

Using command line to get help

In this section we will learn how to use `help` command to get help in command line

- If you are new to using `linux` or `bash shell` or if you are not sure which command does what, there are few commands in bash that can help get started.
- Lets take a look of those

First command is `whatis`, this command will displays a one line description of a command does.

Syntax: `whatis <command>`

```
$ whatis date
```

Most of the commands internal or external come bundled with `man pages` which provides information about the command in detail (with examples, usecases and with command options)

Syntax: `man <command>`

```
$ man date
```

Several commands will provide `-h` or `--help` to provide users with the options and usecases available in a command

```
$ date -h
$ date --help
```

To search through the man page names and descriptions for instances of the keyword use `apropos`. This is useful if you want to look for all commands within the system that contains the specific keyword.

Syntax: `apropos <keyword>`

```
$ apropos modpr
```