

# Computer Basics Workshop: Linux Command Prompt

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# Basic Linux Commands

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**yppasswd** -- to change passwd

**ls** -- to list files and directories

**cd** -- to change directory

**pico** -- To create or edit a file

**vim** -- Advance text editor

**chmod** -- change file access permissions

**pwd** -- shows the "present working directory"

**cp** -- copy the files/directories

**mv** -- move or rename the file/directory

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**rm** -- remove files/directory

**mkdir** -- make a new directory

**rmdir** -- deletes a (empty) directory

**date** -- show date and time

**cal** -- show calendar

**du** -- show file space usage

**logout** -- make you exit

**man** -- show the manual pages

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**tin** -- to check newsgroups

**telnet** -- to login into other computer/server

**ssh** -- secure login into other computer/server

**finger** -- look for information about users  
logged on server

**talk** -- talk to other user

**w** -- Show who is logged on and what they  
are doing

**write** -- write to other users

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**ftp** -- to transfer files from one computer to another

**cat** -- print the file(s) on standard output

**alias** -- alias a command

**locate** -- locate a file containing some expression

**grep** -- print lines matching a pattern

**df** -- show harddisk partitions

# Advance Basic Commands - tar

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**tar** -- compress/uncompress files/directories

- `tar -xvf file.tar` -- uncompress a file 'file.tar'
- `tar -xzvf file.tar.gz` -- uncompress a file 'file.tar.gz'
- `tar -xjvf file.tar.bz2` -- uncompress a file 'file.tar.bz2'
- `tar -cvf file.tar file` -- compress the file 'file' to 'file.tar'
- `tar -czvf file.tar.gz file` -- compress the file 'file' to file.tar.gz
- `tar -cjvf file.tar.bz2 file` -- compress the file 'file' to file.tar.bz2

# Some more fundaes

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How to use **export** to open graphical applications from other computer?

Use **<TAB>** for the command completion

use reverse search "**Ctrl+r**"

**!!** -- get previous commands