| COMMAND | DESCRIPTION |
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| ls | Lists all files and directories in the present working directory |
| ls -R | Lists files in sub-directories as well |
| ls -a | Lists hidden files as well |
| ls -al | Lists files and directories with detailed information. |
| ls 'path' more | Show listing one screen at a time |
| cd or cd ~ | Navigate to HOME directory |
| cd | Move one level up |
| cd | To change to a particular directory |
| cd/ | Move to the root directory |
| cp 'file1' 'file2' | Copy file1 to file2 |
| cp -r 'dir1' 'dir2' | Copy directory and all subdirs recursively |
| cat 'newfile' >> 'oldfile' | Append newfile to end of oldfile |
| mv 'oldfile' 'newfile' | Rename/Move a file |
| diff 'file1' 'file2' | Show the differences between 2 files |
| sdiff'file1' 'file2' | Show the differences between 2 files side by side |
| chown user | For changing the ownership of a file/directory |
| chown user:group filename | Change the user as well as group for a file or directory |
| cat > filename | Creates a new file |
| cat filename | Displays the file content |
| cat file1 file2 > file3 | Joins two files file1 and file2 and stores the output in a new file file3 |
| grep 'pattern' 'file' | Find regular expression in file. |
| spell 'file' | Display misspelled words. |
| wc 'file' | Count words in file. |
| wc -l 'file' | Count the number of lines in a file. |
| VARIABLE_NAME= variable_value | Create a new variable with a value assigned |
| echo \$VARIABLE | To display the value of a variable |
| mv file new_file_path | Moves the files to the new location |
| mv filename new_file_name | Renames the file to a new filename |
| sudo | Allows regular users to run programs with the security privileges of the superuser or root |

| rm filename | Deletes a file |
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| rm -r 'dirname' | Remove all files and subdirectories |
| man | Gives help information on a command |
| history | Gives a list of all past commands typed in the current terminal session |
| clear | Clears the terminal |
| mkdir directoryname | Creates a new directory in the present working directory or at the specified path |
| rmdir | Deletes a directory |
| mv | Renames a directory |
| pr -x | Divides a file into x columns |
| pr -h | Assigns a header to a file |
| pr -n | Denotes a file with Line Numbers |
| lp -nc or lpr c | Prints 'c' number of copies of a File |
| lp-d or lp-P | Specifies name of the printer |
| apt-get | Command used to install and update packages |
| mail -s 'subject -c 'cc-address' -b 'bcc-address' 'to-address' | Command to send email |
| mail -s 'Subject' to-address < Filename | Command to send email with attachment |
| sudo adduser username | To add a new user |
| sudo passwd -l 'username' | To change the password of a user |
| sudo userdel -r 'username' | To remove a newly created user |
| sudo usermod -a -G GROUPNAME USERNAME | To add a user to a group |
| sudo deluser USER GROUPNAME | To remove a user from a group |
| finger | Shows information of all the users logged in |
| finger username | Gives information of a particular user |
| SSH username@ip-address or hostname | login into a remote Linux machine using SSH |
| ping 'hostname' | To ping and Analyzing network and host connections |
| top | Details on all Active Processes |
| ps | Give the status of processes running for a user |
| ps PID | Gives the status of a particular process |
| pidof | Gives the Process ID (PID) of a process |
| kill PID | Kills a process |

| grep -v '^\$' filename > new_filename | Remove Blank Lines in a file |
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| ls -l grep '^-' awk '/^-/ {if (\$5 !=0) print \$9 }' | Display zero byte size files |
| sed 's/honey/pasta/n' < filename | Replace the nth occurrence of the word 'honey' with 'pasta' in a file |
| echo 'string' tr [a-z] [A-Z] | command to convert a string from lower case to upper case |
| grep -i 'search string' filename | Search for a given string in a file (case in-sensitive search) |
| cal 03 2022 | Display the calendar for the month march in the year 2022 |
| find -atime n -type f | List the files that are accessed n days ago in the current directory |
| find -mtime n -type f | List the files that were modified n days ago in the current directory |
| find -ctime n -type f | List the files that were changed n days ago in the current directory |
| grep -A 3 -i 'search string' filename | Print the matched line along with the 3 lines after it |
| grep -r 'search string' * | Search for a given string in all files recursively |
| grep 'math\$' filename | Command to print the lines which end with the word 'math' |
| sed -n '1!G;h;\$p' filename | Print file content in reverse order |
| grep -l apple * | Print the file names in a directory that has the word apple |
| cat /dev/null > filename | Make an existing file empty |
| awk '{print \$n;}' filename | Print nth field from a file |
| sed 'p' < filename | Command to duplicate each line in a file |
| vim +n fwilename | Go to the nth line of file |
| sort filename | Sort a file in ascending order |
| finddepth -print | Command to display all the files recursively with path under current directory |
| gzip filename | Create a *.gz compressed file |
| cut -c -10 filename | Command to display the first 10 characters from each line of a file |
| cut -c n- filename | Display the nth character to the end of the line from a file |
| gzip -d test.txt.gz | Uncompress a *.gz file |
| ls -l grep '^-' awk 'BEGIN {sum=0} {sum = sum + \$5} END {p | Command to find the sum of bytes (size of file) of all files in a directory |
| head -n filename | Print First n lines of a file |
| tail -n filename | Print last n lines of a file |
| sed -i '1 d' filename | Remove the Header of a file |
| sed -i '\$ d' filename | Remove last line of a file |
| grep -v alex filename | command to display the lines in a file that do not contain the word 'alex' |

| grep -c 'Word' filename | Count the number of occurences of a word in a file |
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| sed s/apple/ball/g fileName | Replace all the occurences of the word 'apple' with the word 'ball' in a file |
| echo 'string' rev | Reverse a string |
| echo 'sentence' rev cut -f1 -d' ' rev | Get the last word of a sentence |
| echo \$? | Checks if the last executed command was successful or not |
| df-kl | Command to find remaining disk space in the UNIX server |
| join file1.txt file2.txt | Joins 2 files on a common field |
| tar cvf archive_name.tar dirname/ | Create a new tar archive |
| tar xvf archive_name.tar | Extract from an existing tar archive |
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