1. Tar command examples

Create a new tar archive.

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Extract from an existing tar archive.

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View an existing tar archive.

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2. grep command examples

Search for a given string in a file (case in-sensitive search).

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Print the matched line, along with the 3 lines after it.

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Search for a given string in all files recursively.

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3. Find command examples

Find files using file-name (case in-sensitive find)





Execute commands on files found by the find command

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Find all empty files in home directory.

4. ssh command examples

Login to remote host

Debug ssh client

Display ssh client version

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5. sed command examples

When you copy a DOS file to Unix, you could find \r\n in the end of each line. This example converts the DOS file format to Unix file format using sed command.

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Print file content in reverse order

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Add line number for all non-empty-lines in a file





6. awk command examples

Remove duplicate lines using awk

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Print all lines from /etc/passwd that has the same uid and gid

\$

Print only specific field from a file.

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7. vim command examples

Go to the 13th line of file

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Go to the first match of the specified

\$

Open the file in read only mode.

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8. diff command examples

Ignore white space while comparing.





9. sort command examples

Sort a file in ascending order

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Sort a file in descending order.

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10. export command examples

To view oracle related environment variables.

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To export an environment variable:

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11. xargs command examples

Copy all images to external hard-drive

#

Search all jpg images in the system and archive it.

#





Download all the URLs mentioned in the url-list.txt file

#

12. ls command examples

Display file size in human readable format (e.g. KB, MB etc.,)

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Order Files Based on Last Modified Time (In Reverse Order)

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Visual Classification of Files with Special Characters Using ls -F

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13. pwd command

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14. cd command examples

Use "cd -" to toggle between the last two directories, Use "shopt -s cdspell" to automatically correct mistyped directory names on cd

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15. gzip command examples





To create a *.gz compressed file: \$ To uncompress a *.gz file: \$ Display compression ratio of the compressed file using gzip -l \$ 16. bzip2 command examples To create a *.bz2 compressed file: \$ To uncompress a *.bz2 file: 17. unzip command examples To extract a *.zip compressed file: \$ View the contents of *.zip file (Without unzipping it):

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18. shutdown command examples

Shutdown the system and turn the power off immediately.





Shutdown the system after 10 minutes.

#

Reboot the system using shutdown command.

#

Force the filesystem check during reboot.

#

19. ftp command examples

Both ftp and secure ftp (sftp) has similar commands. To connect to a remote server and download multiple files, do the following.

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To view the file names located on the remote server before downloading, mls ftp command as shown below.

20. crontab command examples

View crontab entry for a specific user

#

Schedule a cron job every 10 minutes.





21. service command examples

Service command is used to run the system V init scripts. i.e Instead of calling the scripts located in the /etc/init.d/ directory with their full path, you can use the service command.

Check the status of a service:

#

Check the status of all the services.

#

Restart a service.

#

22. ps command examples

To view current running processes.

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To view current running processes in a tree structure.

\$

23. free command examples

This command is used to display the free, used, swap memory available in the system.





If you want to quickly check how many GB of RAM your system is used.

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If you want to see a total memory (including the swap)

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24. top command examples

top command displays the top processes in the system

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To displays only the processes that belong to a particular root user.

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25. df command examples

Displays the file system disk space usage.

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display output in human readable form. i.e size should be displayed in GB's.

#

display what type of file system.

#





26. kill command examples

Use kill command to terminate a process.

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27. rm command examples

Get confirmation before removing the file.

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It is very useful while giving shell metacharacters in the file name argument.

Print the filename and get confirmation before removing the file.

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28. cp command examples

Copy file1 to file2 preserving the mode, ownership and timestamp.

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Copy file1 to file2. if file2 exists prompt for confirmation before overwriting it.

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29. mv command examples

Rename file1 to file2. if file2 exists prompt for confirmation before overwriting it.





print what is happening during file rename, which is useful while specifying shell metacharacters in the file name argument.

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30. cat command examples

You can view multiple files at the same time. Following example prints the content of file1 followed by file2 to stdout.

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While displaying the file, following cat command with which parameter command will prepend the line number to each line of the output.

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31. mount command examples

To mount a file system, you should first create a directory and mount it.

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You can also add this to the fstab for automatic mounting. i.e Anytime system is restarted, the filesystem will be mounted.

#

32. chmod command examples

chmod command is used to change the permissions for a file or directory.

Give full access to user and group (i.e read, write and execute) on a specific file.





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Revoke all access for the group (i.e read, write and execute) on a specific file.

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Apply the file permissions recursively to all the files in the sub-directories.

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33. chown command examples

chown command is used to change the owner and group of a file.

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34. passwd command examples

Change your password from command line.

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Remove password for a specific user..

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35. mkdir command examples

creates a directory in your system.





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Create nested directories using one mkdir command. If any of these directories exist already, it will not display any error. If any of these directories doesn't exist, it will create them.

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36. if config command examples

Use if config command to view or configure a network interface on the Linux system.

View all the interfaces along with status.

\$

Start or stop a specific interface.

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37. uname command examples

Uname command displays important information about the system such as - Kernel name, Host name, Kernel release number, Processor type, etc.,

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38. whereis command examples

When you want to find out where a specific Unix command exists (for example, where does ls command exists?), you can execute the following command.





39. whatis command examples

Whatis command displays a single line description about a command.

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40. locate command examples

Using locate command you can quickly search for the location of a specific file (or group of files). Locate command uses the database created by updatedb.

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41. man command examples

Display the man page of a specific command.

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When a man page for a command is located under more than one section, you can view the man page for that command from a specific section.

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42. tail command examples

Print the last 10 lines of a file by default.

\$

Print N number of lines from the file named filename.txt





View the content of the file in real time using tail. This is useful to view the log files, that keeps growing.

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43. less command examples

less is very efficient while viewing huge log files, as it doesn't need to load the full file while opening.

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44. su command examples

Switch to a different user account using su command. Super user can switch to any other user without entering their password.

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Login to a specified user account, and execute the specified shell instead of the default shell.

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45. MySQL command examples

MySQL is probably the most widely used open-source database on Linux. Even if you don't run a MySQL database on your server, you might end-up use the MySQL command (client) to connect to a MySQL database running on the remote server.

To connect to a remote MySQL database.

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To connect to a local MySQL database.





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If you want to specify the MySQL root password in the command line itself, enter it immediately after -p (without any space).

46. yum command examples

To install apache using yum.

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To upgrade apache using yum.

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To uninstall/remove apache using yum.

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47. rpm command examples

To install apache using rpm.

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To upgrade apache using rpm.

#

To uninstall/remove apache using rpm.





48. ping command examples

Ping a remote host by sending only 5 packets.

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49. date command examples

Set the system date:

#

50. wget command examples

The quick and effective method to download software, music, video from internet is using wget command.

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Download and store it with a different name.

