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Introduction to CLI



Learning Objectives

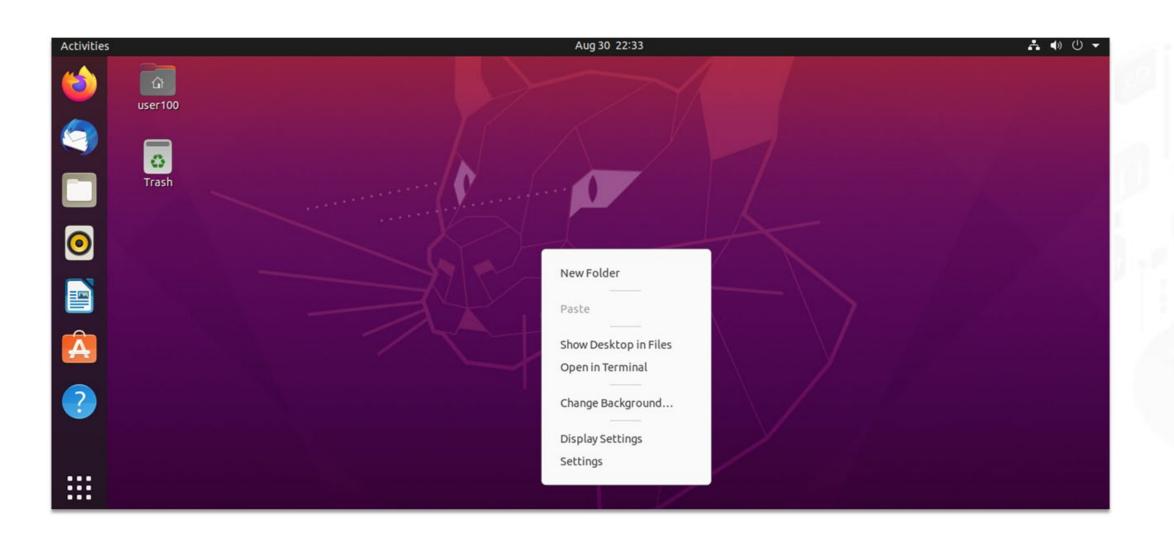
By the end of this lesson, you will be able to:

- Execute various commands in the terminal
- Apply superuser commands using the sudo command
- Find help for commands using manual pages
- Navigate through the file system
- Manipulate files and folders
- Execute system commands



Starting Up the Terminal

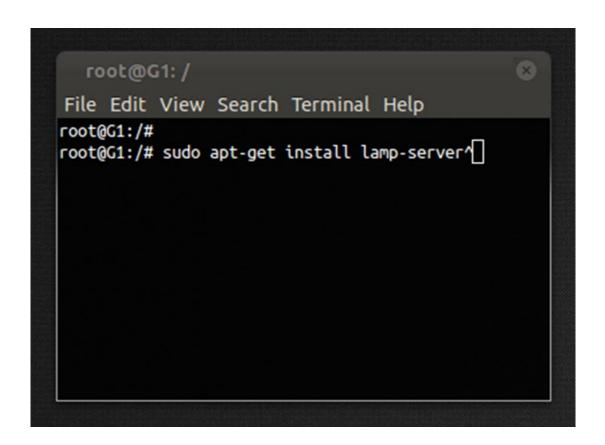
To start the terminal, right click on the mouse and select the option open terminal.





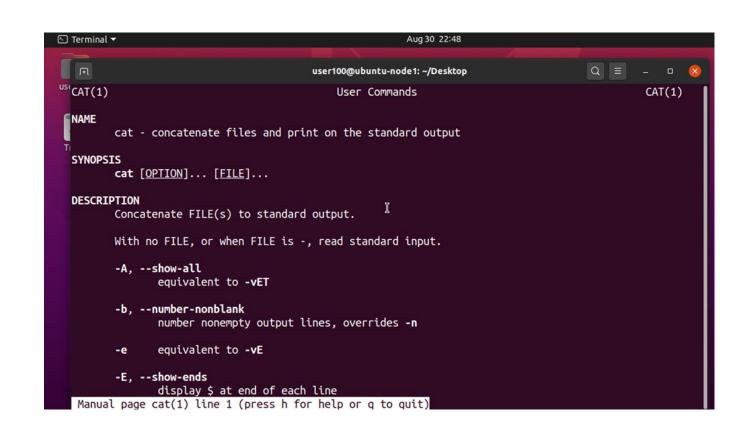
Running Commands as Superuser

A normal user does not have the privilege to perform certain tasks.



- The **sudo** command in Linux elevates the privilege of a normal user to perform certain restricted tasks.
- In Ubuntu, by default, a user can join the sudo group to get these facilities.
- The user doesn't require a root password of the root user to execute the privilege commands.

Manual Pages



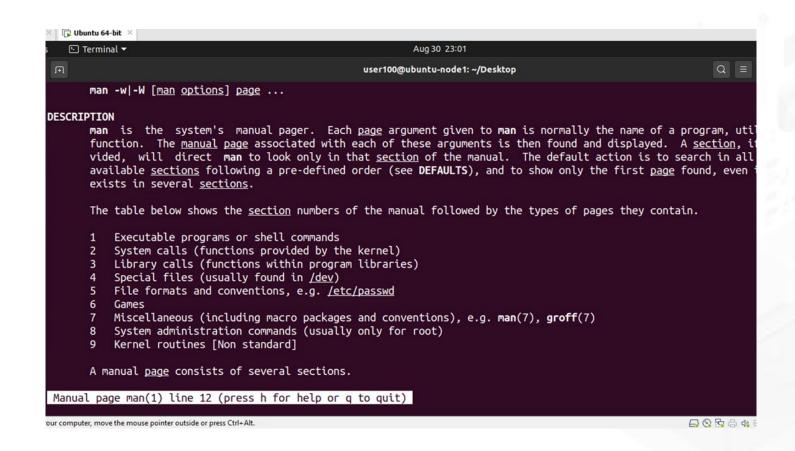
- Manual pages have all the information about the commands.
- They are also called man pages.
- Example: man cat command to view the function, description, and options of the cat command.



Manual Sections

The manual pages are further divided into several sections. They are:

- The Executable programs or shell commands
- System calls
- Library calls
- Special files
- File formats
- Miscellaneous
- Games
- System admin commands
- Kernel routines





Manual Captions

A command's manual page has several captions:

- Name
- Synopsis
- Description
- Options
- Exit values
- Files

```
useradd - create a new user or update default new user information
SYNOPSIS
       useradd [options] LOGIN
      useradd -D
      useradd -D [options]
       useradd is a low level utility for adding users. On Debian, administrators should usually
      When invoked without the -D option, the useradd command creates a new user account using
       command line plus the default values from the system. Depending on command line options,
       update system files and may also create the new user's home directory and copy initial fil
      By default, a group will also be created for the new user (see -g, -N, -U, and USERGROUPS
       The options which apply to the useradd command are:
       /etc/subuid
           Per user subordinate user IDs.
       /etc/login.defs
          Shadow password suite configuration.
       The useradd command exits with the following values:
           success
           can't update password file
           invalid command syntax
           invalid argument to option
      USERGROUPS_ENAB (boolean)
          If set to yes, userdel will remove the user's group if it contains no more members, and useradd
          default a group with the name of the user.
FILES
      /etc/passwd
         User account information.
          Secure user account information.
         Group account information.
      /etc/gshadow
          Secure group account information.
      /etc/default/useradd
          Default values for account creation.
         Directory containing default files.
Manual page useradd(8) line 323 (press h for help or q to quit)
```



man -k Command

- Use the command man -k <keyword>, keyword can be anything.
- Example: Check for printf. This command will extract all the text information that matches one or more characters from the keyword.
- After extracting all the content, find the command from the list. It is printf in this case.
- The number next to the command indicates the section of the man page this command belongs to.

```
user100@ubuntu-node1: ~/Desktop
                      - print to allocated string
                        formatted output conversion

    formatted output conversion

                       formatted wide-character output conversion
                        formatted output conversion
                        formatted output conversion
                        formatted output conversion

    formatted wide-character output conversion

                       print to allocated string

    formatted output conversion

                       formatted wide-character output conversion

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                       formatted output conversion
vswprintf (3)
vwprintf (3)
wprintf (3)

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```

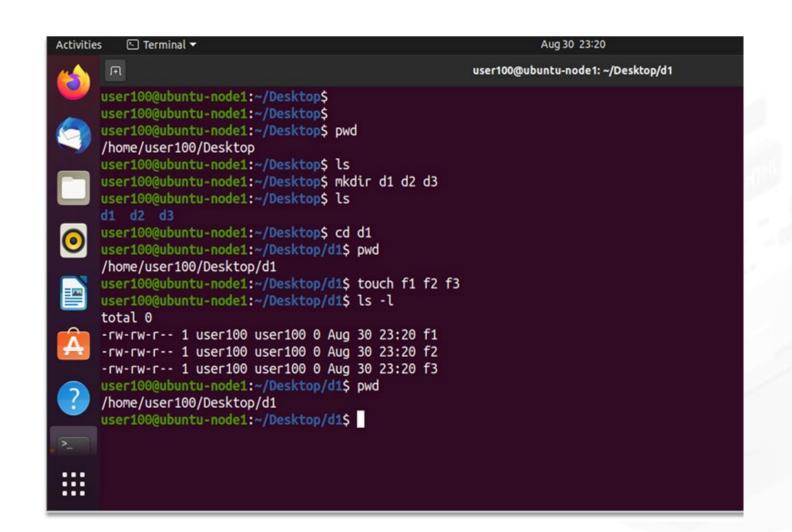
Find Command

The **type** command or **which** command is used to find the version of a command.

• The version of the command is selected based on the path variable.

Moving Around the File System

- A directory is a file that contains the names of the other files.
- It is also called a pointer as it points to the files you are looking for.
- The command \$ Is-I can be used to list the contents of the directory and \$ pwd to view the current working directory.



Moving Around the File System

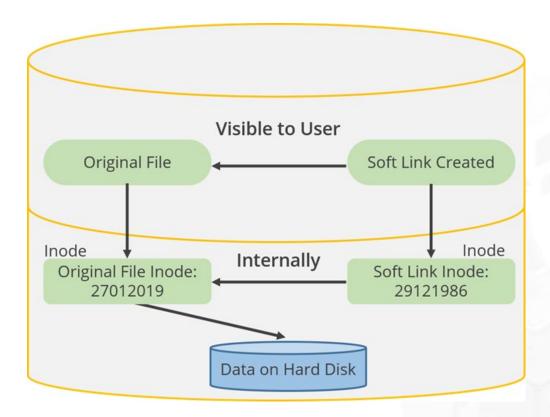
A file is defined as the space occupied by data on the hard disk.

- Every file or directory in Linux is assigned a numerical value called inode.
- The system will not identify the files without the inode numbers.
- Inode numbering will start from 2, as 0 and 1 are reserved numbers.
- The default directory is root; its inode number is 2.

```
Aug 29 03:52
drwxrwxrwt 21 root root
                             4096 Jul 31 09:28 usr
drwxr-xr-x 14 root root
drwxr-xr-x 14 root root
                             4096 Jul 31 09:35 var
     untu:~/Desktop$ ls -li /
    13 lrwxrwxrwx 1 root root
                                       7 Aug 11 02:01 bin -> usr/bin
 131073 drwxr-xr-x 4 root root
                                     4096 Aug 11 02:12 boot
282505 drwxrwxr-x 2 root root
     2 drwxr-xr-x 18 root root
 262145 drwxr-xr-x 130 root root
                                    12288 Aug 29 01:23 etc
 048577 drwxr-xr-x 3 root root
                                     4096 Aug 11 02:08 home
    14 lrwxrwxrwx
                                       7 Aug 11 02:01 lib -> usr/lib
                                       9 Aug 11 02:01 lib32 -> usr/lib32
    15 lrwxrwxrwx
                                        9 Aug 11 02:01 lib64 -> usr/lib64
                                       10 Aug 11 02:01 libx32 -> usr/libx32
                                    16384 Aug 11 02:00 lost+found
                                     4096 Jul 31 09:27 media
 524289 drwxr-xr-x
655361 drwxr-xr-x 2 root root
                                     4096 Jul 31 09:27 mnt
 786433 drwxr-xr-x 2 root root
                                     4096 Aug 11 02:15 opt
     1 dr-xr-xr-x 283 root root
                                       0 Aug 29 01:11 proc
 786434 drwx----- 3 root root
                                     4096 Aug 29 03:01 root
     2 drwxr-xr-x 34 root root
                                      980 Aug 29 01:23 run
    18 lrwxrwxrwx 1 root root
                                       8 Aug 11 02:01 sbin -> usr/sbin
1048578 drwxr-xr-x 8 root root
                                     4096 Aug 11 02:16 snap
393218 drwxr-xr-x 2 root root
     12 -rw----- 1 root root 968110080 Aug 11 02:01 swapfile
     1 dr-xr-xr-x 13 root root
131075 drwxrwxrwt 21 root root
                                     4096 Aug 29 03:51 📖
786435 drwxr-xr-x 14 root root
917505 drwxr-xr-x 14 root root
```

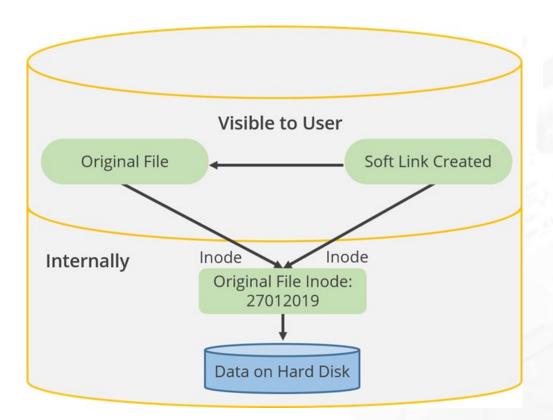
Soft and Hard Links

- As some files have long names, it might be difficult to refer to them. Soft links help you refer to the same files with a shorter version of the name.
- You can use a soft link to create two or more names for a single file and use any one to refer to the file.



Soft and Hard Links

- Hard links are used to have a backup copy of the file without having to occupy any additional space.
- This is useful in case of accidental deletion of files. So, even if one file is removed, you can retrieve the same data using the copied version.
- Any change in one file gets reflected in all the copied files.
- The copied files have the same inode number.



Manipulating Commands

Some of the commands used to manipulate files are:



Creating Files and Directories

- The three ways to create a file in Ubuntu are:
 - touch command
 - cat command
 - 。 vi editor.
- The file created by any of these three methods occupies zero bytes of space.
- After entering the required data in the created file, use the **control + d** keys to save the file.

Creating Files and Directories

The **mkdir** command is used to create a directory.

```
Syntax:

mkdir <directory_name>
```

```
    Terminal ▼

                                                             Aug 31 18:47
                                                   user100@ubuntu-node1: ~/demo/dir1/dir2
 -rw-rw-r-- 1 user100 user100 0 Aug 31 18:44 f1
 -rw-rw-r-- 1 user100 user100 0 Aug 31 18:45 f2
 -rw-rw-r-- 1 user100 user100 0 Aug 31 18:45 f3
 user100@ubuntu-node1:~/demo$
 user100@ubuntu-node1:~/demo$
 user100@ubuntu-node1:~/demo$ mkdir dir1
user100@ubuntu-node1:~/demo$ mkdir -p dir1/dir2/dir3
user100@ubuntu-node1:~/demo$ ls -l
drwxrwxr-x 3 user100 user100 4096 Aug 31 18:46 dir1
 -rw-rw-r-- 1 user100 user100
-rw-rw-r-- 1 user100 user100
                                0 Aug 31 18:45 f2
 -rw-rw-r-- 1 user100 user100 0 Aug 31 18:45 f3
 user100@ubuntu-node1:~/demo$ cd dir1
 user100@ubuntu-node1:~/demo/dir1$ ls -l
 total 4
drwxrwxr-x 3 user100 user100 4096 Aug 31 18:46 dir2
 user100@ubuntu-node1:~/demo/dir1$ cd dir2
user100@ubuntu-node1:~/demo/dir1/dir2$ ls -l
total 4
drwxrwxr-x 2 user100 user100 4096 Aug 31 18:46 dir3
user100@ubuntu-node1:~/demo/dir1/dir2$
user100@ubuntu-node1:~/demo/dir1/dir2$
```

Hierarchy of directories can be created using this command.



Copying Files and Directories

In Linux, the command **cp** is used to copy a file or its contents from one folder to another folder.

Syntax:

cp <source filename> <destination filename>

```
user100@ubuntu-node1: ~/Desktop
 user100@ubuntu-node1:~/Desktop$
user100@ubuntu-node1:~/Desktop$ man cp
user100@ubuntu-node1:~/Desktop$
 user100@ubuntu-node1:~/Desktop$
user100@ubuntu-node1:~/Desktop$ ls -l
 drwxrwxr-x 2 user100 user100 4096 Aug 30 23:24 d1
drwxrwxr-x 2 user100 user100 4096 Aug 30 23:20 d2
drwxrwxr-x 2 user100 user100 4096 Aug 30 23:20 d3
-rw-rw-r-- 3 user100 user100 39 Aug 30 23:36 f1
 -rw-rw-r-- 3 user100 user100 39 Aug 30 23:36 f11
-rw-rw-r-- 3 user100 user100 39 Aug 30 23:36 f111
lrwxrwxrwx 1 user100 user100 8 Aug 30 23:30 mysc1 -> /tmp/sc1
 user100@ubuntu-node1:~/Desktop$ cp f1 f1_new
 user100@ubuntu-node1:~/Desktop$ cat f1_new
 hello how are u ?
hello today is sunday
user100@ubuntu-node1:~/Desktop$
```

Copying Files and Directories

The different options available for the copy command are:

| Option | Description |
|--------|---|
| -i | Ask for user permission before writing to the destination file |
| -b | Create a backup copy of the destination file |
| -f | Copy file to the destination file forcefully if you don't have permission |
| -p | Preserve file attributes if possible |

Copying Files and Directories

- The copy command of a directory is similar to the copy command of a file.
- The option -r will recursively copy the contents of the source directory to the destination directory.

```
Syntax:

cp -r <source_dir> <destination_dir>
```

```
user100@ubuntu-node1: ~/Desktop/d2
user100@ubuntu-node1:~/Desktop$
user100@ubuntu-node1:~/Desktop$ cp d1 d2
cp: -r not specified; omitting directory 'd1'
user100@ubuntu-node1:~/Desktop$ cp -r d1 d2
user100@ubuntu-node1:~/Desktop$ ls -l d1
total 4
-rw-rw-r-- 1 user100 user100 19 Aug 30 23:25 f1
-rw-rw-r-- 1 user100 user100 0 Aug 30 23:20 f2
-rw-rw-r-- 1 user100 user100 0 Aug 30 23:20 f3
-rw-rw-r-- 1 user100 user100 0 Aug 30 23:24 f4
user100@ubuntu-node1:~/Desktop$ ls -l d2
drwxrwxr-x 2 user100 user100 4096 Aug 30 23:48 d1
user100@ubuntu-node1:~/Desktop$ cd d2
user100@ubuntu-node1:~/Desktop/d2$ ls -l
drwxrwxr-x 2 user100 user100 4096 Aug 30 23:48 d1
user100@ubuntu-node1:~/Desktop/d2$ ls -l d1
-rw-rw-r-- 1 user100 user100 19 Aug 30 23:48 f1
-rw-rw-r-- 1 user100 user100 0 Aug 30 23:48 f2
-rw-rw-r-- 1 user100 user100 0 Aug 30 23:48 f3
-rw-rw-r-- 1 user100 user100 0 Aug 30 23:48 f4
user100@ubuntu-node1:~/Desktop/d2$
```



Renaming Files and Directories

The mv command in Linux is used to rename a given file.

Syntax:

```
mv <old file name> <new file name>
```

```
user100@ubuntu-node1: ~/Desktop
     user100@ubuntu-node1:~/Desktop$ ls -l
     total 32
     drwxrwxr-x 2 user100 user100 4096 Aug 30 23:24 d1
     drwxrwxr-x 2 user100 user100 4096 Aug 30 23:49 d11
     drwxrwxr-x 3 user100 user100 4096 Aug 30 23:48 d2
     drwxrwxr-x 2 user100 user100 4096 Aug 30 23:20 d3
     -rw-rw-r-- 3 user100 user100 47 Aug 30 23:43 f1
     -rw-rw-r-- 3 user100 user100 47 Aug 30 23:43 f11
     -rw-rw-r-- 3 user100 user100 47 Aug 30 23:43 f111
     -rw-rw-r-- 1 user100 user100 47 Aug 30 23:44 f1_new
     lrwxrwxrwx 1 user100 user100 8 Aug 30 23:30 mysc1 -> /tmp/sc1
     user100@ubuntu-node1:~/Desktop$ mv f1 f11_new
    user100@ubuntu-node1:~/Desktop$ ls -l
     total 32
     drwxrwxr-x 2 user100 user100 4096 Aug 30 23:24 d1
    drwxrwxr-x 2 user100 user100 4096 Aug 30 23:49 d11
     drwxrwxr-x 3 user100 user100 4096 Aug 30 23:48 d2
     drwxrwxr-x 2 user100 user100 4096 Aug 30 23:20 d3
     -rw-rw-r-- 3 user100 user100 47 Aug 30 23:43 f11
     -rw-rw-r-- 3 user100 user100 47 Aug 30 23:43 f111
     -rw-rw-r-- 3 user100 user100 47 Aug 30 23:43 f11_new
     -rw-rw-r-- 1 user100 user100 47 Aug 30 23:44 f1 new
••• lrwxrwxrwx 1 user100 user100 8 Aug 30 23:30 mysc1 -> /tmp/sc1
     user100@ubuntu-node1:~/Desktop$
```



Renaming Files and Directories

The same **mv** command is used to rename a directory.

```
Syntax:

mv <old_dir_name> <new_dir_name>
```

```
user100@ubuntu-node1: ~/Desktop
      user100@ubuntu-node1:~/Desktop$ ls -l
      drwxrwxr-x 2 user100 user100 4096 Aug 30 23:24 d1
      drwxrwxr-x 2 user100 user100 4096 Aug 30 23:49 d11
      drwxrwxr-x 3 user100 user100 4096 Aug 30 23:48 d2
      drwxrwxr-x 2 user100 user100 4096 Aug 30 23:20 d3
      -rw-rw-r-- 3 user100 user100 47 Aug 30 23:43 f11
      -rw-rw-r-- 3 user100 user100 47 Aug 30 23:43 f111
      -rw-rw-r-- 3 user100 user100 47 Aug 30 23:43 f11_new
      -rw-rw-r-- 1 user100 user100 47 Aug 30 23:44 f1_new
      lrwxrwxrwx 1 user100 user100 8 Aug 30 23:30 mysc1 -> /tmp/sc1
      user100@ubuntu-node1:~/Desktop$ mv d1 d1_new
      user100@ubuntu-node1:~/Desktop$ ls -l
      total 32
      drwxrwxr-x 2 user100 user100 4096 Aug 30 23:49 d11
     drwxrwxr-x 2 user100 user100 4096 Aug 30 23:24 d1_new
      drwxrwxr-x 3 user100 user100 4096 Aug 30 23:48 d2
      drwxrwxr-x 2 user100 user100 4096 Aug 30 23:20 d3
      -rw-rw-r-- 3 user100 user100 47 Aug 30 23:43 f11
      -rw-rw-r-- 3 user100 user100 47 Aug 30 23:43 f111
      -rw-rw-r-- 3 user100 user100 47 Aug 30 23:43 f11_new
lrwxrwxrwx 1 user100 user100 8 Aug 30 23:44 f1_new

lrwxrwxrwx 1 user100 user100 8 Aug 30 23:30 mysc1 -> /tmp/sc1

user100@ubuntu-node1:~/Desktop$
```



Moving Files and Directories

The **mv** command used for renaming files and directories can be used to move them to a different location.

- The only change in the syntax is that instead of file or directory name, you use the file location.
- If you compare the mv command with the cp command, you see that the mv command deletes the source location when it moves the files or directories to the destination location.

Syntax:

```
mv <source_location> <destination_location>
```

Moving Files and Directories

The different options available for the mv command are:

| Option | Description |
|--------|--|
| -i | Ask user's permission before performing the task |
| -f | Ask user's permission while writing protected files |
| -n | Prevent overwriting of an existing file at destination |
| -b | Backup the destination file |



Removing Files and Directories

The rm command which stands for remove is used to delete or remove files and directories.

```
user100@ubuntu-node1: ~/demo
user100@ubuntu-node1:~/demo/dir1/dir2$
user100@ubuntu-node1:~/demo/dir1/dir2$
user100@ubuntu-node1:~/demo/dir1/dir2$
user100@ubuntu-node1:~/demo/dir1/dir2$
user100@ubuntu-node1:~/demo/dir1/dir2$
user100@ubuntu-node1:~/demo/dir1/dir2$ cd dir3
user100@ubuntu-node1:~/demo/dir1/dir2/dir3$ pwd
/home/user100/demo/dir1/dir2/dir3
user100@ubuntu-node1:~/demo/dir1/dir2/dir3$
user100@ubuntu-node1:~/demo/dir1/dir2/dir3$
user100@ubuntu-node1:~/demo/dir1/dir2/dir3$ cd ...
user100@ubuntu-node1:~/demo/dir1/dir2$ cd ...
user100@ubuntu-node1:~/demo/dir1$ cd ...
user100@ubuntu-node1:~/demo$ pwd
/home/user100/demo
user100@ubuntu-node1:~/demo$ ls -l
total 4
drwxrwxr-x 3 user100 user100 4096 Aug 31 18:46 dir1
-rw-rw-r-- 1 user100 user100 0 Aug 31 18:44 f1
-rw-rw-r-- 1 user100 user100 0 Aug 31 18:45 f2
-rw-rw-r-- 1 user100 user100
                              0 Aug 31 18:45 f3
user100@ubuntu-node1:~/demo$
user100@ubuntu-node1:~/demo$ rm f1
user100@ubuntu-node1:~/demo$
```

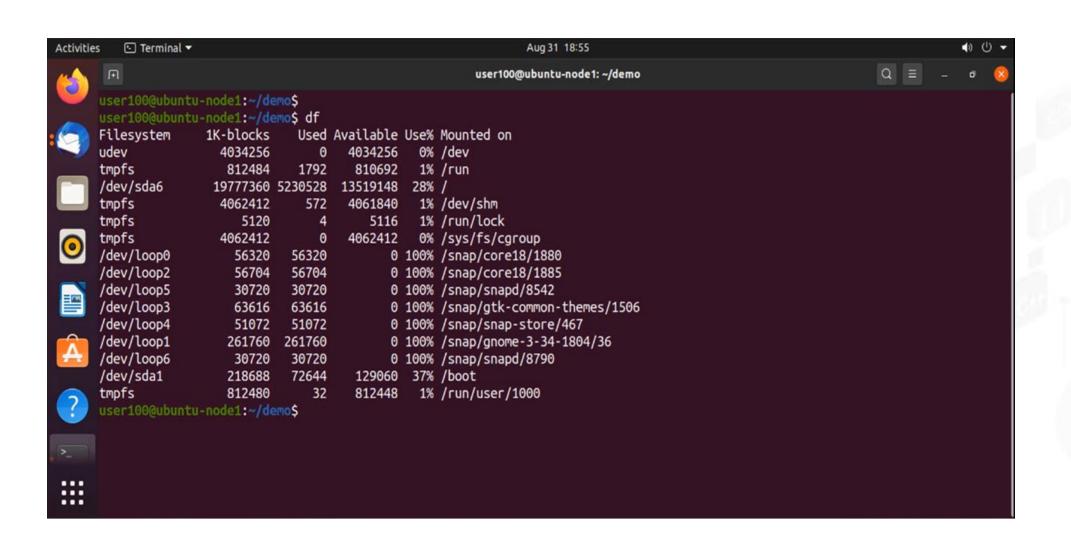
```
user100@ubuntu-node1: ~/demo
/home/user100/demo/dir1/dir2
user100@ubuntu-node1:~/demo/dir1/dir2$ ls -l
total 4
drwxrwxr-x 2 user100 user100 4096 Aug 31 18:46 dir3
user100@ubuntu-node1:~/demo/dir1/dir2$ rmdir dir3
user100@ubuntu-node1:~/demo/dir1/dir2$ cd ...
user100@ubuntu-node1:~/demo/dir1$ ls -l
total 4
drwxrwxr-x 2 user100 user100 4096 Aug 31 18:52 dir2
user100@ubuntu-node1:~/demo/dir1$ rmdir dir2
user100@ubuntu-node1:~/demo/dir1$ ls -l
total 0
user100@ubuntu-node1:~/demo/dir1$ cd ...
user100@ubuntu-node1:~/demo$ ls -l
total 4
drwxrwxr-x 2 user100 user100 4096 Aug 31 18:52 dir1
-rw-rw-r-- 1 user100 user100 0 Aug 31 18:45 f2
-rw-rw-r-- 1 user100 user100 0 Aug 31 18:45 f3
user100@ubuntu-node1:~/demo$ rmdir dir1
user100@ubuntu-node1:~/demo$ ls -l
total 0
-rw-rw-r-- 1 user100 user100 0 Aug 31 18:45 f2
-rw-rw-r-- 1 user100 user100 0 Aug 31 18:45 f3
user100@ubuntu-node1:~/demo$
```

A directory can be removed only after all the files and directories within it are removed.



df Command

The df command is used to view the file system usage and the mount point of the file system.





df Command

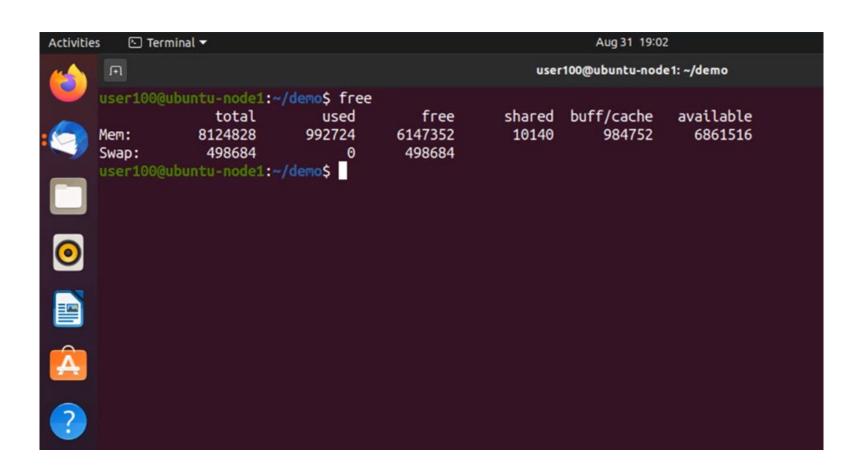
The different options available for the df command are:

| Option | Description |
|------------|---|
| - a | Display the information about the file systems |
| -h | Display the same file system information in a human readable format |
| -i | List the information of inode |



free Command

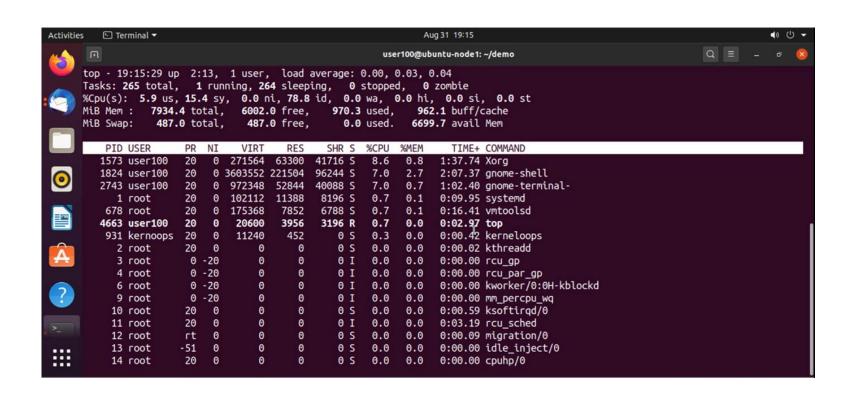
The **free** command is used to display the information of memory used by the system.



- There are two types of memories.
 Physical memory, represented by Mem, and swap memory.
- The information displayed by the free command includes: total, used, free, shared, buff/cache, and available.

top Command

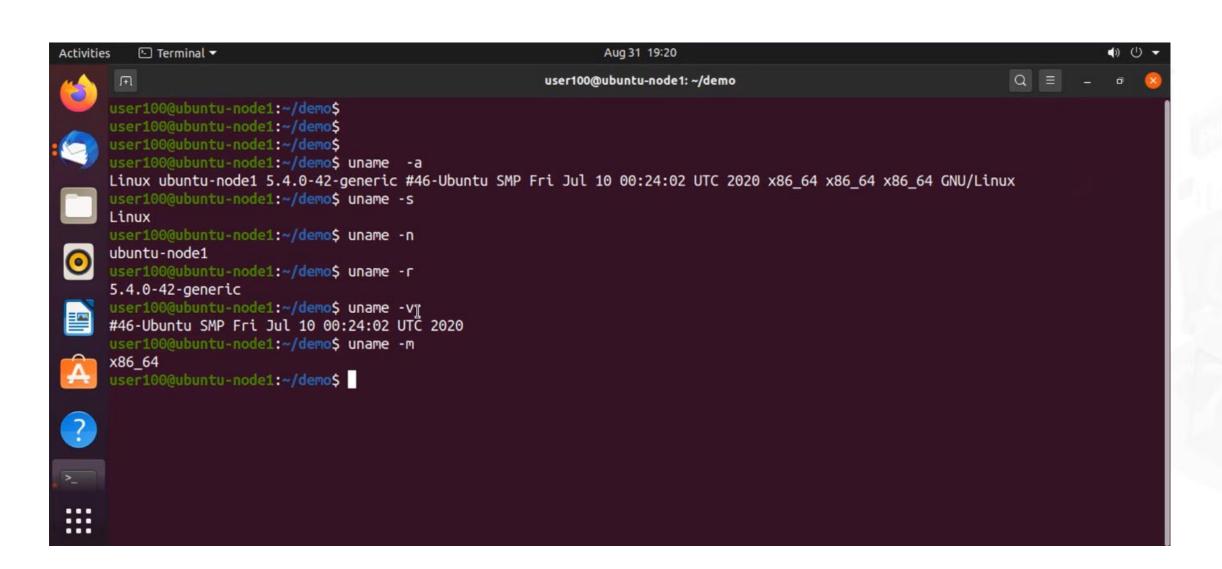
The **top** command is used to display the information of processes running in Linux.



- The information provided is dynamic.
- The different information displayed includes, PID, PR, VIRT, RES, SHR, USER, %CPU, TIME, NI, and %MEM.

uname Command

uname command will provide the information regarding the OS distribution, release version, CPU architecture, and kernel version.





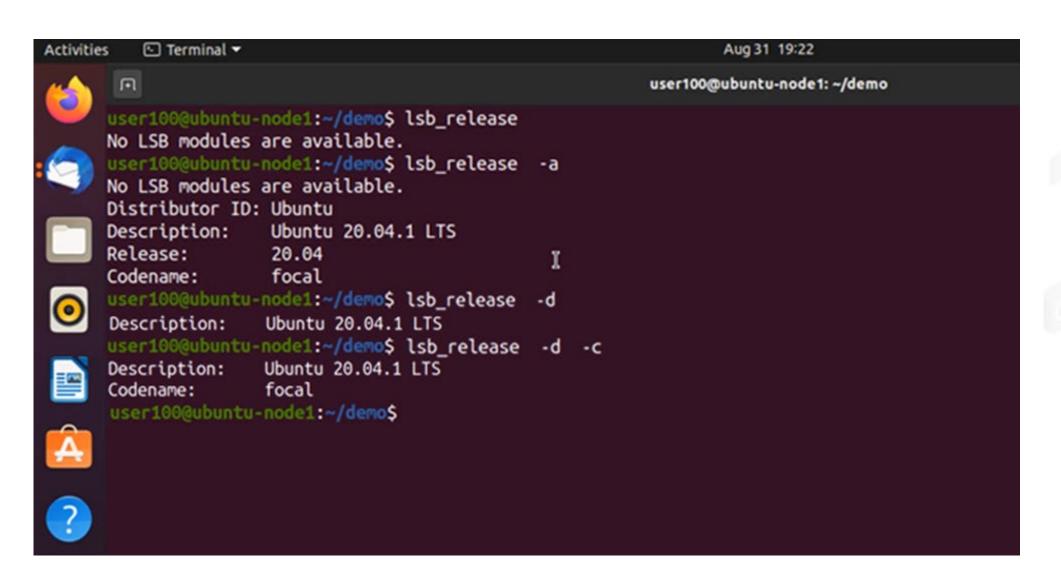
uname Command

The different options available for the uname command are:

| Option | Description |
|------------|--|
| -a | Print the system information in a specific order |
| -S | Print the kernel name |
| -n | Print the hostname |
| -r | Print the kernel version |
| - V | Print the current kernel version |
| -m | Print the machine hardware information |

lsb_release Command

The **lsb_release** command is used to display the installed Linux distributor ID, release version, and codename.



lsb_release Command

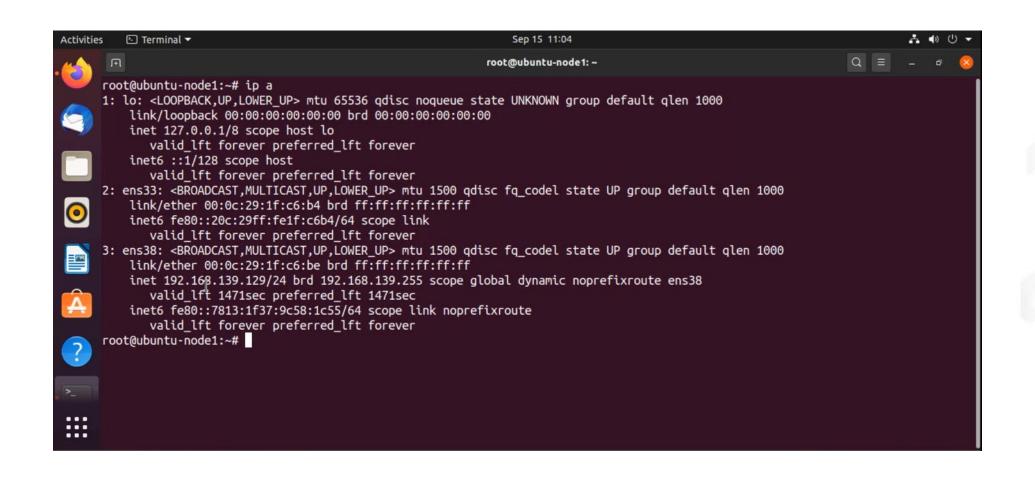
The different options available for the lsb_release command are:

| Option | Description |
|--------|--|
| -a | Print the OS distribution and releases information |
| -d | Display the description |
| -C | Display the code |



ip Command

The **ip** command is used to display the IP related details of the system.

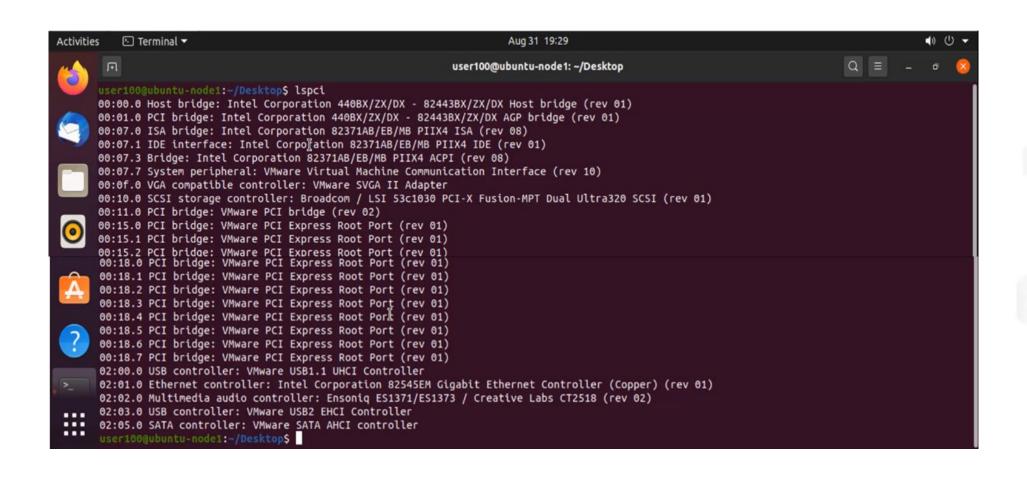


The different information displayed includes interface name, ip address, network mask, and mac address.



Ispci Command

The Ispci command displays the machine hardware information based on the PCI architecture.



The information includes PCI bridge, VGA controller, Ethernet controller, USB controller, audio device, and IDE interface.



Isusb Command

Isusb command is used to display the information of various USB devices connected to the system.





Key Takeaways

The sudo command in Linux elevates the privilege of a normal user to perform certain restricted tasks as a normal user.

File system can be defined as a method of organizing and managing data in the form of files and directories.

Soft links help you refer to a file with a long name with a shorter version of the name.

mkdir command is used to create directories in Linux.



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Knowledge Check

Which command is used to view the information of running tasks or processes?

- A. df
- B. mv
- C. top
- D. rm



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Which command is used to view the information of running tasks or processes?

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- B. mv
- C. top
- D. rm



The correct answer is

 C

The top command is used to view the information of running tasks or processes.



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Which command is used to display the manual pages of a command?

- A. man
- B. manual
- C. help
- D. show



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The correct answer is A

The man command is used to display the manual pages of a command.



Which command is used to view the Linux release version?

- A. cp
- B. help cp
- C. man cp
- D. lsb_release



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Which command is used to view the Linux release version?

- A. cp
- B. help cp
- C. man cp
- D. lsb_release



The correct answer is **D**

The lsb_release command is used to view the Linux release version.



Which command is used to know the mount point of a file system?

- A. df
- B. dd
- C. cd
- D. mv



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Which command is used to know the mount point of a file system?

- A. df
- B. dd
- C. cd
- D. mv



The correct answer is A

The df command is used to view the mount point information of a file system.

