

Day-12 SRE Training

Topic: Advanced Linux Commands

System Monitoring Commands

`free -h` → Displays system memory usage in a human-readable format.

`ps` → Lists currently running processes.

`ps aux --sort -%mem` → Lists all running processes, sorted by memory usage in descending order. The processes consuming the most RAM appear at the top.

```
veenaroot@LAPTOP-S0KHU6AM:~$ ps aux --sort +%mem | head
USER      PID %CPU %MEM    VSZ   RSS TTY      STAT START   TIME COMMAND
veenaro+  5568  0.0  0.0   8300    4 ?        Ss   12:34   0:00 ssh-agent -s
veenaro+  6198  0.0  0.0   8300    8 ?        Ss   12:41   0:00 ssh-agent -s
veenaro+  6203  0.0  0.0   8300   12 ?        Ss   12:42   0:00 ssh-agent -s
veenaro+  6209  0.0  0.0   8300   16 ?        Ss   12:42   0:00 ssh-agent -s
root      5856  0.0  0.0   2776  108 ?        S    12:37   0:00 /init
root       7    0.0  0.0   2776  132 ?        Sl   11:45   0:00 plan9 --control-socket 7 --log-level 4 --server-fd 8
ipe-fd 10 --log-truncate
root      5056  0.0  0.0   2780  132 ?        Ss   12:29   0:00 /init
root     10178  0.0  0.0   4608  488 ?        Ss+  13:57   0:00 /bin/bash
veenaro+   333  0.0  0.0  21144  528 ?        S    11:45   0:00 (sd-pam)
```

`ps aux --sort +%mem` → Lists all running processes, sorted by memory usage in ascending order (lowest memory usage first).

`top` → Provides a real-time view of system processes, CPU, and memory usage.

`ping chatgpt.com` → Checks network connectivity to chatgpt.com.

```
veenaroot@LAPTOP-S0KHU6AM:~$ ping chatgpt.com
PING chatgpt.com (172.64.155.209) 56(84) bytes of data.
64 bytes from 172.64.155.209: icmp_seq=1 ttl=57 time=90.7 ms
64 bytes from 172.64.155.209: icmp_seq=2 ttl=57 time=72.9 ms
64 bytes from 172.64.155.209: icmp_seq=3 ttl=57 time=21.3 ms
64 bytes from 172.64.155.209: icmp_seq=4 ttl=57 time=18.8 ms
^C
--- chatgpt.com ping statistics ---
4 packets transmitted, 4 received, 0% packet loss, time 3154ms
```

`nslookup google.com` → Resolves the IP address of `google.com`.

`ifconfig` → Shows network interfaces and their IP addresses (deprecated, use `ip a`).

File & Package Management

`stat a.txt` → Displays detailed information about the file `a.txt`.

```
veenaroot@LAPTOP-S0KHU6AM:~$ stat a.txt
  File: a.txt
  Size: 20942          Blocks: 48          IO Block: 4096   regular file
Device: 8,32    Inode: 13014        Links: 1
Access: (0644/-rw-r--r--)  Uid: ( 1000/veenaroot)   Gid: ( 1000/veenaroot)
Access: 2025-02-25 15:07:26.194543330 +0530
Modify: 2025-02-25 15:05:46.006485044 +0530
Change: 2025-02-25 15:05:46.006485044 +0530
 Birth: 2025-02-25 15:05:45.988238352 +0530
```

`sudo apt update` → Updates the package list from repositories.

`sudo apt search firefox` → Searches for `firefox` in available packages.

`sudo apt search python` → Searches for `python` in available packages.

`dpkg -l` → Lists installed Debian packages.

`dpkg -l | grep mysql` → Filters the installed packages containing `mysql`.

```
veenaroot@LAPTOP-S0KHU6AM:~$ dpkg -l |grep mysql
ii  mysql-client-8.0                8.0.41-0ubuntu0.24.04.1      amd64
ii  mysql-client-core-8.0           8.0.41-0ubuntu0.24.04.1      amd64
ii  mysql-common                    5.8+1.1.0build1              all
ii  mysql-server                    8.0.41-0ubuntu0.24.04.1      all
ii  mysql-server-8.0                8.0.41-0ubuntu0.24.04.1      amd64
ii  mysql-server-core-8.0           8.0.41-0ubuntu0.24.04.1      amd64
```

`sudo apt upgrade` → Upgrades installed packages to the latest version.

`sudo apt remove stress` → Removes the `stress` package.

User & Group Management

`sudo adduser root1` → Creates a new user `root1` with a home directory.

`su - root1` → Switches to user `root1`.

`sudo userdel -r root1` → Deletes user `root1` and their home directory.

`ps -u root1` → Lists processes running under `root1`.

`sudo pkill -9 -u root1` → Forcefully terminates all processes of `root1`.

`sudo useradd -m roottest` → Creates a new user `roottest` with a home directory.

`sudo passwd roottest` → Sets a password for `roottest`.

`finger roottest` → Shows user details (if `finger` is installed).

`sudo usermod -a -G c406cohort roottest` → Adds `roottest` to the `c406cohort` group.

`sudo chgrp c406cohort /home/grouptry` → Changes the group of `/home/grouptry` to `c406cohort`.

`sudo chgrp c406cohort /home/grouptry/root1/a` → Changes the group of `a` inside `/home/grouptry/root1/`.

`sudo chmod 2775 grouptry/` → Sets group ownership (`2` sets SGID, `775` gives read/write/execute to group).

```
veenaroot@LAPTOP-S0KHU6AM:~$ sudo chown :c406cohort roottest
```

```
-rw-r--r-- 1 veenaroot veenaroot 749 Feb 25 16:13 key.txt.pub
-rw----- 1 veenaroot veenaroot 3389 Feb 25 16:13 key.txt
drwxr-xr-x 2 root      c406cohort 4096 Feb 25 19:25 roottest
```

(SGID - Set Group ID)

- The `2` at the beginning sets the **SGID (Set Group ID)** bit.
- When SGID is set on a directory, **all new files and subdirectories inside inherit the group of the parent directory instead of the creating user's primary group.**

`sudo chmod g+s grouptry/root1/a` → Ensures files inside inherit the group of the parent directory.

SSH Key Setup for GitHub

`ssh-keygen -t rsa -b 4096 -C "@gmail.com"` → Generates an RSA SSH key.

`eval "$(ssh-agent -s)"` → Starts the SSH agent.

`ssh-add ~/.ssh/id_ed25519` → Adds the SSH key to the agent (should match the key type generated).

`cat ~/.ssh/id_ed25519.pub` → Displays the public key to add to GitHub.

`ssh -T git@github.com` → Tests SSH authentication with GitHub.

Printing & System Logs

`lpq` → Displays the printer queue. Shows pending print jobs.

`dmesg` → Displays system boot and hardware logs.

`dmesg | tail -50` → Shows the last 50 lines of system logs.

`dmesg | grep "USB"` → Filters logs to show USB-related messages.

Network Performance & Testing

`iperf` → Tests network speed between two systems.

`sudo apt install iperf` → Installs `iperf` if not already installed.

`iperf -s` → Starts `iperf` in **server mode** to receive network speed tests.

`iperf -s -f M` → Runs `iperf` server but displays results in **megabytes per second (MBps)** instead of bits.

`sudo tcpdump -i any` → Captures all network traffic on any interface (requires root).

Network Connectivity & DNS

`telnet google.com` → Attempts to connect to `google.com` using Telnet (useful for testing open ports).

`dig google.com` → Queries DNS records for `google.com` (used to check domain resolution).