

HANDS-ON 1: get started with the terminal

Task	Command
1. Open a terminal to run the command line	Virtual machine: Open the VM and play Linux (Ubuntu) Check the Applications menu Show applications -> Terminal WSL: Open Bash on Ubuntu on Windows MacOS: Open a terminal
2. Identify yourself	whoami
3. Identify your shell	echo \$SHELL
4. Check the kernel version Check the system distribution	uname -r uname -a
5. Check the hostname of the system you are working on	hostname
6. Check the time	date
7. Print the Working Directory i.e. the current folder you are working in	pwd

HANDS-ON 2: command line basics

Task	Command
Start Terminal	
1. Display the list of your files and directories	<code>ls</code>
2. Check more options about the <code>ls</code> command and display all files	<code>ls --help</code> <code>man ls</code> <code>info ls</code> <code>ls -a</code>
3. Clear the screen	<code>clear</code>
4. Compare the information given by different kinds of help about <code>pwd</code> command	<code>whatis pwd</code> <code>help pwd</code> <code>man pwd</code> <code>info pwd</code>
5. Review a few used commands with arrow and compare with output from history	<code>history</code>
6. Print the date on the screen Save date into <code>date.txt</code> file Add another line with date into that file	<code>date</code> <code>date > date.txt</code> <code>date >> date.txt</code>
7. Exit the shell	<code>exit</code>

HANDS-ON 3: files etc.

Task	Command
Start the Terminal	
1. Make a directory called CourseLinux in your home directory	<code>mkdir CourseLinux</code>
• Create an empty file (my_file) in the directory CourseLinux	<code>touch CourseLinux/my_file</code>
• Make a directory called test in CourseLinux directory	<code>mkdir CourseLinux/test</code>
• Make a directory called test1 in CourseLinux directory	<code>mkdir CourseLinux/test1</code>
• Rename test1 into test2	<code>mv CourseLinux/test1 CourseLinux/test2</code>
• Copy the file my_file to the created 'CourseLinux/test' directory	<code>cp -r -v -i CourseLinux/my_file CourseLinux/test/</code>
• Change the filename of my_file to my_data.txt in CourseLinux/test directory	<code>mv CourseLinux/test/my_file CourseLinux/test/my_data.txt</code>
• Create a symbolic link called mylink2file to CourseLinux/test/my_data.txt in your home directory	<code>ln -s CourseLinux/test/my_data.txt mylink2file</code>
• Display mylink2file	<code>cat mylink2file</code>
• Remove CourseLinux/test/my_data.txt	<code>rm -i CourseLinux/test/my_data.txt</code>
• Try to display again mylink2file	<code>cat mylink2file</code>
2. Clear the screen	<code>clear</code>
• Go to CourseLinux directory	<code>cd CourseLinux</code>
• Download the file https://raw.githubusercontent.com/hpcleuven/Linux-intro/master/tabel.dat	<code>wget https://raw.githubusercontent.com/hpcleuven/Linux-intro/master/tabel.dat</code>

<p>and https://raw.githubusercontent.com/hpcleuven/Linux-intro/master/matstats.log</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Show the content of the file <code>tabel.dat</code> and <code>matstats.log</code>• Show the last part and the first part of <code>matstat.log</code> (show 30 lines)• List the files of the directory in <code>less</code>	<pre>wget https://raw.githubusercontent.com/hpcleuven/Linux- intro/master/matstats.log cat tabel.dat (or less tabel.dat or more tabel.dat) less matstats.log (or more matstats.log) tail -30 matstats.log head matstats.log ls -al less</pre>
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HANDS-ON 4: More commands

Task	Hint
Start the Terminal	
1. Show the path of gcc command	<code>which gcc</code>
• Check the path of libraries for gcc command	<code>whereis gcc grep lib</code>
• Display the current user	<code>whoami</code>
• Display the sentence “I like Linux” with “I” removed and letters converted into capital letters	<code>echo "I like Linux" tr -d 'I' tr a-z A-Z</code>
• Run the command line calculator and check the result of 1/2	<code>bc</code>
• Do the same but display 2 digits	within bc type 1/2 (enter will show the result) change the display format with <code>scale=2</code> (confirm with enter) type again 1/2 (enter will display the correct value) to exit bc type <code>quit</code>
• Save date to file date.txt	<code>date > date.txt</code>
• Add another line displaying the date into date.txt file	<code>date >> date.txt</code>
• Copy the date.txt into date1.txt file	<code>cp date.txt date1.txt</code>
• Add the text “I like Linux” to date1.txt file	<code>echo "I like Linux" >> date1.txt</code>
• Add the text “And I do not” to date.txt file	<code>echo "And I do not" >> date.txt</code>
• Display the information about changes between date.txt and date1.txt files	<code>diff date.txt date1.txt</code>
• Check the disk usage of CourseLinux directory	<code>du -kah CourseLinux</code>
• Count words and lines in date.txt file	<code>wc date.txt</code>

<p>2. Clear the screen</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> List the CourseLinux directory Archive the CourseLinux directory Archive and gzip the CourseLinux directory Create a new directory newtest under CourseLinux and unpack the archive into it 	<pre>clear ls ~/CourseLinux tar -cvf course.tar CourseLinux/ tar -czvf ico.tar.gz CourseLinux/ mkdir newtest cd newtest cp ../ico.tar.gz . tar -xzvf ico.tar.gz (or tar -xvf ico.tar)</pre>
<p>3. Go to 'CourseLinux' directory</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Create a directory 'testfiles', create in it a file 'file1' containing a few numbers Copy file1 into file2, remove the user write permission to file2, edit file2, print the files and permissions in testfiles directory Try to edit file2 and add some numbers. Does it work? <p>Change the permissions of the directory 'testfiles': remove write access for the user, print the files and permissions in the current directory</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Try to copy file1 in that directory to a file file3. What happens? Remove read all the access to testfiles for the others, print the files and permissions in the current directory Try to list the files in testfiles directory. Remove read access for the user for testfiles directory, print the files and permissions in the current directory Try to list the files in testfiles directory. What happens? 	<pre>cd ~/CourseLinux mkdir testfiles cd testfiles touch file1 gedit file1 cp file1 file2 chmod u-w file2 ls -la gedit file2 cd .. chmod u-w testfiles ls -la cp testfiles/file1 testfiles/file3 chmod o-rwx testfiles ls -la ls testfiles chmod u-r testfiles ls -la ls testfiles</pre>

- Go to the testfiles directory and go back one level up
- Remove read access for the user for testfiles directory, print the files and permissions in the current directory
- Try to go to the testfiles directory. What happens?

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cd testfiles  
cd ..
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chmod u-x testfiles  
ls -la
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cd testfiles
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HANDS-ON 5: Processes

Task	Hint
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Clear the screen	<code>clear</code>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Check the processes running	<code>ps -aux</code>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Start the gedit editor (from the command line)	<code>gedit</code>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Open a second terminal	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Search there for the process id of the gedit editor	in a new terminal: <code>ps -u student grep gedit</code>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Kill the editor	<code>kill <pid> (killall gedit)</code>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Start the gedit editor in background	<code>gedit &</code>