

Change the Shell Prompt

I found that particularly with Centos 5, that the default shell prompt for root was terrible. It did not show the pwd, user or host!

Before

```
-bash-3.1# ls
```

Showing no present working directory, no current username, no hostname

Syntax

```
PS1='\u@\h:\w\$ '
```

There are a few other things one can show also. Such as the time, date, FQHN etc. man bash for the full list.

After

```
root@volcano:/tmp# ls
```

Ref.:

<http://www.builder.au.com.au/program/linux/soa/10-shortcuts-to-master-bash/0.339028299.339279043.00.htm>