

#### **SCHOOL OF COMPUTING & INFORMATICS**

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# LAB EXERCISE (WEEK 9)

# **Instructions:**

Using the Command Line Interface (CLI) for Linux that we have learned and used so far, please execute the following tasks:

## **Task 1: System Information:**

Display the system's hostname.

hostname

Retrieve and present information about the kernel version.

uname -a



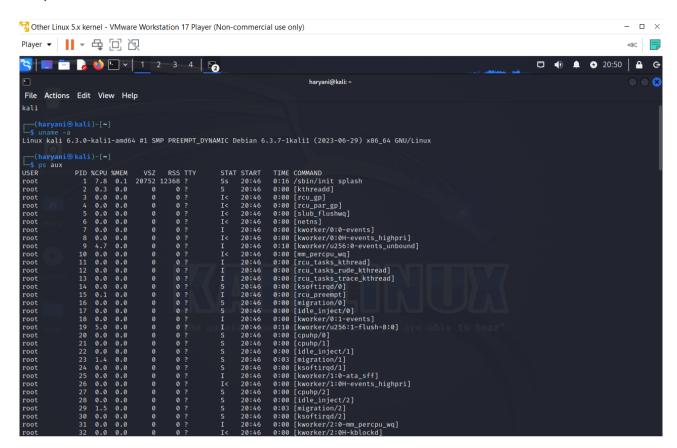
- ✓ When you run uname -a, it outputs a single line with the following information:
  - System Name
  - Kernel Release
  - Kernel Version
  - Machine Architecture
  - Operating System Type
  - Hostname

#The uname -a command is useful for quickly obtaining detailed information about the operating system and kernel version running on a system.

### **Task 2: Process Management:**

• List all currently running processes.

ps aux



- ps: Stands for "process status." It is a command used to provide information about the currently running processes on a system.
- aux:
  - ✓ a: Lists the processes of all users. Without this option, ps shows only the
    processes associated with the current user.
  - ✓ u: Displays additional information, including the user who owns the process (USER column), the CPU and memory usage (%CPU and %MEM columns), and the start time of the process (START column).
  - ✓ x: Adds processes not attached to a terminal.

So, when you run ps aux, you get a comprehensive list of all processes running on the system, along with detailed information such as the user who owns the process, the process ID (PID), the percentage of CPU and memory usage, the start time of the process, and more.

#This command is useful for monitoring system activity and identifying resource-intensive processes.

• Find and display information about the process associated with the terminal.

echo \$\$

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(haryani@ kali)-[~]
_$ echo $$
2056

(haryani@ kali)-[~]
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- ✓ The echo \$\$ command in a Unix-like shell, such as Bash, prints the Process ID (PID) of the currently running shell or script.
- ✓ echo: A command used to print the value of a variable or expression.
- ✓ So, when you run echo \$\$, the shell replaces \$\$ with the actual PID of the running shell or script and then prints that PID to the terminal.
- ✓ For example, if the output is 2056, it means that the PID of the current shell or script is 2056.
- # This information can be useful in various scenarios, such as tracking or managing processes, especially within scripts where you may need to reference the PID programmatically.
- Terminate a specific process using the appropriate command.

kill 2056

Check whether the process has been terminated.

ps aux | grep 2056

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(haryani⊗ kali)-[~]
$ kill 2056

(haryani⊗ kali)-[~]
$ ps aux | grep 2056
haryani 2056 0.1 0.0 10668 6364 pts/1 Ss 20:48 0:01 /usr/bin/zsh
haryani 9225 0.0 0.0 6868 1920 pts/1 S+ 21:02 0:00 grep --color=auto 2056
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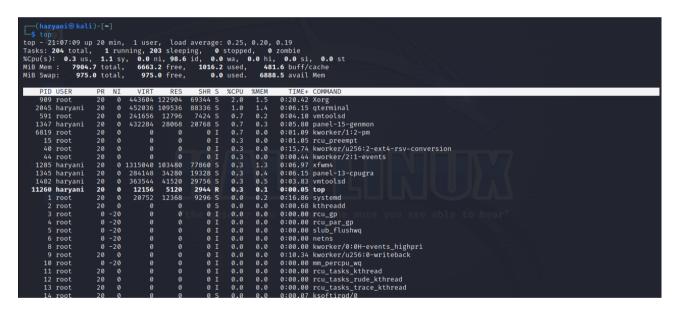
### Task 3: System Resource Usage:

• Utilize a command to show the current system load.

uptime

- ✓ When you run the uptime command, it typically displays a single line of output with the following information:
  - Current Time
  - System Uptime
  - Number of Users
  - Load Averages
- Identify the top processes consuming CPU and memory resources.

top



- ✓ When you run the top command in the terminal, it displays a real-time, dynamic view of the system's processes and their resource utilization.
- ✓ The reason the list changes from time to time is because top continuously updates the information to provide a live snapshot of the system's activity.
- ✓ You can interact with top by using various commands (e.g., pressing 'k' to kill a
  process or 'q' to quit).
- ✓ This allows users to take actions based on the real-time information provided.