

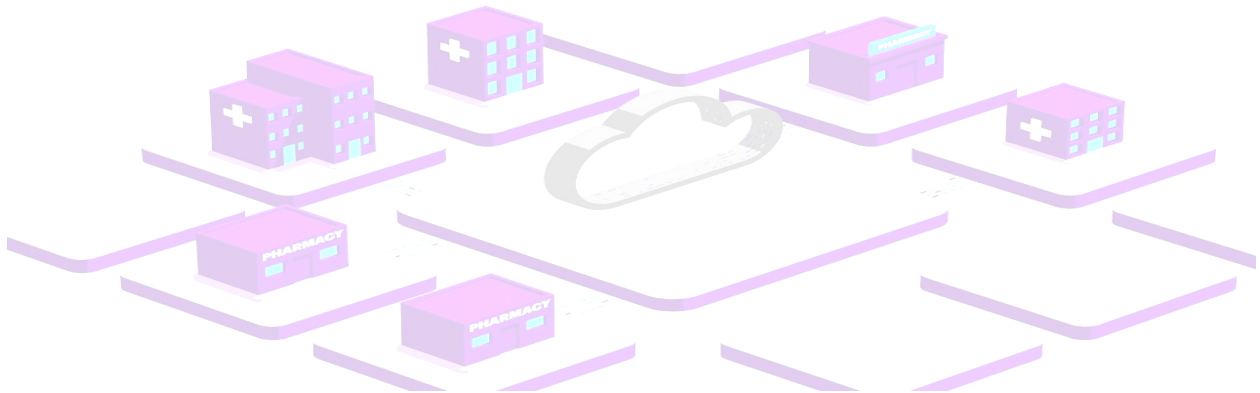


Linux Basic Commands

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Linux Basic commands

File system commands

- **mkdir – make directory**

#mkdir <dirname> -p > make parent directories as needed	# mkdir -p path/test/test1
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- **cd - change directory**

Type cd followed by the name of a directory to access that directory.	#cd /opt
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- **mv - change the name of a directory**

Type mv followed by the current name of a directory and the new name of the directory.	#mv testdir newdirname
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- **cp - copy files and directories**

cp source destination	#cp test1 test2
cp -r srcdir destdir -r option - Copy all files from the directory "srcdir" to the directory "destdir" recursively.	#cp -i myfile yourfile
cp -i myfile yourfile With the "i" option, if the file "yourfile" exists, you will be prompted before it is overwritten.	#cp -r srcdir destdir

- **rmdir - Remove an existing directory**

To remove a file	#rm filename
To remove directories and files within the directories recursively	#rm -r name

- **mount - Displays all mounted devices, their mount point, filesystem, and access.**

To display all mounted devices, their mount point, filesystem, and access.	#mount
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Shell Metacharacters

These are special characters that are recognized by the shell

* - matches 0 or more characters	#ls *.c
? - matches any single character	#ls ab?.c
[] - This will match any single character in the range This will find files such as tut0.m, tut9.m etc.,	#ls tut[09].m
> - Redirect standard output to a file	#echo "hello world" > hello.txt
>> - Appends standard output to a file.	#echo "Hello Again" >> hello.txt
< - Takes standard input from a file	#cat < filename
 - This is a pipe character. Sends the output of first command as input for the second command	#who grep sam

Basic Linux Commands

uname - print system information	#uname -a
diff - find differences between two files eg)diff [options] fromfile tofile	#diff -u testfile1 testfile2
sort -reorders lines of text file.	#sort testfile
sort -u - To remove duplicates use u option with sort command	#sort -u testfile
man - displays the documentation for a command usage: man <command name>	#man mkdir
pwd - print working directory will show you the full path to the directory you are currently in.	#pwd
link - Creates a symbolic link named symlink that points to the file test	#ln -s test symlink
free - Displays the amount of used and free system memory.	#free -m #free -g
df - report file system disk space usage h > print sizes in human readable format	#df -h

du - summarize disk usage of each file, recursively for directories.	#du -h
find - Find locations of files/directories quickly across entire filesystem -type d -- search for the directory named appname -xdev -- Don't descend directories on other filesystems. -search -- against all directories below / for the appname found in directories but only on the existing filesystem.	#find / -name appname -type d -xdev
find - Command to find and remove files	#find . -name "FILETOFIND" -exec rm -rf {} \;
lspci - a utility for displaying information about PCI buses in the system and devices connected to them. -v – displays detailed information.	#lspci -v
lsusb – a utility for displaying information about USB buses in the system and the devices connected to them. v – displays detailed information.	#lsusb -v
lshw - list the hardware	#lshw
cat /proc/cpuinfo – gives information about cpu	#cat /proc/cpuinfo
cat /proc/meminfo - gives information about memory	#cat /proc/meminfo
hwinfo – probs for the hardware	#hwinfo
ps (i.e., process status) command is used to provide information about the currently running processes, including their process identification numbers (PIDs). ps – lists all the processes	#ps -aux
kill – to kill a process ps is most often used to obtain the PID of a malfunctioning process in order to terminate it with the kill command where pid – process id of the process to be killed	#kill -9 pid

File Handling Commands

cat -- used to display the contents of a small file on terminal	#cat <file name>
more - commands are used to view large files one page at a time	#more <file name>
less - commands are used to view large files one page at a time	#less <file name>
wc - command is used to count lines, words and characters, depending on the option used.	#wc [options] [file name]

You can just print number of lines, number of words or number of characters by using following options:

- l : Number of lines
- w : Number of words
- c : Number of characters

Filters

Filters are commands which accept data from standard input, manipulate it and write the results to standard output.

head - displays the lines at the top of the file when used without any option it will display first 10 lines of the file -n > print the first N lines instead of the first 10	#head filename #head -n 10 filename
tail - displays the lines at the end of the file. By default it will display last 10 lines of the file	#tail filename
cut - cut the columns/fields -c option to cut the columns from a file -f option you can cut the fields delimited by some character -d option is used to specify the delimiter and -f option used to specify the field number	#cut -c 1,3-5 /etc/passwd #cut -d':' -f2 /etc/passwd
paste - command will paste the contents of the file side by side	#paste a.txt b.txt

Pattern Searching

grep - scans its input for a pattern, displays the line containing that pattern	#grep options pattern filename(s)
grep - searching for a text string in one searches for the pattern boss in the /etc/passwd file	#grep 'boss' /etc/passwd
grep - searching for a text string in multiple files	#grep 'root' *.txt
grep - Case Insensitive file searching	#grep -i 'hello' hello.txt
grep - Reversing the meaning of a grep search. Displays all the lines that do not contain the specified pattern	#grep -v 'boss' /etc/passwd
grep with pipeline	#ps -aux grep firefox
egrep with pipeline - Linux grep command to search for multiple patterns at one time	#egrep 'boss root' /etc/passwd

grep - pattern matching and regular expressions (regex patterns)	<pre>#grep '[FG]oo' * #grep '[0-9][0-9][0-9]' * #grep '^fred' /etc/passwd</pre>
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Task Automation

Cron is the name of a program that enables linux users to execute commands or scripts (groups of commands) automatically at a specified time/date.

You can set up commands or scripts, which will repeatedly run at a set time.

- The cron service (daemon) runs in the background and constantly checks the /etc/crontab file, /etc/cron.*/ directories.
- It also checks the /var/spool/cron/ directory.

<p>crontab - To edit the crontab file, type the following command at the Linux shell prompt: Syntax of crontab (Field Description) where m: Minute (0 - 59) h: Hours (0 - 23) dom: Date (0 - 31) mon: Month (0 - 12 [12 == December]) dow: week days(0- 7 [0 or 7 sunday]) /path/to/command - Script or command name to schedule</p>	<pre>#crontab -e m h dom mon dow /path/to/command arg1 arg2</pre>
<p>Every day at 3am, If you wished to have a script named /root/backup.sh run everyday at 3 am, your crontab entry would look like as follows:</p>	<pre>0 3 * * * /root/backup.sh</pre>
<p>Execute every minute This script is being executed every minute.</p>	<pre>* * * * * /bin/script.sh</pre>
<p>Execute every Friday 1AM To schedule the script to run at 1AM every Friday, we would need the following cronjob: The script is now being executed when the system clock hits: 1. minute: 0 2. of hour: 1 3. of day of month: * (every day of month) 4. of month: * (every month) 5. and weekday: 5 (=Friday)</p>	<pre>0 1 * * 5 /bin/execute/this/script.sh</pre>
<p>Execute on workdays 1AM To schedule the script to run from Monday to Friday at 1 AM, we would need the following cronjob: The script is now being executed when the system clock hits: 1. minute: 0</p>	<pre>0 1 * * 1-5 /bin/script.sh</pre>

<p>2. of hour: 1</p> <p>3. of day of month: * (every day of month)</p> <p>4. of month: * (every month)</p> <p>5. and weekday: 1-5 (=Monday till Friday)</p>	
Execute 10 past after every hour on the 1st of every month	<code>10 * 1 * * /bin/script.sh</code>
Run script every 10 minutes	<code>0,10,20,30,40,50 * * * * /bin/script.sh</code> (or) <code>*/10 * * * * /bin/script.sh</code>
<p>Special Words</p> <p><i>If you use the first (minute) field, you can also put in a keyword instead of a number</i></p> <p>@reboot Run once, at startup</p> <p>@yearly Run once a year "<code>0 0 1 1 * *</code>"</p> <p>@annually (same as @yearly)</p> <p>@monthly Run once a month "<code>0 0 1 * * *</code>"</p> <p>@weekly Run once a week "<code>0 0 * * 0 *</code>"</p> <p>@daily Run once a day "<code>0 0 * * * *</code>"</p> <p>@midnight (same as @daily)</p> <p>@hourly Run once an hour "<code>0 * * * * *</code>"</p>	<code>@daily /bin/script.sh</code>
<p>Storing the crontab output</p> <p><i>To store the output in a separate log file.</i></p>	<code>*/10 * * * * /bin/script.sh 2>&1 >></code> <code>/var/log/script_output.log</code>