

free, top, vmstat, htop

mem related - free, vmstat

top, htop

Discrete refraction - df, du

## (Memory Usages)

\* Linux Memory / Disk Utilities Related Command :-

In Linux there are many cmd to check & manage disk utilities. The cmd would check what partitions there on each disk & other details like the total size, used up space & file system etc. It is very common to have to examine disk use to determine where there is a free space, where the disk may be nearing full & where you may need to add disk or move files.

① free :-

The free cmd gives info about used & unused memory usage & swap memory of the system. By default it displays in KB. Memory mainly consists of RAM & swap memory. Swap memory is the part of hard disk drive that acts like a virtual RAM.

\$ free

ofp :- here the ofp column will display or

total - Total RAM amount available on sys

used - Memory currently in use by processes

free - unused memory

Shared - Memory shared by multiple processes

buff/cache - memory is in use by the kernel  
available - Estimated mem amount available  
for starting new app', excluding swap

free gathers info by parsing /proc/meminfo file

There are different ways to use free  
and

① \$ free → Outputs the info about memory & swap, expressed in kb (Kilobytes)

② \$ free -h → Outputs the mem usage in human readable format

③ \$ free -b → Display info in bytes

④ \$ free -m → Display info in megabytes

⑤ \$ free -g → Display info in Gigabytes.

⑥ \$ free -t → Display total memory

## ② Vmstat :- (Virtual Memory Statistics) :-

The cmd is used to obtain info about memory , sys processes , block I/O , disk & CPU scheduling . Display the memory related statistical information (detailed)

### \$ vmstat

The basic o/p of the vmstat cmd displays info in six sections

#### ① proc → process statistics

- r → Active process count
- b → Sleeping process count

#### ② memory → memory statistics

- swapd → Total virtual memory
- free → Total free memory
- buff → Total mem temp used as a data buffer
- cache → Total cache memory

#### ③ swap → swap space statistics

- si → The rate of swapping-in mem <sup>from</sup> disk
- so → The rate of swapping-out mem to disk

#### ④ io → Input /output statistics

- bi → Blocks received from a block device /second
- bo → Block sent to a block device per second

### ⑤ System → Scheduling statistics

- in → The no of sys interrupts
- cs → The no of context switches per second

### ⑥ CPU → CPU statistics

- us → The % of CPU time spent on non-kernel processes
- sy → The % of CPU time spent on kernel processes
- id → The % of idle CPU
- wa → The % of CPU time spent waiting for I/O
- st → The % of CPU time stolen by a virtual machine

### ③ top :- (Table of Processes) :-

Linux top cmd is a performance monitoring program to monitor the performance. The top cmd is used to display all the running & active real-time processes in ordered list & updates it regularly. It displays CPU usage, memory usage, swap memory, cache size, buffer size, process PID, user, commands & much more. It also shows high mem & CPU utilization of running processes. The top cmd is very useful for sys Admin to monitor & take correct action when required.

\$ top [options]

\$ top

It's option is explained here

Q - How to calculate load avg  
→ TOP

① Line 1

- Time , how long system is running , how many users are logged in , & load average

② Line 2

- Total no of tasks , No of running tasks , No of sleeping tasks , No of stopped tasks , & No of zombie tasks

③ Line 3 - It shows CPU usage in percentage for - users , systems , low priority processes , idle processes , io wait , h/w interrupts , s/w interrupts , steal time.

④ Line 4 - It shows mem usage in Kb for - Total memory , used memory , free memory , buffered memory

⑤ Line 5 - It shows swap mem usage in Kb for - Total mem , used mem , free memory , cached memory

The 2<sup>nd</sup> part of the output is table listing all the running processes . Here is a explanation

Kill process using top → press 'k'  
change nice value using top → press 'r'

Q - What is a process states lifecycle?

- PID :- The process id of the process
- USER :- User Name & owner of task
- PR :- Process Priority
- NI :- process Nice Value
- VIRT :- Virtual memory Used
- RES :- Resident memory (physical mem) used
- SHR :- Shared mem used by processes
- S :- process states . It can of 5 types
  - D - Uninterruptible sleep
  - R - Running
  - S - Sleeping
  - T - Stopped
  - Z - Zombie
- %CPU :- CPU used percentage
- %MEM :- percentage of physical mem used
- TIME+ :- Total CPU time used (in milliseconds)
- COMMAND :- The name of the cmd that started the process.

\* Top cmd examples -

① If the process list is long scroll through UP & DOWN arrows . To quit top press 'q'

② Send signal / Kill process -

We can use top cmd to send any signal to a running process . Press 'k' & enter the process PID : It is used to kill the process by PID .

(or press 'u' key while  
running top)

fork()  
exec()  
wait()

### ③ \$top -u username

The -u option allows you to display all user-specific processes. Press 'u' key while top is running

④ To see the full cmd line instead of the process name, press 'c' key. To toggle back press 'c' again

⑤ To show the active tasks press 'I' key.  
To filter the o/p & show only active tasks.

⑥ Press the 'n' key to limit the process number in the o/p. It will prompt you to enter the no of processes you want to see.

⑦ The top cmd allows you to changing the process priority (nice value)

- press the 'r' key
- Enter the process ID & enter press Enter
- pgm prompt for new nice value. Enter the new value & press enter.

⑧ - How to check the CPU utilization

9 - How to check server load average ?

\$top

8 - how to check the process states ?

\$top

#### ④ htop :-

The info by htop cmd provides is similar to top cmd, but o/p display in GUI style. The real advantage of htop cmd is its user-friendly environment & improved controls.

\$ htop

If 'command htop not found' msg display, we will need to install htop first

\$ sudo apt install htop.

#### ⑤ /proc/meminfo -

This is the virtual file that reports the amount of available & used memory. It contains a realtime info about the sys mem usage as well as buffers & shared mem used by the kernel.

\$ cat /proc/meminfo

#### ⑥ stat -

\$ stat filename

\$ stat -f filename

du - file & dir  
df - filesystem

Note -

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## Disk Usage/Space Commands

- ① df
- ② du

## \* Linux Disk Usage/Disk Space Commands

There are many ways of checking

Linux sys disk space : By using CLI df & du cmd are used to check/monitor disk spaces.

If we want to see how much of the disk is being used & what part of it lies free.

### ① du (disk Usage) :-

linux du cmd reports the disk space used by specified files & directories

du cmd calculates the amount of disk space consumed by files & directories & subdirectory

The du cmd displays disk usage in the command line . without any option it display disk usage of every dir & sub-dir recursively .

\$ du [option] [file]

• \$ du filename

## options

① show disk size in Human Readable format

\$ du -h filename

② show only the size of the directory

\$ du -s filename

\$ du -sh filename

③ we can pass multiple files & dir as argument

\$ du -sh ~/documents ~/pictures ~/work

④ To display the sizes of the directory files

\$ du -ah filename

\* How to find biggest subdirectory using du cmd

\$ du -h --max-depth=1 filename | sort -rh

Ans

Q- To show only size of dir, not subdir or file size

\$ du -sh Documents

Q. To display the sizes of dir & subdirectory

\$ du -h Documents

filesystem types → Ext, Ext2, Ext3, Ext4, XFS, UFS, JFS

## ② df :- (Disk Free) (Disk Filesystem) -

Df cmd will op the entire list of file system in Linux setup. In Linux OS we can use df command to get a detailed report on the system's disk space usage. It is used to display the info related to file systems about total space & available space.

\$ df [options] [file]

\$ df

If no filename given, it displays the space available on all currently mounted filesystems

① Show disk space usage in Human Readable Format - (df -h)

\$ df -h

① To display the filesystem type wise

\$ df -T

ex - Ext, Ext2, Ext3, Ext4, XFS, UFS, JFS etc

① To display filesystem type in human readable format

\$ df -Th

iv) Display the specific file system types

\$ df -t ext4

\$ df -th ext3

\$ df -th tmpfs

v) Display the inode no of specific files type

\$ df -it tmpfs

\$ df -it ext4