BASIC LINUX COMMANDS:

date - command is used to display the system date and time

cal - command displays the current month's formatted calendar on our terminal screen

```
    (kali® kali)-[~]

    $ cal

    February 2023

    Su Mo Tu We Th 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
```

cd - command is also called chdir (Change Directory). We used this command to change or switch the current working directory.

```
(kali@ kali)-[~]
$ cd Desktop

(kali@ kali)-[~/Desktop]
$ ls

Files firebox keyboard.png key.png
```

cp - command is used to **copy** files or a group of files or directories that create an exact image of a file on a disk with a different file name.

```
(kali* kali)-[~]
$ cd Desktop

(kali* kali)-[~/Desktop]
$ ls

Files firebox keyboard.png key.png

(kali* kali)-[~/Desktop]
$ cp key.png files
```

whoami - command is used to print the effective **user ID** whereas the **who** command prints information regarding users who are presently logged in

```
Best Chromebook for Kali Linux

(kali® kali)-[~]

$ who ami

kali st Virtual Machines for Kali Linux

(kali® kali)-[~]

$ who ux USB Sticks

kali st Offict ty7 les for Kali 2023-02-28 12:04 (:0)
```

ls - command lists the directory contents of files and directories

ls -al

```
–(kali⊕kali)-[~]
total 200
drwxr-xr-x 21 kali kali 4096 Feb 28 12:21 .
drwxr-xr-x 3 root root 4096 Dec 19 2021 ...
-rw-r--r-- 1 kali kali
                        1 Dec 19 2021 .bash_history
-rw-r--r-- 1 kali kali 220 Dec 19 2021 .bash_logout
-rw-r--r-- 1 kali kali 5349 Nov 24 08:35 .bashrc
-rw-r--r-- 1 kali kali 3526 Dec 19 2021 .bashrc.original
                      4096 Feb 27 06:13 .BurpSuite
           6 kali kali
drwxr-xr-x 9 kali kali 4096 Jan 21 2022 .cache
drwxr-xr-x 14 kali kali 4096 Feb 22 03:51 .config
drwxr-xr-x 2 kali kali 4096 Jan 4 09:45 Desktop
-rw-r--r-- 1 kali kali
                        55 Dec 19 2021 .dmrc
drwxr-xr-x 3 kali kali 4096 Jan 16 13:02 Documents
drwxr-xr-x 2 kali kali 4096 Feb 26 08:34 Downloads
-rw-r--r-- 1 kali kali 11759 Dec 19
                                   2021 .face
           1 kali kali
                          5 Dec 19
                                    2021 .face.icon → .face
lrwxrwxrwx
           3 kali kali 4096 Dec 19
                                   2021 .gnupg
          1 kali kali
                         33 Feb 28 00:11 hash1.txt
-rw-r--r--
     —— 1 kali kali
                         0 Dec 19 2021 .ICEauthority
```

cat - (concatenate) command is used to permitting us to create single or many files, concatenate files and redirect, view contain of file output in terminal or files

```
(kali@kali)-[~]
$ echo "Welcome to JavaTpoint" > file.text

(kali@kali)-[~]
$ cat file.text
Welcome to JavaTpoint
```

rm - command is used to delete files

```
(kali@ kali)-[~]
$ cd Desktop

(kali@ kali)-[~/Desktop]
$ cd Files

(kali@ kali)-[~/Desktop/Files]
image1.png java.png pics.png picture.png pp.png screen.png

(kali@ kali)-[~/Desktop/Files]
$ rm pics.png

(kali@ kali)-[~/Desktop/Files]
$ image1.png java.png picture.png pp.png screen.png
```

mkdir - command used to create the directory

mv - command, we can move files and directories on our file system.

uname - command displays the current system's information. We can view system information about our Linux environment with the uname command in Linux. With the uname -a command, we can learn more about our system, including Kernel Name, Node Name, Kernel Release, Kernel Version, Hardware Platform, Processor, and Operating System.

```
(kali@ kali)-[~]
$ uname
Linux

(kali@ kali)-[~]
$ uname -a
Linux kali 5.10.0-kali7-686-pae #1 SMP Debian 5.10.28-1kali1 (2021-04-12) i686 GNU/Linux

(kali@ kali)-[~]
$ users
kali
```

uptime - command displays the amount of time the system has been running.

users - command is used to display the **login names** of users logged in on the system.

```
(kali@kali)-[~]
$ users
kaliCal Command
```

less - command is used to view files instead of opening the file. The less command is a more powerful variant of the "more" command which is used to show information one page at a time to the terminal. Ex: # less /etc/passwd

```
File Actions Edit View Help
root:x:0:0:root:/root:/usr/bin/zsh
 laemon:x:1:1:daemon:/usr/sbin:/usr/sbin/nologin
bin:x:2:2:bin:/bin:/usr/sbin/nologin
sys:x:3:3:sys:/dev:/usr/sbin/nologin
sync:x:4:65534:sync:/bin:/bin/sync
games:x:5:60:games:/usr/games:/usr/sbin/nologin
man:x:6:12:man:/var/cache/man:/usr/sbin/nologin
 lp:x:7:7:lp:/var/spool/lpd:/usr/sbin/nologin
 mail:x:8:8:mail:/var/mail:/usr/sbin/nologin
 news:x:9:9:news:/var/spool/news:/usr/sbin/nologin
 ucp:x:10:10:uucp:/var/spool/uucp:/usr/sbin/nologin
proxy:x:13:13:proxy:/bin:/usr/sbin/nologin
 www-data:x:33:3xww-data:/var/www:/usr/sbin/nologin
backup:x:34:34:backup:/var/backups:/usr/sbin/nologin
 list:x:38:38:Mailing List Manager:/var/list:/usr/sbin/nologin
irc:x:39:39:ircd:/run/ircd:/usr/sbin/nologin
gnats:x:41:41:Gnats Bug-Reporting System (admin):/var/lib/gnats:/usr/sbin/nologin
nobody:x:65534:65534:nobody:/nonexistent:/usr/sbin/nologin
 _apt:x:100:65534::/nonexistent:/usr/sbin/nologin
apt:x:100-05534::/nonexistent:/Usr/sbin/nologin
systemd-timesync:x:101:101:systemd Time Synchronization,,,:/run/systemd:/usr/sbin/nologin
systemd-network:x:102:103:systemd Network Management,,,:/run/systemd:/usr/sbin/nologin
systemd-resolve:x:103:104:systemd Resolver,,,:/run/systemd:/usr/sbin/nologin
mysql:x:104:110:MySQL Server,,,:/nonexistent:/bin/false
tss:x:105:111:TPM software stack,,,:/var/lib/tpm:/bin/false
strongswan:x:106:65534::/var/lib/strongswan:/usr/sbin/nologin
ntp:x:107:112::/nonexistent:/usr/sbin/nologin
ntp:x:107:112::/nonexistent:/usr/sbin/nologin
messagebus:x:108:113::/nonexistent:/usr/sbin/nologin
 redsocks:x:109:114::/var/run/redsocks:/usr/sbin/nologin
rwhod:x:110:65534::/var/spool/rwho:/usr/sbin/nologin
 iodine:x:111:65534::/run/iodine:/usr/sbin/nologin
```

free - command provides us the useful information about the amount of RAM available on a Linux machine. It also displays the entire amount of physical memory used and available space, as well as swap memory with kernel buffers.

```
—(kali⊛kali)-[~]
 -$ free
              total
                                                shared buff/cache
                                                                    available
                          used
                                      free
Mem:
            2021572
                        1285836
                                    103292
                                                114424
                                                        632444
                                                                       465996
Swap:
             998396
                        192320
                                    806076
```

more - command permits us to show output in the terminal one page at a time. This is particularly beneficial when using a command that requires a lot of scrolling

```
s more /etc/passwd
root:x:0:0:root:/root:/usr/bin/zsh
daemon:x:1:1:daemon:/usr/sbin:/usr/sbin/nologin
bin:x:2:2:bin:/bin:/usr/sbin/nologin
sys:x:3:3:sys:/dev:/usr/sbin/nologin
sync:x:4:65534:sync:/bin:/bin/sync
games:x:5:60:games:/usr/games:/usr/sbin/nologin
man:x:6:12:man:/var/cache/man:/usr/sbin/nologin
lp:x:7:7:lp:/var/spool/lpd:/usr/sbin/nologin
mail:x:8:8:mail:/var/mail:/usr/sbin/nologin
news:x:9:9:news:/var/spool/news:/usr/sbin/nologin
uucp:x:10:10:uucp:/var/spool/uucp:/usr/sbin/nologin
proxy:x:13:13:proxy:/bin:/usr/sbin/nologin
www-data:x:33:33:www-data:/var/www:/usr/sbin/nologin
backup:x:34:34:backup:/var/backups:/usr/sbin/nologin
list:x:38:38:Mailing List Manager:/var/list:/usr/sbin/nologin
irc:x:39:39:ircd:/run/ircd:/usr/sbin/nologin
gnats:x:41:41:Gnats Bug-Reporting System (admin):/var/lib/gnats:/usr/sbin/nologin
nobody:x:65534:65534:nobody:/nonexistent:/usr/sbin/nologin
_apt:x:100:65534::/nonexistent:/usr/sbin/nologin
systemd-timesync:x:101:101:systemd Time Synchronization,,,:/run/systemd:/usr/sbin/nologinsystemd-network:x:102:103:systemd Network Management,,,:/run/systemd:/usr/sbin/nologinsystemd-resolve:x:103:104:systemd Resolver,,,:/run/systemd:/usr/sbin/nologin
mysql:x:104:110:MySQL Server,,,:/nonexistent:/bin/false
tss:x:105:111:TPM software stack,,,:/var/lib/tpm:/bin/false
strongswan:x:106:65534::/var/lib/strongswan:/usr/sbin/nologin
ntp:x:107:112::/nonexistent:/usr/sbin/nologin
messagebus:x:108:113::/nonexistent:/usr/sbin/nologin
redsocks:x:109:114::/var/run/redsocks:/usr/sbin/nologin
rwhod:x:110:65534::/var/spool/rwho:/usr/sbin/nologin
```

sort -command, we can sort the content of the text file, line by line

```
—(kali⊕kali)-[~]
—$ sort <u>file.text</u>
Java
JavaTpoint
Kali Linux
Kali Linux Operating System
Linux
Welcome to JavaTpoint
 —(kali⊕kali)-[~]
—$ sort -r <u>file.text</u>
Welcome to JavaTpoint
Linux
Kali Linux Operating System
Kali Linux
JavaTpoint
Java
```

history - command print the current user's bash history

```
(kali⊗kali)-[~]
2 nmap
3 sudo nmap -sS 192.168.190.128
 4 nmap -sT 192.168.190.128
 5 sudo nmap -sS 192.168.190.128
6 telnet 192.168.190.128
   whoami
8 ipconfig
9 ifconfig
10 nslookup www.git.edu
11 nmap 103.21.58.165
12 nmap 192.168.190.2
13 ping 103.21.58.165
14 clear
15 netstat 103.21.58.165
16 sudo su
17 ping www.gogle.com
18 netstat www.google.com
19 traceroute www.google.com
20 traceroute -n google.com
21 traceroute -n mindmajix.com
22 sudo su
23 kali-undercover
24 kali-undercover
```

pwd – command is used to print working directory.

```
(kali@kali)-[~]
$ pwdd command is also called chdir (Change Directory)
/home/kali
```

man -It displays the user manual for all commands in Kali Linux. It includes Bash command and detailed synopsis with a short description.

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```

echo – This command displays any text as arguments. It is used for debugging shell programs.

```
[kali⊗ kali) - [~/Desktop]
$ echo -e "Welcome \nto \nKali"
Welcome
to
Kali

[kali⊗ kali) - [~/Desktop]

$ ■
```

wget - This command downloads applications and web pages directly from the web.

tree -This command shows the list of contents from a director in the tree fashion

```
[kali⊗kali)-[-/Desktop/test1]

tree

text123.txt
text345.txt

directories, 2 files

[kali⊗kali]-[-/Desktop/test1]
```

grep - This command searches files and prints lines that match patterns.

```
[kali@kali]-[-/Desktop/test1]

scat text123.txt

It is good for the heart and lungs and people run in the fresh air. Running outside rather than inside is good for you too because of the fresh air. Running also relieves tension, by running, people can think about their problems without having to worry about anyone hearing them. It is good for the heart and lungs and people run in the fresh air. Running outside rather than inside is good for you too because of the fresh air. Running also relieves tension, by running, people can think about their problems without having to worry about anyone hearing them.

[kali@kali]-[-/Desktop/test1]

s grep : running text123.txt

It is good for the heart and lungs and people run in the fresh air. Running outside rather than inside is good for you too because of the fresh air. Running also relieves tension, by running, people can think about their problems without having to worry about anyone hearing them. It is good for the heart and lungs and people run in the fresh air. Running outside rather than inside is good for you too because of the fresh air. Running also relieves tension, by running, people can think about their problems without having to worry about anyone hearing them.

[kali@kali]-[-/Desktop/test1]
```

wc - wc stands for word count. It shows the number of lines, words, characters, and bytes.

unzip - Command used to extract the files from zip file

```
(kali@ kali)-[~/zphisher]
$ unzip test.zip
```

du - The du command is used to display the amount of disk space used by files and directories.

```
-(kali⊛kali)-[~/zphisher]
[sudo] password for kali:
<mark>(root⊕ kali</mark>)-[/home/kali/zphisher]

du
12
        ./auth
        ./.sites/badoo
44
24
        ./.sites/yandex
    ./.sites/facebook
868
744
        ./.sites/google_new
248
        ./.sites/yahoo
88
        ./.sites/deviantart
        ./.sites/fb_advanced
24
728
        ./.sites/origin
64
        ./.sites/vk
100
        ./.sites/linkedin
        ./.sites/tiktok
212
792
        ./.sites/pinterest
512
        ./.sites/ig_verify
        ./.sites/fb_security
28
        ./.sites/gitlab
72
132
        ./.sites/spotify
        ./.sites/snapchat
40
```

adduser -

Adduser command is used to add a new user. You can create multiple users by using adduser command.

passwd - command To change password

```
root@kali:~#passwd
New password:
Retype new password:
passwd: password updated successfully
root@kali:~#
```

macchanger - macchanger changes your mac address, essentially changing your identity. It helps with protecting your anonymity on the internet, making your IP untraceable.

```
i)-[/home/kali/zphisher]
GNU MAC Changer
Usage: macchanger [options] device
 -h, --help
                              Print this help
 -V, --version
                             Print version and exit
 -s, --show
                             Print the MAC address and exit
 -e, --ending
                              Don't change the vendor bytes
 -a, --another
                              Set random vendor MAC of the same kind
                              Set random vendor MAC of any kind
 -A
 -p, --permanent
                              Reset to original, permanent hardware MAC
     --random
                              Set fully random MAC
     --list[=keyword]
                             Print known vendors
 -b, --bia
                              Pretend to be a burned-in-address
 -m, --mac=XX:XX:XX:XX:XX
      --mac XX:XX:XX:XX:XX Set the MAC XX:XX:XX:XX:XX
Report bugs to https://github.com/alobbs/macchanger/issues
```

ifconfig - ifconfig <=> interface configuration. Used to detect the IP address

grep [options] pattern [files]

command used to search the pattern

```
(kali⊕ kali)-[~]
$ grep -i "syst" new.txt
systemd-network:*:18981:0:99999:7:::
systemd-resolve:*:18981:0:99999:7:::
systemd-timesync:*:18981:0:99999:7:::
systemd-coredump:!*:18981:::::
```

ping – command used to troubleshoot devices present in the network

nslookup - command used to find the IP of url

```
(kali@ kali)-[~]
$ nslookup www.git.edu
Server: 192.168.190.2
Address: 192.168.190.2#53

Non-authoritative answer:
Name: www.git.edu
Address: 103.21.58.165
Name: www.git.edu
Address: 64:ff9b::6715:3aa5
```

durb – command used to find the directories of the target

traceroute -It provides the names and identifies every device on the path.

- 1. It follows the route to the destination
- 2. It determines where the network latency comes from and reports it.

ip – This command gives the details of all networks like ifconfig. This command can also be used to get the details of a specific interface.

tracepath - Linux tracepath is similar to traceroute command. It is used to detect network delays. However, it doesn't require root privileges.

Syntax: tracepath mindmajix.com

netstat - Linux netstat command refers to the network statistics.

It provides statistical figures about different interfaces which include open sockets, routing tables, and connection information.

```
Active Internet connections (w/o servers)
Proto Recv-Q Send-Q Local Address Foreign Address State
udp 0 0 192.168.190.132:bootpc 192.168.190.254:bootps ESTABLISHED
udp 0 192.108.199.132:000.pc
Active UNIX domain sockets (w/o servers)
Proto RefCnt Flags Type State
unix 3 [] DGRAM
unix 2 [] DGRAM
                                                                                                                           raun/systemd/notify
/run/systemd/journal/syslog
/run/systemd/journal/dev-log
/run/systemd/journal/socket
/run/user/1000/systemd/notify
                                                                                                          14014
unix 12
unix 7
unix 2
                                                    DGRAM
                                                                                                          14035
                                                    DGRAM
DGRAM
                                                                                                          19500
unix
unix
                                                    STREAM
STREAM
                                                                           CONNECTED
                                                                                                          19742
                                                                                                                             /run/user/1000/bus
                                                                                                                            @/tmp/.ICE-unix/878
                                                    STREAM
                                                                            CONNECTED
```

This displays the programs associated with the open socket.

```
PID/Program name
                                                                                                /run/systemd/notify
                                                                                                /run/systemd/hottry
/run/systemd/journal/syslog
/run/systemd/journal/dev-log
/run/systemd/journal/socket
                              DGRAM
                              DGRAM
                                                            14037
                                                            19500
19742
                                                                      847/systemd
871/dbus-daemon
                                                                                               /run/user/1000/systemd/notify
/run/user/1000/bus
                              DGRAM
                              STREAM
                                           CONNECTED
unix
                              STREAM
                                           CONNECTED CONNECTED
                                                            19966
                                                                      1174/gvfs-udisks2-v
878/xfce4-session @/tmp/.ICE-unix/878
```

This gives detailed statistics of all the ports.

```
(kali⊕kali)-[~]
Ip:
    Forwarding: 2
    1487 total packets received
    2 with invalid addresses
    0 forwarded
    0 incoming packets discarded
    1485 incoming packets delivered
    1034 requests sent out
   1 outgoing packets dropped
40 dropped because of missing route
    1443 ICMP messages received
    102 input ICMP message failed
    ICMP input histogram:
       destination unreachable: 1440
        timeout in transit: 3
    0 ICMP messages sent
    0 ICMP messages failed
    ICMP output histogram:
IcmpMsg:
        InType3: 1440
        InType11: 3
```

information related to the routing table.

```
      (kali⊕ kali)-[~]

      $ netstat -r

      Kernel IP routing table

      Destination Gateway Genmask default 192.168.190.2 0.0.0.0 UG 0 0 0 eth0

      192.168.190.0 0.0.0.0 255.255.255.0 U 0 0 0 eth0
```

ss -

This command gives information about all TCP, UDP, and UNIX socket connections.

You can use -t, -u, -x in the command respectively to show TCP/UDP or UNIX sockets. You can combine each of these with "a" to show the connected and listening sockets.

Syntax:

ss -ta

ss -ua

ss -xa

If you want to see only the listening sockets of TCP/UDP or UNIX sockets, combine it with "l"

Syntax:

ss -lt

ss -lu

ss -lx

To get a list of all the established sockets of TCP for IPV4,

Command:

\$ ss -t4 state established

· To get a list of all closed TCP sockets,

Command:

\$ ss -t4 state closed

• To get a list of all connected ports for a specific IP address:

dig -Linux dig command stands for Domain Information Groper. This command is used in DNS lookup to query the DNS name server. It is also used to troubleshoot DNS related issues.

It is mainly used to verify DNS mappings, MX Records, host addresses, and all other DNS records for a better understanding of the DNS topography.

Command:

\$ dig google.com MX

• To get all types of records at once, use the keyword ANY ass below:

Command:

\$ dig google.com ANY

route-

Linux route command displays and manipulates the routing table existing for your system. A router is basically used to find the best way to send the packets across to a destination

```
-(kali⊕kali)-[~]
Kernel IP routing table
                                            Flags Metric Ref
Destination Gateway
                             Genmask
                                                               Use Iface
default
             192.168.190.2
                             0.0.0.0
                                            UG
                                                  100
                                                        0
                                                                 0 eth0
192.168.190.0 0.0.0.0
                             255.255.255.0 U
                                                  100
                                                        0
                                                                 0 eth0
```

host -

Linux host command displays the domain name for a given IP address and IP address for a given hostname. It is also used to fetch DNS lookup for DNS related query.

arp-

Linux arp command stands for Address Resolution Protocol. It is used to view and add content to the kernel's ARP table.

```
      (kali⊕ kali)-[~]

      $ arp

      Address
      HWtype
      HWaddress
      Flags Mask
      Iface

      192.168.190.254
      ether
      00:50:56:f2:4b:b9
      C
      eth0

      192.168.190.2
      ether
      00:50:56:e7:16:1f
      C
      eth0
```

iwconfig -

Linux iwconfig is used to configure the wireless network interface. It is used to set and view the basic WI-FI details like SSID and encryption. To know more about this command, refer to the man page.

```
(kali⊗ kali)-[~]
$ iwconfig
lo no wireless extensions.

eth0 no wireless extensions.
```

hostname-

Linux hostname is the simple command used to view and set the hostname of a system.

```
<mark>__(kali⊛kali</mark>)-[~]
$ hostname
kali
```

curl or wget -

Linux curl and wget commands are used in downloading files from the internet through CLI. The curl command has to be used with the option "O" to fetch the file, while the wget command is used directly.

```
-$ wget google.com/doodles/new-years-day-2012
--2023-03-01 13:02:40-- http://google.com/doodles/new-years-day-2012
Resolving google.com (google.com)... 142.250.196.46, 2404:6800:4007:82c::200e
Connecting to google.com (google.com)|142.250.196.46|:80... connected.
HTTP request sent, awaiting response... 301 Moved Permanently
Location: https://www.google.com/doodles/new-years-day-2012 [following]
--2023-03-01 13:02:41-- https://www.google.com/doodles/new-years-day-2012
Resolving www.google.com (www.google.com)... 142.250.193.132, 2404:6800:4009:82a::2004
Connecting to www.google.com (www.google.com)|142.250.193.132|:443... connected.
HTTP request sent, awaiting response... 200 OK
Length: 1690450 (1.6M) [text/html]
Saving to: 'new-years-day-2012'
new-years-day-2012
                        100%[========] 1.61M
                                                                     374KB/s
                                                                                 in 4.4s
2023-03-01 13:02:47 (374 KB/s) - 'new-years-day-2012' saved [1690450/1690450]
```

whois - Linux whois command is used to fetch all the information related to a website. You can get all the information about a website including the registration and the owner information.

```
(kali⊛ kali)-[~]

—$ whois mindmajix.com
  Domain Name: MINDMAJIX.COM
  Registry Domain ID: 1805819997_DOMAIN_COM-VRSN
  Registrar WHOIS Server: whois.godaddy.com
  Registrar URL: http://www.godaddy.com
  Updated Date: 2022-09-14T09:10:43Z
  Creation Date: 2013-06-03T08:24:58Z
  Registry Expiry Date: 2024-06-03T08:24:58Z
  Registrar: GoDaddy.com, LLC
  Registrar IANA ID: 146
  Registrar Abuse Contact Email: abuse@godaddy.com
Registrar Abuse Contact Phone: 480-624-2505
  Domain Status: clientDeleteProhibited https://icann.org/epp#clientDeleteProhibited
  Domain Status: clientRenewProhibited https://icann.org/epp#clientRenewProhibited
  Domain Status: clientTransferProhibited https://icann.org/epp#clientTransferProhibited
  Domain Status: clientUpdateProhibited https://icann.org/epp#clientUpdateProhibited
  Name Server: NS-1419.AWSDNS-49.ORG
  Name Server: NS-1574.AWSDNS-04.CO.UK
  Name Server: NS-285.AWSDNS-35.COM
  Name Server: NS-654.AWSDNS-17.NET
  DNSSEC: unsigned
  URL of the ICANN Whois Inaccuracy Complaint Form: https://www.icann.org/wicf/
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