### 1. cd - Change Directory

• Use: Navigates between directories.

• Example: cd /home/user/documents

### 2. file - Determine File Type

• Use: Identifies the type of a file.

• Example: file myfile.txt

#### 3. less - View File Contents

• Use: Displays the content of a file one screen at a time.

• Example: less largefile.txt

### 4. pwd - Print Working Directory

• Use: Shows the current directory path.

• Example: pwd

## **5. ls - List Directory Contents**

• Use: Lists files and directories.

• Example: ls -1

## 6. cp - Copy Files and Directories

• Use: Copies files or directories.

• Example: cp source.txt /destination/folder/

#### 7. cat - Concatenate and View Files

• Use: Displays the contents of a file or concatenates files.

• Example: cat file1.txt file2.txt

#### 8. mkdir - Make Directories

• Use: Creates a new directory.

• Example: mkdir new\_folder

#### 9. rm - Remove Files/Directories

• Use: Deletes files or directories.

• Example: rm file.txt

#### 10. my - Move/Rename Files

• Use: Moves or renames files/directories.

• Example: mv oldname.txt newname.txt

### 11. type - Display Command Type

• Use: Shows whether a command is built-in, alias, or external.

• Example: type ls

## 12. help - Get Help on Commands

• Use: Displays help for shell built-in commands.

• Example: help cd

## 13. man - Manual Pages

• Use: Displays the manual for a command.

• Example: man ls

#### 14. which - Locate Command Executable

• Use: Shows the path of a command's executable.

• Example: which python

#### 15. find - Search for Files

• Use: Searches files in a directory hierarchy.

• Example: find /home -name '\*.txt'

#### 16. sort - Sort Text Files

• Use: Sorts file content alphabetically or numerically.

• Example: sort file.txt

## 17. unique - Filter Unique Lines

• Use: Finds and removes duplicate lines in a file.

• Example: uniq input.txt

## 18. grep - Search Text in Files

• Use: Searches for a specific pattern in files.

• Example: grep 'error' log.txt

#### 19. fmt - Format Text

• Use: Reformats text in a file.

• Example: fmt file.txt

### 20. pr - Prepare File for Printing

- Use: Converts files into paginated format for printing.
- Example: pr file.txt

### 21. head - Display Start of a File

• Use: Shows the first few lines of a file.

• Example: head -n 10 file.txt

### 22. tail - Display End of a File

• Use: Displays the last few lines of a file.

• Example: tail -n 5 file.txt

### 23. tr - Translate/Replace Characters

• Use: Replaces characters in a text.

• Example: echo 'hello' | tr 'a-z' 'A-Z'

#### 24. sed - Stream Editor

• Use: Edits text in a stream.

• Example: sed 's/old/new/g' file.txt

## 25. awk - Pattern Scanning and Processing

• Use: Processes text and extracts data.

• Example: awk '{print \$1}' file.txt

#### 26. cut - Remove Text Sections

• Use: Extracts parts of lines in a file.

• Example: cut -d',' -f1 file.csv

### 27. chmod - Change File Permissions

• Use: Modifies file permissions.

• Example: chmod 755 script.sh

#### 28. chown - Change File Ownership

• Use: Changes the owner of a file.

• Example: chown user:group file.txt

### 29. diff - Compare Files

• Use: Finds differences between two files.

• Example: diff file1.txt file2.txt

### 30. echo - Print Text to Output

• Use: Prints text to standard output.

• Example: echo "Hello, World!"

#### 31. exit - Exit Shell

• Use: Closes the current shell session.

• Example: exit

## 32. tree - View Directory Tree

• Use: Displays directories and subdirectories in a tree format.

• Example: tree /home/user

#### 33. su - Switch User

• Use: Switches to another user account.

• Example: su root

### 34. sudo - Run Command as Superuser

• Use: Executes a command with superuser privileges.

• Example: sudo apt update

### 35. chgrp - Change Group Ownership

• Use: Changes the group ownership of a file.

• Example: chgrp developers file.txt

### 36. ps - View Processes

• Use: Lists current processes.

• Example: ps aux

#### 37. kill - Terminate Processes

• Use: Sends a signal to terminate a process.

• Example: kill 12345

## 38. jobs - View Background Jobs

• Use: Lists all running background jobs.

• Example: jobs

## 39. bg - Resume Job in Background

• Use: Resumes a stopped job in the background.

• Example: bg %1

# 40. fg - Resume Job in Foreground

• Use: Brings a background job to the foreground.

• Example: fg %1