



# Linux Workshop'18 Main Points

**Overview:** The workshop consists of 5 sessions as follows:

1. **Session #1:** Introduction, Linux History, OS Basics, and Linux Installation.
2. **Session #2:** Basic Commands, Linux File System Architecture, Paths, Linux Documentation, and Dealing With Files and Directories.
3. **Session #3:** Package Manager, Managing Users and Groups, File Permissions, and Managing Processes.
4. **Session #4:** Networking.
5. **Session #5:** Shell Scripting.

**Estimated time for each session:** 3 Hours.



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### 1. Session #1:

- **Points to be covered:**

- Workshop Introduction.
- Open Source (Definition – Projects – Communities – Git/Github).
- Linux History.
- OS Basics:
  - What is an operating system.
  - Operating system layers.
  - What is a distribution.
  - Linux distribution main families.
- Linux Installation:
  - Partitions:
    - Primary, extended, and logical partitions.
    - Partition-naming (Windows Vs Linux).
    - Mount Points.
  - Different file system formats.
  - BIOS Vs UEFI.
  - GPT Vs MBR.
  - Linux Installation different scenarios:  
[Linux-Installation-Workflow](#)
  - Common dual boot problems.



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- **Labs:**

- “Linux History and Open Source” Game.
- “[LAB1]Set Up a Virtual Machine”.

## 2. **Session #2:**

- **Points To Be Covered:**

- How to open the terminal (3 ways).
- You can open more than one terminal.
- Terminal Vs Shell (tty2, tty3, tty4, ...etc).
- Terminal Layout ( *user@hostname:working\_Directory\$* )
- Command Line Format:

1) *Command*    2) [ *Option(s)* ]    3) [ *argument(s)* ]

- Command :

- *who , whoami , cal, date, GUI-application,...etc.*

- Option:

- ex: *cal -h , ...etc.*

- Argument:

- ex: *gedit* Vs *gedit file.txt, ...etc.*

- Basic Commands:

- *pwd , clear , history, ...etc.*
- *ls, ls -l , ls -a*
- What is ‘.’ and ‘..’
- Combine more than one option (ex: *ls -l -a -h, ls -lah*).



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- Linux File System Architecture (Directory Tree).
- Relative Vs Absolute Paths.
- Cd command ( `cd [destination]`, `cd` , `cd ..` , `cd -` , `cd ~` ).
- Linux Documentation:
  - man pages:
    - `man [command]`
    - `man -k [searching pattern]`
    - `man -f [command]` → whatis command
    - `man man` → man sections
    - Searching in man using '/pattern' and 'n'.
  - info.
  - `--help`
  - Official online documentations.
- Dealing with files :
  - Take care of file extensions.
  - Create, copy, move, rename, and delete files → `touch`, `cp`, `mv`, `rm`.
  - Read from files → `cat`.
  - `Echo`
- Dealing with directories:
  - Create directories and parent directories → `mkdir`, `mkdir -p`.
  - Copy and delete non-empty directories recursively → `cp -r`, `rm -r`.
  - Delete empty directory → `rmdir`.



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- **Labs:**
  - “[LAB2]Linux Basic Commands”.

### 3. **Session #3:**

- **Points To Be Covered:**
  - Package Manager:
    - Install, remove, update, upgrade, list, and search for software packages.
    - Understand dependencies.
    - Debian Family:
      - Low-level package management → dpkg.
      - High-level package management → apt.
    - Red-Hat Family:
      - Low-level package management → rpm.
      - High-level package management → yum.
  - Downloading from terminal → *wget*.
  - *SU* Vs *Sudo*
  - Managing Users and Groups:
    - Create and delete users and groups.
    - Change password for user.
    - Switching between users.
    - Set password for root user.
    - Add user to group.



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- Create home directory for new user.
- Add user to sudoers file.
- List existing users and groups.
- Configuration files:
  - */etc/passwd*
  - */etc/shadow*
  - */etc/group*
- Configure ownership ( change user and group owners for files)
- File Permissions:
  - What is 'rwx' for files and directories.
  - Default permissions for files and directories.
  - Change permissions using both octal and symbolic notations.
- Managing Processes:
  - Monitor processes using '*ps*' and '*top*'.
  - Signals : numbers and shortcuts.
  - Jobs:
    - List running jobs.
    - Sending jobs to background or foreground.
  - Terminating a process using PID or job ID.
  - Scheduling Future Processes:
    - *at*
    - *cron*
    - *sleep*



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- **To Be Prepared:**

- Lab 3
- Lab 4
- Lab 5

#### 4. **Session #4:**

- **Points To Be Covered:**

- Introduction to how Internet works.
- What is IP address.
- What is data packets.
- IPv4 Vs IPv6.
- Local IP address Vs Public IP address.
- Subnet masking.
- Network addresses classes ( class A, B, C, D, and E).
- Gateway and how data packets are sent.
- IP addresses allocation ( Static or DHCP ).
- Broadcasting.
- DNS :
  - What is DNS server.
  - DNS Server Hierarchy.
  - Change your DNS server from ISP to 8.8.8.8 or 8.8.4.4.
- What is “Open Systems Interconnect” (OSI) Model.
- What are network protocols.



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- TCP Vs UDP.
- Ports and well-known ports.
- SSH and SCP.
- Network Configuration on Linux ( Apply above concepts using Linux network utilities and network configuration files during the whole session) :
  - Linux Network utilities:
    - *ifconfig* or *ip addr*
    - *host* < *www.domainName.com* >
    - *dig* < *www.domainName.com* >
    - *nslookup* < *www.domainName.com* >
    - *ping* <*hostName*>
    - *route* or *ip route*
    - *traceroute* <*address*>
    - *mtr* <*address*> → combines ping & traceroute and gives continuously updated display.
    - *Wget -c* <*url*>
    - *sudo /etc/init.d/network-manager* [*stop*] [*restart*] [*start*]
    - *ssh* [*port*] *user@host*
    - *scp* [*port*] [*from*] [*to*]
  - Linux Network Configuration Files:
    - */etc/resolv.conf*
    - */etc/hosts*
    - */etc/network/interfaces*





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- It is highly recommended to use GUI in network configurations.
- **Labs:**
  - Try bandit: <http://overthewire.org/wargames/bandit/>

### 5. **Session #5:**

- **Points To Be Covered:**
  - What is “Shell Scripting”.
  - Write commands in file and execute it.
  - Difference between compiler and interpreter.
  - Compile C++ file and execute it.
  - Standard I/O streams and redirection.
  - Use *cat* interactively in redirection.
  - Grep tool.
  - Piping.
  - Perform multiple commands in one line using ‘;’ and ‘&&’.
  - Environment Variables:
    - *echo \$HOME*
    - *echo \$PATH*
    - *echo \$BASH*
  - Important Utilities:
    - *less*
    - *head*



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- *tail*
- *sed*
- *awk*
- *wc*
- *cut*
- Regular Expressions ( '.', '\$', '\*', '|').
- **Labs:**
  - Solve hackerrank Bash Challenges:  
<https://www.hackerrank.com/domains/shell>
- **To Be Prepared:**
  - Lab 6.
  - Lab 7 ( Dealing with compressed/tar files).

### **Additional Sessions:**

- Setting up a web server.
- Git/Github Session.