

Linux Basics for Machine Learning Engineers

File and Directory Management

ls # List files in the current directory

ls -lh # Long format with human-readable file sizes

cd <dir> # Change directory

pwd # Print working directory

mkdir <dir> # Create a new directory

rm <file> # Remove a file

rm -r <dir> # Recursively remove a directory

cp <src> <dest> # Copy file or directory

mv <src> <dest> # Move or rename file/directory

Viewing and Editing Files

cat <file> # Print file content

head <file> # Show the first 10 lines

tail <file> # Show the last 10 lines

less <file> # Scroll through a file (q to quit)

nano <file> # Open file in nano editor

vim <file> # Open file in vim editor (advanced)

Searching and Filtering

grep "pattern" <file> # Search for pattern in file

find . -name "*.py" # Find Python files recursively

wc -l <file> # Count lines in file

du -sh * # Show disk usage of files/directories

Python & Virtual Environment Tools

python --version # Check Python version

pip install <package> # Install Python package

pip list # List installed packages

python -m venv venv # Create virtual environment

source venv/bin/activate # Activate virtual environment

deactivate # Deactivate virtual environment

ML-Specific and Notebook Tools

jupyter notebook # Start a Jupyter Notebook server

jupyter lab # Start Jupyter Lab (if installed)

nvidia-smi # Check GPU status (for NVIDIA GPUs)

top / htop # Monitor system resource usage

Process and Job Management

ps aux | grep python # Check running Python processes

kill <pid> # Kill a specific process by PID

nohup python script.py & # Run script in background (even after logout)

Networking & Git Basics

ping google.com # Check internet connection

curl http://example.com # Fetch a webpage

git clone <repo-url> # Clone a Git repository

git pull # Pull latest changes