WORKING WITH PROCESS COMMANDS IN LINUX/UNIX

1. INTRODUCTION

In this report, we observe what happens when executing a process command. This time, we will execute the typical command ps, kill, top, df and nice.

2. PURPOSE AND INFORMATION WE CAN GET BY COMMANDS

A. ps command

This command is used to display currently running processes. Depending on the options of the command, running processes can be displayed in different ways. For example, ps -ux displays all processes in detail.

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misatoseki@MisatonoMacBook-Air ~ % ps ux									
USER	PID	%CPU	%MEM	VSZ	RSS	TT	STAT	STARTED	TIME COMMAND
misatoseki	22937	27.3	2.0	499877408	171504	??	Ss	10:00AM	1:44.01 /System/Library/Frameworks/WebKit.framework/
misatoseki	18076	8.5	0.9	414993616	72000	??	Ss	Fri12PM	92:06.72 /System/Library/Frameworks/WebKit.framework/
misatoseki	4378	3.3	0.4	409884704	29488	??	S	Thu08AM	45:43.42 /Applications/Flow.app/Contents/MacOS/Flow
misatoseki	18058	2.0	2.4	415461744	205056	??	S	Fri12PM	22:18.20 /System/Volumes/Preboot/Cryptexes/App/System
misatoseki	18061	1.3	0.9	414004064	75888	??	Ss	Fri12PM	13:58.73 /System/Library/Frameworks/WebKit.framework/
misatoseki	22669	1.0	2.6	415689696	216976	??	S	9:02AM	2:51.78 /Applications/Microsoft Word.app/Contents/Ma
misatoseki	22934	0.9	5.0	517578864	417424	??	Ss	9:59AM	18:48.03 /System/Library/Frameworks/WebKit.framework/
misatoseki	23167	0.3	0.7	409861632	61568	??	S	12:34PM	0:07.81 /System/Applications/Utilities/Terminal.app/
misatoseki	22701	0.1	0.9	498453408	71648	??	Ss	9:11AM	0:56.30 /System/Library/Frameworks/WebKit.framework/
misatoseki	22594	0.1	1.2	410019584	98752	??	S	8:18AM	4:29.66 /System/Applications/Utilities/Activity Moni
misatoseki	23002	0.1	6.0	518231552	505440	??	Ss	10:21AM	19:49.63 /System/Library/Frameworks/WebKit.framework/
misatoseki	23479	0.0	0.1	408235280	9008	??	Ss	12:57PM	0:00.12 /System/Library/PrivateFrameworks/Categories
misatoseki	23478	0.0	0.5	408355136	38208	??	Ss	12:57PM	0:00.45 /System/Library/CoreServices/Screen Time.app
misatoseki	23477	0.0	0.1	408241488	5952	??	Ss	12:57PM	0:00.02 /System/Library/Frameworks/ExtensionFoundati
misatoseki	23475	0.0	0.0	408066160	1792	??	Ss	12:54PM	0:00.01 /System/Library/Frameworks/NetFS.framework/V
misatoseki	23460	0.0	0.4	408421968	29584	??	S	12:50PM	0:00.90 /System/Library/PrivateFrameworks/MediaAnaly
misatoseki	23453	0.0	0.1	408227584	12048	??	S	12:49PM	0:00.13 /usr/libexec/siriknowledged
misatoseki		0.0	0.1	408226928	6608	??	S	12:49PM	0:00.03 /System/Library/PrivateFrameworks/GeoService
misatoseki		0.0	0.1	408197760	9120	??	S	12:49PM	0:00.07 /usr/libexec/replayd
misatoseki		0.0	0.1	408740352	7024	??	S	12:49PM	0:00.12 /System/Library/Frameworks/QuickLookThumbnai
misatoseki		0.0	0.2	408271936	14848	??	S	12:49PM	0:01.09 /System/Library/PrivateFrameworks/CacheDelet
misatoseki	23430	0.0	0.1	408265200	9568	??	S	12:49PM	0:00.04 /System/Library/PrivateFrameworks/PodcastSer

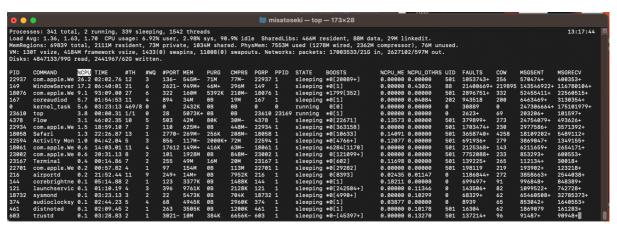
B. kill command:

This command is used to terminate a process. By specifying a process ID (PID), the specified process can be killed.



C. top command

This command is used to monitor running processes in real time, displaying CPU and memory usage, etc., and allowing the user to change the priority of the process or terminate it.



D. df command:

This command is used to display disk usage. It can display file system usage, free space, etc.

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o misatoseki — -zsh — 108×28
misatoseki@MisatonoMacBook-Air ~ % df
               512-blocks
Filesystem
                               Used Available Capacity iused
                                                                    ifree %iused
                                                                                  Mounted on
                           17460960 302260296
/dev/disk3s1s1 478724992
                                                  6% 349475 1511301480
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devfs
                                                          688
/dev/disk3s6
                478724992
                            2097192 302260296
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/dev/disk3s2
                478724992
                            9373120 302260296
                                                          827
                                                              1511301480
                                                                                  /System/Volumes/Preboot
/dev/disk3s4
                478724992
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                              15816 302260296
                                                                                  /System/Volumes/Update
/dev/disk1s2
                  1024000
                               12328
                                        988504
                                                   2%
                                                                 4942520
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/dev/disk1s1
                  1024000
                              12512
                                        988504
                                                   2%
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                                                                  4942520
                                                                             0%
                                                                                  /System/Volumes/iSCPreboot
/dev/disk1s3
                  1024000
                                936
                                        988504
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                                                                 4942520
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                                                                                  /System/Volumes/Hardware
                                                       629194 1511301480
/dev/disk3s5
                478724992 145718768 302260296
                                                  33%
                                                                             0%
                                                                                  /System/Volumes/Data
map auto home
                                                 100%
                                                                           100%
                                                                                  /System/Volumes/Data/home
misatoseki@MisatonoMacBook-Air ~ %
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E. nice command

This is used to change the priority of a process. It allows us to give priority to processes and adjust CPU usage priority.

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top - 11:40:09 up 1 min,
                          1 user,
                                    load average: 0.24, 0.08, 0.03
                   1 running, 152 sleeping,
Tasks: 153 total,
                                                0 stopped,
                                                             Ø zombie
%Cpu(s): 0.3 us, 0.2 sy,
                            0.0 ni, 99.4 id,
                                               0.0 wa, 0.0 hi, 0.0 si,
                                                                          0.0 st
            3920.9 total,
                            2991.2 free,
                                                            401.4 buff/cache
MiB Mem :
                                             528.3 used,
MiB Swap:
             976.0 total,
                             976.0 free,
                                               0.0 used.
                                                           3240.1 avail Mem
   PID USER
                  PR NI
                            VIRT
                                    RES
                                            SHR S %CPU %MEM
                                                                  TIME+ COMMAND
    552 root
                          890816
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    512 root
    843 misato
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                                          75072 S
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                                                                0:00.36 xfwm4
   1101 misato
                  20
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                                          83820 S
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                                                          2.5
                                                                0:00.60 qterminal
                      0 10428
   1129 misato
                  20
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                                           2796 R
                                                    0.3
                                                          0.1
                                                                0:00.09 top
      1 root
                  20
                       0 168164
                                   11460
                                           8324 S
                                                    0.0
                                                          0.3
                                                                0:00.35 systemd
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__(misato⊗kali)-[~]

$ nice -n 19 top
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load average: 0.29, 0.14, 0.05
top - 11:41:59 up 2 min, 1 user,
Tasks: 153 total, 1 running, 152 sleeping,
                                              0 stopped, 0 zombie
%Cpu(s): 0.4 us,
                                              0.0 wa, 0.0 hi, 0.0 si,
                  0.3 sy,
                            0.0 ni, 99.3 id,
                                                                          0.0 st
            3920.9 total,
                            2984.2 free,
                                            535.0 used,
                                                           401.7 buff/cache
MiB Mem :
MiB Swap:
             976.0 total,
                             976.0 free,
                                              0.0 used.
                                                           3233.4 avail Mem
    PID USER
                  PR NI
                            VIRT
                                    RES
                                           SHR S %CPU %MEM
                                                                  TIME+ COMMAND
                          890816 111600
                                          57320 S
                                                                0:03.83 Xorg
    552 root
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   1101 misato
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                                         83816 S
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                                                                0:01.49 qterminal
                  20
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    897 misato
                  20
                       0
                          344860
                                 29404
                                         19620 S
                                                    0.3
                                                          0.7
                                                                0:00.75 panel-15-genmon
    898 misato
                  20
                       0
                          596228
                                  44696
                                          33220 S
                                                    0.3
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                                                                0:00.30 panel-16-pulsea
   1796 misato
                  39 19 10432
                                  3344
                                          2776 R
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                                                                0:00.03 top
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3. WHAT I LEARNED

A process uses memory, CPU, and other system resources. Process commands are used to manage running processes. I found that these commands allow us to view, control, and terminate processes and develop machine performance.