Lab Commands Summary

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I will extract all the commands and their uses from the lab manual. This will include commands from Lab 1 to Lab 13 along with their descriptions. Please hold on while I compile this information.

The lab manual is lengthy, so I'll extract and organize the commands for each lab systematically. Here's an example format for each lab:

Lab 1: Basic Commands

1. `date`: Displays the current date and time.
   - Example: `date +%c` (shows the current date and time in a specific format).
2. `cal`: Displays the calendar of the year or a specific month.
   - Example: `cal 2024` (shows the calendar for the year 2024).
3. `who`: Displays the users currently logged into the system.
   - Example: `who -b` (shows the last system boot time).
4. `clear`: Clears the terminal screen.
5. `man`: Displays the manual page for a command.
   - Example: `man date` (shows the manual for the `date` command).
6. `df`: Displays the disk space usage of file systems.
7. `free`: Displays free and used memory in the system.
8. `exit`: Closes the terminal session.

This pattern will be applied to extract commands for all labs. Would you prefer that I proceed by completing this format for all labs at once or sequentially in smaller sections?

yes i like this pattern

Great! I'll extract the commands from all the labs and organize them in this format. I'll proceed sequentially, lab by lab, and provide the commands with their uses. Let me get started with **Lab 1** to **Lab 3** first.

Lab 1: Basic Commands

1. `date`: Displays the current date and time.

    - Example: `date` or `date +%c` (shows the current date and time in a specific format).
2. `cal`:

but can you write it in proper format

Got it! I'll format it neatly and clearly. Here's how it will look:

Lab 1: Basic Commands

1. `date`
    - **Purpose**: Displays the current date and time.
    - **Usage**: `date`
    - **Options**:
        - `+%c`: Shows the current date and time in a specific format.
2. `cal`
    - **Purpose**: Displays the calendar for the current year or a specific month.
    - **Usage**: `cal [month] [year]`
    - **Examples**:
        - `cal` (displays the current month's calendar).
        - `cal 2024` (displays the calendar for the year 2024).
3. `who`
    - **Purpose**: Displays the users currently logged into the system.
    - **Usage**: `who`
    - **Options**:
        - `-b`: Displays the last system boot time.
4. `whoami`
    - **Purpose**: Displays the username of the currently logged-in user.
    - **Usage**: `whoami`
5. `clear`
    - **Purpose**: Clears the terminal screen.
    - **Usage**: `clear`
6. `man`
    - **Purpose**: Displays the manual page for a command.
    - **Usage**: `man [command_name]`
    - **Example**: `man date` (shows the manual for the `date` command).
7. `df`
    - **Purpose**: Displays disk space usage of file systems.
    - **Usage**: `df`
8. `free`
    - **Purpose**: Displays free and used memory in the system.
    - **Usage**: `free`
9. `exit`

- **Purpose**: Closes the terminal session.
- **Usage**: `exit`

Would you like me to continue with this format for the other labs?

yes

Great! Let me proceed with **Lab 2** and **Lab 3** in the same format.

Lab 2: Navigation, File & Directory Handling Commands

1. `pwd`
   - **Purpose**: Prints the current working directory.
   - **Usage**: `pwd`
2. `ls`
   - **Purpose**: Lists files and directories in the current directory or a specified path.
   - **Usage**: `ls [options] [directory]`
   - **Options**:
     - `-l`: Displays detailed information about files (long format).
     - `-a`: Displays all files, including hidden files.
     - `-h`: Shows file sizes in a human-readable format.
     - `-r`: Reverses the sorting order.
     - `-S`: Sorts files by size.
     - `-t`: Sorts files by modification time.
   - **Examples**:
     - `ls -l` (long format listing).
     - `ls -al` (detailed listing, including hidden files).
3. `cd`
   - **Purpose**: Changes the current working directory.
   - **Usage**: `cd [path]`
   - **Examples**:
     - `cd /etc` (changes to the `/etc` directory).
     - `cd ..` (moves to the parent directory).
4. `mkdir`
   - **Purpose**: Creates a new directory.
   - **Usage**: `mkdir [directory_name]`
   - **Examples**:
     - `mkdir mydir` (creates a directory named "mydir").
     - `mkdir dir1 dir2` (creates multiple directories).
5. `cp`
   - **Purpose**: Copies files or directories.
   - **Usage**: `cp [source] [destination]`
   - **Options**:

    - `-a`: Copies files and directories with attributes.
    - `-i`: Prompts before overwriting existing files.
    - `-r`: Recursively copies directories.
    - `-u`: Copies only newer files.
6. `mv`
    - **Purpose**: Moves or renames files and directories.
    - **Usage**: `mv [source] [destination]`
    - **Options**:
        - `-i`: Prompts before overwriting existing files.
        - `-u`: Moves only newer files.
7. `rm`
    - **Purpose**: Deletes files and directories.
    - **Usage**: `rm [options] [file/directory]`
    - **Options**:
        - `-i`: Prompts before deleting.
        - `-r`: Recursively deletes directories.
8. `touch`
    - **Purpose**: Creates an empty text file.
    - **Usage**: `touch [file_name]`
9. `cat`
    - **Purpose**: Displays the contents of a file or appends data to a file.
    - **Usage**:
        - `cat [file_name]` (displays file contents).
        - `cat > [file_name]` (creates/appends data to a file).
10. `file`
    - **Purpose**: Determines the type of a file.
    - **Usage**: `file [file_name]`
11. `>`
    - **Purpose**: Redirects standard output to a file, overwriting existing contents.
    - **Usage**: `command > [file_name]`
12. `>>`
    - **Purpose**: Redirects standard output to a file, appending to existing contents.
    - **Usage**: `command >> [file_name]`
13. `|`
    - **Purpose**: Pipes the output of one command to another.
    - **Usage**: `command1 | command2`

Lab 3: File Permissions and Package Management

1. `ls -l`
    - **Purpose**: Displays files and their permissions.
    - **Usage**: `ls -l [file/directory]`
2. `chmod`
    - **Purpose**: Changes file or directory permissions.
    - **Usage**: `chmod [mode] [file]`
    - **Examples**:

    - `chmod 777 file.txt` (full permissions for everyone).
    - `chmod u+x file.txt` (adds execute permission for the owner).
3. `umask`
    - **Purpose**: Displays or sets the default file permissions.
    - **Usage**:
        - `umask` (displays the current mask value).
        - `umask [value]` (sets the mask value).
4. `su`
    - **Purpose**: Runs a shell with substitute user and group IDs.
    - **Usage**: `su [username]`
5. `sudo`
    - **Purpose**: Executes commands as another user, typically the superuser.
    - **Usage**: `sudo [command]`
6. `chown`
    - **Purpose**: Changes the ownership of a file or directory.
    - **Usage**: `chown [owner]:[group] [file]`
7. `apt-get`
    - **Purpose**: Manages packages on Debian-based systems.
    - **Usage**:
        - `apt-get install [package_name]`: Installs a package.
        - `apt-get remove [package_name]`: Removes a package.
        - `apt-get update`: Updates the repository metadata.
        - `apt-get upgrade`: Upgrades installed packages.
8. `dpkg`
    - **Purpose**: Manages Debian packages.
    - **Usage**:
        - `dpkg -i [package_name.deb]`: Installs a package.
        - `dpkg --list`: Lists installed packages.
        - `dpkg --status [package_name]`: Displays package status.
9. `apt-cache`
    - **Purpose**: Searches for packages in the repository.
    - **Usage**: `apt-cache search [package_name]`

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Lab 4: Text Processing and Pipelining

1. `less`
    - **Purpose**: Displays file contents one screen at a time.

- **Usage**: `less [file_name]`
- **Example**: `less /etc/passwd`

2. `wc`
   - **Purpose**: Displays the number of lines, words, and bytes in a file.
   - **Usage**: `wc [file_name]`
   - **Example**: `wc file.txt`
3. `sort`
   - **Purpose**: Sorts lines in a file or standard input.
   - **Usage**: `sort [file_name]`
4. `grep`
   - **Purpose**: Searches for a pattern in files or input.
   - **Usage**: `grep [pattern] [file_name]`
   - **Options**:
     - `-i`: Ignores case.
     - `-v`: Prints lines that do not match the pattern.
   - **Example**: `grep 'hello' file.txt`
5. `head`
   - **Purpose**: Displays the first few lines of a file.
   - **Usage**: `head -n [number_of_lines] [file_name]`
   - **Example**: `head -n 5 file.txt`
6. `tail`
   - **Purpose**: Displays the last few lines of a file.
   - **Usage**: `tail -n [number_of_lines] [file_name]`
   - **Example**: `tail -n 3 file.txt`
7. `|` **(Pipe Operator)**
   - **Purpose**: Connects the output of one command to the input of another.
   - **Usage**: `command1 | command2`
8. `ping`
   - **Purpose**: Verifies network connectivity by sending packets to a host.
   - **Usage**: `ping [host]`
   - **Example**: `ping localhost`
9. `date`
   - **Purpose**: Displays or sets the system date and time.
   - **Usage**:
     - `date` (shows the current date).
     - `date -s "2024-01-01 12:00:00"` (sets a specific date and time).
10. `timedatectl`
    - **Purpose**: Manages system date, time, and time zones.
    - **Usage**:
      - `timedatectl` (shows the current system time).
      - `timedatectl set-time "YYYY-MM-DD HH:MM:SS"` (sets the date and time).
      - `timedatectl set-timezone [timezone]` (sets the system time zone).

Lab 5: Process Management and Writing/Compiling C++ on Linux

1. `ps`

- **Purpose**: Displays processes for the current shell.
- **Usage**: `ps [options]`
- **Options**:
  - `-A`: Shows all processes.
  - `-x`: Lists processes for the current user.
  - `-u`: Selects processes by user.
- **Example**: `ps -A`

2. `top`
   - **Purpose**: Displays real-time resource usage and processes.
   - **Usage**: `top`
   - **Options**:
     - `-u [username]`: Displays processes for a specific user.
3. `htop`
   - **Purpose**: An enhanced version of the `top` command.
   - **Usage**: `htop`
4. `kill`
   - **Purpose**: Sends a signal to terminate or control a process.
   - **Usage**: `kill [PID]`
   - **Example**: `kill -9 1234`
5. `fg`
   - **Purpose**: Brings a background process to the foreground.
   - **Usage**: `fg [job_ID]`
6. `bg`
   - **Purpose**: Resumes a paused job in the background.
   - **Usage**: `bg [job_ID]`
7. `jobs`
   - **Purpose**: Lists background jobs.
   - **Usage**: `jobs`
8. `nice`
   - **Purpose**: Starts a process with a specific priority.
   - **Usage**: `nice -n [priority] [command]`
9. `renice`
   - **Purpose**: Changes the priority of a running process.
   - **Usage**: `renice [priority] -p [PID]`
10. `gcc`
    - **Purpose**: Compiles C++ programs.
    - **Usage**: `gcc [source_file] -o [output_file]`
    - **Example**: `gcc program.cpp -o program`
11. `./`
    - **Purpose**: Runs the compiled binary.
    - **Usage**: `./[output_file]`
    - **Example**: `./program`

Would you like me to proceed to **Lab 6** and beyond?

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Lab 6: Using `fork`, `exec`, `wait`, and `exit` System Calls

1. `fork()`
   - **Purpose**: Creates a new process by duplicating the calling process.
   - **Usage**: Used in C/C++ programs to create child processes.
   - **Example**:

```c
pid_t pid = fork();
if (pid == 0) {
    printf("Child process\n");
} else {
    printf("Parent process\n");
}
```

2. `exec()`
   - **Purpose**: Replaces the current process image with a new process image.
   - **Usage**: Used in C/C++ programs to execute a new program.
   - **Example**:

```c
execlp("/bin/ls", "ls", NULL);
```

3. `wait()`
   - **Purpose**: Makes the parent process wait until a child process terminates.
   - **Usage**: Used in C/C++ programs to synchronize parent and child processes.
   - **Example**:

```c
wait(NULL);
```

4. `exit()`
   - **Purpose**: Terminates a process.
   - **Usage**: Used in C/C++ programs to exit a process gracefully.
   - **Example**:

```c
exit(0);
```

5. `getpid()`
   - **Purpose**: Returns the process ID of the calling process.
   - **Usage**: Used in C/C++ programs to identify the current process.
   - **Example**:

```c
printf("PID: %d\n", getpid());
```

6. `getppid()`
   - **Purpose**: Returns the parent process ID of the calling process.
   - **Usage**: Used in C/C++ programs.
   - **Example**:

```c
printf("Parent PID: %d\n", getppid());
```

Lab 7: Inter-Process Communication (IPC)

1. `shmget()`
   - **Purpose**: Allocates a shared memory segment.
   - **Usage**: Used in C/C++ programs to create shared memory.
   - **Example**:

```c
int shmid = shmget(IPC_PRIVATE, 1024, IPC_CREAT | 0666);
```

2. `shmat()`
   - **Purpose**: Attaches a shared memory segment to the process's address space.
   - **Usage**: Used in C/C++ programs.
   - **Example**:

```c
char *shmaddr = (char *)shmat(shmid, NULL, 0);
```

3. `shmdt()`

- **Purpose**: Detaches a shared memory segment.
- **Usage**: Used in C/C++ programs.
- **Example**:

```c
shmdt(shmaddr);
```

4. `msgget()`
   - **Purpose**: Creates a message queue.
   - **Usage**: Used in C/C++ programs for message passing.
   - **Example**:

```c
int msgid = msgget(IPC_PRIVATE, IPC_CREAT | 0666);
```

5. `msgsnd()`
   - **Purpose**: Sends a message to a message queue.
   - **Usage**: Used in C/C++ programs.
   - **Example**:

```c
msgsnd(msgid, &msg, sizeof(msg), 0);
```

6. `msgrcv()`
   - **Purpose**: Receives a message from a message queue.
   - **Usage**: Used in C/C++ programs.
   - **Example**:

```c
msgrcv(msgid, &msg, sizeof(msg), 0, 0);
```

7. `semget()`
   - **Purpose**: Creates a semaphore set.
   - **Usage**: Used in C/C++ programs for synchronization.
   - **Example**:

```c
int semid = semget(IPC_PRIVATE, 1, IPC_CREAT | 0666);
```

8. `semop()`

- **Purpose**: Performs operations on a semaphore.
- **Usage**: Used in C/C++ programs.
- **Example**:

```c
semop(semid, &sem_buf, 1);
```

Lab 8: Multithreading

1. `pthread_create()`
   - **Purpose**: Creates a new thread.
   - **Usage**: Used in C/C++ programs.
   - **Example**:

```c
pthread_create(&thread_id, NULL, thread_function, NULL);
```

2. `pthread_join()`
   - **Purpose**: Waits for a thread to finish.
   - **Usage**: Used in C/C++ programs.
   - **Example**:

```c
pthread_join(thread_id, NULL);
```

3. `pthread_exit()`
   - **Purpose**: Exits a thread.
   - **Usage**: Used in C/C++ programs.
   - **Example**:

```c
pthread_exit(NULL);
```

4. `pthread_mutex_lock()`
   - **Purpose**: Locks a mutex.
   - **Usage**: Used in C/C++ programs for synchronization.
   - **Example**:

```c
pthread_mutex_lock(&mutex);
```

5. `pthread_mutex_unlock()`
   - **Purpose**: Unlocks a mutex.
   - **Usage**: Used in C/C++ programs.
   - **Example**:

```c
pthread_mutex_unlock(&mutex);
```

Would you like me to continue with **Lab 9** and beyond?

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Lab 10: Synchronization - Mutex and Semaphore

1. `pthread_mutex_init()`
   - **Purpose**: Initializes a mutex.
   - **Usage**: Used in C/C++ programs to initialize a mutex before use.
   - **Example**:

```c
pthread_mutex_init(&mutex, NULL);
```

2. `pthread_mutex_destroy()`
   - **Purpose**: Destroys a mutex.
   - **Usage**: Used in C/C++ programs to free a mutex.
   - **Example**:

```c
pthread_mutex_destroy(&mutex);
```

3. `sem_init()`
   - **Purpose**: Initializes a semaphore.

- **Usage**: Used in C/C++ programs for synchronization.
- **Example**:

```c
sem_init(&semaphore, 0, 1);
```

4. `sem_wait()`
   - **Purpose**: Decrements (locks) the semaphore.
   - **Usage**: Blocks if the semaphore value is zero.
   - **Example**:

```c
sem_wait(&semaphore);
```

5. `sem_post()`
   - **Purpose**: Increments (unlocks) the semaphore.
   - **Usage**: Used in C/C++ programs.
   - **Example**:

```c
sem_post(&semaphore);
```

6. `sem_destroy()`
   - **Purpose**: Destroys a semaphore.
   - **Usage**: Frees resources allocated to the semaphore.
   - **Example**:

```c
sem_destroy(&semaphore);
```

Lab 11: Writing Shell Scripts - I/O, Variables, and Operators

1. `echo`
   - **Purpose**: Prints text or variables to the terminal.
   - **Usage**:
     - `echo "Hello World"`
     - `echo $VARIABLE`
2. `read`
   - **Purpose**: Reads input from the user.
   - **Usage**:
     - `read variable_name`

3. **Variables in Shell**
    - **Purpose**: Stores and manipulates data in shell scripts.
    - **Usage**:
        - `variable_name=value`
        - `echo $variable_name`
4. **Arithmetic Operators**
    - **Purpose**: Performs arithmetic calculations.
    - **Usage**:
        - `expr $num1 + $num2`
5. **Comparison Operators**
    - **Purpose**: Compares values.
    - **Usage**:
        - `[ $num1 -eq $num2 ]`

Lab 12: Writing Shell Scripts - Conditional Statements and Loops

1. `if` **Statement**
    - **Purpose**: Executes a block of code based on a condition.
    - **Usage**:

```bash
if [ condition ]; then
    commands
fi
```

2. `if-else` **Statement**
    - **Purpose**: Executes different blocks of code based on conditions.
    - **Usage**:

```bash
if [ condition ]; then
    commands
else
    other_commands
fi
```

3. `for` **Loop**
    - **Purpose**: Iterates over a list of values.
    - **Usage**:

```bash
for i in {1..5}; do
    echo $i
done
```

4. `while` Loop
   - **Purpose**: Repeats a block of code while a condition is true.
   - **Usage**:

```bash
while [ condition ]; do
    commands
done
```

5. `case` Statement
   - **Purpose**: Executes blocks of code based on multiple conditions.
   - **Usage**:

```bash
case $variable in
    pattern1)
        commands ;;
    pattern2)
        commands ;;
esac
```

Lab 13: Using Arrays and Functions in Shell Scripts

1. **Arrays in Shell Scripts**
   - **Purpose**: Stores multiple values in a single variable.
   - **Usage**:
     - Declare an array: `arr=(value1 value2 value3)`
     - Access an element: `${arr[index]}`
2. **Looping Through Arrays**
   - **Purpose**: Iterates through array elements.
   - **Usage**:

```bash
for value in "${arr[@]}"; do
    echo $value
done
```

3. **Functions in Shell Scripts**
   - **Purpose**: Encapsulates reusable blocks of code.
   - **Usage**:

```bash
function function_name {
    commands
```

```
}
function_name
```

4. **Passing Arguments to Functions**
   - **Purpose**: Allows passing values to functions.
   - **Usage**:

```bash
function greet {
    echo "Hello, $1"
}
greet "World"
```

This concludes the list of commands from **Lab 1 to Lab 13**. Let me know if you'd like further refinements or specific details on any command!

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