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# **Debian Linux: Basics**

# **Presentation**

**Objectives**: Master Debian Linux basics.

Who can benefit: Anyone.

**Prerequisites**: Knowledge of another operating system.

Learning technique: Clear, theoretical course content divided into lessons and extensive LABS available on-line 24/24 7/7.

Student Progression: Student progression is monitored both in terms of effective course duration and in terms of student comprehension using self-

assessment tests.

# **Cursus**

- File Hierarchy System
  - Directory Contents
  - Directory Structure
  - File Types
  - The mount command
    - Command Line Switches
  - The /etc/fstab file
    - Understanding the /etc/fstab file
      - Mountpoint Options
  - The umount command
    - Command Line Switches
  - Unix File Systems
    - Superblock
    - Inodes
    - Data Blocks
    - Hard (Physical) Links

- Soft (Symbolic) Links
- **Commands**: mount, umount.

#### The VIsual Editor

- Presentation
- Creating, Opening and Closing files with VI
  - Commands
  - LAB #1 Creating a new file with VI
  - LAB #2 Opening a file in read-only mode using view
  - LAB #3 Opening a file in read-write mode using VI
- The set Command
  - Commands
  - LAB #4 Turning on line numbering using set
- Moving around within the file
  - Commands
- Inserting Text
  - Commands
  - LAB #5 Inserting text
- Searching for Text
  - Commands
  - LAB #6 Searching for and replacing text
- Deleting Text
  - Commands
  - LAB #7 Deleting lines
- Copy, Cut and Paste
  - Commands
  - LAB #8 Copying, Cutting and pasting text
- Configuring a Personalised Interface
- Commands: view, vi

## Help and Documentation

- Help on external commands
- Help on built-in commands
- The man command
- The apropos command

- The mandb and whatis commands
- The info command
  - Command Line Switches
- o Commands: help, man, info, apropos, mandb, whatis.

## Basic Shell Commands and Text Manipulation Tools

- Use of Basic Shell Commands
  - The stty Command
  - The date command
  - The who Command
  - The df Command
  - The free Command
  - The whoami Command
  - The pwd Command
  - The cd Command
  - The Is Command
  - The Isof Command
  - The touch Command
  - The echo Command
  - The cp Command
  - The file Command
  - The cat Command
  - The mv Command
  - The mkdir Command
  - The rmdir Command
  - The rm Command
  - The sort Command
  - The more Command
  - The less Command
  - The find Command
  - The su Command
  - The updatedb and locate Commands
  - The whereis Command
  - The which Command

- The uptime Command
- The w Command
- The uname Command
- The du Command
- The clear Command
- The exit Command
- The logout Command
- The sleep Command
- The wall Command
- The seq Command
- The screen Command
- Switches and Arguments
- Manipulating Text Files
  - Regular Expressions
    - BREs
    - EREs
  - Text-search Utilities
    - The grep Command
    - The egrep Command
    - The fgrep Command
    - LAB #1 Using grep, egrep and fgrep
  - The Stream EDitor SED
    - LAB #2 Using sed
  - The Text Processor AWK
    - Presentation
    - Field Separation
    - Conditions
      - A regular expression applied to a record
      - A regular expression applied to a field
      - Comparisons
      - Logical Operators
      - Built-in Variables
    - Awk Scripts
    - The printf function

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- Control Statements
  - ∘ if
  - o for
  - while
  - do-while
- LAB #3 Using awk
- Other Useful Commands
  - The expand Command
  - La Commande unexpand
  - The cut command
  - The uniq Command
  - The tr Command
  - The paste Command
  - The split Command
  - The diff Command
  - The cmp Command
  - The patch Command
  - The strings Command
  - The comm Command
  - The head Command
  - The tail Command
  - LAB #4 Use the grep, tr and cut to extract your IP address from the output of ifconfig
- Commands: stty, date, who, df, free, whoami, pwd, cd, ls, touch, echo, cp, file, cat, mv, mkdir, rmdir, rm, sort, more, find, su, locate, updatedb, whereis, which, uptime, w, uname, du, lsmod, modprobe, rmmod, modinfo, clear, exit, logout, sleep, grep, egrep, fgrep, sed, awk, tr, paste, cut, split, diff, cmp, uniq, patch, strings, comm, od, head, tail, wall, screen.

### • Command Line Interface

- The Shell
- /bin/bash
  - Internal And External Commands
  - Aliases
  - The Prompt
  - The history Command
  - The TAB key

- Metacharacters
  - The \* Metacharacter
  - The ? Metacharacter
  - The [] Metacharacter
  - The extglob Option
  - ?(expression)
  - \*(expression)
  - +(expression)
  - @(expression)
  - !(expression)
- Protecting Metacharacters
- Exit Status
- Redirections
- Pipes
- Command Substitution
- Conditional Command Execution
- Environment Variables
  - Principal Variables
  - Internationalisation and Localisation
  - Special Variables
  - The env Command
- Bash Shell Options
  - noclobber
  - noglob
  - nounset
- Basic Shell Scripting
  - Execution
  - The read command
    - Code de retour
    - The IFS Variable
  - The test Command
    - Testing Files
      - ∘ LAB #1
    - Testing Strings

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- ∘ LAB #2
- Testing Numbers
  - ∘ LAB #3
- Expressions
  - ∘ LAB #4
- Testing the User Environment
  - ∘ LAB #5
- The [[ expression ]] Command
  - LAB #6
- Shell Operators
  - LAB #7
- The expr Command
  - Maths
  - Comparisons
  - Logic
    - ∘ LAB #8
  - The let Command
    - Maths
    - Comparisons
    - Logic
    - Binary
      - LAB #9
  - Control Structures
    - ∘ If
    - case
    - Loops
      - for
      - while
        - Example
    - Start-up Scripts
    - ∘ LAB #10
      - ~~/.bash\_profile
      - ~/.bashrc
- **Commands**: type, alias, unalias, chsh, history, wc, tee, set, vi, script, read, test, expr, let, if, case, for, while.