

1.BASIC LINUX COMMANDS

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Aim:

To learn how the basic Linux commands work.

Commands:

• pwd:

Description: Print working directory command in Linux.

Syntax: ~\$ pwd

Options:

- -L or –logical Prints environment variable content, including symbolic links.
- -P or –physical Prints the actual path of the current directory.

Output:

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viswa@desktop: ~/2022242001 Q = - - ×

viswa@desktop: ~/2022242001$ pwd
/home/viswa/2022242001$ pwd -P
/home/viswa/2022242001
viswa@desktop: ~/2022242001$ pwd -L
/home/viswa/2022242001
viswa@desktop: ~/2022242001$ 
\[ \text{viswa@desktop: ~/2022242001} \]
```

• man:

Description: The man command provides a user manual of any commands or utilities you can run in Terminal, including the name, description, and options.

Syntax: ~\$ man

Options:

- ~\$ man [command_name]
 - -a Intro
 - -t Bash

```
viswa@desktop:~/2022242001$ man pwd
                             viswa@desktop: ~/2022242001
                                                            Q
PWD(1)
                                 User Commands
                                                                         PWD(1)
NAME
       pwd - print name of current/working directory
SYNOPSIS
       pwd [OPTION]...
DESCRIPTION
       Print the full filename of the current working directory.
       -L, --logical
              use PWD from environment, even if it contains symlinks
       -P, --physical
              avoid all symlinks
       --help display this help and exit
       --version
              output version information and exit
       If no option is specified, -P is assumed.
Manual page pwd(1) line 1 (press h for help or q to quit)
```

• ls:

Description: List files and directories in the current working directory.

Syntax: ~\$ ls

Options:

- -l Long listed format
- -n List numeric user and group ID

mkdir:

Description: Create one or multiple directories at once and set permissions for each of them.

Syntax: ~\$ mkdir [directory name]

Options:

- -m Sets the file permissions
- -v Prints a message for each created directory.

Output:

• cat:

Description: Concatenate file(s) to a standard output. With no file, or when file is not created, read standard output.

Syntax: ~\$ cat [filename]

Options:

- -s Suppress repeated empty lines
- -n Number all output lines

```
viswa@desktop:~/2022242001$ cat > f1.txt
This notes are just for testing
Lion is the King of the Jungle
Koala is national animal of Australlia
viswa@desktop:~/2022242001$ cat -s f1.txt
This notes are just for testing
Lion is the King of the Jungle
Koala is national animal of Australlia
viswa@desktop:~/2022242001$ cat -n f1.txt

1 This notes are just for testing
2 Lion is the King of the Jungle
3 Koala is national animal of Australlia
viswa@desktop:~/2022242001$
```

• cp:

Description: Copy files or directories and their content from SOURCE to DESTINATION.

Syntax: ~\$ cp [SOURCE] [DEST]

Options:

-u –update Copy when the source is new than destination or destination file doesn't exist.

-v –verbose Explain what is going on.

```
viswa@desktop:~/2022242001$ cat f1.txt
This notes are just for testing
Lion is the King of the Jungle
Koala is national animal of Australlia
viswa@desktop:~/2022242001$ cat f2.txt
viswa@desktop:~/2022242001$ cp f1.txt f2.txt
viswa@desktop:~/2022242001$ cat f2.txt
This notes are just for testing
Lion is the King of the Jungle
Koala is national animal of Australlia
viswa@desktop:~/2022242001$ cp -u f1.txt f2.txt
viswa@desktop:~/2022242001$ cat f2.txt
This notes are just for testing
Lion is the King of the Jungle
Koala is national animal of Australlia
viswa@desktop:~/2022242001$ cp -v f1.txt f2.txt
'f1.txt' -> 'f2.txt'
```

• mv:

Description: Move files from SOURCE to DEST or rename files and directories.

Syntax: ~\$ mv [SOURCE] [DEST]

Options:

-i -interactive

Prompt before overwrite.

-v -verbose

Explain what is going on.

Output:

```
viswa@desktop:~/2022242001$ cat f1.txt
This notes are just for testing
Lion is the King of the Jungle
Koala is national animal of Australlia
viswa@desktop:~/2022242001$ cat f2.txt
Good morning
Tokyo is the capital of Japan
India is our country
viswa@desktop:~/2022242001$ mv f1.txt f2.txt
viswa@desktop:~/2022242001$ cat f2.txt
This notes are just for testing
Lion is the King of the Jungle
Koala is national animal of Australlia
viswa@desktop:~/2022242001$ ls
animals.txt f2.txt f3.txt f4.txt numbers.txt viswa
viswa@desktop:~/2022242001$ mv -v f2.txt f5.txt
renamed 'f2.txt' -> 'f5.txt'
viswa@desktop:~/2022242001$ ls
animals.txt f3.txt f4.txt f5.txt numbers.txt viswa
```

• rm:

Description: Removes each specific file. By default, it doesn't remove directories.

Syntax: ~\$ rm [filename]

Options:

-i Prompt before every removal.

-v –verbose Explain what is going on.

• rmdir:

Description: Permanently delete directory if it is empty.

Syntax: ~\$ rmdir [directory]

Options:

--ignore-fail-on-non-empty

Ignore each failure that is solely because a directory is non-empty

-v --verbose

Output a diagnostic for every directory processed.

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viswa@desktop:~/2022242001/viswa/hema/pugal$ ls
blacklist
viswa@desktop:~/2022242001/viswa/hema/pugal$ cd ..
viswa@desktop:~/2022242001/viswa/hema$ rmdir --ignore-fail-on-non-empty pugal/
viswa@desktop:~/2022242001/viswa/hema$ ls
pugal
viswa@desktop:~/2022242001/viswa/hema$ rmdir pugal/
rmdir: failed to remove 'pugal/': Directory not empty
viswa@desktop:~/2022242001/viswa/hema$ cd pugal/
viswa@desktop:~/2022242001/viswa/hema$ cd pugal/
viswa@desktop:~/2022242001/viswa/hema$ rmdir pugal/
viswa@desktop:~/2022242001/viswa/hema/pugal$ rm blacklist
viswa@desktop:~/2022242001/viswa/hema$ rmdir pugal/
viswa@desktop:~/2022242001/viswa/hema$ ls
viswa@desktop:~/2022242001/viswa/hema$ cd ..
viswa@desktop:~/2022242001/viswa/hema$ ls
```

date:

Description: Display current time in given FORMAT. Update system date.

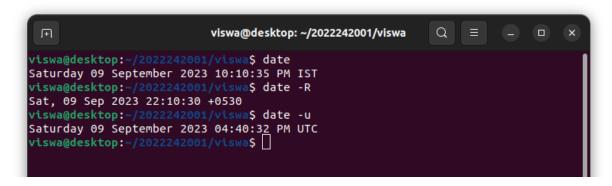
Syntax: ~\$ date

Options:

--R --rfc-email Output date and time in RFC 5322 format

-u --utc Print or set Coordinated Universal Time (UTC)

Output:



• cal:

Description: Displays a calendar with specific intervals given.

Syntax: ~\$ cal

Options:

- -A [num] Display the specific month and then next [num] months
- ~\$ cal [year]
- ~\$ cal [month]

uname:

Description: Print detailed information about your Linux system and hardware.

Syntax: ~\$ uname

Options:

- -v --kernel-version Print the kernel version
- -p --processor type Print the processor type

Output:

```
viswa@desktop: ~/2022242001 Q = - - ×

viswa@desktop: ~/2022242001$ uname

Linux
viswa@desktop: ~/2022242001$ uname -v

#31~22.04.1-Ubuntu SMP PREEMPT_DYNAMIC Wed Aug 16 13:45:26 UTC 2
viswa@desktop: ~/2022242001$ uname -p

x86_64
viswa@desktop: ~/2022242001$ []
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• clear:

Description: Clear the terminal display.

Syntax: ~\$ clear

Options:

-x Don't attempt to clear the terminal's scrollbar buffer using extended "E3" capability.

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        viswa@desktop: ~/2022242001$
        Q = - □ ×

        viswa@desktop: ~/2022242001$
        man clear

        viswa@desktop: ~/2022242001$
        cat > temp

        Temp
        viswa@desktop: ~/2022242001$

        viswa@desktop: ~/2022242001$
        Q = - □ ×

viswa@desktop: ~/2022242001$
```

• du:

Description: Checks how much space a file or a directory takes up.

Syntax: ~\$ du

Options:

-0 –null End output file with NULL

-a –all Write count for all files.

• who:

Description: Print information about users who are currently logged in.

Syntax: ~\$ who

Options:

-b --boot

Time of last system boot.

-l --login

Print system login processes.

Output:

• head:

Description: Print the first 10 lines of each file to standard output.

Syntax: ~\$ head [filename]

Options:

-n –lines=NUM-c –bytes=NUMPrint the first NUM lines.Print the first NUM bytes.

Output:

```
viswa@desktop:~/2022242001$ cat numbers.txt
1
2
3
4
5
6
7
8
9
10
11
12
13
viswa@desktop:~/2022242001$ head numbers.txt
1
2
3
4
5
6
7
8
```

• tail:

Description: Print the last 10 lines of each file to standard output.

Syntax: ~\$ tail [filename]

Options:

-n –lines=NUM Print the last NUM lines.

-c –bytes=NUM Print the last NUM bytes

```
viswa@desktop:~/2022242001$ tail numbers.txt

4
5
6
7
8
9
10
11
12
13
viswa@desktop:~/2022242001$ tail -n 4 numbers.txt
10
11
12
13
viswa@desktop:~/2022242001$ tail -c 10 numbers.txt
11
12
13
viswa@desktop:~/2022242001$ tail -c 10 numbers.txt
11
12
13
viswa@desktop:~/2022242001$ []
```

• df:

Description: Report the system's disk space usage in percentage and kilobyte (KB).

Syntax: ~\$ df /directory_name

Options:

- -T Shows the file system type in a new column.
- -h Shows size in power of 1024.

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                    viswa@desktop: ~/2022242001
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                                                              viswa@desktop:~/2022242001$ df /home/viswa/2022242001/
               1K-blocks
                             Used Available Use% Mounted on
Filesystem
/dev/sda3
               40453376 18099204 20267056 48% /
viswa@desktop:~/2022242001$ df -h /home/viswa/2022242001/
               Size Used Avail Use% Mounted on
Filesystem
/dev/sda3
                 39G
                       18G
                             20G 48% /
viswa@desktop:~/2022242001$ df -T /home/viswa/2022242001/
                                  Used Available Use% Mounted on
Filesystem
               Type 1K-blocks
/dev/sda3
               ext4 40453376 18099204 20267056 48% /
```

• echo:

Description: Displays a line of text or string using the standard output.

Syntax: ~\$ echo "[statement]"

Options:

-n displays the output without the trailing newline.

-e enables the interpretation of the following backslash escapes:

\a plays sound alert.

\b removes spaces in between a text.

\c produces no further output.

Description: Displays snapshot of all running processes in your system.

Syntax: ~\$ ps

Options:

- -a Shows all the running processes.
- -d Select all processes except session leaders.

Output:

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                    viswa@desktop: ~/2022242001
viswa@desktop:~/2022242001$ ps
   PID TTY
                    TIME CMD
  3534 pts/0
                00:00:00 bash
  4525 pts/0 00:00:00 ps
viswa@desktop:~/2022242001$ ps -a
   PID TTY
                    TIME CMD
  1525 tty2
                00:00:00 gnome-session-b
                00:00:00 ps
  4526 pts/0
viswa@desktop:~/2022242001$ ps r
   PID TTY
                STAT
                       TIME COMMAND
  4530 pts/0
                R+
                       0:00 ps r
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```

• touch:

Description: Create an empty file or generate and modify a timestamp in the Linux command line.

Syntax: ~\$ touch [filename]

Options:

- -a Change only the access time
- -c Do not create any files

Output:

• sudo:

Description: Commands that permits user to perform tasks that require administrative or root permissions.

Syntax: ~\$ sudo [command]

Options:

-B --bell

Ring the bell as part of the password prompt when a terminal is present.

-h --help

Display a short help message to the standard output and exit.

Output:

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                         viswa@desktop: ~/2022242001
viswa@desktop:~/2022242001$ sudo
usage: sudo -h | -K | -k | -V
usage: sudo -v [-ABknS] [-g group] [-h host] [-p prompt] [-u user]
usage: sudo -l [-ABknS] [-g group] [-h host] [-p prompt] [-U user]
               [-u user] [command]
usage: sudo [-ABbEHknPS] [-r role] [-t type] [-C num] [-D
              directory] [-g group] [-h host] [-p prompt] [-R
directory] [-T timeout] [-u user] [VAR=value] [-i|-s]
               [<command>]
usage: sudo -e [-ABknS] [-r role] [-t type] [-C num] [-D directory]
               [-g group] [-h host] [-p prompt] [-R directory] [-T
               timeout] [-u user] file ...
viswa@desktop:~/2022242001$ sudo cat animals.txt
Lion
Tiger
Monkey
Rhino
Нірро
Dog
viswa@desktop:~/2022242001$
```

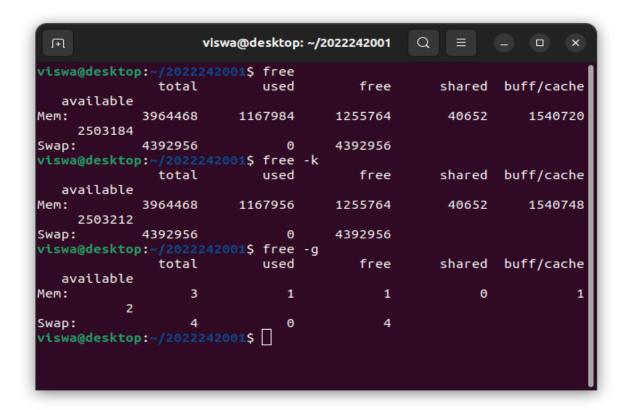
• free:

Description: Displays the total amount of free and used physical and swap memory in the system.

Syntax: ~\$ free

Options:

- -b --bytes Display the amount of memory in bytes.
- -k Display the amount of memory in kilo-bytes.



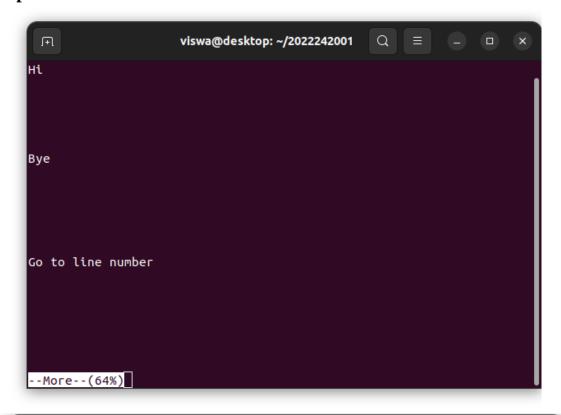
• more:

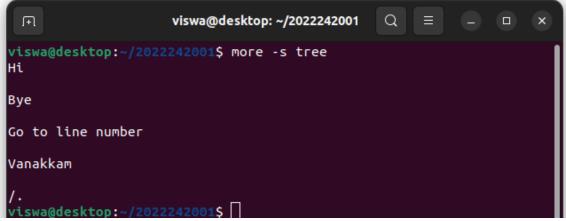
Description: Displays large files that cannot be viewed in their entirety on a single screen.

Syntax: ~\$ more [filename]

Options:

- -n or --line-numbers Displays the line numbers at the beginning of each line.
- -s or --squeeze-blank This option removes empty lines from the output.
- -u or --underline This option underlines the output.
- -f or --force This option forces more command to display the file, even if it is small enough to fit on one screen.





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Hi

Bye

Go to line number

Vanakkam

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tree (END)
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less:

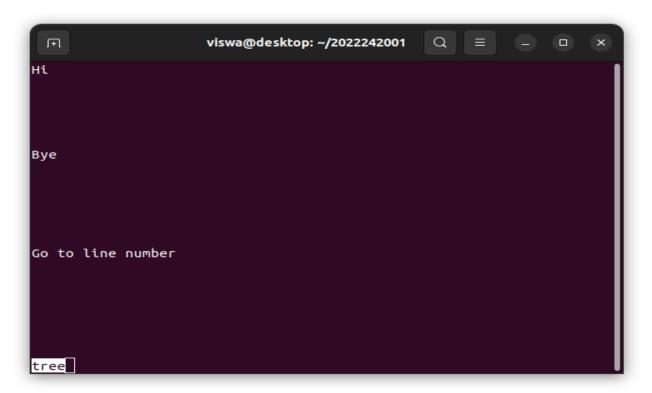
Description: Displays large files by scroll through the file in both forward and backward directions, making it easier to navigate and read large text files.

Syntax: ~\$ less [filename]

Options:

- -E Causes less to automatically exit the first time it reaches end-of-file.
- -s Causes consecutive blank lines to be squeezed into a single blank line.

Output:



• uptime:

Description: Displays information about how long a Linux system has been running, the number of users logged in, and the current system load average.

Syntax: ~\$ uptime

Options:

-p --pretty

Show uptime in pretty format.

-V --version

Display version information and exit.

```
viswa@desktop: ~/2022242001 Q = - - x

viswa@desktop: ~/2022242001$ uptime
20:41:25 up 22 min, 1 user, load average: 0.01, 0.11, 0.32
viswa@desktop: ~/2022242001$ uptime -p
up 22 minutes
viswa@desktop: ~/2022242001$ uptime -V
uptime from procps-ng 3.3.17
viswa@desktop: ~/2022242001$ []
```

• diff:

Description: Compares two contents of a file line by line. After analysing them, it will display the parts that do not match.

Syntax: ~\$ diff [FILE] [FILE]

Options:

-q --brief

Report only when files differ

-y --side-by-side

Output in two columns

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viswa@desktop:-/202242001$ cat animals.txt

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• ifconfig:

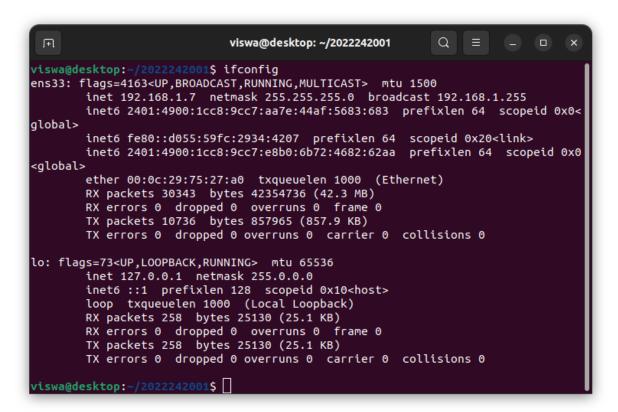
Description: View and modify network interface parameters such as IP addresses, netmasks, and broadcast addresses.

Syntax: ~\$ ifconfig

Options:

- -s Display a short list
- -v Be more verbose for some error conditions

Output:



• kill:

Description: Terminate a program manually using PID.

Syntax: ~\$ kill

Options:

-l --list

List signal names.

-L --table

List signal names in a table.

```
viswa@desktop: ~/2022242001 Q = - □ x

viswa@desktop: ~/2022242001$ kill
kill: usage: kill [-s sigspec | -n signum | -sigspec] pid | jobspec
... or kill -l [sigspec]
viswa@desktop: ~/2022242001$ kill -L 12
USR2
viswa@desktop: ~/2022242001$ □
```

• cd:

Description: Change Directory.

Syntax: ~\$ cd [directory name]

Options:

cd Return to parent directory.

cd.. Return to current directory.

Output:

• whoami:

Description: Displays username associated with the current effective user ID.

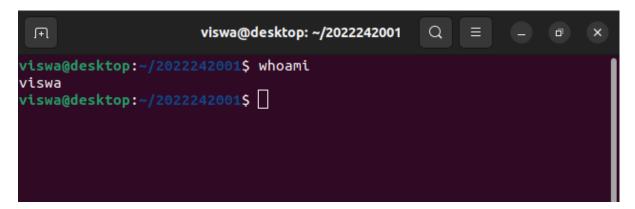
Syntax: ~\$ whoami

Options:

-h, --help Displays a help message and exits.

-V, --version Displays the version information and exits.

Output:



• tac:

Description: Concatenate and print files in reverse.

Syntax: ~\$ tac

Options:

-h, --help Displays a help message and exits.

-V, --version Displays the version information and exits.

Output:

```
viswa@desktop:~/2022242001$ tac animals.txt
Dog
Hippo
Rhino
Monkey
Tiger
Lion
viswa@desktop:~/2022242001$ cat animals.txt
Lion
Tiger
Monkey
Rhino
Hippo
Dog
```

Result:

Thus, the basic Linux Commands were learned.