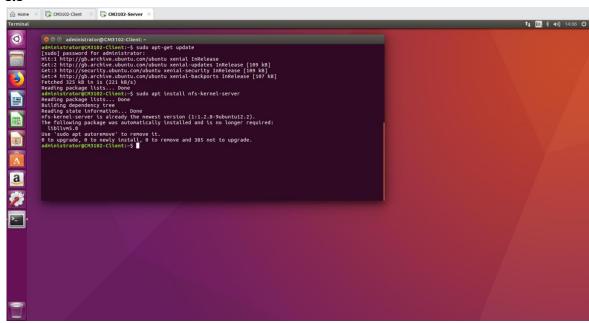
Operating Systems Coursework

Part 2 – Operating Systems Services and Related Tools

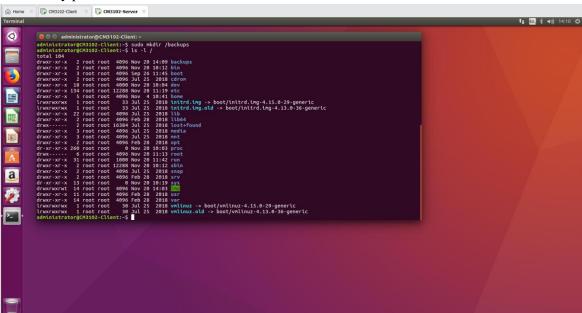
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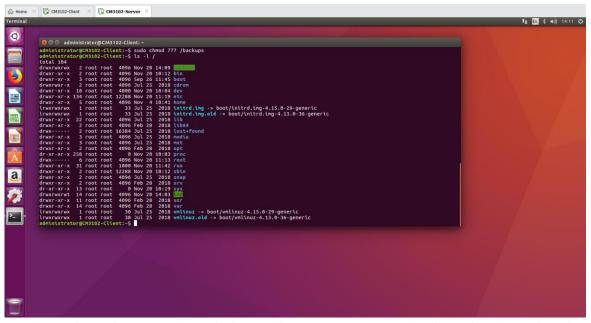
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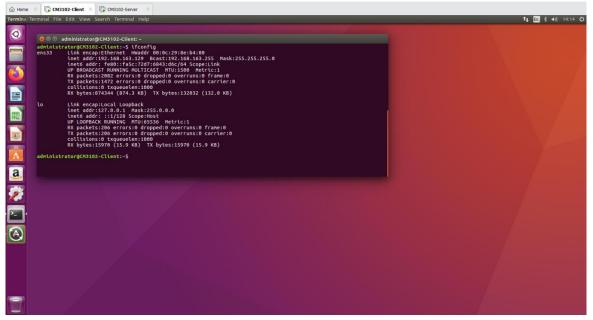
In order to setup the network file system (NTF) mount, the following commands must be executed on the server virtual machine: "sudo apt-get update", "sudo apt install nfs-kernel-server". The command "sudo apt-get update" will update the system's repository and the command "sudo apt install nfs-kernel-server" will install the network file system server on the server virtual machine. In the image from above the installation of the network file system server was already performed.



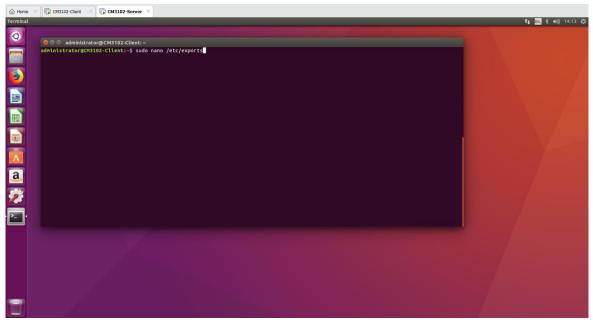
In order to create the "/backups" directory on the server virtual machine, the following commands must be executed: "sudo mkdir /backups", "ls -l /". The command "sudo mkdir /backups" will allow the creation of the "/backups" directory and the command "ls -l /" will confirm the operation was completed with success.



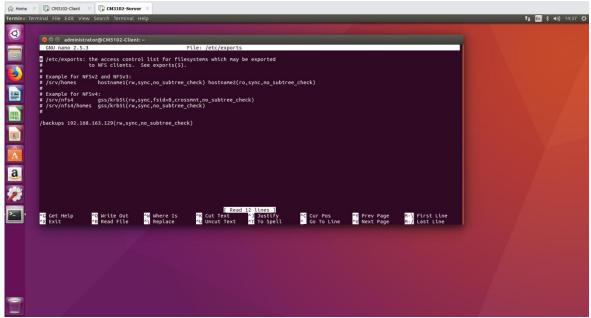
In order to give write and read permission to all the users present on the client virtual machine, the following commands must be executed: "sudo chmod 777 /backups", "ls -l /". The command "sudo chmod 777 /backups" will give full control (read, write and execute permissions) to all users, the command "ls -l /" will confirm the previous command, as we can see in the above image, all users have read, write and execute permission.



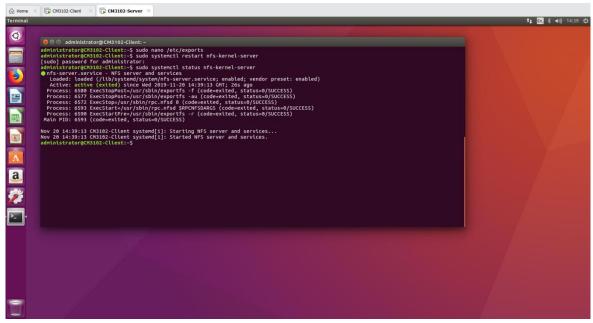
Once the read, write and execute permissions have been given to all users, the IP address of the client virtual machine must be identified in order to allow the client virtual machine to access the "/backups" directory present on the server virtual machine. In order to identify the IP address of the client virtual machine, the following command must be executed: "ifconfig", as we can see in the above image the IP address of the client virtual machine is: 192.168.163.129.



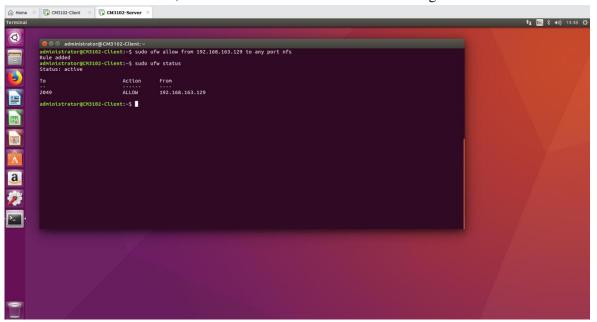
After the IP address of the client virtual machine has been indentified, the IP address of the client virtual machine must be added to the network file system exports file present at the location /etc/exports. In order to add the IP address of the client virtual machine to the exports file, the following command must be executed: "sudo nano /etc/exports". The command "sudo nano /etc/exports" will open the exports file using the nano command line text editor and will allow the addition of the client's IP address by using root write permission rights allowed by the sudo command.



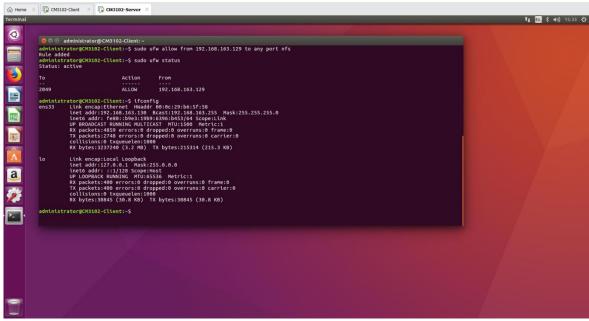
Once the command "sudo nano /etc/exports" have been executed, the command line editor will show the content of the exports file where the following line will be added at the end of the file: "/backups 192.168.163.129(rw, sync, no_subtree_check)". The new line added at the of the file, which is "/backups 192.168.163.129(rw, sync, no_subtree_check)" will allow the client virtual machine to access the "/backups" directory having reading and writing permissions over the directory.



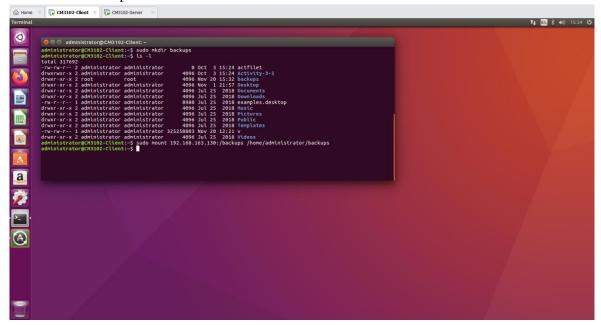
When the IP address of the client virtual machine has been added to the /etc/exports file and the file has been saved, the nfs-kernel-server must be restarted in order for the changes to have effect. In order to restart the nfs-kernel-server, the following commands must be executed: "sudo systemctl restart nfs-kernel-server" and "sudo systemctl status nfs-kernel-server". The command "sudo systemctl restart-nfs-kernel-server" will restart the nfs server and the changes to the exports will take effect, the command "sudo systemctl status nfs-kernel-server" will allow the visualisation of the nfs server, which is "active" as we can see in the image above.



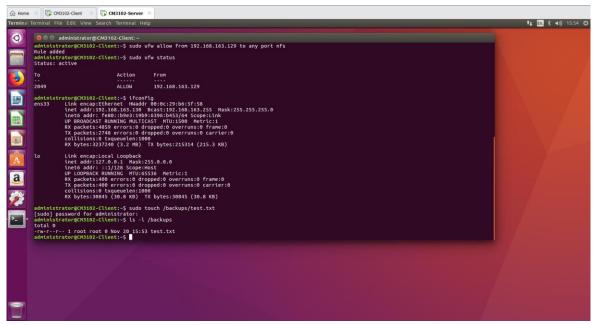
In order to allow the client virtual machine to have access to the "/backups" directory on the server using the network file system (nfs), a firewall rule must be added on the server virtual machine. In order to add a new firewall rule to allow the client virtual machine to access the "/backups" directory the following commands must be executed: "sudo ufw allow from 192.168.163.129 to any port nfs", "sudo ufw status". The command "sudo ufw allow from 192.168.163.129 to any port nfs" will add the client virtual machine IP address to the allow incoming connections on any port and the "sudo ufw status" command will verify the previous command.



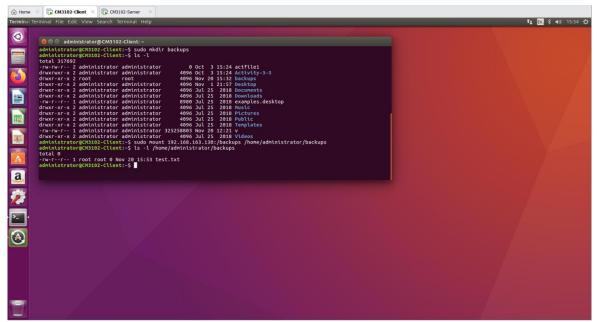
In order to allow the client machine connect to the server virtual machine and have access to the "/backups" directory present on the server virtual machine, the server virtual machine IP address must be identified. In order to identify the server virtual machine IP address the following command must be executed: "ifconfig". The command "ifconfig" will allow the visualisation of the IP address of the server virtual machine which is: "192.168.163.130", this IP address will be used in the next steps.



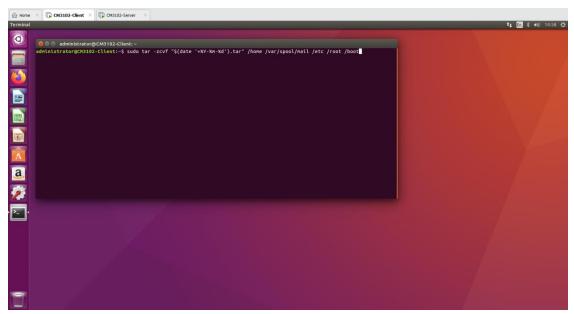
In order to allow the client virtual machine to have access to the "/backups" directory present on the server virtual machine, the following commands must be executed: "sudo mkdir backups", "ls -l", "sudo mount 192.168.163.130:/backups /home/administrator/backups". The command "sudo mkdir backups" will create a directory on the client virtual machine at the location /home/administrator/, the command "ls -l" will verify the previous command and the command "sudo mount 192.168.163.130:/backups /home/administrator/backups" will allow the client virtual machine to sync the backups directory located on the client virtual machine with the one present on the server virtual machine.



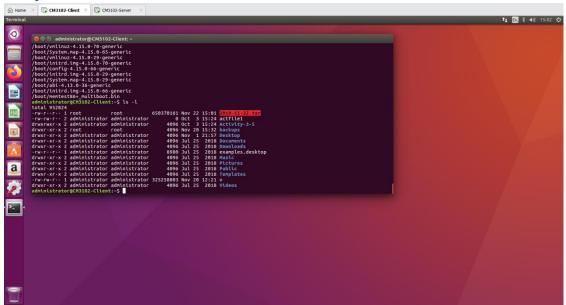
In order to test if the sync between the client virtual machine and the server virtual machine is working, a file should be added to the "/backups" directory present on the server, to do this the following commands must be executed: "sudo touch /backups/test.txt" and "ls —l /backups". The command "sudo touch /backups/test.txt" will create a txt file in the backups directory, once this is done the file should also be visible on the client virtual machine.



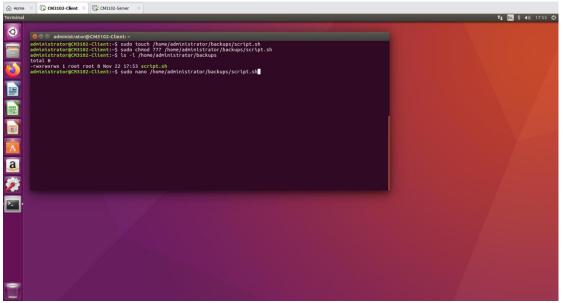
After the file was created on the server virtual machine, on the client virtual machine the file should be also present, to verify this, the following command must be executed: "ls –l/home/administrator/backups", as we can see in the image above the file is present on the client virtual machine.



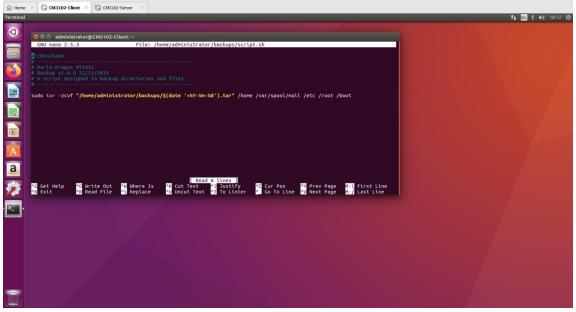
In order to backup the directories "/home", "/var/spool/mail", "/etc", "/root", "/boot" using the tar command and the date command so the file will contain the date as filename, the following command must be executed: sudo tar –zcvf "\$date('+%Y-%m-%d').tar" /home /var/spool/mail /etc/ /root /boot. The command in the image above will create a tar file using the current date as a filename and add inside the file the directories mentioned: /home, /var/spool/mail, /etc, /root, /boot.



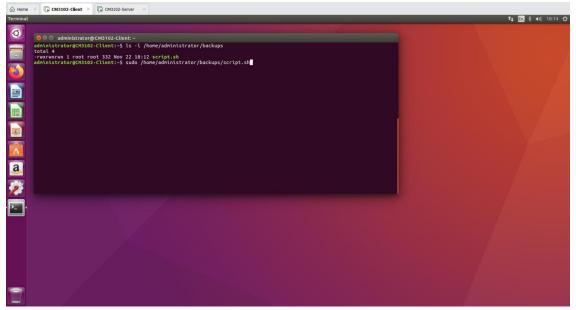
To verify if the file was created successfully after the tar command was completed, the following command must be executed: "ls -l". As we can see in the image above the tar file was created successfully.



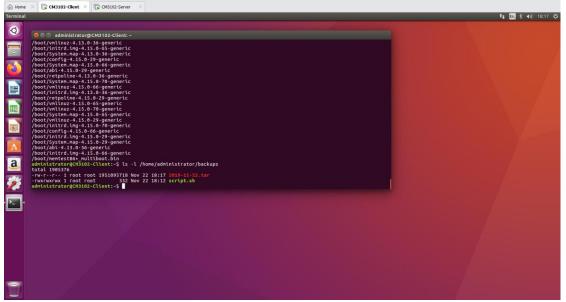
In order to create a script to backup of folders in section 1.2, the following commands must be touch /home/administrator/backups/script.sh", "sudo /home/administrator/backups/script.sh", "ls -l /home/administrator/backups" and "sudo nano /home/administrator/backups/script.sh". The first command executed, which is "sudo touch /home/administrator/backups/script.sh" will allow the creation of the script.sh file located at /home/administrator/backups, "sudo the location the command chmod /home/administrator/backups/script.sh" will give read, write and execute permission to all users on the client virtual machine, the command "ls -l" will confirm the previous commands and last command which is executed in the image below will open the script.sh file using the nano command line editor.



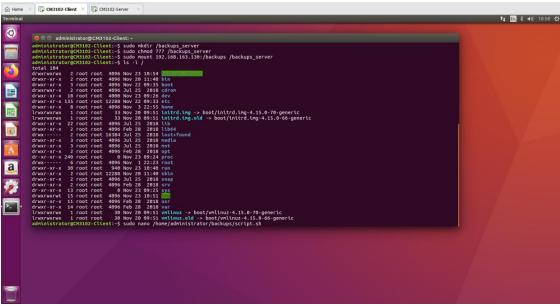
As we can see in the image above, the script.sh file was opened using the nano command line editor and the command: "sudo tar <code>-zcvf</code> /home/administrator/backups/\$date('+%Y-%m-%d').tar" /home /var/spool/mail /etc /root /boot" was added to the script. This command will create a tar archive adding the /home /var/spool/mail /etc /root /boot directories at the location /home/administrator/backups/ on the client machine using the current date as a filename.



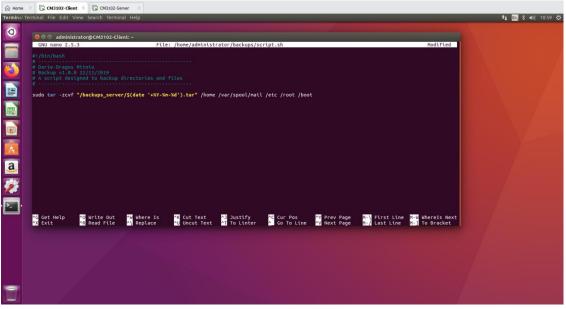
In order to run the script the following command must be executed: "sudo /home/administrator/backups/script.sh". The script will add the following directories: /home , var/spool/mail, etc/ /root /boot to a tar archive located at the location /home/administrator/backups.



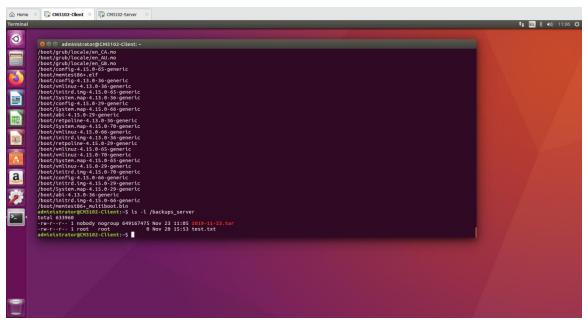
After the script has been executed, the tar archive should be located at the /home/administrator/backups directory, to visualise the content of the directory, the following command must be executed: "ls –l /home/administrator/backups". As we can see in the image above the tar archive is present in the backups directory. The script has been executed successfully. In the next steps the tar file will be created in a new directory which will be mounted using the network file system to demonstrate the operation of backing up files using the client virtual machine and not the server virtual machine.



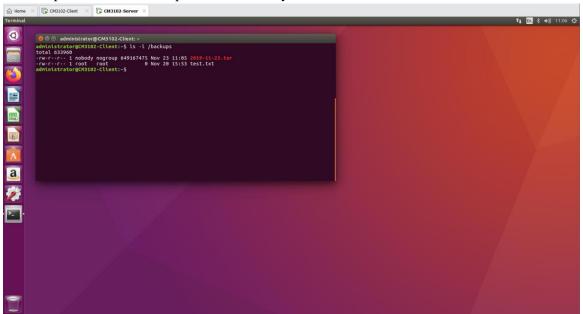
In order to create a connection between the client virtual machine and the server virtual machine using the network file system and send the backed up files to the server, the following commands must be executed: "sudo mkdir /backups_server", "sudo chmod 777 /backups_server", "sudo mount 192.168.163.130:/backups /backups_server", "ls -l" and "sudo nano /home/administrator/backups/script.sh". The command "sudo mkdir /bacups_server" will create a directory called backups_server, the command "sudo chmod 777 /backups_server" will give read, write and execute permission to all users on client virtual machine over the backups_server directory, the command "sudo mount 192.168.163.130:/backups /backups_server" will create a connection between client virtual machine and the server virtual machine using the nfs, the command "ls -l" will verify the previous commands and the command "sudo nano /home/administrator/backups/script.sh" which is executed in the image below, will be used in order to change the tar file destination to /backups_server from /home/administrator/backups.



In the image above, the script has been modified in order to send the backed up files, which are: /home /var/spool/mail /etc /root and /boot to /backups_server directory instead of /home/administrator/backups once the script is executed.

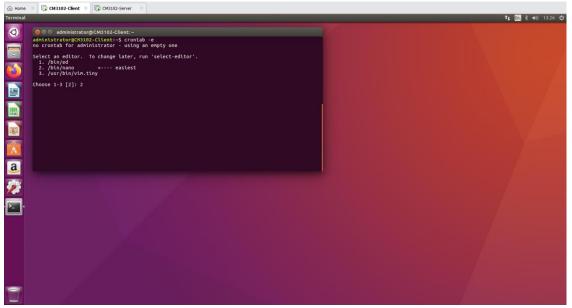


After the script has been executed, we can visualise on the client virtual machine the tar file which is present in the /backups_server directory.



To confirm the fact that the files have been backed up successfully, the tar file should also be present on the server virtual machine, in order to visualise the content of the /backups directory present on the server virtual machine, the command "ls –l /backups" must be executed, as we can see in the image above the tar file is also visible on the server virtual machine.

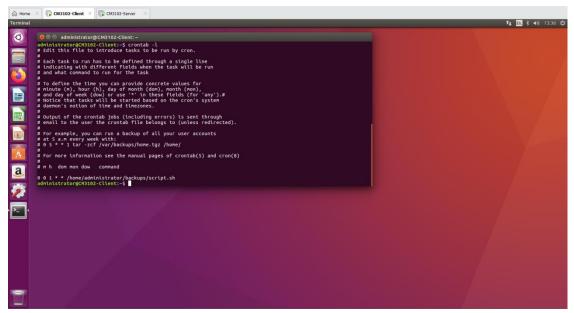
N.B: The backup operations above have been performed again because once the client virtual machine will be shut down, the "/backups" directory on the client virtual machine will not be mounted anymore and the directory already presents some files inside, if the directory will be mounted again, the files present before the mount will not be visible anymore.



In order to use the crontab to configure the automated script execution, the following command must be executed: "crontab -e". The command "crontab -e" will create a new crontab list where scheduled tasks could be added.

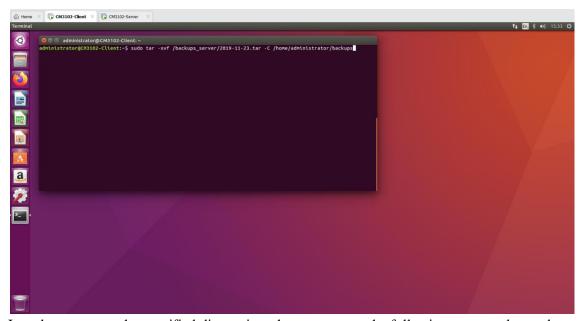


In order to allow the execution of the script to be done once a month, the following line should be added at the end of the crontab file: "0 0 1 * * / home/administrator/backups/script.sh". As we can see in the image above the representation of the period of execution is the following: minute, hour, day of month, month, day of week and last but not the least the star symbol represents any possibility, in the case in cause, the star symbol would represent any month and any day of the week.



In order to visualise the content of the crontab file, the following command must be executed: "crontab -l". The command "crontab -l" will display the content of the crontab file, as we can see in the image above the file has been saved successfully.

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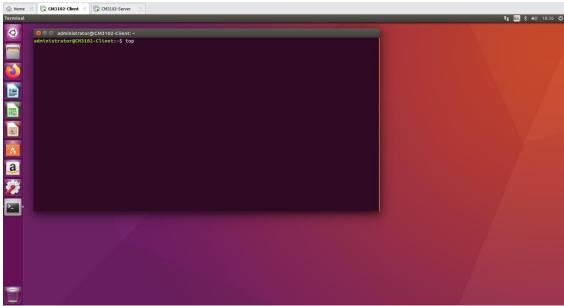


In order to restore the specified directories when necessary, the following command must be executed: "sudo tar -xvf /backups_server/2019-11-23.tar" -C /home/administrator/backups", this command will extract the content of the tar file and send the content of that tar file to the location /home/administrator/backups. The argument "-xvf" passed to the tar command will allow the extraction of the tar file content in a verbose mode and the argument -C passed to the tar argument after the verbose extraction of the file will allow to specify a destination for the directories or files that will be extracted.

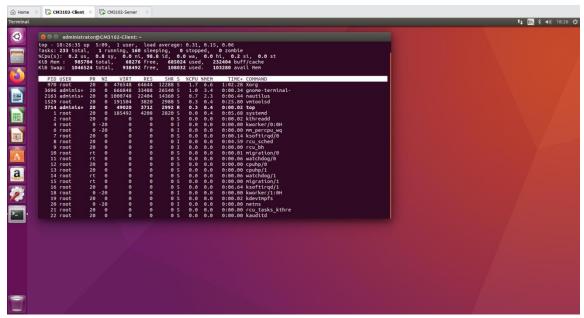
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After the extraction process has been completed, all the directories and files present in the tar file should be present at the specified destination, which is "/home/administrator/backups", in order to verify the tar file extraction command, the following command must be executed after the completion of the extraction: "ls –l /home/administrator/backups". The command "ls –l /home/administrator/backups" will allow the visualisation of the specified destination for extraction of the tar file, as we can see in the image above, the directories and files present in the tar file have been extracted successfully to the destination mentioned in the command.

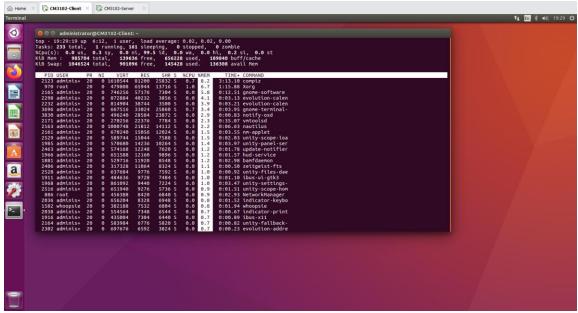
2. Top System Monitor



An accessible and convenient Linux system monitoring tool would be the "top" system monitoring tool, this system monitoring tool it is a command line system monitoring tool very simple and efficient when analysing characteristics like CPU usage and memory usage. In order to access the "top" system monitor, the following command must be executed in the terminal: "top", this command will open the "top" command line system monitor.



As we can see in the image above, once the "top" command was executed the running processes appear in the command line associated with their characteristics, some of the features provided by the "top" system monitor are the sort feature which can be used by pressing any of the following commands white the "top" system monitor is running:

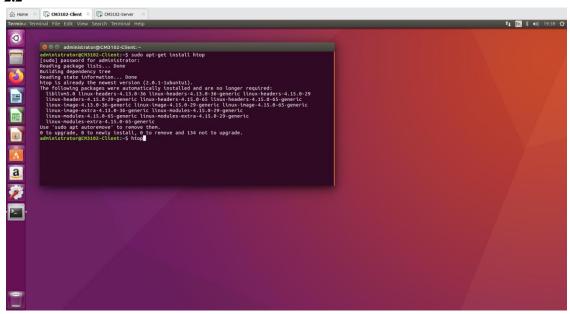


Pressing the "M" letter associated with the "x" letter and "b" letter will sort the processes by memory and highlighting the memory column, as we can see in the image above, some other sorting commands are: "P" letter for sorting by CPU usage, "N" letter to sort by processes id and "T" letter to sort by process run time (the letters must be capital when pressed).

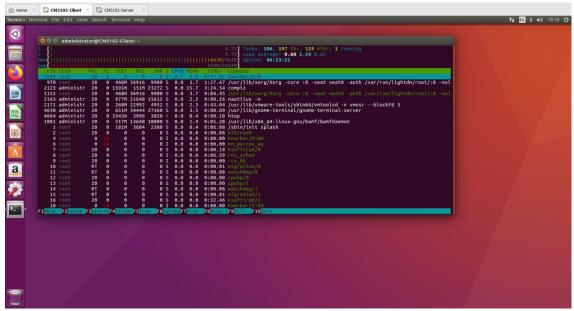
2.1 Alternatives:

- Htop System Monitor
- Ubuntu System Monitor

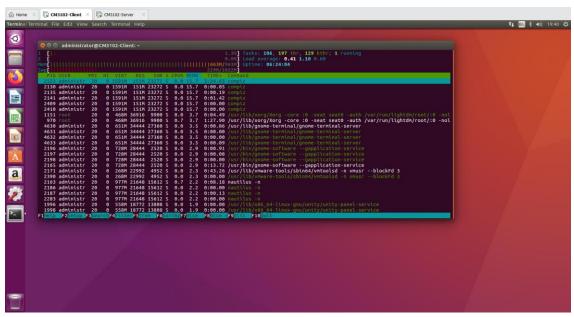
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An alternative for the "top" system monitor would be the "htop" system monitor, which is also a command line system monitor, but more intuitive than "top" system monitor. The "htop" system monitor would have to be installed using the "sudo apt-get install htop" command in order to be used. Once the htop installation is completed the system monitor can be executed using the "htop" command which will execute the system monitor.

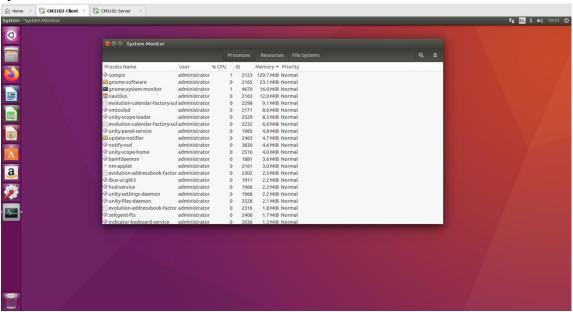


After the "htop" system monitor has been executed he will present a similar interface to the "top" system monitor, in order to make use of the "htop" system monitor the buttons mentioned at the bottom of the monitor must be used, a simple command of the "htop" would be the sorting command which can be accessed by pressing the F6 button, the result of performing this command can be seen in the image below.

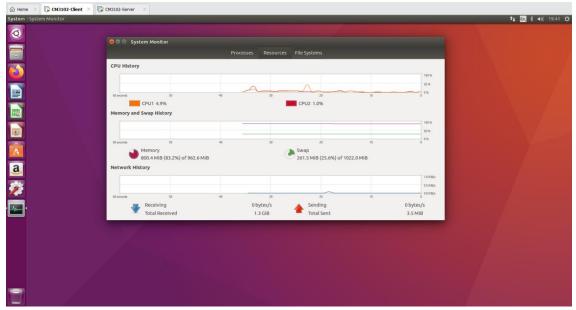


As we can see in the image above the sorting of the running processes is done by memory usage, this was done using the F6 command and selecting the memory field in the menu presented by the "htop" system monitor.

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Another alternative of system monitor would be the default graphical user interface system monitor provided by the Ubuntu Operating System, as we can see in the image above the system monitor presents a simple graphical user interface and very easy to work with, one of the features provided by the system monitor is the sorting feature which can be used by pressing on the columns seen in the image above, this will sort the table based on the column selected.



A feature present in the system monitor provided by the Ubuntu Operating System is the ability to visualise the network information, as we can see in the image above.

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All the system monitors mentioned above are simple and efficient but the most efficient system monitor would be "htop" system monitor as it presents a convenient interface in order to perform any operations on the current running processes of the system.