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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 calendar.

SYNTAX: \$ cal [month] [year]

EXAMPLE: \$ cal Jan 2012

4. The 'bc' command:

1) date command

\$ date

Fri Jan 24 13:52:58 IST 2025

\$ date +%m

01

\$ date +%h

Jan

\$ date +%d

24

\$ date +%Y

25

\$ date +%H

14

\$ date +%M

39

\$ date +%S

12

2) Echo Command

\$ echo "Praise the lord"

Praise the Lord

3) cal Command

\$ cal May 2004

May 2004

Su	Mo	Tu	We	Thu	Fr	Sa
						1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29

4) bc command

\$ bc

12+4

16

\$ who am i

CSE301 pts/20 2025-01-24 13:38 (172.16.9.7)

\$ id

uid = 1000 (student) gid = 1000 (student) groups = 1000 (student)

\$ tty

/dev/pts/L

\$ clear

\$ ps

PID	TTY	TIME	CMD
1521	pts/L	00:00:00	bash
1555	pts/L	00:00:00	ps

\$ uname -m

i686

\$ uname -n

localhost.localdomain

\$ uname -r

4.11.8-300.fc26.i686+PAE

\$ uname -s

Linux

\$ uname -v

#1 SMP THU JAN 30 20:14:44 UTC 2017

\$ uname -a

Show all the above five details.

1-2) Directory Command.

1) \$ pwd

/home/student

2) \$ mkdir 301 . \$ mkdir 304
directory created.

3) \$ rmdir 301

directory removed.

4) \$ cd 304

[student@localhost 304]

\$ ls -a

301 .bash-profile .config Downloads .gtkrc-2.0-kde4

.mozilla Public student test3.txt txt.file .Xauthority

3) File Handling Command.

1) \$ cat > txt.txt

2) \$ cat txt1.txt
This is file 1

3) \$ cp txt1.txt txt2.txt

\$ cat txt2.txt

This is file 1

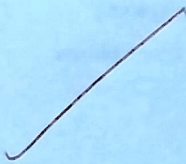
4. \$ rm txt2.txt

5. \$ mv txt1.txt txt2.txt
\$ cat txt2.txt

This file 1

6. \$ file t2.txt

t2.txt: ASCII text.



\$ ls

add.c a.out sum.c a.out

qwc t2.txt

ls t2.txt

\$ ls → files

\$ cat files

a.out

files

sample

sum.c

sum.py

t2.txt

t2t1.txt

9. \$ ls/wc

8 8 61

10. who | tee sample | wc college

000 college

11. ls ~~q**~~ : nc
recall

ls

ls [a-m]*

book ~~book~~ / clg college cse

Desktop :

flame - desktop.

13) \$ chmod u-wx t1.txt
\$ chmod u+rw, g+rw t1.txt
\$ chmod g=wx t1.txt

14) \$ chmod 761 t1.txt

1.4 Grouping commands

1.) \$ ls ; cat txt2.txt
txt1.txt txt2.txt

this is file 2.

2.) \$ who && date

Student pts10 2011-06-28 03:12 (:0)

Student pts11 2025-01-30 08:28 (:0)

Thu Jan 30 08:32:19 IST 2025

3.) \$ echo "hi" || ls

hi



1.5 FILTERS

1. \$ head file 1.txt

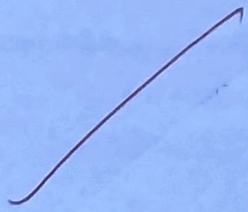
this
is
the
file
that
is
used
to
execute
the

2. \$ tail -5 file 1.txt

Commands
in
this
command
prompt.

3. \$ cat dum.txt | more

This
is
not
a
file
that
to
be
read
@@



4) \$ grep "be" dum.txt
be

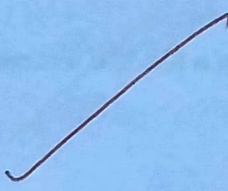
5) \$ cat t1.txt
this
is
98
working
7456
Whether
23
~~or~~
26
other
87
operating
23
System

\$ sort -n t1.txt
is
operating
os
Other
system
this
working
23
23
76
87
98
7456

\$ sort -c t1.txt
sort t1.txt :2: disorder: is

\$ sort -u t1.txt

23
7456
76
87
98
is
operating
os
Other
system



this
whether
working

6. \$ nl tl.txt

1 this

2 is

3 98

4 working

5 7456

6 whether

7. Cut - c 3-tl.txt

is

using

56

either

her

rating

stem.

1.5 Other Essential Commands

1. free - t

	total	used	Free
Mem:	199 4612	645488	453 244
Swap:	2129916	0	21 29916
total :	41 24528	645488	2583160
	shared	buff / cache	available
	99192	89 5880	1159132

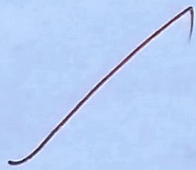
2) \$top.

top - 09:31:06 up 1:04 2 users, load average: 0.00
0.10, 0.11 tasks: 162 total, 1 running, 162
Sleeping, 0 Stopped, 0 Zombie

%CPU(s): 0.3 us, 0.3 sy, 0.0 ni, 99.5 id,
0.0 wa, 0.2 hi, 0.0 si, 0.0 st.

) \$ps

PID	TTY	Time	CMD
1514	pts/1	00:00:00	bash
2022	pts/1	00:00:00	ps



7) \$ if config

mp 350 : flags = 4163 < UP, Broadcast, running,
Multicast, mtu 1500 < met 172.16.9.20
netmask 255.255.255.0 broadcast 172.16.11.255
pmtu 64 : 7616 : fd 3 : f575 prefix len
64 scopeid 0x20 < link >

8) \$ traceroute

Usage

traceroute [-46dFITrre AUDV] [t first -ttl]

[-g gate-...] [-p device] [-m max -ttl]

[-N queries] [-P port] [-t tos] [-l flow-label]

[-W MAX, HERE, NEAR] [-q queries] [-s src-addr]

[-2 sedwait] [-- if wmark = num] host & packet
len


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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

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[root@localhost ~]# ifconfig
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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)
```

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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.
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traceroute

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

synopsis- traceroute [options]

example

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[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
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Result:

Hence the basic linux commands are executed and the output is obtained.

