

Linux Cheat Sheet

cd	change current directory to home directory.
cd <i>dir</i>	change current directory to <i>dir</i> .
cd ..	change the current directory to parent of the current directory.
pwd	prints the path of the current directory.
ls	list all the files in the current directory.
ls <i>dir</i>	list all the files in directory <i>dir</i> .
ls -l	list all files in the current directory with more file details.
touch <i>filename</i>	make a new file with the given <i>filename</i> .
mkdir <i>dir</i>	make a new directory with name <i>dir</i> .
rm <i>filename</i>	delete the file with the given <i>filename</i> .
rm -r <i>dir</i>	delete the given directory and it's contents <i>dir</i> .
cp <i>fname1 fname2</i>	copies file <i>fname1</i> to file <i>fname2</i> .
mv <i>fname1 fname2</i>	renames file <i>fname1</i> to file <i>fname2</i> .
man <i>command</i>	shows the manual on how to use <i>command</i> .
info <i>command</i>	shows info about the <i>command</i> .
apropos <i>keyword</i>	searches in the manuals for the given <i>keyword</i> .
cat <i>filename</i>	concatenates the full file <i>filename</i> on the terminal.
less <i>filename</i>	show <i>filename</i> in a viewer in the terminal.
head <i>filename</i>	shows the first 10 lines of the file <i>filename</i> .
tail <i>filename</i>	shows the last 10 lines of the file <i>filename</i> .
find -name <i>filename</i>	recursively finds all files which match the given <i>filename</i> .
exit	closes the current (tab) in the terminal.
shutdown now	shuts down the computer.

Table 1: Usefull Linux commands.

nano nano <i>filename</i>	text editor which works in the terminal. starts nano to edit the file <i>filename</i> .
python python <i>filename</i> python3 python3 <i>filename</i>	starts interactive python console on the terminal. uses python to execute file <i>filename</i> . starts interactive python console on the terminal. uses python to execute file <i>filename</i> .
gimp gedit eclipse	image manipulation and paint program. text editor with a graphical userinterface. programming IDE for Java. Additional support for other programming languages such as Python and C++ can be added by using plugins.
libreoffice	office suite to create documents, presentations,...
ssh <i>user@machine</i> sftp <i>user@machine</i>	remotely login to a terminal as the given <i>user</i> on the given <i>machine</i> . utility to <i>put</i> and <i>get</i> files on the given <i>user</i> 's account on the given <i>machine</i> .

Table 2: Usefull Linux programs.

On the desktop	
windows key (press)	open launcher.
windows key (hold)	show desktop shortcuts.
ctrl + alt + T	start a new terminal.
alt + tab	switch between programs.
In a terminal	
tab	autocomplete current command.
ctrl + shift + T	start a new tab in the terminal.
ctrl + C	stop the current command
ctrl + L	clear the current terminal window.
arrow up	go back through your history of commands.
middle-mouse button	paste clipboard content.

Table 3: Usefull shortcuts.