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List of Commands

date

Description

• Displays the date

Syntax

• \$ date

Example

- Showing current time
- \$ date

uname

Description

• Prints basic information about the OS

Syntax

• \$ uname

Example

- Showing all available information of Linux
- \$ uname -a

du

Description

• Allows a user to gain disk information quickly

Syntax

• \$ du + directory

Example

- Showing a summary of a directory's usage
- \$ du -sh /home/DOcuments/

free

Description

• Displays amount of space available and used

Syntax

• \$ free + option

Example

- · Checking memory
- \$ free

echo

Description

• Displays line of text that are passed as an argument

Syntax

• \$ echo + option + string

Example

- Displaying a text
- \$ echo "Hello there"

apt

Description

• Updates, installs, removes related Linux distribution

Syntax

• \$ sudo apt + whatever do you want

Example

- Updating my OS
- \$ sudo apt update

pwd

Description

• Displaying current working directory

Syntax

\$ pwd

Example

- You write pwd and you will see the directory you are in.
- pwd/home/adrian

cd

Description

• Changes the working directory

Syntax

• \$ cd + destination

Example

- Change from book to cvs file
- cd ../cvs

ls

Description

• Listing the content of a given directory

Syntax

• \$ ls

Example

- Shows all files inside pictures
- \$ ls -a ~/Pictures

tree

Description

• Produces an indented listing of files

Syntax

• \$ tree + option + directory

Example

- Displaying the tree hierarchy of a directory
- *\$ tree -a ./GFG

man

Description

• Shows the manual of a command

Syntax

• \$ man + command

Example

- Showing the manual of pwd
- \$ man pwd

mkdir

Description

• Creating a single directory or multiple directories

Syntax

• \$ mkdir + name of the directory

Example

- Making a directory called Diego in the present directory
- \$ mkdir Diego

touch

Description

· Creating files

Syntax

• \$ touch + name of file

Example

- Create a file called file.txt in the present directory
- \$ touch file.txt

rm

Description

• Removes files and directories with -r

Syntax

• \$ rm + name of the file

Example

- · Removing list.txt
- \$ rm list.txt

cp

Description

• Copies files/directories from a source to a destination

Syntax

• \$ cp + files to copy + destination

Example

- Copying files.txt in documents to pictures
- \$ cp Downloads/files.txt Pictures/

mv

Description

• Moves and removes directories

Syntax

- \$ mv + source + destination
- \$ mv + file/directory to rename + new name

Example

- Moving list.txt in documents to pictures
- \$ mv ../Documents/list.txt ../Pictures/

stat

Description

• Displays all information about a file except the file name and its content

Syntax

• \$ stat file name

Example

- Showing the content of dracula.txt
- \$ stat dracula.txt

Wildcards (*,?,[])

Description

• They are used to specify a file name for searches.

Syntax

• \$ ls + characters

Example

- Looking for files with the .txt
- \$ ls *.txt

Brace expansion

Description

• Generate arbitrary strings to use with commands

Syntax

• \$ mkdir + directoryname / (nameofiles)

Example

- Creating a directory with two .txt files
- \$ mkdir documents/{file1,file2}

cat

Description

• Displaying the content of a file

Syntax

• \$ cat + option + file(s) to display

Example

- To display a file in the current directory
- \$ cat dracula.txt

head

Description

• Display the first 10 lines

Syntax

• \$ head + option + file

Example

- Displaying the first lines of Dracula.txt
- \$ head Dracula.txt

tail

Description

• Display the last 10 lines

Syntax

• \$ tail + option + file

Example

- Displaying the last lines of dracula.txt
- \$ tail dracula.txt

cut

Description

• Extracts a specific section of each line of a file

Syntax

• \$ cut + option + file

Example

- Displaying all users in the seven field
- \$ cut d ':' -f7 /etc/passwd

tr

Description

• Translates or deletes characters from standard output

Syntax

• Standard output | tr + option + set + set

Example

- Translates dots to commas in dracula.txt
- \$ cat dracula.txt | tr '.' ','

paste

Description

• Joins files horizontally in columns

Syntax

• \$ paste + option + files

Example

- · Merging two files
- \$ paste text.txt dracula.txt

WC

Description

• Prints the number of lines, characters, and bytes in a file

Syntax

• \$ wc + option + file

Example

- Displaying the number of lines of dracula.txt
- \$ wc -l dracula.txt

grep

Description

· Searches text in a given file

Syntax

• \$ grep + option + search criteria + file

Example

- Searching the word love in dracula.txt
- \$ grep -w 'love' dracula.txt

output redirection

Description

• Redirects output of commands to and from files.

Saving the output of a command

• command output + > + file

Example

- Save the output of a command to a file
- \$ ls -lA ~ > all-files-in-home.txt

vim or nano

Description

• It is a text editor

Syntax

• To install it use: \$ sudo apt install vim

Example

- Creating a file and open vim at the same time
- \$ vim dracula.txt

tar

Description

• Creates archives by combining files and directories into a single file

Syntax

• \$ tar + options + file.tar + files to archive

Example

- To extract a specific file
- \$ tar -xf example.tar file3

gzip, bzip2, or xz

Description

• They are used for compression

Syntax

• \$ gzip file name

Example

- Compressing a dracula.txt
- \$ gzip dracula.txt

chmod

Description

• Changes permissions on files and directories

Syntax

• \$ chmod permissions file/directory

Example

- Changing the file permission to 654
- \$ chmod 654 file1