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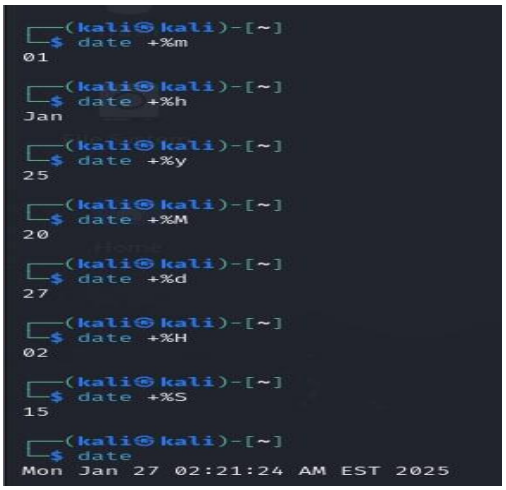
BASIC LINUX COMMANDS

1.1 GENERAL PURPOSE COMMANDS

1. The 'date' command:

The date command displays the current date with day of week, month, day, time (24 hours clock) and the year.

SYNTAX: $ date



The date command can also be used with following format.

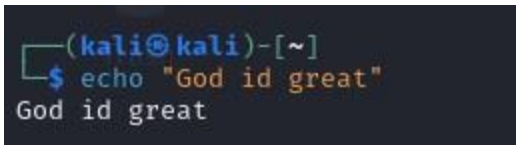
Format	Purpose	Example
+ %m	To display only month	$ date + %m
+ %h	To display month name	$ date + %h
+ %d	To display day of month	$ date + %d
+ %y	To display last two digits of the year	$ date + %y
+ %H	To display Hours	$ date + %H
+ %M	To display Minutes	$ date + %M
+ %S	To display Seconds	$ date + %S

2. The echo'command:

The echo command is used to print the message on the screen.

SYNTAX: $ echo

EXAMPLE: $ echo “God is Great”



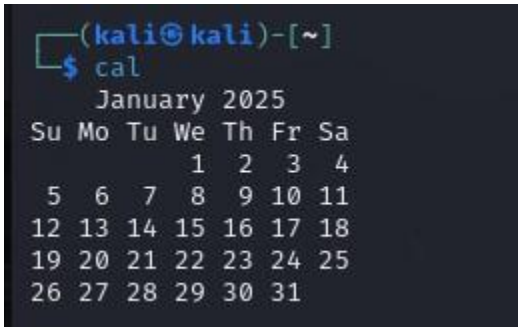
3. The ‘cal’ command: The cal command displays the specified month or year of the calendar

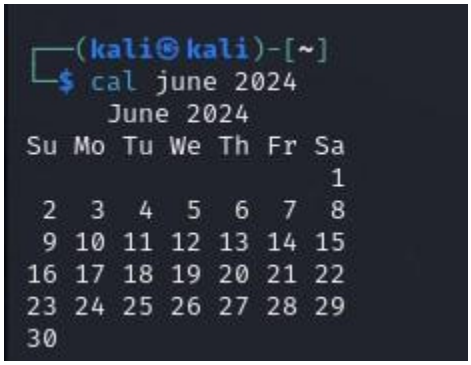
SYNTAX: $ cal [month]

[year]

EXAMPLE:

$ cal Jan 2012





4. The ‘bc’ command: Unix offers an online calculator and can be invoked by the command bc.

SYNTAX: $ bc

EXAMPLE: bc –l

16/4

5/2

```
bc 1.07.1
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are Foundation, Inc.
This is free software with ABSOLUTELY NO WARRANTY.
For details type `warranty'.
16/4
4
5/2
2
2*3
6
4+7
11
6-3
3
```

5. The ‘who’ command

The who command is used to display the data about all the users who are currently logged into the system.

SYNTAX: $ who

```
┌──(kali㉿kali)-[~]
└─$ who
kali     tty7         2025-01-27 02:10 (:0)
```

6. The ‘who am i’ command : The who am i command displays data about login details of the user.

SYNTAX: $ who am i

```
┌──(kali㉿kali)-[~]
└─$ whoami
kali
```

7. The ‘id’ command :The id command displays the numerical value corresponding to your login.

SYNTAX: $ id

```
┌──(kali㉿kali)-[~]
└─$ id
uid=1000(kali) gid=1000(kali) groups=1000(kali),4(adm),20(dialout),24(cdrom),25(floppy),27(sudo),29(audio),30(dip),44(video),46(plugdev),100(users),101(netdev),106(bluetooth),113(scanner),136(wireshark),137(kaboxer)
```

8. The ‘tty’ command : The tty (teletype) command is used to know the terminal name that we are using.

SYNTAX: $ tty

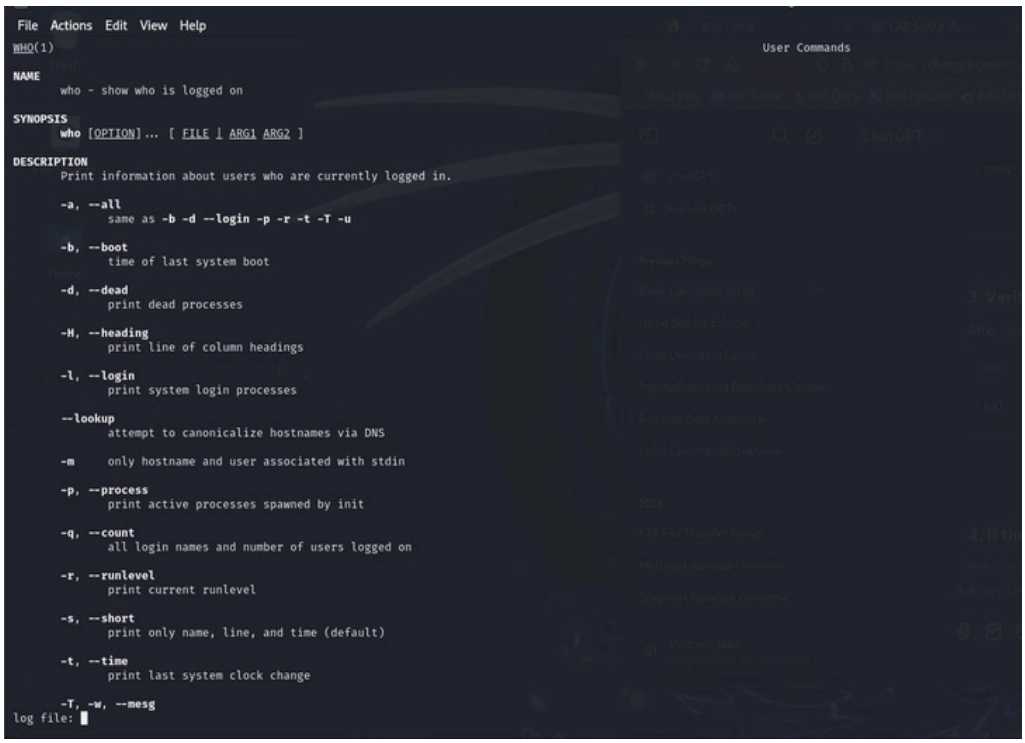
```
┌──(kali㉿kali)-[~]
└─$ tty
/dev/pts/0
```

9. The ‘clear’ command :The clear command is used to clear the screen of your terminal.

SYNTAX: $ clear

10. The ‘man’ command :The man command gives you complete access to the Unix commands.

SYNTAX: $ man [command]

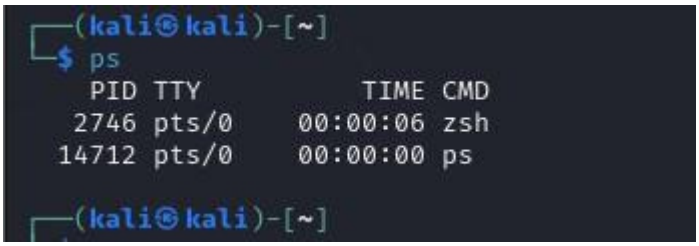


11. The ‘ps’ command

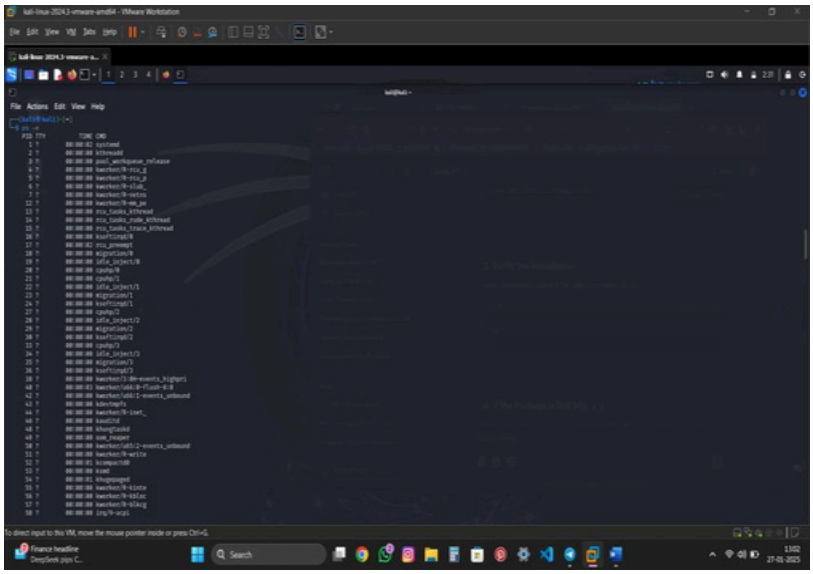
The ps command is used to the process currently alive in the machine with the 'ps' (process status) command, which displays information about process that are alive when you run the command. 'ps;' produces a snapshot of machine activity.

SYNTAX: $ ps

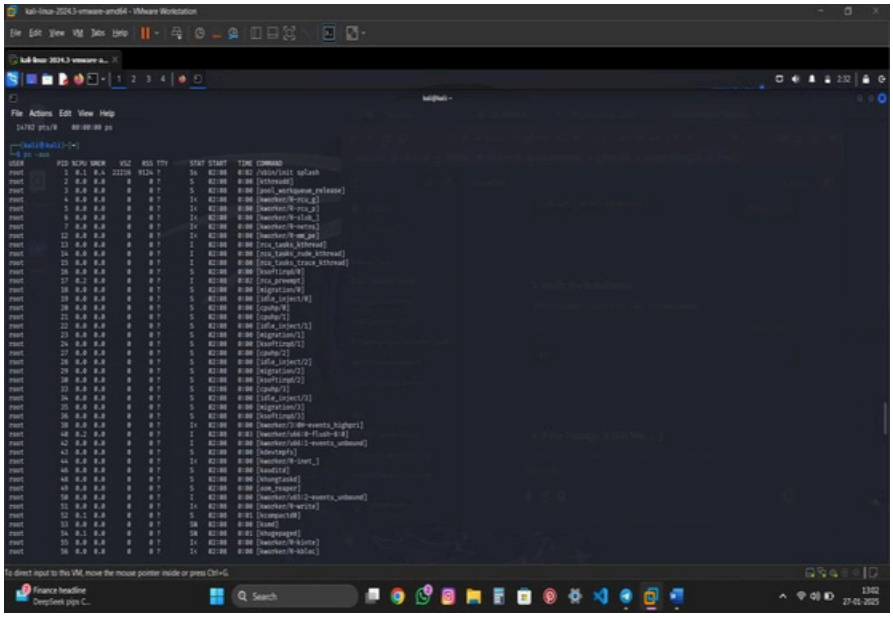
EXAMPLE: $ ps



$ ps –e



$ps -aux



12. The ‘uname’ command

The uname command is used to display relevant details about the operating system on the standard output.

m-> Displays the machine id (i.e., name of the system hardware)

-n -> Displays the name of the network node. (host name)

-r -> Displays the release number of the operating system.

-s -> Displays the name of the operating system (i.e.

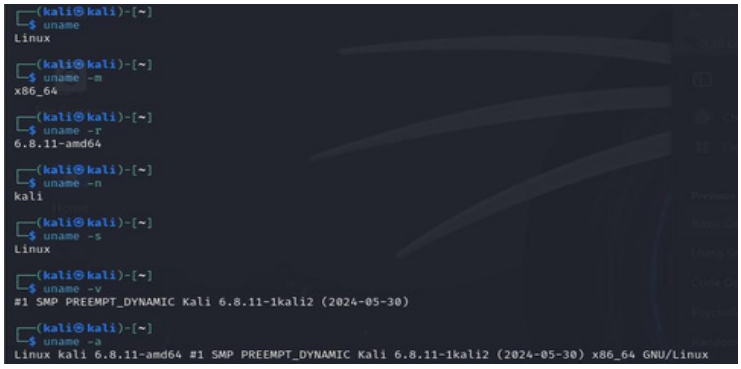
system name)

-v > Displays the version of the operating system.

-a -> Displays the details of all the above five options.

SYNTAX: $ uname [option]

EXAMPLE: $ uname -a

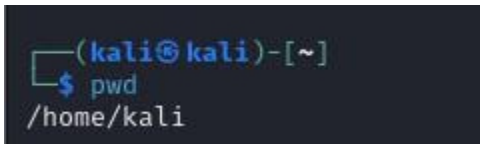


1.2 DIRECTORY COMMANDS

1. The 'pwd' command:

The pwd (print working directory) command displays the current working directory.

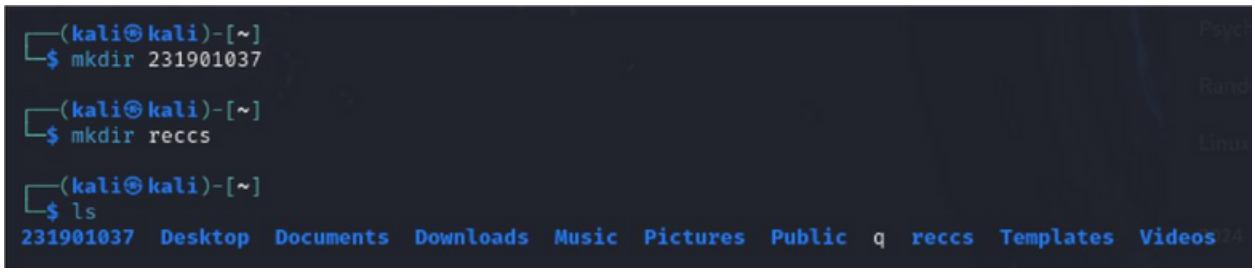
SYNTAX: $ pwd



2. The 'mkdir' command: The mkdir is used to create an empty directory in a disk.

SYNTAX: $ mkdir dirname

EXAMPLE: $ mkdir receee

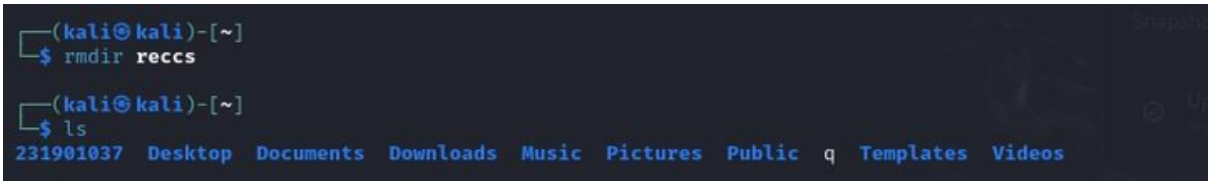


3. The 'rmdir' command:

The rmdir is used to remove a directory from the disk. Before removing a directory, the directory must be empty (no files and directories).

SYNTAX: $ rmdir dirname

EXAMPLE: $ rmdir receee



4. The ‘cd’ command: The cd command is used to move from one directory to another.
   SYNTAX: $ cd dirname

   EXAMPLE: $ cd receee

5. The ‘ls’ command: The ls command displays the list of files in the current working directory.

SYNTAX: $ ls

EXAMPLE: $ ls

$ ls –l

$ ls –a

1.3 FILE HANDLING COMMANDS

1. The ‘cat’ command:

   The cat command is used to create

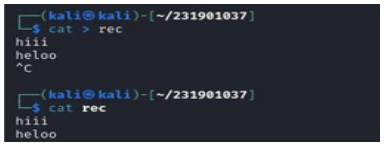
a file. SYNTAX: $ cat > filename

EXAMPLE: $ cat > rec

2. The ‘Display contents of a file’ command:

   The cat command is also used to view the contents of a specified file. SYNTAX:

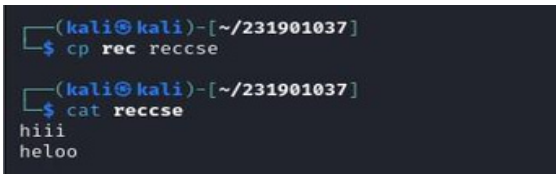
$ cat filename



3. The ‘cp’ command: The cp command is used to copy the contents of one file to another and copies the file from one place to another.

SYNTAX: $ cp oldfile newfile

EXAMPLE: $ cp cse ece



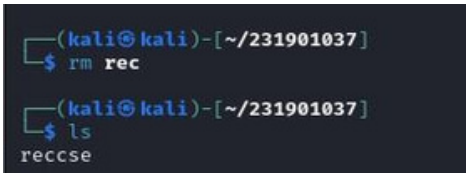
4. The ‘rm’ command: The rm command is used to remove or erase an existing file

SYNTAX: $ rm filename

EXAMPLE: $ rm rec

$ rm –f rec

Use option –fr to delete recursively the contents of the directory and its subdirectories.



5. The ‘mv’ command:

The mv command is used to move a file from one place to another. It removes a specified file from its original location and places it in specified location.

SYNTAX: $ mv oldfile newfile

EXAMPLE: $ mv cse eee

6. The ‘file’ command: The file command is used to determine the type of file.
SYNTAX: $ file filename

7. “wc command” : The wc command is used to count the number of words, lines and characters in a file.
SYNTAX: $ wc filename
EXAMPLE: $ wc receee

```
┌──(kali㉿kali)-[~]
└─$ wc rec
 2  2 12 rec
```

8. The ‘Directing output to a file’ command:

The ls command lists the files on the terminal (screen). Using the redirection operator ‘>’ we can send the output to file instead of showing it on the screen.

SYNTAX: $ ls > filename

EXAMPLE: $ ls > cseeee

```
┌──(kali㉿kali)-[~]
└─$ ls > list

┌──(kali㉿kali)-[~]
└─$ cat list
231901037
Desktop
Documents
Downloads
list
Music
Pictures
Public
q
rec
Templates
Videos
```

9. The ‘pipes’ command:

The Unix allows us to connect two commands together using these pipes. A pipe (|) is an mechanism by which the output of one command can be channeled into the input of another command. SYNTAX: $ command1 | command2 EXAMPLE: $ who | wc -l

10. The ‘tee’ command:

While using pipes, we have not seen any output from a command that gets piped into another command. To save the output, which is produced in the middle of a pipe, the tee command is very useful. SYNTAX: $ command | tee filename

EXAMPLE: $ who | tee sample | wc -l

11. The 'Metacharacters of unix' command:

Metacharacters are special characters that are at higher and abstract level compared to most of other characters in Unix. The shell understands and interprets these metacharacters in a special way.

* - Specifies number of characters

?- Specifies a single character

[ ]- used to match a whole set of file names at a command line.

! – Used to Specify Not EXAMPLE:

$ ls r** - Displays all the files whose name begins with 'r'

$ ls ?kkk - Displays the files which are having 'kkk', from the second characters irrespective of the first character.

$ ls [a-m] – Lists the files whose names begins alphabets from 'a' to 'm'

$ ls [!a-m] – Lists all files other than files whose names begins alphabets from 'a' to 'm' 12. The 'File permissions' command:

File permission is the way of controlling the accessibility of file for each of three users namely Users, Groups and Others.

There are three types of file permissions are available, they are

r-read
w-
write
x-
execute

The permissions for each file can be divided into three parts of three bits each.

First three bits	Owner of the file
Next three bits	Group to which owner of the file belongs
Last three bits	Others

EXAMPLE: $ ls college

-rwxr-xr-- 1 Lak std 1525 jan10 12:10 college

Where,

-rwx The file is readable, writable and executable by the owner of the file.

Lak Specifies Owner of the file. r-x Indicates the absence of the write permission by the Group owner of the file. Std Is the Group Owner of the file. r-- Indicates read permissions for others.

```
┌──(kali㉿kali)-[~]
└─$ ls -l rec
-rw-rw-r-- 1 kali kali 12 Jan 27 02:42 rec
```

13. The 'chmod' command:

The chmod command is used to set the read, write and execute permissions for all categories of users for file.

SYNTAX: $ chmod category operation permission file

Category	Operation	permission
u-users	+ assign	r-read
g-group	-Remove	w-write
o-others	= assign absolutely	x-execute
a-all		

EXAMPLE:

$ chmod u –wx college

Removes write & execute permission for users for 'college' file.

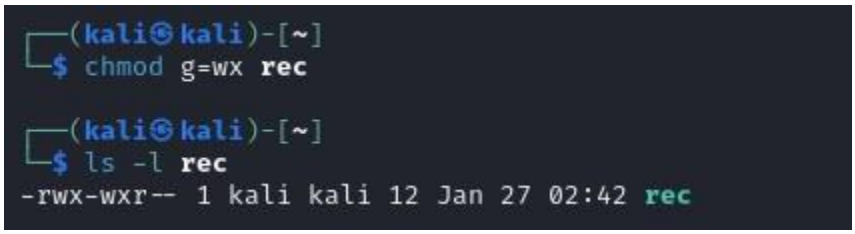
```
┌──(kali㉿kali)-[~]
└─$ chmod u-wx rec

┌──(kali㉿kali)-[~]
└─$ ls -l rec
-r--r--r-- 1 kali kali 12 Jan 27 02:42 rec
```

$ chmod u +rw, g+rw college

Assigns read & write permission for users and groups for ‘college’ file.

$ chmod g=wx college

Assigns absolute permission for groups of all read, write and execute permissions for ‘college’ file.



14. The ‘Octal Notations’ command:

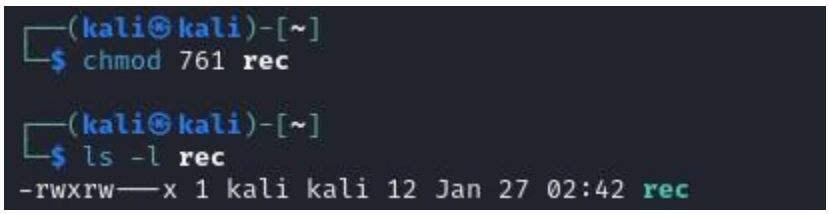
The file permissions can be changed using octal notations also. The octal notations for file permission are

$ chmod 761 college

Read permission	4
Write permission	2

Execute permission	1

Assigns all permission to the owner, read and write permissions to the group and only executable permission to the others for ‘college’ file.



1.4 GROUPING COMMANDS

1. The ‘semicolon’ command:

The semicolon(;) command is used to separate multiple commands at the command line.

SYNTAX:

$command1;command2;command3.....;commandn

EXAMPLE: $ who;date

```
┌──(kali㉿kali)-[~]
└─$ who;date
kali     tty7         2025-01-27 02:10 (:0)
Mon Jan 27 02:51:30 AM EST 2025
```

2. The '&&' operator:

The '&&' operator signifies the logical AND operation in between two or more valid Unix commands.It means that only if the first command is successfully executed, then the next command will executed.

SYNTAX: $ command1 && command && command3.....&&commandn
EXAMPLE: $ who && date

```
┌──(kali㉿kali)-[~]
└─$ who&&date
kali     tty7         2025-01-27 02:10 (:0)
Mon Jan 27 02:51:48 AM EST 2025
```

3. The '||' operator:

The '||' operator signifies the logical OR operation in between two or more valid Unix commands.It means, that only if the first command will happen to be un successfully,it will continue to execute next commands.

SYNTAX: $ command1 || command ||

command3.....||commandn

EXAMPLE: $ who || date

```
┌──(kali㉿kali)-[~]
└─$ who||date
kali     tty7         2025-01-27 02:10 (:0)
```

1.5 FILTERS

1. The head filter

It displays the first ten lines of a file.

SYNTAX: $ head filename

EXAMPLE: $ head college Display the top ten lines.

$ head -5 college Display the top five lines.

```
┌──(kali㉿kali)-[~]
└─$ head -3 college
lerumipsum
lorumsipsum
loremipsum
```

2. The tail filter

It displays ten lines of a file from the end of the file. SYNTAX:

$ tail filename

EXAMPLE: $ tail college Display the last ten lines.

$tail -5 college Display the last five lines.

```
┌──(kali㉿kali)-[~]
└─$ tail -3 college
loremipsum
loremipsum
loremipsum
```

3. The more filter:

The pg command shows the file page by page.

SYNTAX: $ ls –l | more

```
┌──(kali㉿kali)-[~]
└─$ ls -l | more
total 56
drwxrwxr-x 2 kali kali 4096 Jan 27 02:38 231901037
-rw-rw-r-- 1 kali kali    8 Jan 27 02:46 akkw
-rw-rw-r-- 1 kali kali  155 Jan 27 02:53 college
-rw-rw-r-- 1 kali kali    0 Jan 27 02:46 csecs
drwxr-xr-x 2 kali kali 4096 Jan 27 02:10 Desktop
drwxr-xr-x 2 kali kali 4096 Jan 27 02:10 Documents
drwxr-xr-x 2 kali kali 4096 Jan 27 02:14 Downloads
-rw-rw-r-- 1 kali kali   88 Jan 27 02:44 list
drwxr-xr-x 2 kali kali 4096 Jan 27 02:10 Music
drwxr-xr-x 2 kali kali 4096 Jan 27 02:22 Pictures
drwxr-xr-x 2 kali kali 4096 Jan 27 02:10 Public
-rw-r--r-- 1 kali kali 3052 Jan 27 02:31 q
-rwxrw---x 1 kali kali   12 Jan 27 02:42 rec
drwxr-xr-x 2 kali kali 4096 Jan 27 02:10 Templates
drwxr-xr-x 2 kali kali 4096 Jan 27 02:10 Videos
```

4. The ‘grep’ command:

This command is used to search for a particular pattern from a file or from the standard input and display those lines on the standard output. “Grep” stands for “global search for regular expression.”

SYNTAX: $ grep [pattern] [file_name]

EXAMPLE: $ cat> student

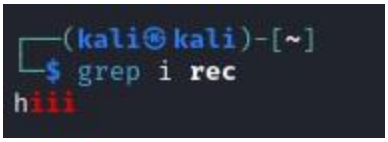
Arun cse

Ram ece

Kani cse

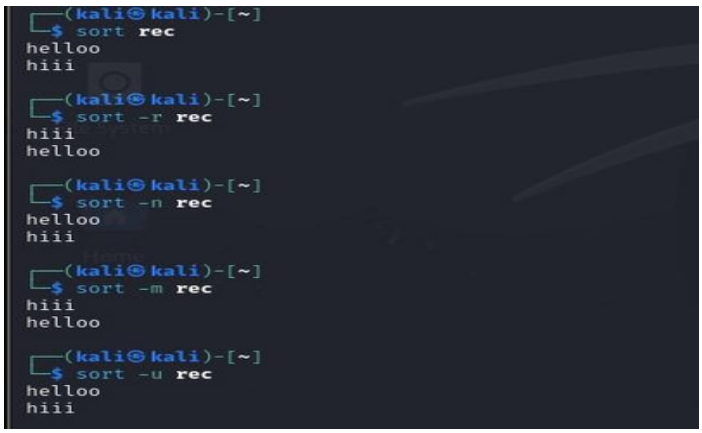
$ grep “cse” student

Arun cse Kani cse



5. The 'sort' command: The sort command is used to sort the contents of a file. The sort command reports only to the screen, the actual file remains unchanged.
SYNTAX: $ sort filename EXAMPLE: $ sort college OPTIONS:

Command	Purpose
Sort –r college	Sorts and displays the file contents in reverse order
Sort –c college	Check if the file is sorted
Sort –n college	Sorts numerically
Sort –m college	Sorts numerically in reverse order
Sort –u college	Remove duplicate records
Sort –l college	Skip the column with +1 (one) option.Sorts according to second column

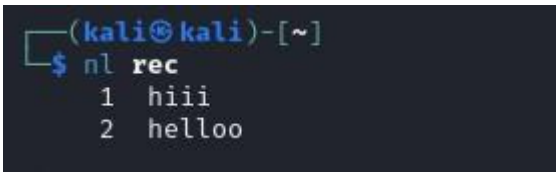


6. The ‘nl’ command:

The nl filter adds lines numbers to a file and it displays the file and not provides access to edit but simply displays the contents on the screen.

SYNTAX: $ nl filename

EXAMPLE: $ nl college



7. The ‘cut’ command:

We can select specified fields from a line of text using cut command.
SYNTAX:

$ cut -c filename

EXAMPLE: $ cut -c college OPTION:

-c – Option cut on the specified character position from each line.

1.5 OTHER ESSENTIAL COMMANDS

1. free

Display amount of free and used physical and swapped memory system.

synopsis- free

[options]

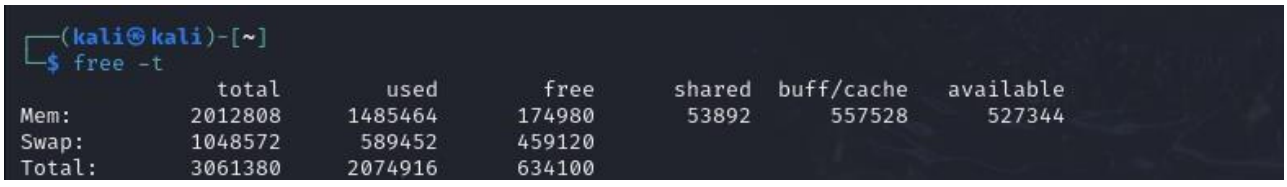
example

[root@localhost ~]# free -t total used free shared buff/cache available Mem:

4044380 605464 2045080

148820 1393836 3226708 Swap: 2621436 0 2621436

Total: 6665816 605464 4666516



2. top

It provides a dynamic real-time view of processes in the

system. synopsis- top [options]

example

[root@localhost ~]# top top - 08:07:28 up

24 min, 2 users, load average: 0.01, 0.06,

0.23 Tasks: 211 total, 1 running, 210

sleeping, 0 stopped, 0 zombie

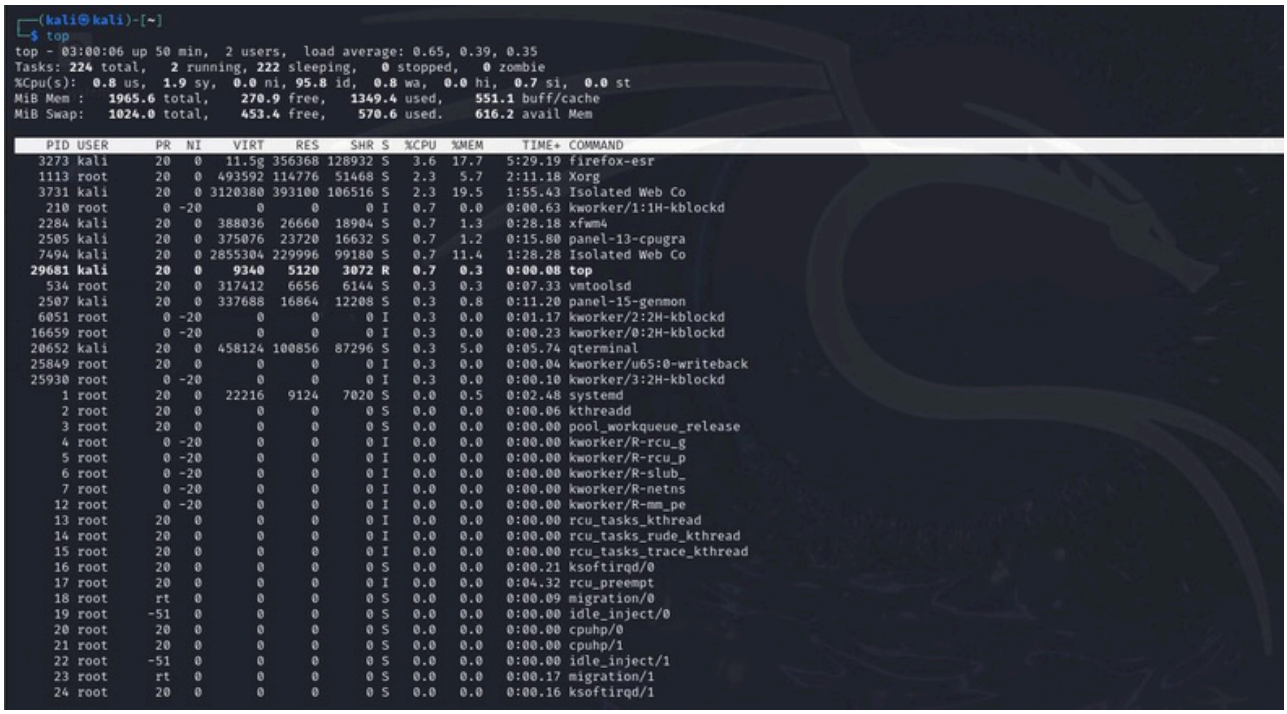
%Cpu(s): 0.8 us, 0.3 sy, 0.0 ni, 98.9 id, 0.0 wa, 0.0 hi, 0.0 si, 0.0 st

KiB Mem : 4044380 total, 2052960 free, 600452 used, 1390968 buff/cache KiB Swap:
2621436 total, 2621436 free, 0 used. 3234820 avail Mem PID USER PR

NI VIRT RES SHR S %CPU %MEM TIME+ COMMAND

1105 root 20 0 175008 75700 51264 S 1.7 1.9 0:20.46 Xorg 2529 root

20 0 80444 32640 24796 S 1.0 0.8 0:02.47 gnome-term



3. ps

It reports the snapshot of current processes synopsis- ps [options]

example : [root@localhost ~]# ps -e

PID TTY TIME CMD

1 ? 00:00:03 systemd

2 ? 00:00:00 kthreadd

3 ? 00:00:00 ksoftirqd/0

4. vmstat

It reports virtual memory

statistics synopsis-

vmstat [options]

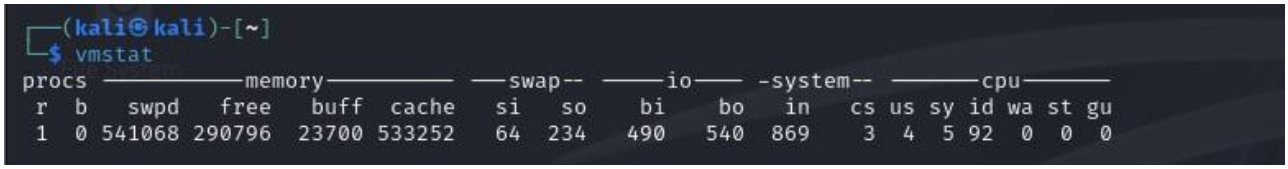
example

[root@localhost ~]# vmstat procs -----------memory--

-------- ---swap-- ----io---- -system-- ------cpu---- r b

swpd free buff cache si so bi bo in cs us sy id wa st 0 0

0 1879368 1604 1487116 0 0 64 7 72 140 1 0 97 1 0



5. df

It displays the amount of disk space available in file-system. Synopsis-

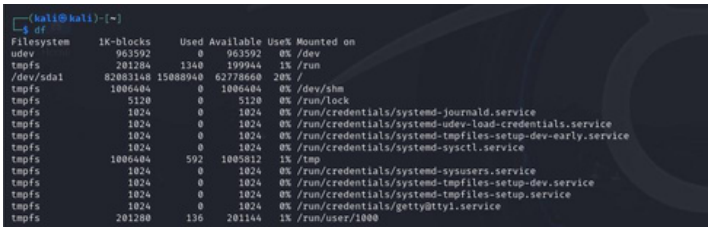
df [options]

example [root@localhost ~]# df

Filesystem 1K-blocks Used Available Use% Mounted on

devtmpfs 2010800 0 2010800 0% /dev tmpfs 2022188 148 2022040 1% /dev/shm
tmpfs

2022188 1404 2020784 1% /run /dev/sda6 487652 168276 289680 37% /boot



6. ping

It is used verify that a device can communicate with another on network. PING stands

for Packet Internet Groper. synopsis- ping [options]

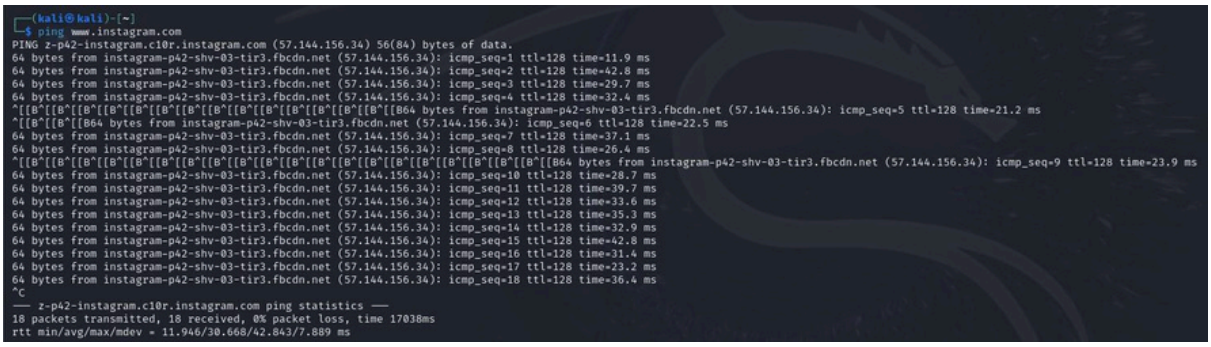
[root@localhost ~]# ping 172.16.4.1 PING 172.16.4.1 (172.16.4.1)

56(84) bytes of data. 64 bytes from 172.16.4.1: icmp_seq=1 ttl=64

time=0.328 ms

64 bytes from 172.16.4.1: icmp_seq=2 ttl=64 time=0.228 ms

64 bytes from 172.16.4.1: icmp_seq=3 ttl=64
time=0.264 ms 64 bytes from 172.16.4.1:
icmp_seq=4 ttl=64 time=0.312 ms ^C
--- 172.16.4.1 ping statistics ---
4 packets transmitted, 4 received, 0% packet loss, time 3000ms rtt
min/avg/max/mdev = 0.228/0.283/0.328/0.039 ms



7. ifconfig

It is used configure network interface.

synopsis- ifconfig [options]

example

[root@localhost ~]# ifconfig

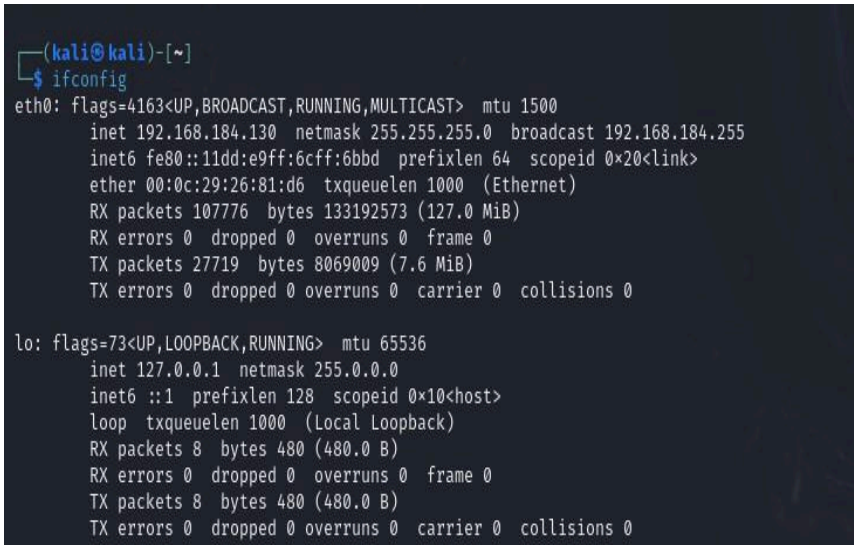
enp2s0: flags=4163<UP,BROADCAST,RUNNING,MULTICAST> mtu 1500 inet 172.16.6.102 netmask 255.255.252.0 broadcast 172.16.7.255 inet6 fe80::4a0f:cfff:fe6d:6057 prefixlen 64 scopeid 0x20<link> ether 48:0f:cf:6d:60:57 txqueuelen 1000 (Ethernet)

RX packets 23216 bytes 2483338 (2.3 MiB)

RX errors 0 dropped 5 overruns 0 frame 0

TX packets 1077 bytes 107740 (105.2 KiB)

TX errors 0 dropped 0 overruns 0 carrier 0 collisions 0



8. traceroute

It tracks the route the packet takes to reach the destination.

synopsis- traceroute

[options] example

[root@localhost ~]# traceroute www.rajalakshmi.org traceroute to www.rajalakshmi.org (220.227.30.51), 30 hops max, 60 byte packets 1 gateway (172.16.4.1) 0.299 ms 0.297 ms 0.327 ms 2 220.225.219.38 (220.225.219.38) 6.185 ms 6.203 ms 6.189 ms

RESULT:
Hence, basic linux commands are executed successfully