# Command Line BASICS

# ✓ NOTE:

<u>WINDOWS CMD-></u>NOT CASE SENSITIVE

<u>LINUS BASH-></u>CASE SENSITIVE.

# FORMAT->

<command> <switch> <parameters>

# AutoFill->

• Type initials of command & press tab

# Arrow Keys->

- Scroll up->previous command
- Scroll down->current command

# Customize CLI->

• Tap->Top left corner & select properties.

# Commands Lists:

#### 1-**Help**:

- Type help & enter.
- It will shows all basic CLI commands
- For particular command-> <command> /?or /help

## 2- dir(directory):

- Displays all folders of a drive.
- Dir /b:displays all file names.

#### 3- cd (change directory):

- To move inside folders.
- Cd.. ->goes one directory backward.
- Cd/d <drive name>: \ -> to change drive.
- Cd.. \.. ->goes 2 directory backward.

# 4-Command History: (by default no persistent history)

- F7 key(& press enter to exit).
- Type doskey/history.

#### 5-Cltr+C:

• Interrupt running process.

#### 6-cls(clear screen):

• Clears the command prompt.

#### 7-tree command:

- Graphical representation of directory.
- Tree/f: show all files
- Tree | more:if list is too long(for reading purpose.)
   ('|'->pipe)(press enter -> to move 1 line)
   (press spacebar -> to move 1 page .)

## 8-md(make directory) : D:\>md copy

# 9-TYPE(avoid for binary/program created files).

- Reads/Displays contents of file.
- Format-><sub>type [<drive>:][<path>]<filename>
  (pipe('|') more if text too long).</sub>

#### 10-move:

- Move files from source to target destination.
- Format: move <source file> <destination file>.

#### 11-delete file:

- Format ->del <file name>.
- To delete Contents of sub forder: del /s <subfolder name>.

#### 12-Echo:

- Return info to cmd.
- Combined with environmental variables(date,time,mssge,&etc) using % <var>%.
- Example:

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D:\demo>echo "hello world!!"

"hello world!!"

D:\demo>echo time

time

D:\demo>echo %date%

01-08-2021

D:\demo>echo %time%

13:31:33.29
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✓ Note:
.bat file extension->batch files.

#### 13-ICACLS(integrity control access control lists)

- Used to grant permissions of file.
- Format-> icacls {file} /grant {user} :[permissions].

## 14-FC(file compare):

- Compares 2 files and displays the differences.
- Format-> fc <1st file><2nd file>

#### 15**-Xcopy**:

- Copy & compares 2 files.
- Faster copying and increased buffer size.
- Many switches: /w,/p,/c & etc.
- Format-> xcopy <source ><destination><switches>

### 16-**Robocopy**:

• Robust copy the files and displays the details.

## 17-systeminfo:

 Displays info like os version, patch level, system type, physical & virtual memory &etc.

#### 18-date & time:

- Used with echo-> echo %(date/time)%.
- Format-> (type) date or time.
- Also allows to change date/time.

#### 19-whoami:

- Used in windows/linux.
- Displays current user info.

#### 20-tasklist:

- Displays current running processes in form of tabular data with entries: session name, pid and memory usage.
- Used for troubleshoot-ing.
- Pid-> process ID.

#### 21-taskkill:

- Stops running or struck process.
- Format->taskkill/PID { PID no. or Image Name}.

#### 22-**SC**:

- SC is a command line program used for communicating with the Service Control Manager and services.
- Used to start, stop, raise query ,pause a service.
- Create failure actions.
- Format->sc <server> (action) (service name).

#### 23-fsutil(file system utility):

- Performs tasks that are related to file allocation table (FAT) and NTFS file systems
- Used to change / manage dirty bit.,object id management & etc.
- Very powerful tool & support multi commands.
- ADMIN controls/ permissions required.

# 24-sfc(system file check):

- Checks protected system files .
- Help to recover corrupted OS files.
- Allows scanning& validating of files.
- ADMIN controls/ permissions required.
- Sfc /scannow: scan and repair system files them as well.

## 25-chkdsk(check disk):

- Validates sectors on disk.
- Repairs damaged sectors.
- Useful in recovery mode.
- Required admin priviledges.
- Options: /r(locate bad sectors),/f(fix any error).&etc

#### 26 -ipconfig(IP-configuration):

- Displays details like:ip address,mac address,netmask,gateways.
- (Type)->Ipconfig and enter.
- *Ipconfig/all->* for complete and descriptive info.

#### 27-getmac:

• Displays mac address.

#### 28-nslookup(name services lookup):

• Displays DNS server info that device is currently using. .

#### 29-ping:

- To validate connectivity.
- Easy to use.
- to verify that a computer can communicate over the network .
- ping [-t] [-a] [-n count ] [-l size ] [-f] [-i TTL ] [-v TOS ] [-r count ] [-s count ] [-w timeout ] [-R] [-S srcaddr ] [-p] [-4] [-6] target [/?].

#### 30-tracert:

- trace route
- displays all hops from root to destination
- helps in troubleshooting latency.

## 31-Address Resolution Protocol (arp):

- Used to match Ip address with Mac address.
- Switches used:-a(for cache),-v(for verbose mode),-s(adds static entry).
- Syntax: arp -[switches].

#### The basic protocol functionally divided into two parts:

- One part determines a physical address when sending a packet
- Other part answers requests from other machines.

#### 32) Netstat(network statistics):

- Displays all active connections along with connection result.(established or not) &protocol used(generally TCP).
- Also identifies malware(if any)

• **Netstat -an**: to get details of all open ports.

#### 33)ftp(file transfer protocol):

- Used for transferring files ,and insecure by default.
- **Syntax: open** <u>ftp.[domain].com</u> (to connect with any domain)
- To get or send file through ftp:
- get myfile.htm
- send myfile.htm

#### 34)ssh(secure shell):

- securely & remotely access the terminal.(encrypted comm..)
- ssh [user]@[address].
- SSH offers several options for user authentication and the most common ones are passwords and public key authentication.

#### 35)Net Commands:

#### **Functions**:

- to add user, groups.
- Start/stop services.
- Connect to other computers.
- Used to share files remotely.

#### 36) assoc (list file association)

- Syntax: assoc & enter.
- If used without parameters, assoc displays a list of all the current file name **extension associations**.
- This command is only supported within cmd.exe and is not available from PowerShell.

#### 37)cipher:

- Encodes deleted files.
- Helps in deleting data by overriding them with 0's and 1's.
- Syntax: cipher & enter.

## 38) driverquery:

- Lists all the drivers installed in the system.
- **Driverquery -v**: to get full details of all drivers installed.

## 39)color <alphabet>:

• Changes color of cmd: Example: color a.

40) **secure folder**: (secure folder prevents from deleteing, copying & moving.)

- To create secure folder: **md aux**\
- To delete secure folder: **rd aux**\

# Piping & Ampersand:

## Single pipe(|):

- takes standard output and pass it as input.
  - Links both commands.
  - •commandA | commandB Pipe the output from commandA into commandB

## Double Pipe(||):

• commandA | | commandB : Run commandA, if it fails then, run commandB.

#### Single Ampersand:

- Run commandA and then run commandB
- Doesn't check for errors

## Double Ampersand:

- If commandA succeeds ,then only run commandB
- Check for errors.

## Windows Redirection:

#### Single('>'):

- Redirect command output to a file
- If file exists, overwrite it.
- Else create new file & store output.
- Example : echo "hello word" > hello.doc

#### Double ('>>'):

- Redirect command output to a file
- Will not overwrite file, but append it.
- Example : echo "hello word" >> hello.doc

#### Single('<'):

- Type a text file and pass the text to command
- Provides input from file(existing file)
- **Example** : sort < hello.doc

# Command Loops:

- Run specific task ,a number of times.
- /f: for file input.
- /l: list of numbers

#### For Loop:

- Take a set of data
- Make a FOR Parameter %%G equal to some part of that data
- Perform a command (optionally using the parameter as part of the command).
- · Repeat for each item of data
- **Example**: for /L %G in(1,1,5) Do echo

## While loop:

- Evaluates if the condition is true, false .
- Achieved using if/else/label statements.