

A Collection of Useful Shell Commands

Disclaimer

Many of the following commands can be used on all Unix platforms. Some of them only work on MacOS, though.

Basic navigation and file/directory management

Command	Meaning
cd	change directory
ls	list [-l] [-a]
pwd	present working directory
cp	copy
mv	move / rename
cat	show file content
less	show file content in separate window
grep	grep content from file, etc. (e.g. 'cat grep -i #ignores cases')
awk	advanced tool to grap contents
echo "string" [> file]	echo string to terminal [file] **overwrites existing content!**
touch [file1] ...	create one or multiple files very fast
mkdir	make directory
rmdir	remove directory
chown [username:usergroup] [file]	change ownership of particular file (e.g. 'chown root:root [file]')
chmod	change file permissions [+x] makes file executable [+w] makes file writable [+r] makes file readable
rm	remove [-rf]
adduser [new_user_name]	create new user and group
nano / vim /emacs	text editor
apt-get install / brew install	package manager
	pipe from standard output to command
>	write left into right (overwrites!)
> >	append left to right (does not overwrite!)
find [-name] [folder_name]	find a name
locate [name]	list all paths that contain [name]
updatedb	updates file system database (better run before every search)
history	shows bash history from ~/.bash_history
clear	clears screen by shifting it up
uname	[-a] shows host system
shutdown	shuts down the system after a short pause [-h now] or immediately
poweroff	powers off immediately
reboot	reboots the system immediately
ifconfig	shows network interfaces
ping [url]	simple send/receive of packets to [url]
lpr lp	print a document to the default printer (or specify whatever printer you are connected to!)

Misc commands

Go

```
env GOOS=windows GOARCH=amd64 CGO_ENABLED=1 go build -v FILENAME.go # cross-compile for windows
go test -coverprofile cover.out <package_name> # save test coverage profile to cover.out
go tool cover -html=cover.out -o cover.html # convert cover.out to html
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ffmpeg - list all devices

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ffmpeg -f avfoundation -list_devices true -i ''
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ffmpeg - record from a device (change device number with -i flag in bash script)

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tmnlutils ffmpeg # not yet implemented
sh ~/Documents/CheatSheets/Terminal_Applications/ffmpeg_record.sh # this is the actual script that gets called
ffplay <input_file>
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pandoc

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pandoc -s -o DOC.pdf DOC.md #compile a markdown file to pdf

#download webpages for printing/offline reading
wget <url> -o logfile #recursive download is possible, too
pandoc DOC.html --pdf-engine=xelatex -o DOC.pdf #could not install the default engine on MacOS
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imagemagick

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convert <INPUT> -filter Lanczos -sampling-factor 1x1 -quality 90 -resize 150 <OUTPUT>
#resizes a jpg to a lower resolution image with a decent result; change the argument after the -resize flag
convert <INPUT> -crop 1200x300+0+250 <OUTPUT>
#crop an image to size 1200x300 with cropping window starting at x=0, y=250
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Environment variables and how to get help

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env #list all environment variables (similarly, you can do that for go!) OR just:
echo $VAR_NAME #e.g. $HOME, $GOPATH, ...

man <command>
<command> --help
<command> -h
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