

ASSIGNMENT 1

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BASIC LINUX COMMANDS

1. ls

Purpose : list files and directories in the current directory

Syntax : ls

ls -a “for listing all files”

sample input and output:

input : ls ak

output : Desktop Downloads Music Public Videos
Documents Pictures Templates

2. pwd

Purpose : print present working directory

Syntax : pwd

sample input and output:

input : pwd

output : /home/ak

3. mv

Purpose : To move a file or directory from one to another

Syntax : locate <file/directory_name> <destination_folder>

sample input and output:

input : mv example1.txt s3/programs/

output : file example1.txt moved into programs folder

6. cp

Purpose : To copy files and directories from one to another

Syntax : cp < file/directory> <destination file/directory>

cp <source file/directory> <destination file/directory>

sample input and output:

input : cp file1.txt file2.txt

output : If there is no existing file in the folder then create a new file named
file2.txt and content in file1.txt is saved into file2.txt .
If file2.txt is already exists, the content of file2.txt will over write.

7. cd

Purpose : To change directory

Syntax : cd <directory path>

sample input and output:

input : cd Desktop

output : /Desktop\$

8. cd ..

Purpose : To change the current working directory into parent directory

Syntax : cd ..

sample input and output:

input : ak@ak-Latitude-E4300:~\$ cd ..

output : ak@ak-Latitude-E4300:/home\$

9. cd /home

Purpose : Change working directory into home

Syntax : cd /home

sample input and output:

input : cd /home

output : /home\$

10. cd ~

Purpose : To change working directory into root directory

Syntax : cd ~

sample input and output:

input : ak@ak-Latitude-E4300:/home\$ cd ~

output : /home/ak

ak@ak-Latitude-E4300:~\$

11. touch

Purpose : To create a file

Syntax : touch <file name>

sample input and output:

input : touch file1

output : new file created as file1

12. cat

Purpose : To view content of file

Syntax : cat <file_name>

sample input and output:

input : cat file1.txt

output : ak@ak-Latitude-E4300:~\$ cat sample.txt

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13. dd

Purpose : convert and copy a file

Syntax : dd if="<source file path>" of="<destination file path>"

sample input and output:

input : dd if="/Desktop/s3/a.txt" of="/Desktop/s4/b.doc"

output : 0+1 records in

0+1 records out

14. ln

Purpose : creates links between files

Syntax : ln <file1> <file2>

sample input and output:

input : ln file1.txt file2.txt

output : This will create link from file1 to file2

15. shutdown

Purpose : To shutdown the system

Syntax : shutdown

sample input and output:

input : shutdown

output : the system will shutdown

16. Redirecting symbols : > , >> , <

Purpose : To write an output result into a file or read file content into terminal

Syntax : These are used with other linux command

sample input and output:

input : ls > filename

output : this will write output of ls command into file

input : cat >> file1

output : if a file with file name 'file1' exists it will append into the existing file. Else a new file with file name 'file1' will create and the content will write into that file.

input : cat < file1

output : this will take input for cat command from file named file1

17. sort

Purpose : to sort contents in the file

Syntax : sort [-r] <file_name> , -r will sort the contents in reverse order

sample input and output:

input : sort sample.txt

output : ak@ak-Latitude-E4300:~\$ sort sample.txt

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18. Pipelining : |

Purpose : to connect to more commands and give output instead for typing multiple commands.

Syntax : <command 1> | <command 2> | <command 3>

sample input and output:

input : ls | sort

output : ak@ak-Latitude-E4300:~\$ ls | sort

Desktop

Documents

Downloads

examples.desktop

Music

Pictures

Public

sample.txt

Templates

Videos

19. mkdir

Purpose : creates new directory

Syntax : mkdir <directory name>

sample input and output:

input : mkdir s4

output : creates a directory named s4

20. rmdir

Purpose : to delete a directory

Syntax : rmdir <directory name>

sample input and output:

input : rmdir s4

output : deletes directory named s4

21. man

Purpose : to get details about a command

Syntax : man <command>

sample input and output:

input : man ls

output : LS(1)

User Commands

LS(1)

NAME

ls - list directory contents

SYNOPSIS

ls [OPTION]... [FILE]...

DESCRIPTION

List information about the FILES (the current directory by default).

Sort entries alphabetically if none of -cftuvSUX nor --sort is specified.

Mandatory arguments to long options are mandatory for short options too.

-a, --all

do not ignore entries starting with .

-A, --almost-all

do not list implied . and ..

--author

with -l, print the author of each file

-b, --escape

print C-style escapes for nongraphic characters

22. head

Purpose : to print first n lines of a file

Syntax : head -n <number of lines wanted to print> <file name>

sample input and output:

input : ak@ak-Latitude-E4300:~\$ head -n 3 sample.txt

output : cet

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23. tail

Purpose : to print last n lines of a file

Syntax : tail -n <number of lines wanted to print> <file name>

sample input and output:

input : ak@ak-Latitude-E4300:~\$ tail -n 3 sample.txt

output : welcomes

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all

24. grep

Purpose : to print lines matching a given pattern

Syntax : grep <pattern> <file name>

sample input and output:

input : ak@ak-Latitude-E4300:~\$ grep 'a' sample.txt

output : all

RESULT:

Familiarized with various basic linux commands and its differnt uses.