

# CheatSheet: Linux Process

# LINUX

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## 1.1 Linux Process Status

| Status  | Type                    |
|---|-------------------------|
| R Ready or running  | TASK_RUNNING(R)         |
| D Uninterruptible sleep (usually IO)                          | TASK_UNINTERRUPTIBLE(D) |
| S Interruptible sleep (waiting for an event to complete)      | TASK_INTERRUPTIBLE(S)   |
| Z defunct/zombie, terminated but not cleaned up by its parent | TASK_ZOMBIE(Z)          |
| T Execution stopped   | TASK_STOPPED(T)         |
| Processes contribute to CPU load                              | R, D                    |

## 1.2 Find process

| Name                         | Comment   |
|------------------------------|---|
| Sort processes by ram usage  | <code>ps -eo size,pid,user,pcpu,command --sort -rss</code>  |
| Sort processes by cpu usage  | <code>ps -eo size,pid,user,pcpu,command --sort -pcpu</code> |
| Get parent process id by pid | <code>ps -o ppid= -p &lt;pid&gt;</code>                     |
| Find process by name         | <code>pgrep &lt;process_name&gt;</code>                     |
| List zombie processes        | See zombie-process.sh                                       |
| List all process             | <code>ps aux, ps axjf</code>                                |

## 1.3 Top Command

| Name                               | Comment                                 |
|------------------------------------|---|
| Top show process full command line | Use <code>c</code> to toggle            |
| Top sort process by memory usage   | <code>Shift+m</code>                    |
| Top for certain processes          | <code>top -p 'pgrep -d "," java'</code> |

## 1.4 Examine process

| Name                                  | Comment                                  |
|---------------------------------------|--|
| Trace system calls and signals by pid | <code>strace -p &lt;pid&gt;</code>       |
| List all file handlers by pid         | <code>lsof -p &lt;pid&gt;</code>         |
| Display process tree by pid           | <code>pstree -A -n -p &lt;pid&gt;</code> |
| List all listening ports by pid       | See proc-listen-ports.sh                 |
| Get process ram usage by pid          | <code>sudo pmap -x &lt;pid&gt;</code>    |

## 1.5 Kill process

| Name                                  | Comment   |
|---------------------------------------|---|
| Kill process gracefully               | <code>kill &lt;pid&gt;, kill -15 &lt;pid&gt;, kill -TERM &lt;pid&gt;</code> |
| Kill process by force                 | <code>kill -9 &lt;pid&gt;, kill -KILL &lt;pid&gt;</code>                    |
| kill process by its full process name | <code>pkill &lt;processname&gt;</code>                                      |
| kill process by it's partial name     | <code>pkill -f &lt;process-string&gt;</code>                                |
| Kill process by process name          | <code>killall &lt;process_name&gt;</code>                                   |

## 1.6 Explore /proc filesystem

| Name                                | Comment  |
|-------------------------------------|--|
| Check process start command         | <code>cat /proc/\$pid/cmdline</code>               |
| Check process environment variables | <code>cat /proc/\$pid/environ</code>               |
| Check process ulimits setting       | <code>cat /proc/\$pid/limits</code>                |
| Check cpu utilization               | <code>/proc/loadavg</code>                         |
| List all partitions                 | <code>/proc/partitions</code>                      |
| List all modules                    | <code>/proc/modules</code>                         |
| List TCP/UDP packages               | <code>sudo cat /proc/\$PID/net/nf_conntrack</code> |
| Get current IP from /proc           | See <code>proc-get-ip.sh</code>                    |

## 1.7 More Resources

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