Linux who command - Displays Who is on the System

As a system administrator, we need to ensure who is on the system on a particular time. We must keep on eye to our servers. But of course we can't do that for 24 hours a day. On Linux system, we can use **who** command to see who is on the system

What is who command

who command is a tool print information about users who are currently logged in. who command only see a real user who logged in.

How to use who command

On most Linux distribution, who command is already installed. To use it, just type **who** on your console. Running it without options will print a default output.

\$ who

| <pre>pungki@dev-machine:~\$</pre> | | who | | | |
|-----------------------------------|-------|------------|-------|-----------------|--|
| pungki | tty7 | 2013-12-20 | 20:18 | (:0) | |
| pungki | pts/0 | 2013-12-21 | 06:02 | (:0.0) | |
| leni | pts/2 | 2013-12-21 | 06:50 | (192.168.0.108) | |

Here's how to read the output :

- 1st column show the user name
- 2nd column show how the user connected. Tty means the user is connected directly to the computer, while pts means the user is connected from remote
- 3rd and 4th columns show the date and time
- 5th column show the IP Address where the users are connected