**w – show system load and user activity**

![](image)

`w` command is a basic Unix command that helps you to quickly confirm general system status and to see which users are logged (and what they’re doing right now).

### Basic w command Example

Just type `w` in command line prompt to see the basic output (I’m running this on my MacOS laptop):

```
 greys@maverick:~ $ w
 10:37 up 1 day, 11:41, 4 users, load averages: 2.38 2.54 2.61
 USER TTY FROM LOGIN@ IDLE WHAT
 greys console - Mon22 35:38 -
 greys s000 - Mon22 25 /usr/bin/less -is
 greys s001 - Mon22 - w
 greys s002 - 10:22 3 -bash
```

You will immediately recognise that some of this functionality is provided by the `uptime` command and `who command`, but in addition your `w command` shows you current command each user is running (last column).

### See Also

- [Basic Unix commands](#)
- [Unix Commands](#)
- [who command](#)
- `uptime command`