

## less

The less command is a program to view text files.

- **Example**

If you want to view a text file named **myfile**

**less myfile**

- If you want to quit viewing the file, Just press **q** and this will close less.
- **Why are we so interested in viewing text files ?**

Because many of the system configuration files are text-based, and even scripts that are used by the system to automate tasks are also text-based files. Basically, Most of the files in Linux are text-based files.

# less commands

key	Action
Spacebar or Page down	Next page
b or Page up	Previous page
Up arrow	Scroll up one line
Down arrow	Scroll down one line
G	Move to the end of the text file
g	Move to the beginning of the text file
/text	Search Forward to the next occurrence of text
n	Search for the next occurrence of the previous search
h	Display help screen
q	Quit less