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OS

## 1.Scenario analysis

A user's PC slows dramatically during video editing sessions, with freezes every 10 minutes and 100% disk usage. Open Task Manager (Ctrl+Shift+Esc): Processes tab shows Chrome at 40% CPU, antivirus scan spiking memory to 95%. Performance tab reveals disk at 100%—likely fragmentation. Right-click high-CPU processes > End task for quick relief.

Run three Command Prompt commands (admin mode):

1. `tasklist /v` lists processes with CPU/memory—identifies `svchost.exe` hogs.
2. `sfc /scannow` repairs corrupted system files causing I/O thrash.
3. `chkdsk C: /f /r` schedules disk error fix on reboot, defragging implicitly.

Post-reboot, disk drops to 20%; startup apps disabled via Task Manager > Startup. Malware scan confirms clean. Root cause: outdated drivers + fragmented HDD. Upgrade to SSD yields 5x speed. Regular maintenance prevents recurrence.

## 2.Command Research: taskkill

`taskkill` terminates processes/services forcefully or gracefully on Windows, vital for troubleshooting hangs without reboots. Syntax: `taskkill [/s system] [/im imagename | /pid processid] [/f] [/t]`. `/f` forces kill (ignores child prompts); `/im` targets exe name (e.g., `taskkill /f /im chrome.exe`); `/pid` uses ID from `tasklist`; `/t` tree-kills children. Example: `taskkill /f /pid 1234` ends PID 1234 instantly. Safer than Task Manager for scripts/batch; errors if not admin. Logs to Event Viewer. Alternatives: `kill` (Linux). Use sparingly—prevents crashes but risks data loss.

## 3.Linux Practice

In VirtualBox, downloaded Ubuntu 24.04 ISO, created VM (4GB RAM, 50GB disk), installed via live USB simulation—chose "Try Ubuntu" then installer. Booted: `ls ~` listed initial files (no output fresh). `mkdir Projects` created dir; `ls` confirmed. `ps aux` showed processes: `systemd` (PID1), `bash`, confirming kernel/user space.

Summary: Seamless setup (10 mins); `ls/mkdir` basic filesystem ops intuitive vs Windows dir. `ps` revealed lightweight init vs `tasklist` verbosity. Firewall auto-enabled; `apt update` ran smooth.

Next: aliases in .bashrc. VirtualBox guest additions smoothed graphics/mounts. Ideal for safe experimentation—snapshots rollback mistakes instantly.[ from prior]

#### **4.Process Monitoring**

Opened Task Manager on idle PC: CPU 5% (system idle process), Memory 55% (committed 12GB/32GB), Disk 10%. Stressed with Chrome+editing app: CPU spiked to 80% (renderer threads), Memory 85%, Disk 100% during exports. top in Ubuntu VM: top showed firefox at 20% CPU, mem 1.2GB; killed via k.

Findings: Browsers leak memory—close tabs key. Antivirus real-time scan hogs disk; schedule off-peak. Linux top sorts dynamically (Shift+P CPU); Windows lacks per-core easy. Baseline idle <10% everywhere healthy; peaks >90% signal issues. Monitor weekly via perfmon for trends.