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Questions

· What is a graphical user interface (GUI)?

A set of programs that allows a user to interact with the computer system via icons, windows, and various other elements.

What is a desktop environment?

Is an implementation of the desktop metaphor made of a bundle of programs running on top of a computer operating system, which shares a common GUI.

· What is the command line interface (CLI)?

Is a software mechanism you to use to interact with your OS using your keyboard.

How do I access command line interface?

There are two ways to access the CLI, through a Terminal Emulator and Linux Console

· What is a Virtual console?

It is a terminal session that runs in Linux system memory.

· What is a terminal emulator?

Is a program that allows you to access the Linux CLI when using the GUI.

· What is Bash?

The GNU Bash shell is a program that provides interactive access to the Linux system.

· What is the shell prompt?

Whenever we launch the terminal, we might see something like this: bash --version

This is a shell prompt and it will appear whenever the shell is ready to accept input.

Command definitions

- · echo: It prints a line of text to the screen
 - · Example: echo "Hello Class"
- clear: It deletes all the commands previously used in the terminal.
- date: It is a time and date command that displays current date and time (can be used for other tasks as well.)
- free: It displays the amount of RAM/Memory used and free.

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• uname: It shows basic information about your system such as: kernel, OS, architecture, etc...

- history: It is a command that shows all of the previously used commands in the terminal, in the order that they were used.
- man (Manual): These are documentation files that describe Linux shell commands, executable programs, system calls, special files, and so forth. They are not step by step guides, but instead quick references.
 - Example: man echo
- tldr: It is another help command, it is similar to cheat but it is available via APT and keeps a local cache.
 - Example: tldr -u
- · cheat: It is a collection of cheat sheets.
 - Example/usage: cheat git
- hostname: It displays the computer name.
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- df: It displays the amount of disk space available/used on entire file systems/partitions.
- du: Displays the amount of space used by specific files or directions.
- figlet: It displays text in large ASCII letters.