

Process Management

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ps (Display Process Status)

- ps is a command-line utility used to display information about currently running processes.
- Basic Syntax: `ps [options]`
- **Common Options:**
 - -e: Display information about all processes.
 - -f: Display full-format listing.
 - -u <user>: Display processes owned by a specific user.
 - -aux: Display a comprehensive list of all processes.
- **Examples:**
 - Display all processes: `ps -e`
 - Display detailed information: `ps -f`
 - Show processes owned by a user: `ps -u username`

Kill (Terminate Processes)

- Used to terminate processes by sending signals to them.
- Basic Syntax: `kill [options] <pid>`
- **Common Options:**
 - -9: Send SIGKILL signal, forcefully terminating the process.
 - -15: Send SIGTERM signal, allowing the process to exit gracefully.
 - -l: List available signal names.
- **Examples:**
 - Terminate a process gracefully: `kill -15 <pid>`
 - Forcefully terminate a process: `kill -9 <pid>`
 - List available signal names: `kill -l`

Top (Monitor System Processes)

- an interactive command-line utility used to monitor system processes in real-time.
- Basic Syntax : `top [options]`
- **Common Options:**
 - `-d <seconds>`: Specify the refresh interval.
 - `-u <user>`: Display processes owned by a specific user.
 - `-p <pid>`: Monitor specific process IDs.
 - `-o <field>`: Sort processes based on a specific field.
- **Examples:**
 - Monitor processes with a 1-second refresh interval: `top -d 1`
 - Display processes owned by a specific user: `top -u username`
 - Sort processes by CPU usage: `top -o %CPU`

Nice (Set Process Priority)

- Used to set the scheduling priority of processes in Linux.
- Basic Syntax: `nice [options] <command>`
- **Common Options:**
 - `-n <value>`: Set the niceness value, ranging from -20 (highest priority) to 19 (lowest priority).
 - -20: Highest priority, increases CPU scheduling priority.
 - +19: Lowest priority, decreases CPU scheduling priority.
- **Examples:**
 - Run a command with increased priority: `nice -n -10 command`
 - Run a command with decreased priority: `nice -n 10 command`
 - Display current niceness value: `nice -n`