

Linux Basic Commands Cheat Sheet

sed Command Basics

<code>sed 's/old/new/' file.txt</code>	- Replace first occurrence per line
<code>sed 's/old/new/g' file.txt</code>	- Replace all occurrences per line
<code>sed -n '2p' file.txt</code>	- Print only the 2nd line
<code>sed -n '5,10p' file.txt</code>	- Print lines 5 to 10
<code>sed -e '1,3d' file.txt</code>	- Delete lines 1 to 3

In-place Editing

<code>sed -i 's/foo/bar/' file.txt</code>	- Edit file in place
<code>sed -i.bak 's/foo/bar/' file.txt</code>	- Backup before in-place edit

Inserting and Appending

<code>sed '3i\inserted text' file.txt</code>	- Insert before 3rd line
<code>sed '5a\appended text' file.txt</code>	- Append after 5th line

Using Patterns

<code>sed '/pattern/d' file.txt</code>	- Delete lines matching pattern
<code>sed '/pattern/s/foo/bar/' file.txt</code>	- Substitute only on matching lines
<code>sed '/^#/d' file.txt</code>	- Delete comment lines (start with #)
<code>sed '/^\$/d' file.txt</code>	- Delete blank lines

Advanced Substitution

<code>sed 's/\([0-9]\{3\}\)/[\1]/' file.txt</code>	- Group and format using regex
<code>sed 's/.*/[&]/' file.txt</code>	- Surround each line with brackets
<code>sed 's/[a-z]/X/g' file.txt</code>	- Replace all lowercase letters with X