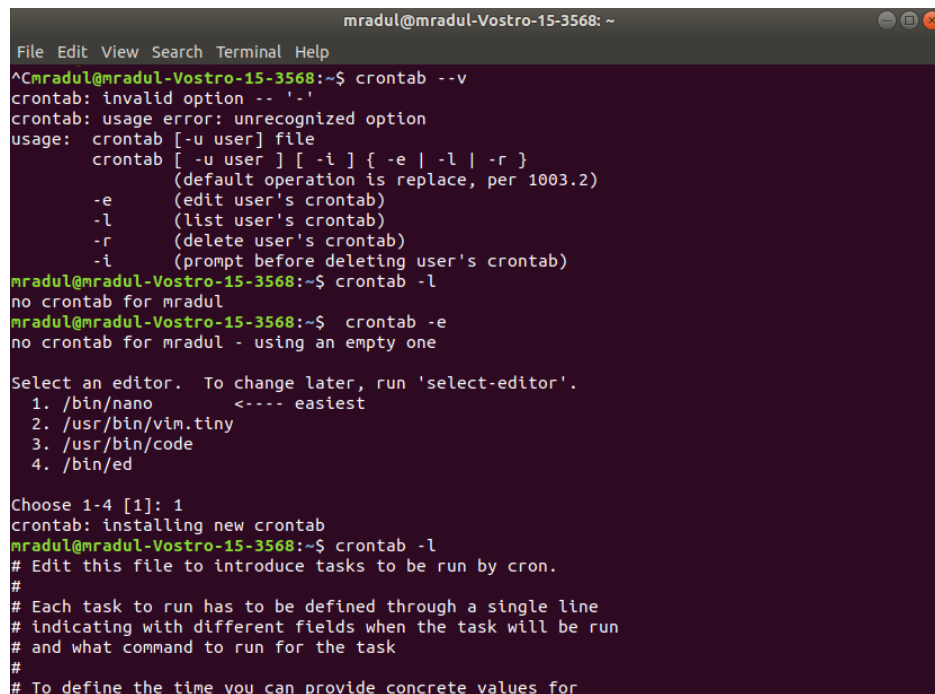


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**Display “Hello, Mradul Rathore!” on Terminal**

A screenshot of a terminal window titled 'mradul@mradul-Vostro-15-3568: ~'. The terminal shows the user attempting to run 'crontab --v', which results in an error. Then, they run 'crontab -l', which shows 'no crontab for mradul'. Next, they run 'crontab -e', which also shows 'no crontab for mradul - using an empty one'. The terminal then prompts to 'Select an editor' and lists four options: 1. /bin/nano (easiest), 2. /usr/bin/vim.tiny, 3. /usr/bin/code, and 4. /bin/ed. The user chooses option 1. The terminal then shows 'crontab: installing new crontab'. Finally, the user runs 'crontab -l' again, and the terminal displays the contents of the crontab file, which is currently empty except for some default comments.

```
mradul@mradul-Vostro-15-3568: ~  
File Edit View Search Terminal Help  
^Cmradul@mradul-Vostro-15-3568:~$ crontab --v  
crontab: invalid option -- '-'  
crontab: usage error: unrecognized option  
usage: crontab [-u user] file  
crontab [-u user] [-i] [-e | -l | -r]  
      (default operation is replace, per 1003.2)  
      -e      (edit user's crontab)  
      -l      (list user's crontab)  
      -r      (delete user's crontab)  
      -i      (prompt before deleting user's crontab)  
mradul@mradul-Vostro-15-3568:~$ crontab -l  
no crontab for mradul  
mradul@mradul-Vostro-15-3568:~$ crontab -e  
no crontab for mradul - using an empty one  
  
Select an editor. To change later, run 'select-editor'.  
 1. /bin/nano          <---- easiest  
 2. /usr/bin/vim.tiny  
 3. /usr/bin/code  
 4. /bin/ed  
  
Choose 1-4 [1]: 1  
crontab: installing new crontab  
mradul@mradul-Vostro-15-3568:~$ crontab -l  
# Edit this file to introduce tasks to be run by cron.  
#  
# Each task to run has to be defined through a single line  
# indicating with different fields when the task will be run  
# and what command to run for the task  
#  
# To define the time you can provide concrete values for
```

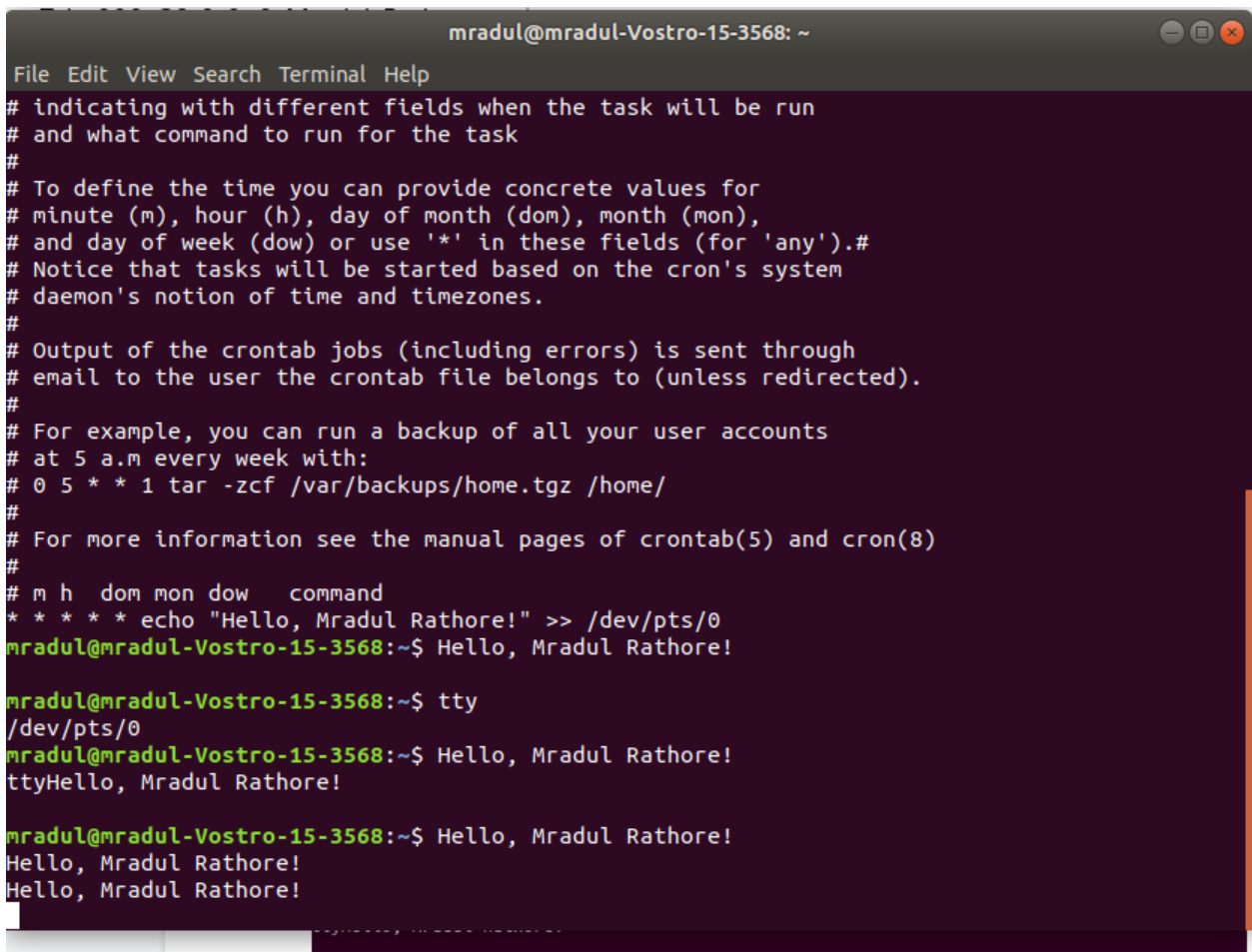
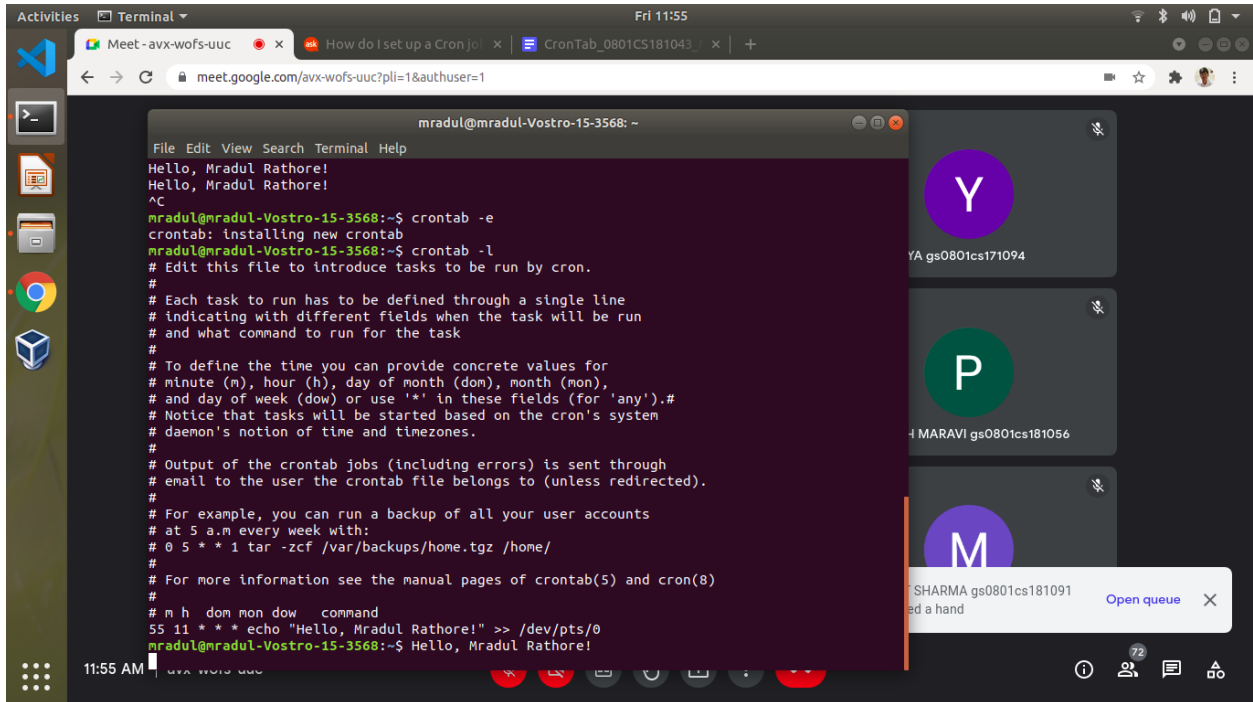
```
File Edit View Search Terminal Help
mradul@mradul-Vostro-15-3568: ~
mradul@mradul-Vostro-15-3568:~$ crontab -l
# Edit this file to introduce tasks to be run by cron.
#
# Each task to run has to be defined through a single line
# indicating with different fields when the task will be run
# and what command to run for the task
#
# To define the time you can provide concrete values for
# minute (m), hour (h), day of month (dom), month (mon),
# and day of week (dow) or use '*' in these fields (for 'any').#
# Notice that tasks will be started based on the cron's system
# daemon's notion of time and timezones.
#
# Output of the crontab jobs (including errors) is sent through
# email to the user the crontab file belongs to (unless redirected).
#
# For example, you can run a backup of all your user accounts
# at 5 a.m every week with:
# 0 5 * * 1 tar -zcf /var/backups/home.tgz /home/
#
# For more information see the manual pages of crontab(5) and cron(8)
#
# m h dom mon dow   command
* * * * * echo "Hello, Mradul Rathore!" >> /dev/pts/0
mradul@mradul-Vostro-15-3568:~$ Hello, Mradul Rathore!

mradul@mradul-Vostro-15-3568:~$ tty
/dev/pts/0
mradul@mradul-Vostro-15-3568:~$ Hello, Mradul Rathore!
ttyHello, Mradul Rathore!
```

```
mradul@mradul-Vostro-15-3568: ~  
File Edit View Search Terminal Help  
# To define the time you can provide concrete values for  
# minute (m), hour (h), day of month (dom), month (mon),  
# and day of week (dow) or use '*' in these fields (for 'any').#  
# Notice that tasks will be started based on the cron's system  
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* * * * * echo "Hello, Mradul Rathore!" >> /dev/pts/0  
mradul@mradul-Vostro-15-3568:~$ Hello, Mradul Rathore!  
  
mradul@mradul-Vostro-15-3568:~$ tty  
/dev/pts/0  
mradul@mradul-Vostro-15-3568:~$ Hello, Mradul Rathore!  
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Hello, Mradul Rathore!
```

## Display “Hello, Mradul Rathore!” at 11.55 pm

```
mradul@mradul-Vostro-15-3568: ~  
File Edit View Search Terminal Help  
Hello, Mradul Rathore!  
Hello, Mradul Rathore!  
Hello, Mradul Rathore!  
^C  
mradul@mradul-Vostro-15-3568:~$ crontab -e  
crontab: installing new crontab  
mradul@mradul-Vostro-15-3568:~$ crontab -l  
# Edit this file to introduce tasks to be run by cron.  
#  
# Each task to run has to be defined through a single line  
# indicating with different fields when the task will be run  
# and what command to run for the task  
#  
# To define the time you can provide concrete values for  
# minute (m), hour (h), day of month (dom), month (mon),  
# and day of week (dow) or use '*' in these fields (for 'any').#  
# Notice that tasks will be started based on the cron's system  
# daemon's notion of time and timezones.  
#  
# Output of the crontab jobs (including errors) is sent through  
# email to the user the crontab file belongs to (unless redirected).  
#  
# For example, you can run a backup of all your user accounts  
# at 5 a.m every week with:  
# 0 5 * * 1 tar -zcf /var/backups/home.tgz /home/  
#  
# For more information see the manual pages of crontab(5) and cron(8)  
#  
# m h dom mon dow   command  
55 11 * * * echo "Hello, Mradul Rathore!" >> /dev/pts/0  
mradul@mradul-Vostro-15-3568:~$
```



## History:

```
1999  crontab
2000  crontab --v
2001  crontab -l
2002  tty
2003  crontab -e
2004  crontab -l
2005  history
```

## Bash script

### 1. If else and while loop

```
mradul@mradul-Vostro-15-3568:~/Desktop/7sem/sol$ cd cron
mradul@mradul-Vostro-15-3568:~/Desktop/7sem/sol/cron$ nano mradulJob.sh
mradul@mradul-Vostro-15-3568:~/Desktop/7sem/sol/cron$ cat mradulJob.sh
#!/bin/bash
echo 'Enter the number'
read num
echo $num
if [ $num == 60 ];
then
    echo 'Good Job, Mradul'
else
    echo 'poor job'
fi
mradul@mradul-Vostro-15-3568:~/Desktop/7sem/sol/cron$
```

```
mradul@mradul-Vostro-15-3568:~/Desktop/7sem/sol/cron$ nano mradulWhile.sh
mradul@mradul-Vostro-15-3568:~/Desktop/7sem/sol/cron$ ls
mradulJob.sh  mradulWhile.sh
mradul@mradul-Vostro-15-3568:~/Desktop/7sem/sol/cron$ cat mradulWhile.sh
#!/bin/bash
counter=1
while [ $counter -le 10 ]
do
    echo $counter
    ((counter++))
done
mradul@mradul-Vostro-15-3568:~/Desktop/7sem/sol/cron$ ;6~
```

```

mradul@mradul-Vostro-15-3568:~/Desktop/7sem/sol/cron$ chmod +x mradulJob.sh
mradul@mradul-Vostro-15-3568:~/Desktop/7sem/sol/cron$ chmod +x mradulWhile.sh
mradul@mradul-Vostro-15-3568:~/Desktop/7sem/sol/cron$ ./mradulJob.sh
Enter the number
60
60
Good Job, Mradul
mradul@mradul-Vostro-15-3568:~/Desktop/7sem/sol/cron$ ./mradulJob.sh
Enter the number
4
4
poor job
mradul@mradul-Vostro-15-3568:~/Desktop/7sem/sol/cron$ ./mradulWhile.sh
1
2
3
4
5
6
7
8
9
10
mradul@mradul-Vostro-15-3568:~/Desktop/7sem/sol/cron$ █

```

#### Display current Date:

```

mradul@mradul-Vostro-15-3568:~/Desktop/7sem/sol/cron$ nano date.sh
mradul@mradul-Vostro-15-3568:~/Desktop/7sem/sol/cron$ bash date.sh
Today is Fri Sep 24 12:23:49 IST 2021
mradul@mradul-Vostro-15-3568:~/Desktop/7sem/sol/cron$ cat date.sh
#!/bin/bash
today=$(date)
echo "Today is $today"
mradul@mradul-Vostro-15-3568:~/Desktop/7sem/sol/cron$ █

```

#### Using chron tab to run bash script

```
/home/mradul/Desktop/7sem/sol/cron
mradul@mradul-Vostro-15-3568:~/Desktop/7sem/sol/cron$ crontab -e
crontab: installing new crontab
mradul@mradul-Vostro-15-3568:~/Desktop/7sem/sol/cron$ crontab -l
# Edit this file to introduce tasks to be run by cron.
#
# Each task to run has to be defined through a single line
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# and what command to run for the task
#
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# 0 5 * * 1 tar -zcf /var/backups/home.tgz /home/
#
# For more information see the manual pages of crontab(5) and cron(8)
#
# m h dom mon dow   command
* * * * * bash /home/mradul/Desktop/7sem/sol/cron/mradulWhile.sh >> /dev/pts/0
mradul@mradul-Vostro-15-3568:~/Desktop/7sem/sol/cron$
```

```
mradul@mradul-Vostro-15-3568:~/Desktop/7sem/sol/cron$ 1
2
3
4
5
6
7
8
9
10

```

```
mradul@mradul-Vostro-15-3568:~/Desktop/7sem/sol/cron$ sudo systemctl status cron
[sudo] password for mradul:
1
2
3
4
5
6
7
8
9
10
mradul@mradul-Vostro-15-3568:~/Desktop/7sem/sol/cron$
```

## Outputting script output to mradul.txt file

```
mradul@mradul-Vostro-15-3568:~/Desktop/7sem/sol/cron$ crontab -e
crontab: installing new crontab
mradul@mradul-Vostro-15-3568:~/Desktop/7sem/sol/cron$ crontab -l
# Edit this file to introduce tasks to be run by cron.
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# at 5 a.m every week with:
# 0 5 * * 1 tar -zcf /var/backups/home.tgz /home/
#
# For more information see the manual pages of crontab(5) and cron(8)
#
# m h dom mon dow   command
* * * * * bash /home/mradul/Desktop/7sem/sol/cron/mradulWhile.sh >> /home/mradul/Desktop/7sem/sol/cron/mradul.txt

mradul@mradul-Vostro-15-3568:~/Desktop/7sem/sol/cron$ ls
date.sh  mradulJob.sh  mradulWhile.sh
mradul@mradul-Vostro-15-3568:~/Desktop/7sem/sol/cron$
```

```
mradul@mradul-Vostro-15-3568:~/Desktop/7sem/sol/cron$ pwd
/home/mradul/Desktop/7sem/sol/cron
mradul@mradul-Vostro-15-3568:~/Desktop/7sem/sol/cron$ ls
date.sh  mradulJob.sh  mradul.txt  mradulWhile.sh
mradul@mradul-Vostro-15-3568:~/Desktop/7sem/sol/cron$ cat mradul.txt
1
2
3
4
5
6
7
8
9
10
mradul@mradul-Vostro-15-3568:~/Desktop/7sem/sol/cron$
```