

Linux Basic Commands Cheat Sheet

Basics

<code>#!/bin/bash</code>	- Shebang to define interpreter
<code>echo 'Hello World'</code>	- Print text
<code># This is a comment</code>	- Single-line comment
<code>read var</code>	- Take user input into variable
<code>\$var</code>	- Access variable value

Variables & Conditions

<code>var=value</code>	- Assign value to variable
<code>if [\$a -eq \$b]; then ... fi</code>	- If statement
<code>elif ...</code>	- Else-if
<code>else ...</code>	- Else
<code>[-f file]</code>	- Check if file exists

Loops

<code>for i in {1..5}; do ... done</code>	- For loop
<code>while [condition]; do ... done</code>	- While loop
<code>until [condition]; do ... done</code>	- Until loop
<code>break</code>	- Exit loop
<code>continue</code>	- Skip to next loop iteration

Functions

<code>function name() { ... }</code>	- Define a function
<code>name</code>	- Call function
<code>return <val></code>	- Return value from function

File & Directory Operations

<code>touch file.txt</code>	- Create file
<code>mkdir dir</code>	- Create directory
<code>rm file.txt</code>	- Remove file
<code>cp file1 file2</code>	- Copy file
<code>mv old new</code>	- Move or rename

User Input & Arguments

<code>\$1, \$2, ...</code>	- Access script arguments
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<code>\$#</code>	- Number of arguments
<code>\$@</code>	- All arguments
<code>shift</code>	- Shift positional arguments

Special Variables

<code>\$?</code>	- Exit status of last command
<code>\$\$</code>	- Process ID of the script
<code>\$0</code>	- Script name

Advanced Topics

<code>grep 'pattern' file</code>	- Search for pattern
<code>awk '{print \$1}' file</code>	- Pattern scanning
<code>sed 's/a/b/' file</code>	- Stream editing
<code>cron</code>	- Schedule jobs
<code>trap 'command' SIGINT</code>	- Catch signals