

## \* Sudo

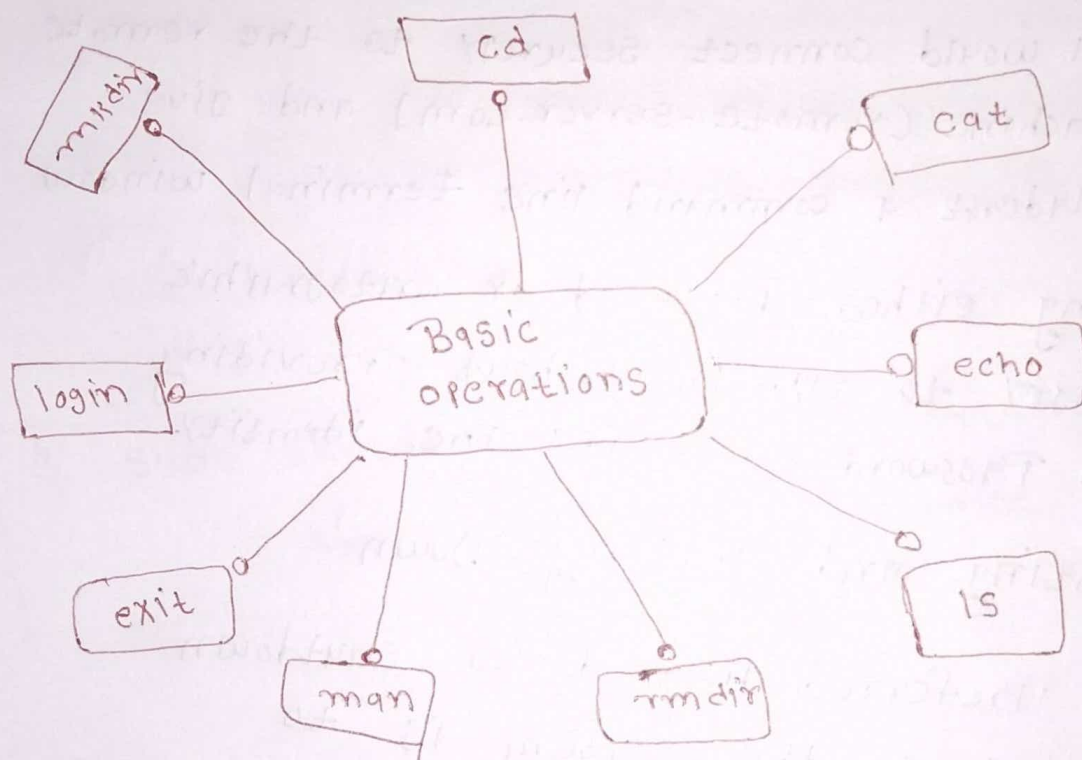
- All the demonstrations created have a user configured with sudo capabilities to provide the user with administrative privileges when required.
- Sudo allows user to run Programs using the Security Privileges of another user, generally root (superuser).

## \* Turning off the Graphical Desktop

- Linux distributions can start and stop the graphical desktop in various ways.
- The exact method differs among distributions and between versions.
- For the newer system-based distributions the display manager is run as a service and you can stop GUI desktop with the systemctl utility.
- In addition most distribution will work with the telinit command as in
  - \$ sudo systemctl stop gdm (or sudo telinit 3)
  - and restart it (after login into console)
  - \$ sudo systemctl start gdm (or sudo telinit 5)

## \* Basic operations

- The section include how to login and log out from the system.
- Restart or shut down the system.
- Locate applications, access directories, identify absolute and relative paths and explore the file system.



## \* logging in and out

- An available text terminal will prompt for a username (with the string login) and Password.
- when typing your Password nothing is displayed on the terminal (not even \* this).

→ After you have logged into the system, you can perform basic operation.

→ once your session is started, you can also connect and log into remote systems by using Secure Shell (SSH)

For example by typing ssh

student@remote-server.com

→ SSH would connect securely to the remote machine (remote-server.com) and give student a command line terminal window

→ using either password or cryptographic key to sign in without providing a password to verify the identity.

### \* Rebooting and shutting Down

→ The preferred method to shutdown or reboot the system is to use shutdown command.

→ This sends warning message and then prevent further user from logging in.

→ The **init** process will then control shutting down or rebooting the system.



→ The halt and Poweroff commands issue shutdown -h to halt the system

→ reboot issue shutdown -r and cause the machine to reboot instead of just shutting down.

→ Both rebooting and shutting down from the command line require super user (root) access.

→ when administering a multi user system, you have the option of notifying all user Prior to shutdown.

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$ sudo shutdown -h 10:00 "shutting down  
for scheduled maintenance."
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## \* Locating Applications

→ Depending on the specifics of your particular distribution's Policy, Program and software Packages can be installed in various directories.

→ In general, executable programs and scripts should live in the `/bin`, `/bin/user`, `/sbin`, `/usr/sbin` directories or somewhere under `/opt`.

→ They can also appear in `/usr/local/sbin` and `/usr/local/bin` or in directory in user's account space such as `/home/student/bin`.

→ on the way to locate Programs is to employ the `which` utility.  
For example to find out exactly where `diff` program resides on the file system.

\$ `which diff`

→ `user /usr/bin/diff`

NOTE :- If `which` does not find the program `whereis` is good alternative because it looks for Packages in broader range of directories.

\$ whereis diff

→ diff: /usr/bin/diff

/usr/share/man/man1/diff.1.gz

/usr/share/man/man1p/diff.1p.gz

→ whereis command will locate man files  
Packaged with the Program.

## \* Accessing Directories

→ when you first log into a system or open a terminal

→ The default directory should be your home directories.

→ you can see the exact location by typing

echo \$HOME.

→ However most Linux distributions open new graphical terminals \$HOME/Desktop instead.

Command	Result
pwd	Display present working directory
cd ~ or cd	change to your home directory shortcut name is ~
cd..	change to parent directory (..)
cd-	change to previous working directory