Common Linux Commands

This document provides the definition, usage, and examples of several commonly used Linux commands.

ECHO

Definition: Displays a line of text

Usage: echo + option + string

Examples:

• Displays a message with backslash escapes:

```
echo -e "\nHello...\tWorld!"
```

• Suppress the trailing newline:

```
echo -n "Hello, World!"
```

DATE

Definition: Displays or sets the system date and time.

Usage: date + option

Examples:

• Displays the current date and time:

```
date
```

• Displays the date in a custom superior format:

```
date +"%d-%m-%Y %H:%M:%S"
```

FREE

Definition: Displays the amount of free and used memory in the system.

Usage: free + option

Examples:

• Displays memory usage in a human-readable format:

```
free -h
```

• Displays memory usage in gigabytes:

```
free -h --giga
```

UNAME

Definition: Prints system information such as the operating system name, version, and other details.

Usage: uname + option

Examples:

• Displays all system information:

```
uname -a
```

• Displays kernel-name, kernel-release, hw-platform & OS:

```
uname -srio
```

HISTORY

Definition: Shows a list of previously executed commands.

Usage: history + option

Examples:

• Displays command history:

```
history
```

• Clears command history:

```
history -c
```

MAN

Definition: Displays the manual of a given command, showing detailed documentation.

Usage: man + command

Examples:

• Displays the manual for the 1s command:

man ls

APT

Definition: A package management tool used to install, update, and remove software packages on Debian-based systems.

Usage: apt + option + command

Examples:

• Update the package list:

sudo apt update

• Install a package:

sudo apt install <package-name>

SNAP

Definition: Used to install and manage snap packages, which are self-contained software packages that work on various Linux distributions.

Usage: snap + command

Examples:

• Install a snap package:

sudo snap install <package-name>

FLATPAK

Definition: Used to manage Flatpak packages, which are similar to snap packages and provide cross-distribution software deployment.

Usage: flatpak + command

Examples:

• Install a Flatpak package:

flatpak install <package-name>