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mohab@mohab-VirtualBox:~$ cd /etc/
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mohab@mohab-VirtualBox:/etc$ pwd
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## NAME

**whatis** - display one-line manual page descriptions

## SYNOPSIS

**whatis** [-dlv?V] [-r|-w] [-s *list*] [-m *system*[,...]] [-M *path*] [-L *locale*] [-C *file*] *name* ...

## DESCRIPTION

Each manual page has a short description available within it. **whatis** searches the manual page names and displays the manual page descriptions of any *name* matched.

*name* may contain wildcards (-w) or be a regular expression (-r). Using these options, it may be necessary to quote the *name* or escape (\) the special characters to stop the shell from interpreting them.

**index** databases are used during the search, and are updated by the **mandb** program. Depending on your installation, this may be run by a periodic cron job, or may need to be run manually after new manual pages have been installed. To produce an old style text **whatis** database from the relative **index** database, issue the command:

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whatis -M manpath -w '*' | sort > manpath/whatis
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where *manpath* is a manual page hierarchy such as */usr/man*.

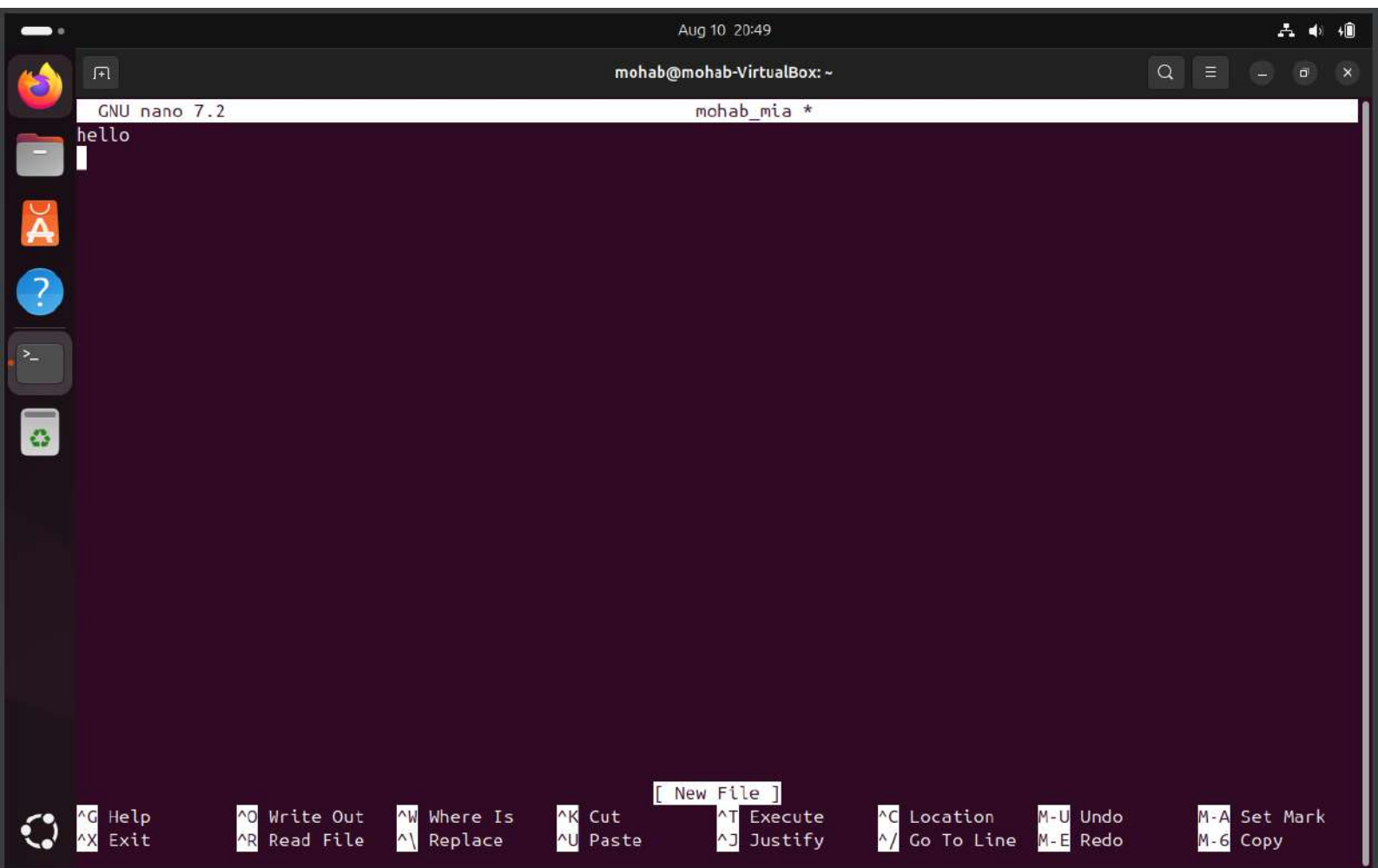
## OPTIONS

**-d, --debug**

Print debugging information.

Manual page **whatis(1)** line 1 (press h for help or q to quit)

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mohab@mohab-VirtualBox:~$ mkdir mohab
mohab@mohab-VirtualBox:~$ ls
Desktop  Documents  Downloads  mohab  Music  Pictures  Public  snap  Templates  Videos
mohab@mohab-VirtualBox:~$
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mohab@mohab-VirtualBox:~$ pwd
/home/mohab
mohab@mohab-VirtualBox:~$
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To run a command as administrator (user "root"), use "sudo <command>".  
See "man sudo\_root" for details.

mohab@mohab-VirtualBox:~\$ whatis man

man (1) - an interface to the system reference manuals

mohab@mohab-VirtualBox:~\$ whatis ls

ls (1) - list directory contents

mohab@mohab-VirtualBox:~\$ what is cat

Command 'what' not found, did you mean:

command 'wham' from deb wham-align (0.1.5-8)

command 'chat' from deb ppp (2.4.9-1+1.1ubuntu1)

command 'jhat' from deb openjdk-8-jdk-headless (8u422-b05-1~24.04)

command 'phat' from deb phat-utils (1.6-2build5)

Try: sudo apt install <deb name>

mohab@mohab-VirtualBox:~\$ whatis cat

cat (1) - concatenate files and print on the standard output

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