Linux Basic Commands Cheat Sheet

User Management

adduser <username>
passwd <username>

usermod -aG <group> <user>

deluser <username>

groups <user>

- Add a new user

- Change user password

- Add user to group

- Delete a user

- List groups for user

File Permissions & ACLs

chmod <perm> <file>

chown <user>:<group> <file>

getfacl <file>

setfacl -m u:<user>:rwx <file>

setfacl -x u:<user> <file>

- Change file permissions

- Change ownership

- View ACL permissions

- Set ACL for user

- Remove ACL for user

Disk & Filesystem

mount <device> <dir>

umount <dir/device>

df -Th

du -sh *

lsblk

fdisk -l

- Mount a filesystem

- Unmount a filesystem

- Show disk usage by type

- Disk usage per folder

- List block devices

- List partitions

Networking Advanced

netstat -tulnp

ss -tuln

nmap <host>

traceroute <host>

dig <domain>

- Show listening ports

- Check open ports

- Scan host ports (requires nmap)

- Trace route to host

- DNS lookup

Systemd & Services

systemctl start <service>

systemctl stop <service>

systemctl restart <service>

systemctl status <service>

systemctl enable <service>

systemctl disable <service>

- Start a service

- Stop a service

- Restart a service

- Check service status

- Enable service on boot

- Disable service on boot

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Logs & Monitoring

journalctl - View system logs

journalctl -u <service> - Logs for specific service

dmesg - Kernel ring buffer messages

uptime - Show system uptime

vmstat - System performance stats

Package Management (Advanced)

dpkg -r <package> - Remove a .deb package

apt-cache search <pkg> - Search for packages

apt-mark hold <pkg> - Prevent package from updating

apt-mark unhold <pkg> - Allow package updates

Archiving & Compression

tar -czvf <file>.tar.gz <dir> - Create a compressed tarball

tar -xzvf <file>.tar.gz - Extract tar.gz archive

unzip <file>.zip - Extract a zip archive

Scripting & Automation

crontab -e - Edit cron jobs

crontab -l - List user's cron jobs at <time> - Schedule one-time task

bash <script>.sh - Run shell script

chmod +x <script>.sh - Make script executable