab-2

[student@localhost lab]$
```

## mkdir Command Example

```
mkdir -m To control the permissions of new directories

File Edit View Search Terminal Help

[student@localhost Documents]$ ls -l
total 8
drwxrwxr-x. 4 student student 4096 Mar 24 14:07 lab
drwxrwxr-x. 2 student student 4096 Mar 24 00:18 lab-1

[student@localhost Documents]$ mkdir -m 777 lab-2

[student@localhost Documents]$ ls -l
total 12
drwxrwxr-x. 4 student student 4096 Mar 24 14:07 lab
drwxrwxr-x. 2 student student 4096 Mar 24 00:18 lab-1
drwxrwxrwx. 2 student student 4096 Mar 24 14:12 lab-1
[student@localhost Documents]$
```

#### rmdir Command

This command removes empty directories from your filesystem.

#### Syntax:

rmdir [-OPTION] DIRECTORY

Option	Use
rmdir -p	Remove directory and its ancestors e.g., 'rmdir -p a/b/c' is similar to 'rmdir a/b/c a/b a'

## rmdir Command Example

```
Remove directory and its ancestors...
rmdir -p
            e.g., 'rmdir -p a/b/c' is similar to 'rmdir a/b/c a/b a'
File Edit View Search Terminal Help
[student@localhost Documents]$ ls
lab lab-1
[student@localhost Documents]$ rmdir lab-1
[student@localhost Documents]$ ls
lab
[student@localhost Documents]$ rmdir lab-2 lab-3
[student@localhost Documents]$ ls
lab
[student@localhost Documents]$
File Edit View Search Terminal Help
[root@localhost ~]# mkdir -p /root/a/b/c
[root@localhost ~]# ls
   anaconda-ks.cfg install.log install.log.syslog
[root@localhost ~]# rmdir -p a/b/c
[root@localhost ~]# ls
anaconda-ks.cfg install.log install.log.syslog
[root@localhost ~]#
```

## cp(copy) Command

• This command is used to copy files and directories.

#### Syntax:

cp [option] source destination/directory

Option	Use
cp -i	Interactive - ask before overwrite
cp -f	Force copy by removing the destination file if needed
cp -n	Do not overwrite an existing file
cp -u	Update - copy when source is newer than destination
cp -s	Make symbolic links instead of copying
cp -R	Copy directories recursively
cp -v	Print informative messages

```
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[root@localhost lab]# cat > file1.txt
hello
linux
^C
[root@localhost lab]# cp file1.txt file2.txt
[root@localhost lab]# cat file2.txt
hello
linux
[root@localhost lab]# cat file2.txt
```

```
cp -v     Print informative messages

File Edit View Search Terminal Help
[root@localhost lab]# cp -v file1.txt file3.txt
     `file1.txt' -> `file3.txt'
[root@localhost lab]# cat file3.txt
hello
linux
[root@localhost lab]#
```

```
Cp -s Make symbolic links instead of copying

File Edit View Search Terminal Help

[root@localhost lab]# cp -s file1.txt file3.txt

[root@localhost lab]# ls -l

total 8
-rw-r--r--. 1 root root 25 Mar 24 15:29 file1.txt
-rw-r--r--. 1 root root 25 Mar 24 15:30 file2.txt
lrwxrwxrwx. 1 root root 9 Mar 24 15:31 file3.txt -> file1.txt

[root@localhost lab]# ]
```

## mv(move) Command

mv command is used to move files and directories.

#### Syntax:

mv [-options] source dest

Option	Use
mv -i	Interactive prompt before overwrite
mv -f	Force move by overwriting destination file without prompt
mv -n	Never overwrite any existing file
mv -u	Update - move when source is newer than destination
mv -v	Print informative messages

## mv Command Example

```
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[root@localhost lab]# ls

f1.txt file1.txt file2.txt

[root@localhost lab]# mv f1.txt ../lab-2/

[root@localhost lab]# ls

file1.txt file2.txt

[root@localhost lab]# cd ..

[root@localhost Documents]# cd lab-2/

[root@localhost lab-2]# ls

f1.txt

[root@localhost lab-2]#
```

## rm(remove) Command

The 'rm' command is used to delete files and directories.

#### Syntax:

rm [-OPTION] Filename

Option	Use
rm -i	Prompt before every removal
rm -d	Delete a empty directory
rm -r	Remove directories and their contents recursively
rm -f	To remove the file forcefully

```
Prompt before every removal
rm -i
File Edit View Search Terminal Help
[root@localhost lab]# ls
f1.txt f2.txt f5.txt file1.txt file2.txt files new.txt
[root@localhost lab]# rm f2.txt
rm: remove regular file `f2.txt'? y
[root@localhost lab]#
File Edit View Search Terminal Help
[root@localhost lab]# ls
file1.txt file2.txt file3.txt
[root@localhost lab]# rm -i *.txt
rm: remove regular file `file1.txt'? y
rm: remove regular file `file2.txt'? y
rm: remove regular file `file3.txt'? y
[root@localhost lab]# ls
[root@localhost lab]#
```

### cut Command

 The cut command extracts a given number of characters or columns from a file.

#### Syntax:

cut [-options] [file]

Option	Use
cut -c	Select only the characters from each line as specified in LIST
cut -b	Select only the bytes from each line as specified in LIST
cut -f	Cuts the input file using list of field. The default field to be used TAB. The default behavior can be overwritten by use of -d option
cut -d	Specifies a delimiter to by used as a field. Default field is TAB and this option overwrites this default behavior

### cut Command Example

xyz

```
Select only the characters from each line as specified in LIST
cut -c
[root@localhost ~]# cat data.txt
1 abc 12-12-2010 Rajkot
2 pgr 02-04-2011 Baroda
3 xyz 01-05-1998 Surat
[root@localhost ~]# cut -c 3 data.txt
[root@localhost ~]# cut -c 3-6 data.txt
abc
pqr
```

### cut Command Example

```
cut-b Select only the bytes from each line as specified in LIST

[root@localhost ~]# cat data.txt

1 abc 12-12-2010 Rajkot

2 pqr 02-04-2011 Baroda

3 xyz 01-05-1998 Surat

[root@localhost ~]# cut -b 3 data.txt

a
p
```

## cut Command Example

```
Cut -f

Cuts the input file using list of field. The default field to be used TAB. The default behavior can be overwritten by use of -d option

Specifies a delimiter to by used as a field. Default field is TAB and this option overwrites this default behavior
```

```
[root@localhost ~]# cat mydata.txt
1|abc|rajkot|20000
2|pqr|morbi|24000
3|xyz|surat|25000
[root@localhost ~]# cut -f 3 -d '|' mydata.txt
rajkot
morbi
surat
[root@localhost ~]# cut -f 2-3 -d '|' mydata.txt
abc|rajkot
pqr|morbi
xyz|surat
```

### paste Command

 The paste command displays the corresponding lines of multiple files side-by-side.

#### Syntax:

paste [-options] [file]

Option	Use
paste -d	Reuse characters from LIST instead of tabs
paste -s	Paste one file at a time instead of in parallel

### paste Command Example

```
paste -d Reuse characters from LIST instead of tabs
```

```
[test1990@server-1 ~]$cat empID.txt
[test1990@server-1 ~]$cat empName.txt
abc
pqr
xyz
demo
[test1990@server-1 ~]$paste - - < empName.txt
abc
        demo
[test1990@server-1 ~]$paste -d':' empID.txt empName.txt
1:abc
2:pqr
3:xyz
4:demo
[test1990@server-1 ~]$paste -d'\n' empID.txt empName.txt
abc
pqr
```

### paste Command Example

```
paste -s | Paste one file at a time instead of in parallel
[test1990@server-1 ~]$cat empID.txt
[test1990@server-1 ~]$cat empName.txt
abc
pqr
XYZ
demo
[test1990@server-1 ~]$paste empID.txt empName.txt
        abc
        pqr
        XYZ
        demo
[test1990@server-1 ~]$paste -s empID.txt empName.txt
abc
                         demo
        pqr
                 xyz
```

### more Command

• The more command is a command line utility for viewing the contents of a file or files once screen at a time.

#### Syntax:

more [-options] [file]

Option	Use
more -c	Clear screen before displaying
more -number	To Specify how many lines are printed in the screen for a given file
more -s	Doesn't display extra blank lines

### more Command Example

### more Command Example

```
To Specify how many lines are printed in the screen for a
more -number
                  given file
File Edit View Search Terminal Help
[root@localhost lab]# more -4 file1.txt
1 ab
  cd
 -More--(37%)
File Edit View Search Terminal Help
[root@localhost lab]# more +4 file1.txt
  pq
  tu
 ХV
8 abc
  pqr
10 xyz
[root@localhost lab]#
```

# more Command Example

```
Clear screen before displaying
more -c
File Edit View Search Terminal Help
[root@localhost lab]# more +4 file1.txt
  pq
  tu
 ХV
8 abc
 pqr
10 xyz
[root@localhost lab]# more -c file1.txt
1 ab
2 cd
  pq
 tu
 ХV
8 abc
 pqr
10 xyz
[root@localhost lab]#
```

### cmp Command

- cmp command in Linux/UNIX is used to compare the two files byte by byte and helps you to find out whether the two files are identical or not.
- If a difference is found, it reports the byte and line number where the first difference is found.
- If no differences are found, by default, cmp returns no output.

#### Syntax:

cmp [OPTION]... FILE1 [FILE2 [SKIP1 [SKIP2]]]

Option	Use	
cmp -b	Print differing bytes	
cmp -i	Skip a particular number of initial bytes from both the files	
cmp -s	Do not print anything; only return an exit status indicating whether the files differ	
cmp -n	Compare at most LIMIT bytes	
cmp -l	Print byte position and byte value for all differing bytes	

```
File Edit View Search Terminal Help
[root@localhost lab]# cat > file1.txt
hi good morning
how r u
^C
[root@localhost lab]# cat > file2.txt
hello good morning
how r u
^C
[root@localhost lab]# cmp file1.txt file2.txt
file1.txt file2.txt differ: byte 2, line 1
[root@localhost lab]#
```

```
File Edit View Search Terminal Help

[root@localhost lab]# cat file1.txt
hi good morning
how r u
[root@localhost lab]# cat file2.txt
hello good morning
how r u
[root@localhost lab]# cmp -b file1.txt file2.txt
file1.txt file2.txt differ: byte 2, line 1 is 151 i 145 e
[root@localhost lab]#
```

```
Cmp -i Skip a particular number of initial bytes from both the files

File Edit View Search Terminal Help

[root@localhost lab]# cat file1.txt
hi linux good morning
[root@localhost lab]# cat file2.txt
hello hi good morning
[root@localhost lab]# cmp -i 8 file1.txt file2.txt
[root@localhost lab]# cmp -i 7 file1.txt file2.txt
file1.txt file2.txt differ: byte 1, line 1
[root@localhost lab]#
```

```
Cmp -s

Do not print anything; only return an exit status indicating whether the files differ

File Edit View Search Terminal Help

[root@localhost lab]# cat file1.txt
hi linux good morning
[root@localhost lab]# cat file2.txt
hello hi good morning
[root@localhost lab]# cmp -s file1.txt file2.txt
[root@localhost lab]#
```

```
rile Edit View Search Terminal Help

[root@localhost lab]# cmp -l file1.txt file2.txt
2 151 145
3 40 154
5 151 157
6 156 40
7 165 150
8 170 151

[root@localhost lab]# cmp -l f1.txt f2.txt

[root@localhost lab]# cmp -l f1.txt f2.txt
```

### comm Command

- Compare two sorted files line by line.
- Syntax:

comm [OPTION]... FILE1 FILE2

```
File Edit View Search Terminal Help
[root@localhost lab]# cat f1.txt
abc
def
ghi
[root@localhost lab]# cat f2.txt
abc
ghi
klm
[root@localhost lab]# comm f1.txt f2.txt
                 abc
def
                 ghi
        klm
[root@localhost lab]#
```

Option	Use
comm -1	Suppress column 1 (lines unique to FILE1)
comm -2	Suppress column 2 (lines unique to FILE2)
comm -3	Suppress column 3 (lines that appear in both files)

```
File Edit View Search Terminal Help
[root@localhost lab]# cat f1.txt
abc
def
[root@localhost lab]# cat f2.txt
abc
ghi
[root@localhost lab]# comm -1 f1.txt f2.txt
        abc
        ghi
[root@localhost lab]# comm -2 f1.txt f2.txt
        abc
def
        ghi
[root@localhost lab]# comm -3 f1.txt f2.txt
def
        klm
[root@localhost lab]#
```

## diff(difference) Command

- This command is used to display the differences in the files by comparing the files line by line
- diff analyzes two files and prints the lines that are different.
   Essentially, it outputs a set of instructions for how to change one file to make it identical to the second file.

#### Syntax:

diff [options] File1 File2

Option	Use
diff -b	Ignores spacing differences
diff -i	Ignores case

## diff Command Example

```
File Edit View Search Terminal Help
[root@localhost lab]# cat > f1.txt
hello
good morning
all
^C
[root@localhost lab]# cat > f2.txt
hello
good morning
^C
[root@localhost lab]# diff f1.txt f2.txt
3d2
< all
[root@localhost lab]#</pre>
```

#### **Special symbols are:**

- a : add
- c : change
- d:delete

## chmod(change mode) Command

chmod is used to change the permissions of files or directories.

#### Syntax:

chmod [reference][operator][mode] file...

Reference	Class	Description
u	owner	file's owner
g	group	users who are members of the file's group
0	others	users who are neither the file's owner nor members of the file's group
a	all	All three of the above

# chmod(change mode) Command

Operator	Description
+	Adds the specified modes to the specified classes
-	Removes the specified modes from the specified classes
=	The modes specified are to be made the exact modes for the specified classes

Permission	Description
r	Permission to read the file
W	Permission to write (or delete) the file
X	Permission to execute the file, or, in the case of a directory, search it

### chmod Command Example

• Each write, read, and execute permissions have following number value:

u	owner	r (read)	4
g	group	w (write)	2
0	others	x (execute)	1
а	all	no permissions	0

```
[root@localhost ~]# chmod 764 f2.txt
[root@localhost ~]# chmod u=rwx,g=rw,o=r f3.txt
[root@localhost ~]# ls -1
total 20
drwxrwxrwx 3 root
                                     163 Aug 21 2011 dos
                       root
-rwxrw---- 1 root
                                      12 Jan 13 15:35 f1.txt
                       root
-rwxrw-r-- 1 root
                       root
                                      13 Jan 13 15:36 f2.txt
-rwxrw-r-- 1 root root
                                      16 Jan 13 15:54 f3.txt
                                     242 Jul 15 2017 hello.c
-rw-r--r--
            1 root
                       root
```

### chmod Command Example

```
[root@localhost ~]# ls -l
total 20
drwxr-xr-x 3 root
                                   163 Aug 21 2011 dos
-rw-r--r-- 1 root
                                    12 Jan 13 15:35 f1.txt
-rw-r--r-- 1 root
                                    13 Jan 13 15:36 f2.txt
                      0
-rw-r--r-- 1 root 0
                         16 Jan 13 15:54 f3.txt
                         242 Jul 15 2017 hello.c
-rw-r--r-- 1 root 0
[root@localhost ~]# chmod 777 dos
[root@localhost ~]# ls -1
total 20
drwxrwxrwx 3 root
                                   163 Aug 21 2011 dos
                                    12 Jan 13 15:35 f1.txt
-rw-r--r-- 1 root
                      0
-rw-r--r-- 1 root
                      0
                                    13 Jan 13 15:36 f2.txt
                                    16 Jan 13 15:54 f3.txt
-rw-r--r-- 1 root 0
-rw-r--r-- 1 root 0
                                   242 Jul 15 2017 hello.c
[root@localhost ~]# chmod u=rwx f1.txt
[root@localhost ~]# ls -1
total 20
drwxrwxrwx 3 root
                                   163 Aug 21 2011 dos
-rwxr--r-- 1 root
                                    12 Jan 13 15:35 f1.txt
                      0
-rw-r--r-- 1 root
                      0
                                    13 Jan 13 15:36 f2.txt
-rw-r--r-- 1 root
                      0
                                    16 Jan 13 15:54 f3.txt
-rw-r--r-- 1 root
                                   242 Jul 15 2017 hello.c
                      0
```

# chown(change owner) Command

 The chown command changes ownership of files and directories in a Linux filesystem.

#### Syntax:

chown [OPTIONS] USER[:GROUP] FILE(s)

### chown Command Example

```
File Edit View Search Terminal Help
[root@localhost Documents]# ls -l
total 20
drwxr-xr-x. 2 root root
                             4096 Mar 24 18:59 lab
drwxrwxr-x. 4 student student 4096 Mar 24 15:42 lab-1
drwxr-xr-x. 2 root root
                             4096 Mar 24 15:44 lab-2
drwxr-xr-x. 2 root root
                             4096 Mar 24 15:41 lab-3
drwxrwxr-x. 2 student student 4096 Mar 24 19:43 lab-4
[root@localhost Documents]# chown root lab-4
[root@localhost Documents]# ls -l
total 20
drwxr-xr-x. 2 root
                   root
                             4096 Mar 24 18:59 lab
drwxrwxr-x. 4 student student 4096 Mar 24 15:42 lab-1
                             4096 Mar 24 15:44 lab-2
drwxr-xr-x. 2 root
                     root
drwxr-xr-x. 2 root root
                             4096 Mar 24 15:41 lab-3
drwxrwxr-x. 2 root student 4096 Mar 24 19:43 lab-4
[root@localhost Documents]#
```

# chgrp(change group) Command

 The chgrp command is used to change group ownership of a file/directory.

#### Syntax:

chgrp [OPTION]... GROUP FILE/DIR...

# chgrp Command Example

```
File Edit View Search Terminal Help
[root@localhost Documents]# ls -l
total 20
drwxr-xr-x. 2 root root
                             4096 Mar 24 18:59 lab
drwxrwxr-x. 4 student student 4096 Mar 24 15:42 lab-1
drwxr-xr-x. 2 root root
                             4096 Mar 24 15:44 lab-2
drwxr-xr-x. 2 root root
                             4096 Mar 24 15:41 lab-3
drwxrwxr-x. 2 root student 4096 Mar 24 19:43 lab-4
[root@localhost Documents]# chgrp root lab-4
[root@localhost Documents]# ls -l
total 20
drwxr-xr-x. 2 root
                             4096 Mar 24 18:59 lab
                   root
drwxrwxr-x. 4 student student 4096 Mar 24 15:42 lab-1
                             4096 Mar 24 15:44 lab-2
drwxr-xr-x. 2 root
                     root
                             4096 Mar 24 15:41 lab-3
drwxr-xr-x. 2 root root
drwxrwxr-x. 2 root root
                             4096 Mar 24 19:43 lab-4
[root@localhost Documents]#
```

# chgrp Command Example

```
File Edit View Search Terminal Help
[root@localhost lab]# ls -l
total 16
-rw-r--r--. 1 root root 23 Mar 24 19:33 f1.txt
-rw-r--r--. 1 student student 19 Mar 24 19:34 f2.txt
-rw-r--r--. 1 root root 22 Mar 24 18:16 file1.txt
-rw-r--r--. 1 root root 22 Mar 24 18:16 file2.txt
[root@localhost lab]# chown student f1.txt
[root@localhost lab]# chgrp student f1.txt
[root@localhost lab]# ls -l
total 16
-rw-r--r--. 1 student student 23 Mar 24 19:33 f1.txt
-rw-r--r--. 1 student student 19 Mar 24 19:34 f2.txt
-rw-r--r--. 1 root root 22 Mar 24 18:16 file1.txt
-rw-r--r--. 1 root root 22 Mar 24 18:16 file2.txt
[root@localhost lab]#
```

### file Command

- The file command is used to determine a file's type.
- Syntax:

file [OPTIONS] file1 file2 ...

```
File Edit View Search Terminal Help
[root@localhost lab]# ls
f1.txt f2.txt f5.txt file1.txt file2.txt
[root@localhost lab]# file f1.txt
f1.txt: ASCII text
[root@localhost lab]# file f5.txt
f5.txt: symbolic link to `f1.txt'
[root@localhost lab]#
```

## file Command Example

```
To view the mime type of a file rather than the human readable format

File Edit View Search Terminal Help

[root@localhost lab]# file -i f1.txt
f1.txt: text/plain; charset=us-ascii
[root@localhost lab]# file -i f5.txt
f5.txt: application/x-symlink; charset=binary
[root@localhost lab]#
```

### finger Command

finger looks up and displays information about system users.

#### Syntax:

finger [-option] [username]

```
File Edit View Search Terminal Help

[root@localhost lab]# finger root

Login: root

Directory: /root

Name: root

Shell: /bin/bash

Never logged in.

No mail.

No Plan.

[root@localhost lab]#
```

## finger Command Example

```
| Match arguments only on user name (not first or last name)
finger -m
File Edit View Search Terminal Help
[student@localhost ~]$ finger -m
                                                           Office Phone
Login
         Name
                    Tty Idle Login Time
                                                Office
  Host
student student
                    tty1
                                   Mar 30 10:03
   (:0)
student student
                    pts/0
                                   Mar 30 10:03
   (:0.0)
[student@localhost ~]$
```

### finger Command Example

```
File Edit View Search Terminal Help

[student@localhost ~]$ finger -l
Login: student
Directory: /home/student
On since Mon Mar 30 10:03 (IST) on tty1 from :0
1 minute 18 seconds idle
On since Mon Mar 30 10:03 (IST) on pts/0 from :0.0

No mail.
No Plan.
[student@localhost ~]$
```

### sleep Command

 The sleep command is used to delay for a specified amount of time.

#### Syntax:

sleep NUMBER[SUFFIX]...

```
File Edit View Search Terminal Help

[root@localhost lab]# sleep 5
```

### sleep Command Example

- s for seconds; this is a default one if you don't specify any letter after the integer.
- m for minutes.
- h for hours.
- d for days.

```
File Edit View Search Terminal Help

[root@localhost lab]# sleep 5

[root@localhost lab]# sleep 2m
```

### ps Command

Reports a snapshot of the status of currently running processes.

#### Syntax:

ps [option]

Option	Use		
ps -e	Display every active process on a Linux system in generic (Unix/Linux) format		
ps -x	View all processes owned by you		
ps -f	To provide more information on processes		
ps -u	Filter processes by its user		

```
Display every active process on a Linux system in generic
ps -e
           (Unix/Linux) format
File Edit View Search Terminal Help
[root@localhost lab]# ps
 PID TTY
                   TIME CMD
4176 pts/0 00:00:00 su
4185 pts/0 00:00:00 bash
4349 pts/0 00:00:0<u>0</u> ps
[root@localhost lab]#
File Edit View Search Terminal Help
[root@localhost lab]# ps -e
                   TIME CMD
 PID TTY
               00:00:00 init
               00:00:00 kthreadd
               00:00:00 ksoftirgd/0
               00:00:00 migration/0
               00:00:00 watchdog/0
```

```
View all processes owned by you
ps -x
File Edit View Search Terminal Help
[root@localhost lab]# ps -x
Warning: bad syntax, perhaps a bogus '-'? See /usr/share/doc/procps-3.2.8/FAQ
  PID TTY
               STAT
                      TIME COMMAND
               Ss
                      0:00 /sbin/init
                      0:00 [kthreadd]
                      0:00 [ksoftirqd/0]
               S
                      0:00 [migration/0]
                      0:00 [watchdog/0]
               S
                      0:02 [events/0]
                      0:00 [cpuset]
                       0:00 [khelper]
```

```
To provide more information on processes
ps -f
File Edit View Search Terminal Help
[root@localhost lab]# ps -f
    PID
              PPID C STIME TTY
UID
                                       TIME CMD
root 4176 4160 0 19:45 pts/0
                                   00:00:00 su
root 4185 4176 0 19:45 pts/0
                                   00:00:00 bash
        4400 4185 0 20:03 pts/0
root
                                   00:00:00 ps -f
[root@localhost lab]#
```

### kill Command

- It is used to terminate processes manually.
- kill command sends a signal to a process which terminates the process.
- If the user doesn't specify any signal which is to be sent along with kill command then default TERM signal is sent that terminates the process..

#### Syntax:

kill [option] PID

## kill Command Example

# kill Command Example

Kill -l	To display all the available signals						
File Edit View Search Terminal Help							
[student@localhost ~]\$ kill -l							
1) SIGHUP	2)	SIGINT	3)	SIGQUIT	4) SIGILL	5)	SIGTRAP
6) SIGABR	Г 7)	SIGBUS	8)	SIGFPE	<ol><li>9) SIGKILL</li></ol>	10)	SIGUSR1
11) SIGSEGV	/ 12)	SIGUSR2	13)	SIGPIPE	14) SIGALRM	15)	SIGTERM
16) SIGSTK	FLT 17)	SIGCHLD	18)	SIGCONT	<pre>19) SIGSTOP</pre>	20)	SIGTSTP
21) SIGTTIN	N 22)	SIGTTOU	23)	SIGURG	24) SIGXCPU	25)	SIGXFSZ
26) SIGVTAL	LRM 27)	SIGPROF	28)	SIGWINCH	29) SIGIO	30)	SIGPWR
31) SIGSYS	34)	SIGRTMIN	35)	SIGRTMIN+1	36) SIGRTMIN+2	37)	SIGRTMIN+3