

## UNIX COMMANDS

a) **date** –used to check the date and time

Syn: date

+%m	To display only month	\$date+%m	06
+%h	To display month name	\$date+%h	June
+%d	To display day of month	\$date+%d	01
+%y	To display last two digits of years	\$date+%y	09
+%H	To display hours	\$date+%H	10
+%M	To display minutes	\$date+%M	45
+%S	To display seconds	\$date+%S	55

Eg: date "DATE:%d%m%y%nTIME:%H%M%S"

b) **cal** –used to display the calendar

Syn: cal 2 2009

c) **echo** –used to print the message on the screen.

Syn: echo "text"

d) **ls** –used to list the files. Your files are kept in a directory.

Syn: ls

ls -s All files (include files with prefix)

ls -t Order by creation time

ls -u Sort by access time

ls -s Order by size

ls -r Reverse order

e) **man** –used to provide manual help on every UNIX commands.

Syn: man unix command

Eg: man cat

f) **who & whoami** –it displays data about all users who have logged into the system currently. The next command displays about current user only.

Syn: \$who

Syn: \$whoami

g) **uptime** –tells you how long the computer has been running since its last reboot or power-off.

Syn: uptime

h) **uname** –it displays the system information such as hardware platform, system name and processor, OS type.

Syn: **uname -a**

j) **hostname** –displays and set system host name

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k) **bc** –stands for “best calculator”

Eg: <b>bc</b>	<b>bc</b>
10/2*3	sqrt(25)
15	5
quit	quit

### **FILE MANIPULATION COMMANDS**

a) **cat**–this create, view and concatenate files.

**Creation:** Syn: **cat>filename**

**Viewing:** Syn: **cat filename**

**Add text to an existing file:** Syn: **cat>>filename**

**Concatenate:** Syn: **cat file1 file2>file3**  
**cat file1 file2>>file3** (no over writing of file3)

b) **grep**–used to search a particular word or pattern related to that word from the file.

Syn: **grep search word filename**

Eg: **grep anu student**

c) **rm**–deletes a file from the file system

Syn: **rm filename**

d) **cp**–copies the files or directories

Syn: **cp source\_file destination\_file**

Eg: **cp student stud**

f) **mv**–to rename the file or directory

syn: **mv old\_file new\_file**

h) **head**–displays 10 lines from the head(top) of a given file

Syn: **head filename**

Eg: **head student**

To display the top two lines:

Syn: **head -2 student**

i) **tail**–displays last 10 lines of the file

Syn: **tail filename**

Eg: **tail student**

To display the bottom two lines;  
Syn: tail -2 student

k) **wc**—it counts the number of lines, words, character in a specified file(s) with the options as **-l,-w,-c**  
Syn: wc -l filename  
wc -w filename  
wc -c filename