

1. What type of commands you are using in day-to-day life?

Theory:

In daily production support or system admin work, we commonly use:

- **File and directory management** → `ls`, `cd`, `pwd`, `mkdir`, `rm`, `cp`, `mv`
- **Process monitoring** → `ps`, `top`, `kill`
- **Disk/memory monitoring** → `df`, `du`, `free`, `uptime`
- **Search and filter** → `grep`, `find`, `awk`, `sed`
- **Network** → `ping`, `telnet`, `netstat`, `traceroute`
- **Archiving/Compression** → `tar`, `gzip`, `zip`
- **Scheduling** → `crontab`
- **Permission** → `chmod`, `chown`, `chgrp`

Interview Answer Example:

“In my daily work, I mainly use commands like `grep` and `find` to locate logs, `df` and `du` to check disk usage, `ps -ef` and `top` to monitor running processes, and `chmod/chown` to manage file permissions. I also schedule maintenance scripts using `crontab`.”

2. How to kill a process?

Theory:

Used to stop a running process.

Syntax:

```
ps -ef | grep <process_name>    # find process ID
kill <PID>                       # normal kill
kill -9 <PID>                   # forcefully kill (SIGKILL)
```

example

```
ps -ef | grep java
kill -9 4567
```

Use Case:

If an application process (say Tomcat or MySQL) hangs or uses high CPU, L3 support uses this to terminate it.

3. How to give permission to a file?

Theory:

`chmod` (change mode) command changes file permissions.

Permissions:

- **r = read (4)**
- **w = write (2)**
- **x = execute (1)**

Syntax:

```
chmod 755 script.sh
```

- Owner: read/write/execute
- Group: read/execute
- Others: read/execute

Symbolic way:

```
chmod u+x file.sh    # add execute for user
chmod g-w file.sh    # remove write for group
```

Interview Example:

“I use `chmod` to make deployment scripts executable before running them, e.g.,
`chmod +x deploy.sh.`”

4. `crontab`, `find`, `grep`, `ps`, `df`, `du`

Let's summarize each:

Command	Use	Example	Description
<code>crontab</code>	Schedule jobs	<code>crontab -e</code>	Edits cron jobs

<code>find</code>	Search files	<code>find /var/log -name "*.log"</code>	Finds files by name, size, date
<code>grep</code>	Search text patterns	<code>grep "ERROR" /var/log/app.log</code>	Searches content in files
<code>ps</code>	Show processes	<code>ps -ef</code>	Shows all running processes
<code>df</code>	Disk usage	<code>df -h</code>	Human-readable disk space summary
<code>du</code>	Directory usage	<code>du -sh /var/log</code>	Size of directory recursively

5. How to find old log files or temp files?

Command:

```
find /var/log -type f -mtime +30
```

- `-mtime +30` → modified more than 30 days ago
For temp files:

```
find /tmp -type f -name "*.tmp" -mtime +7
```

Use Case: Clean up disk space in production servers.

6. Find files of 12GB size named file.sh and delete

Command:

```
find / -type f -name "file.sh" -size 12G -exec rm -f {} \;
```

Explanation:

- `-type f`: regular file
- `-size 12G`: exact 12GB

- `-exec rm -f {}`: delete the found file

7. `tar`, `gzip`, `tail`, `head`

Command	Function	Example
<code>tar</code>	Archive multiple files	<code>tar -cvf backup.tar /var/log/</code>
<code>gzip</code>	Compress a file	<code>gzip backup.tar</code>
<code>tail</code>	Show last lines of file	<code>tail -n 20 app.log</code>
<code>head</code>	Show first lines of file	<code>head -n 10 app.log</code>

Use Case:

- Use `tail -f app.log` to monitor live logs.
- Use `tar` and `gzip` for backup and compression.

8. `grep`, `find`, `sed` basics

grep → Search for patterns

```
grep "ERROR" app.log
grep -i "error" app.log      # case-insensitive
grep -r "fail" /var/log     # recursive
```

find → Locate files

```
find /etc -name "*.conf"
```

sed → Stream editor for substitution

```
sed 's/oldword/newword/g' file.txt
```

9. All UNIX commands with options (Reflex command)

This usually means **you should know command behavior instantly** — e.g.:

Task	Command
List hidden files	<code>ls -la</code>
Copy file	<code>cp file1 file2</code>
Move file	<code>mv old new</code>
Remove directory	<code>rm -rf dirname</code>
Create empty file	<code>touch file.txt</code>
Display file size	<code>ls -lh file.txt</code>
Check current directory	<code>pwd</code>
View file	<code>cat file.txt, less file.txt</code>

10. **find** command (deep dive)

Syntax:

```
find <path> [criteria] [action]
```

Examples:

- Find by name:
`find /home -name "test.txt"`
- Find by size:
`find /home -size +100M`
- Find modified in last 1 day:
`find /var/log -mtime -1`
- Delete directly:
`find /tmp -type f -mtime +7 -delete`

11. **awk** commands

Theory: Pattern scanning and text processing tool.

Examples:

```
awk '{print $1}' file.txt          # print first column
awk -F, '{print $2,$3}' file.csv   # print 2nd and 3rd field using
comma delimiter
awk '/error/ {count++} END {print count}' app.log # count "error"
occurrences
```