Basic Linux Commands

Getting started...

Open a terminal (Ctrl + Alt + t)

Directory Manipulation Commands

1) Creating Directory:- mkdir <directory_name>

This command is used for creating a subdirectory in the current working directory.

Example:- mkdir userdirectory

2) Removing Directory:- rm -r <directory_name>

This command is used to remove a directory and its contents recursively.

Example:- rm -r userdirectory

Directory Manipulation Commands

3) Change Directory Command: - cd <directoryname>

This command is used to change the current working directory.

Example:- cd Desktop

4) Pwd Command: pwd

This command stands for print working directory. It prints the path of the working directory starting from the root.

Example:-/home/user_account_name

File Manipulation Commands

Creating File Command:- gedit <filename>

This command is used to create a file without any content.

Example:- gedit File1.c

2) Moving files Command:- mv <source> <destination>

This command is used for moving files from one location to another.

Example:- mv /home/cse/Downloads/file.c /home/cse/Desktop

File Manipulation Commands...

3) Copying Files Command:- cp <file1name> <file2name>

This command will copy the contents of the file1 to file 2.

Example:- cp file1.c file2.c

4) Removing Files Command:- rm <filename>

This command is used to remove a file.

Example:- rm file1.c

Compiling and Executing C File Commands

1) Compiling C Program: - gcc -o programName [programName].c

GCC stands for GNU Compiler Collection. -o is used to specify the output file name for the executable.

Example:- gcc -o hello hello.c

2) Executing the C Program: - ./programName

Example:- ./hello

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<u>Important Commands</u>

1) Listing Files:- Is

This command will list all the files and directories in the current directory.

2) man Command:- man <command_name>

It stands for manual. It shows the user manual of a command. It is similar to HELP found in other software.

Example:- man printf

Commands

Sl. No.	Commands	Explanation	Examples
1)	mkdir	This command is used for creating a subdirectory in the current working directory.	mkdir userdirectory
2)	rm -r	This command is used to remove a directory and its contents recursively.	rm -r userdirectory
3)	cd	This command is used to change the current working directory.	Cd Desktop
4)	pwd	This command stands for print working directory. It prints the path of the working directory starting from the root.	/home/user_account_name

Commands

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5)	gedit	This command is used to create a file without any content.	gedit file1.c
6)	mv	This command is used for moving files from one location to another.	mv /home/cse/Downloads/file.c /home/cse/Desktop
7)	Ср	This command will copy the contents of the file1 to file 2.	cp file1.c file2.c
8)	rm	This command is used to remove a file.	rm file1.c

Commands

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9)	gcc -e programName [programName].c	GCC stands GNU Compiler Collectiono is used to specify the output file name for the executable.	gcc -o hello hello.c
10)	./programName	This command is used for executing the program.	./hello
11)	Is	This command will list all the files and directories in the current directory.	Is
12)	man	It stands for manual. It shows the user manual of a command. It is similar to HELP found in other software.	man printf

Basic terminology

- GNOME: a desktop environment for UNIX like systems
- File: a virtual construct used to save 'data' in the computer 'memory'
- Editor: a computer application used to edit computer files
- gedit: the default text editor of the GNOME desktop environment
- Terminal: a command based interface to the computer

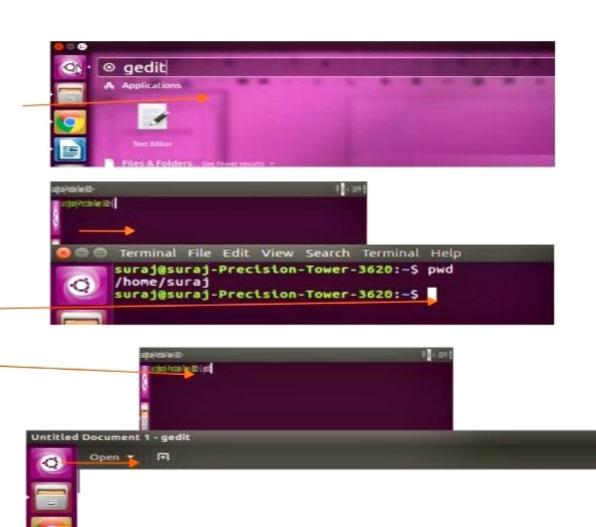
Gedit - The text editor

 Either open gedit from the application browser

OR

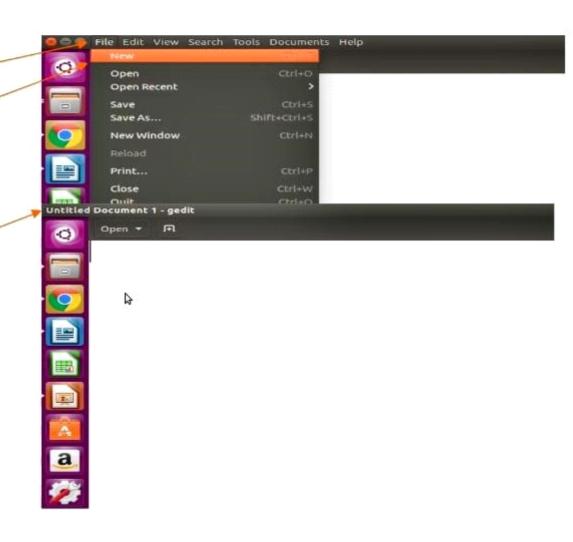
Open the terminal (ctrl + alt +t)

- You may use 'pwd' command here to check the current directory
- Type 'gedit'
- Press enter
- The 'gedit' window opens up



Basic file operations: (New file)

- Create
 - Click on 'File' tab
 - Click on 'New' tab
 - a new tab opens with title as 'Untitled
 Document number'



Basic file operations: (Search)

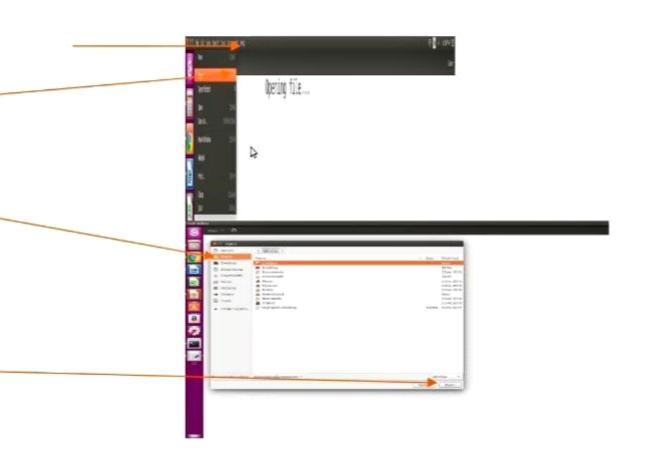
- Search
 - Press 'ctrl + f'
 - A text-field pops down
 - Type the data to be searched into the Text-field



- The data, if present in the file, gets highlighted
- Use up and down arrows to search across multiple occurrences

Basic file operations: (Open file)

- Open
 - Click on the 'File' tab
 - Click on 'Open'
 - An 'Open' dialog box pops up
 - Select the desired directory, select the desired file and click on 'Open'



Basic file operations: (Editing...)

- Undo
 - Used to revert an action
 - Press 'ctrl + z' to "undo" an action
 - Undo can be done multiple times by pressing the combination as many times (25 by default!)
- Redo
 - Used to redo the last action
 - Press 'shift + ctrl + z' to "undo" an "undo"

Basic file operations: (Saving a file)

Save

- Click on the 'File' tab
- Click on 'Save'
- In case of a fresh file,
 a 'Save as' dialog box
 pops up
- Select the desired directory, enter the desired name and click on 'Save'

