**Getting Help**

* The "man" command
* The "man" command man gives you access to an on-line manual which potentially contains a complete description of every command available on the system. In practice, the manual usually contains a subset of all commands.
* man can also provide you with one line descriptions of commands which match a specified keyword
* The online manual is divided into sections:

Section Description

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1 User Commands

2 System Commands

3 Subroutines

4 Devices

5 File Formats

6 Games

7 Miscellaneous

8 System Administration

l Local Commands

n New Commands

* Examples of using the man command:

To display the manual page for the cp (copy files) command:

man cp

--More--23% at the bottom left of the screen means that only 23% of the man page is displayed. Press the space bar to display more of it or type q to quit.

By default, the man page in section 1 is displayed if multiple sections exist. You can access a different section by specifying the section. For example:

man 8 telnetd

Keyword searching: use the -k option followed by the keyword. Two examples appear below.

man -k mail

man -k 'copy files'

To view a one line description of what a command does:

whatis more

will display what the "more" command does:

more, page (1) - browse or page through a text file

* who - shows who is on the system

who

who am i

* finger - displays information about users, by name or login name

finger doe

finger userid