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**Environment Variable** 

1. How can you know what is the secondary command prompt set your system ? How can you change the secondary command prompt from the default to your username ?

<u>ANS:</u> To know what is the secondary command prompt we can run the following commands. \$ echo \$PS2

To set it from default to username , we can run the following command.  $\$  export PS2="\u> "

2. How can you ensure that the mv command (used for renaming a file) always asks for permission before overwriting an existing destination file ?

[ Hint : use alias command ]

<u>ANS:</u> We can make use of switches for that, switches are additional arguments that are preceded by a hyphen sign(e.g., -v, -i). Every command has its own set of switches that fulfil a certain purpose or change their action based on the switch used.

For mv command we can use the -i switch which performs an interactive operation. So we can run the following command to make the mv command more interactive. \$ alias mv="mv -i"

So next time we use mv command it will always ask for permission