
LINUX COMMAND COURSE (Beginner → Advanced)

Includes concepts, examples, and practice tasks.

BEGINNER LEVEL (Level 1–3)

Perfect for:

- ✓ New Linux users
 - ✓ Windows/macOS users switching to Linux
 - ✓ Anyone learning ethical hacking, DevOps, or server admin
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LEVEL 1 — Basic Navigation & Files

Essential Commands

```
pwd          # current directory
ls           # list files
cd           # change directory
clear        # clear terminal
echo         # print text
```

File & Folder Commands

```
mkdir test_folder
touch file.txt
cp file1 file2
mv oldname newname
rm file.txt
rmdir empty_folder
```

View Files

```
cat file
less file
```

```
head file  
tail file
```

Mini Practice

1. Create a folder named *projects*
 2. Inside it, make a file called *notes.txt*
 3. Write "hello" using `echo`
 4. Copy the file
 5. Delete the copy
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LEVEL 2 — System Info & Help

System Info

```
uname -a  
whoami  
id  
df -h  
du -sh .  
free -h  
date
```

Help System

```
man ls  
ls --help  
whatis grep  
apropos network
```

Mini practice

- Find your OS version
 - List commands related to “disk” using `apropos`
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LEVEL 3 — Permissions & Users

Permissions

```
chmod 755 script.sh  
chown user:user file
```

```
chgrp developers file
```

Users & Groups

```
useradd user1  
passwd user1  
groupadd devs  
usermod -aG devs user1
```

Mini practice

- Change a file's permissions so **only you can read/write it**
 - Add a new user called `student`
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INTERMEDIATE LEVEL (Level 4–6)

Perfect for:

- ✓ Support engineers
 - ✓ IT students
 - ✓ Ethical hackers
 - ✓ DevOps beginners
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LEVEL 4 — Text Processing Superpowers

Search

```
grep "error" logfile  
grep -r "password" /etc
```

Sort & Filter

```
sort file  
uniq file  
cut -d ':' -f 1 /etc/passwd
```

Stream Editing

```
sed 's/apple/banana/' file
```

Advanced Text Processing

```
awk '{print $1}' file
```

Mini Practice

- Extract the first column of `/etc/passwd`
 - Replace "hello" with "hi" in a file
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LEVEL 5 — Processes & Jobs

```
ps aux
top
htop
kill 1234
killall firefox
jobs
bg
fg
```

System Logs

```
journalctl -xe
dmesg | tail
```

Mini Practice

- Find the process using the most memory
 - Kill a running process by name
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LEVEL 6 — Networking

Network inspection

```
ip a
ip r
ss -tuln
ping google.com
```

File Transfer

```
wget URL
curl -O URL
scp file user@host:/path
```

DNS Tools

```
dig google.com
nslookup linux.org
```

Mini Practice

- Show all open ports
- Ping 8.8.8.8 five times

ADVANCED LEVEL (Level 7–10)

Perfect for:

- ✓ DevOps
- ✓ SysAdmins
- ✓ Cybersecurity
- ✓ Backend engineers
- ✓ Cloud engineers

LEVEL 7 — Shell Scripting

Basic script

```
#!/bin/bash
echo "Hello world"
```

Variables

```
name="Bob"
echo "Hi $name"
```

IF statements

```
if [ -f file.txt ]; then
    echo "File exists"
```

```
fi
```

Loops

```
for i in *.txt; do  
    echo $i  
done
```

LEVEL 8 — Package Management

Debian/Ubuntu

```
apt update  
apt upgrade  
apt install nginx
```

RedHat/CentOS/Fedora

```
dnf install nginx  
rpm -qa
```

Arch

```
pacman -Syu
```

LEVEL 9 — Systemd & Services

```
systemctl start nginx  
systemctl stop nginx  
systemctl status nginx  
systemctl enable ssh  
journalctl -u nginx
```

Timers

```
systemctl list-timers
```

LEVEL 10 — Storage, Partitions, LVM

```
lsblk
fdisk /dev/sda
mkfs.ext4 /dev/sda1
mount /dev/sda1 /mnt
vgcreate
lvcreate
resize2fs
```



BONUS: ADVANCED SHELL TRICKS

```
history | grep ssh
!!      # run last command
!ls     # run last command starting with "ls"
ctrl+r  # search command history
xargs   # pass input as arguments
```
