1. **Some commands for Beginners**

• Clear the console

clear

• Changing working Directory

cd Desktop

cd Home

• List all files in directory

ls

• Copy all files of a directory within the current work directory

cp dir/\* .

• Copy a directory within the current work directory

cp -a tmp/dir1 .

• Look what these commands do

cp -a dir1 dir2

cp filename1 filename2

To make archive of existing folder or files

tar cvf archive\_name.tar dirname/

tar cvf alldocs.tar \*.txt

Extract from an existing tar archive.

tar xvf archive\_name.tar

View an existing tar archive.

tar tvf archive\_name.tar

**List of Commands**

ls show files in current position

cd change directory

cp copy file or directory

mv move file or directory

rm remove file or directory

pwd show current position

mkdir create directory

rmdir remove directory

less, more, cat display file contents

man read the online manual page for a command

whatis give brief description of a command

su switch user

passwd change password

useradd create new user account

userdel delete user account

mount mount file system

umount unmount file system

df show disk space usage

shutdown reboot or turn off machine