**Sourcing file**:

* Sourcing a file means executing a file and making changes of the file applicable in the current shell itself.
* When a command/script is executed by the user, new subshell is created for initiated command/script instead running command in same shell.
* If command/script make any changes to the current shell, it will not happen.
* To make changes applicable in current shell also, file is sourced.
* To source file in bash shell,

Command: source <file name>

Example: source ~/.bash\_profile

* To source file in korn shell(ksh),

Command: **.** <File name>

Example: **.** ~/.bash\_profile