

MASTER LINUX FOR DEVOPS

A large, friendly-looking penguin named Tux, the official mascot of Linux, is positioned on the left side of the cover. He has black feathers on his head, back, and wings, and white feathers on his belly and front. His feet and beak are yellow. He is looking towards the right.

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What is Linux?

- Linux is an **Operating System (OS)** — like Windows or macOS.
- But unlike them, Linux is **open-source**, meaning it's free and its code is publicly available.
- Linux is **used in servers, cloud computing, mobile (Android), embedded systems**, and DevOps tools.



Basic Components of Linux OS

Component Explanation

Kernel	The core part of Linux that talks to hardware (like CPU, RAM, disks).
Shell	A program that lets you interact with the OS via commands.
File System	Organizes and stores data. Everything in Linux is treated as a file (even devices).
GUI	Optional — Linux can have graphical interfaces like GNOME or KDE, but often used via terminal.



Linux Directory Structure

Linux starts with **root (/)** directory. Below it, there are folders with fixed purposes:

Directory Purpose

/	Root of the file system
/home	User folders (like C:\Users)
/bin	Essential command binaries (like ls, cp, mv)
/etc	System config files
/var	Variable files (like logs)
/tmp	Temporary files
/usr	User programs and libraries
/root	Home directory of the root (admin) user
/dev	Device files (like USB, hard disks)
/proc	System and process info (virtual folder)



Basic Linux Commands

Command Use

pwd	Show current directory
ls	List files and folders
cd	Change directory
mkdir	Make a directory
touch	Create an empty file
cp	Copy files/folders

mv	Move or rename files
rm	Delete files
cat	Show file contents
clear	Clear the terminal
exit	Close the terminal or shell

User and Permissions

Linux is **multi-user**. Every file and folder has **permissions** and **ownership**.

Users:

- root: Superuser (admin)
- Normal users: Limited access

Permissions:

- Each file has 3 types of permissions for:
 - Owner
 - Group
 - Others

Permission types:

- r → read
- w → write
- x → execute

Example:

-rwxr-xr-- 1 user group 1234 Jul 1 file.sh

Breakdown:

- -rwxr-xr--
 - rwx (owner): full permission
 - r-x (group): read & execute
 - r-- (others): read only

Package Management (Installing Software)

- Ubuntu/Debian-based:
 - apt-get install <package-name>
- Red Hat/CentOS:
 - yum install <package-name> or dnf install
- Others: May use pacman, zypper, snap, flatpak

Processes and System Monitoring

Command Description

ps	Show running processes
top	Live view of system usage (CPU, memory)
kill	Stop a process
htop	Better version of top (if installed)

File Compression and Archiving

Command Description

```
tar -cvf      Create archive  
tar -xvf      Extract archive  
gzip, gunzip  Compress and decompress files
```

Important Concepts

Concept	Meaning
Shell Script	A file with commands you can execute like a program (.sh)
Cron Job	Schedule a task to run automatically
Log files	Located in /var/log, useful for troubleshooting
SSH	Remote login to a Linux machine (ssh user@ip)
Sudo	Temporarily run commands as root user (sudo <command>)

How It Helps in DevOps

Linux is the **foundation** of:

- Cloud servers (AWS EC2, GCP, Azure)
- CI/CD pipelines
- Docker & Kubernetes
- Automation tools like Ansible, Terraform

What Are CRUD Operations?

CRUD stands for:

- C – Create
- R – Read
- U – Update
- D – Delete

In Linux, CRUD operations can be performed on:

- Files
- Directories
- File content
- System records (like user data or processes)

C – CREATE Operations in Linux

► Create a File

```
touch filename.txt
```

Example:

```
touch notes.txt
```

► Create a File with Content

```
echo "Hello, Linux!" > hello.txt
```

OR

```
cat > data.txt
```

Type your content

Press Ctrl+D to save

► Create a Directory (Folder)

```
mkdir foldername
```

Example:

```
mkdir projects
```

► Create Nested Directories

```
mkdir -p devops/scripts/yaml
```

R – READ Operations in Linux

► View File Content

```
cat filename.txt
```

```
less filename.txt # Scrollable
```

```
more filename.txt # Page-wise output
```

► View First or Last Lines

```
head filename.txt # First 10 lines
```

```
tail filename.txt # Last 10 lines
```

► Read a Directory

```
ls # List files
```

```
ls -l # Detailed view
```

```
ls -a # Show hidden files
```

► Read a Specific Line (Using sed or awk)

```
sed -n '3p' filename.txt # Show 3rd line
```

```
awk 'NR==3' filename.txt # Another method
```

U – UPDATE Operations in Linux

► Append to File

```
echo "New line" >> file.txt
```

► Edit File (Using Editors)

- nano filename.txt – beginner-friendly terminal editor
- vim filename.txt – powerful but advanced editor

► Replace Text in File

```
sed -i 's/oldtext/newtext/g' filename.txt
```

Example:

```
sed -i 's/Devops/Linux DevOps/g' notes.txt
```

► Rename File or Folder

```
mv oldname.txt newname.txt
```

► Move File to Different Location

```
mv file.txt /home/user/docs/
```

D – DELETE Operations in Linux

► Delete a File

```
rm filename.txt
```

► Delete a Directory

```
rm -r foldername
```

► Force Delete

```
rm -rf foldername
```

⚠ Be careful with `rm -rf` — it can wipe out the entire OS.

🛠️ Bonus: Real-Time DevOps Use Cases of CRUD in Linux

Task	Linux Command
Create a config file	<code>touch nginx.conf</code>
Read server logs	<code>less /var/log/syslog</code>
Update YAML for deployment	<code>nano deployment.yaml</code>
Delete temporary files	<code>rm -rf /tmp/*</code>
Move backup	<code>mv backup.tar.gz /mnt/backup/</code>

📝 Sample Exercise to Practice

```
# Step 1: Create a directory and file
mkdir devops_practice
cd devops_practice
touch inventory.txt
# Step 2: Add data
echo "Server1: 192.168.1.1" >> inventory.txt
echo "Server2: 192.168.1.2" >> inventory.txt
# Step 3: Read and edit
cat inventory.txt
sed -i 's/192.168.1.2/10.0.0.2/' inventory.txt
# Step 4: Delete the file
rm inventory.txt
```

CRUD Operations in Linux

C – CREATE

```
touch filename.txt
echo "Hello, Linux!" > hello.txt
cat > data.txt
mkdir foldername
mkdir -p devops/scripts/yaml
```

R – READ

```
cat filename.txt
less filename.txt
more filename.txt
head filename.txt
tail -n '3p' filename.txt
awk 'NR==3' filename.txt
```

U – UPDATE

```
echo "New line" >> file.txt
nano filename.txt
vim filename.txt
sed -i 's/oldtext/newtext/g'
mv oldname.txt newname.txt
mv file.txt /home/user/docs/
```

D – DELETE

```
rm filename.txt
rm -r foldername
rm -rf foldername
```

⌚ VIM Editor in Linux — Complete Notes with Modes & Editing Operations

◊ What is Vim?

- Vim (Vi IMproved) is a **modal text editor** in Linux.
- Used for editing **config files**, **shell scripts**, **YAML**, **Docker**, **Terraform**, and more — especially in **headless servers** and **DevOps** workflows.
- Runs in the terminal and is **lightweight**, **powerful**, and **scriptable**.

Vim Has 3 Primary Modes

Mode Name	Purpose	Enter Mode	Exit Mode
1. Normal Mode	Default mode — for navigation, deleting, copying	Open Vim or press Esc	Press i, v, or :
2. Insert Mode	Typing text (like in Notepad)	Press i, I, a, A, o, O	Press Esc
3. Command-Line Mode	Save, exit, search, run commands	Press : from Normal Mode	Press Enter or Esc

1. NORMAL MODE – The Control Hub

Actions in Normal Mode:

Action	Key
Move cursor	h (left), l (right), j (down), k (up)
Word jump	w (next word), b (previous word)
Start of line	0
End of line	\$
Top of file	gg
Bottom of file	G
Delete line	dd
Copy (yank) line	yy
Paste	p
Undo	u
Redo	Ctrl + r

2. INSERT MODE – For Writing or Editing Text

Enter Insert Mode:

Key	Function
i	Insert before cursor
I	Insert at start of line
a	Insert after cursor
A	Insert at end of line
o	Open a new line below
O	Open a new line above

Once in insert mode, you type normally like any text editor.

Exit Insert Mode:

- Press Esc to go back to **Normal Mode**.

3. COMMAND-LINE MODE – For Save, Quit, Search

Enter Command Mode:

- From Normal Mode, press : (colon)

Common Commands:

Command Meaning

:w	Save file
:q	Quit
:wq or ZZ	Save and quit
:q!	Force quit without saving
:x	Save and exit (if changes made)
:set nu	Show line numbers
:set nonu	Hide line numbers

Editing Operations in Vim (DevOps Oriented)

File & Config Editing:

vim /etc/nginx/nginx.conf

1. Navigate to the line using arrow keys or j/k.
2. Press i to enter insert mode.
3. Make changes.
4. Press Esc, then type :wq to save and exit.

Searching and Replacing

- **Search for a word:**

/nginx

Then press n (next match) or N (previous match)

- **Replace all occurrences in file:**

:%s/oldtext/newtext/g

Copy, Cut, Paste (Yank, Delete, Put)

Action Key

Copy (line) yy

Copy (3 lines) 3yy

Delete (cut) line dd

Delete 5 lines 5dd

Paste below p

Paste above P

Line and Block Editing

- **Visual Mode (v)**: Select characters/words
- **Visual Line Mode (V)**: Select entire lines
- **Visual Block Mode (Ctrl + v)**: Select columns

Then you can press y, d, or p to copy, cut, or paste.

Practical DevOps Examples

Task	Vim Command
Edit crontab	crontab -e (uses Vim by default)
Change pod name in YAML	vim pod.yaml, /name, i, edit
Format Terraform code	vim main.tf, use =G to auto-indent
Edit Dockerfile	vim Dockerfile
Restart NGINX config	Edit nginx.conf then sudo systemctl restart nginx

Sample Practice

vim test.sh

1. Press i, type:
#!/bin/bash
echo "Hello, Vim World!"
2. Press Esc
3. Save: :wq
4. Make executable: chmod +x test.sh
5. Run it: ./test.sh

Vim Cheat Sheet Summary

Mode	Enter	Purpose	Exit
Normal	Open Vim / Esc	Navigation, editing	i, :, v
Insert	i, a, o, etc.	Typing text	Esc
Command	:	Save, quit, search	Enter or Esc

Linux File & Directory Permissions – Full Guide

Why Permissions Matter?

- Linux is a **multi-user OS**, and permissions **protect files, scripts, and system settings** from unauthorized access or modification.
- Common in **DevOps, cloud environments, and CI/CD pipelines** where secure access is critical.

Permission Types

Each file or directory in Linux has **3 types of permissions for 3 types of users**:

User Categories:

Symbol User Type

u User (Owner)
g Group
o Others (Everyone else)

abc Permission Types:

Symbol	Permission	Meaning
r	Read	View content
w	Write	Modify content
x	Execute	Run file (scripts, binaries) or enter directory

Example Output from ls -l

-rwxr-xr-- 1 devops team 2048 Jul 1 deploy.sh

Breakdown:

Part	Meaning
-	File type (- = file, d = directory)
rwx	Owner: read, write, execute
r-x	Group: read, execute
r--	Others: read only
devops	Owner username
team	Group name

1234 Numeric (Octal) Permissions

Each permission has a numeric value:

Permission	Binary	Octal
r	100	4
w	010	2
x	001	1

Add values to get final permission:

rwx combo	Value
rwx	7
rw-	6
r--	4
r-x	5

So:

chmod 755 filename
= rwxr-xr-x

key chmod – Change Permissions

◊ Symbolic Method:

chmod u+x script.sh # Add execute to user
chmod g-w file.txt # Remove write from group

```
chmod o=r file.txt      # Others: read-only
❖ Numeric (Octal) Method:
chmod 644 file.txt      # rw-r--r--
chmod 755 script.sh      # rwxr-xr-x
chmod 700 secrets.txt    # rwx----- (only owner can access)
```

chown – Change Ownership

chown user:group file

Example:

```
chown devops:team deploy.sh
```

Permissions for Directories

Permission Effect

- r Can list files (ls)
- w Can add/remove files
- x Can enter directory (cd)

Example:

```
drwxr-x--- 2 riyas team 4096 Jul 1 logs/
```

- Owner: full access
- Group: can read and enter
- Others: no access

Special Permissions

Symbol	Name	Use
s	Setuid / Setgid	Run program with owner/group privileges
t	Sticky Bit	Used in /tmp so only file owner can delete their files

Example:

```
chmod +t /shared/folder
ls -ld /shared/folder
# drwxrwxrwt → sticky bit set
```

DevOps Use Cases

Task	Related Permission
Make shell script executable	chmod +x script.sh
Restrict .env to user only	chmod 600 .env
Secure private keys	chmod 400 key.pem
Allow group to deploy	chown :deployers deploy.sh
Lock config file	chmod 444 config.yml (read-only)

Summary Table

Octal	Symbolic	Meaning
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777	rwxrwxrwx	Everyone full access
755	rwxr-xr-x	Owner full, others can read/execute
700	rwx-----	Only owner access
644	rw-r--r--	Read/write owner, read others
600	rw-----	Only owner can read/write

Practice Exercise

```
# Create a file
touch test.sh
# Give only the owner full access
chmod 700 test.sh
# Make it executable
chmod +x test.sh
# Change ownership to "devops" user and "ci" group
chown devops:ci test.sh
# Set read-only for everyone
chmod 444 test.sh
```

Linux User Management – Full Guide

Why Is User Management Important?

In a multi-user system (like Linux servers or cloud environments), **managing users, groups, and permissions** ensures:

- Security & isolation
- Controlled access to files/scripts/services
- Auditing and accountability

1. Understanding Users & Groups

Types of Users

User Type	Description
Root	Superuser with all permissions
System Users	Created by services (e.g., nginx, mysql)
Regular Users	Created by admins for login and tasks

Groups

- Groups are collections of users.
- Users can belong to **multiple groups**.
- Groups simplify permission management (e.g., give access to a folder for all devops users).

2. Create, Delete, and Manage Users

Create User

```
sudo adduser riyas
• Adds user with home directory: /home/riyas
• Prompts to set password
```

OR basic (less interactive):

```
sudo useradd -m riyas
```

```
sudo passwd riyas
```

— Delete User

```
sudo deluser riyas      # Keeps home dir
```

```
sudo deluser --remove-home riyas
```

Or:

```
sudo userdel -r riyas
```

🛠️ Modify User

```
sudo usermod -aG devops riyas # Add to 'devops' group
```

```
sudo usermod -l newname oldname # Rename user
```

```
sudo usermod -d /new/home/path riyas # Change home dir
```

☰ 3. User Info and Files

📁 Key Files

File Purpose

/etc/passwd User account info (username, UID, GID, shell)

/etc/shadow Encrypted passwords

/etc/group Group definitions

/etc/sudoers Who can use sudo

🔍 View User Info

```
cat /etc/passwd | grep riyas
```

```
id riyas      # Show UID, GID, groups
```

```
groups riyas    # Show group memberships
```

👥 4. Group Management

➕ Create Group

```
sudo groupadd devops
```

➕ Add User to Group

```
sudo usermod -aG devops riyas
```

— Remove User from Group (manually):

```
sudo gpasswd -d riyas devops
```

— Delete Group

```
sudo groupdel devops
```

🔒 5. Sudo (Superuser Do) Access

Grant Sudo Access to a User

```
sudo usermod -aG sudo riyas
```

OR edit sudoers file safely:

```
sudo visudo
```

Then add:

riyas ALL=(ALL:ALL) ALL

Limited Sudo (for security):

Only allow specific commands:

riyas ALL=(ALL) NOPASSWD: /bin/systemctl restart nginx

6. Home Directory & Shell

Task	Command
View home	echo \$HOME
Change default shell	chsh -s /bin/bash riyas
Set home manually	usermod -d /custom/home riyas

7. Lock and Unlock Users

Lock Account

sudo usermod -L riyas

Unlock Account

sudo usermod -U riyas

Disable Login Shell (block login)

sudo usermod -s /usr/sbin/nologin riyas

8. Real DevOps Use Cases

Task	Command
Create a user for Jenkins agent	adduser jenkins_agent
Restrict a user to deploy only	usermod -aG docker deployer
Setup SSH-only user	Create user, disable password, set up SSH key
Group-level permission for /var/www	Create webdev group, set directory group ownership
Give NGINX team restart permission only	sudo visudo + command restriction
SFTP-only access	Create chrooted SFTP users with nologin shell

Cheat Sheet Summary

Task	Command
Add user	adduser <name>
Delete user	deluser <name> or userdel -r
Add to group	usermod -aG <group> <user>
List groups	groups <user>
Create group	groupadd <group>
Lock account	usermod -L <user>
Give sudo access	usermod -aG sudo <user>

Linux Process Management – Detailed Guide

What Is a Process?

A **process** is any **program or command** that is running on your Linux system.
It has a unique **PID (Process ID)** and can be **running, sleeping, stopped, or zombie**.

Process States

State Meaning

R	Running
S	Sleeping (idle but waiting)
T	Stopped
Z	Zombie (terminated but not cleaned up)
D	Uninterruptible sleep (I/O wait)

1. View Running Processes

List All Processes

`ps -ef`

- Shows user, PID, parent PID (PPID), time, and command

Real-Time Monitoring

`top`

- Interactive, live view of CPU, memory, and processes

`htop`

- Better version of top (requires installation):

`sudo apt install htop # Debian/Ubuntu`

`sudo yum install htop # RHEL/CentOS`

2. Search for a Specific Process

`ps aux | grep nginx`

`pgrep nginx # Show PID(s) of nginx`

3. Understand Process Hierarchy

`pstree`

- Visualizes parent-child process structure

4. Start a Process

`./script.sh`

Run in Background

`./script.sh &`

Keep Running After Logout (Use nohup)

`nohup ./script.sh &`

5. Kill/Stop/Manage a Process

Action	Command
--------	---------

Kill by PID kill <PID>

Force kill kill -9 <PID>

Kill by name pkill nginx

Kill all matching killall nginx

Example:

```
kill -9 1243
```

```
pkill -f python
```

6. Foreground vs Background Jobs

Run in Foreground

```
./longtask.sh
```

Move to Background

- Press Ctrl + Z → pauses task
- Run bg → resumes in background

View Jobs

```
jobs
```

Bring Back to Foreground

```
fg %1
```

7. Set Priority (nice, renice)

Launch with Low Priority

```
nice -n 10 ./task.sh
```

Change Priority of Running Process

```
renice -n 5 -p 1234
```

- Lower value = higher priority
- -20 (highest), 19 (lowest)

8. Process Details & Memory/CPU Stats

Check Memory Usage

```
ps aux --sort=-%mem | head
```

Check CPU Usage

```
ps aux --sort=-%cpu | head
```

9. DevOps Use Cases

Task	Command
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Restart Jenkins if not running `pgrep jenkins

Monitor Docker CPU usage top, htop, or docker stats

Check stuck process during deploy `ps aux

Kill zombie Python script kill -9 \$(pgrep -f script.py)

Auto-restart failed process Use supervisord or systemd

10. Advanced Tools

Tool	Use
strace	Trace system calls of a process
lsof	List files used by processes
watch	Re-run a command repeatedly
systemctl	Manage background services (systemd)
cron	Schedule recurring tasks (not real-time process management but related)

Summary Table

Command	Purpose
ps -ef	List all processes
top / htop	Live process monitor
kill, pkill, killall	Stop processes
jobs, fg, bg	Manage background/foreground jobs
nice, renice	Adjust process priority
pgrep, pstree	Search or view hierarchy
lsof, strace	Debug processes/files

Practice Scenario

```
# 1. Create a test script
echo -e "#!/bin/bash\nsleep 300" > sleeper.sh
chmod +x sleeper.sh
# 2. Run it in background
./sleeper.sh &
# 3. View process
ps -ef | grep sleeper
# 4. Kill it
kill -9 <PID>
```

Linux Package Management – Complete Guide

What Is Package Management?

- **Packages** are compressed files that contain programs, libraries, or tools.
- **Package managers** are tools to **install, update, remove, or search** for software on Linux.
- DevOps often relies on package management to automate infrastructure setup (e.g., installing Docker, Ansible, or monitoring tools).

Types of Linux Package Managers

Linux distros use different package managers:

Distro Family	Tool	File Extension
Debian/Ubuntu	apt, dpkg	.deb
RHEL/CentOS/Fedora	yum, dnf, rpm	.rpm
Arch Linux	pacman	.pkg.tar.zst
Universal	snap, flatpak, AppImage	—

APT (Advanced Packaging Tool) – Ubuntu/Debian

Common Commands

Task	Command
Update list of packages	sudo apt update
Upgrade all packages	sudo apt upgrade
Install package	sudo apt install nginx
Remove package	sudo apt remove nginx
Search package	apt search <name>
Get info	apt show <package>
Clean old packages	sudo apt autoremove

Install from .deb File

```
sudo dpkg -i file.deb
sudo apt -f install # Fix missing dependencies
```

YUM/DNF – RHEL, CentOS, Fedora

DNF is the newer replacement for YUM.

Common Commands

Task	YUM	DNF
Install	sudo yum install nginx	sudo dnf install nginx
Remove	sudo yum remove nginx	sudo dnf remove nginx
Update system	sudo yum update	sudo dnf upgrade
Search	yum search nginx	dnf search nginx

Install from .rpm

```
sudo rpm -ivh package.rpm
Use yum localinstall package.rpm to auto-resolve dependencies.
```

pacman – Arch Linux & Derivatives

```
sudo pacman -Syu      # Full system update
sudo pacman -S package-name # Install
sudo pacman -R package-name # Remove
sudo pacman -Ss search-term # Search
```

snap – Universal Package Manager

- Works across distros.

- Packages include all dependencies (like containers).
 - Slower but very easy to use.
- ```
sudo snap install code --classic
sudo snap remove code
snap list
```

## flatpak – Alternative Universal Manager

```
flatpak install flathub com.spotify.Client
flatpak run com.spotify.Client
```

## DevOps Use Cases

| Task                               | Command                            |
|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Install Docker on Ubuntu           | sudo apt install docker.io         |
| Install Git on CentOS              | sudo yum install git               |
| Setup Prometheus via RPM           | sudo rpm -ivh prometheus.rpm       |
| Install Terraform via .deb         | sudo dpkg -i terraform_1.7.deb     |
| Automate installs in shell scripts | Include apt, yum, or snap commands |
| Use Ansible to manage packages     | apt: name=nginx state=present      |

## Bonus Tools

| Tool      | Use                                   |
|-----------|---------------------------------------|
| dpkg      | Low-level Debian tool (for .deb)      |
| rpm       | Low-level Red Hat tool (for .rpm)     |
| aptitude  | TUI for apt package management        |
| brew      | Popular on macOS and Linux (Homebrew) |
| conda/pip | Python packages (for ML/dev tasks)    |

## Sample Practice Task (Ubuntu)

# 1. Update and install

```
sudo apt update
sudo apt install htop
2. Check installed version
htop --version
3. Remove it
sudo apt remove htop
```

## Summary Table

| Action         | APT         | YUM/DNF            | RPM      | Snap         |
|----------------|-------------|--------------------|----------|--------------|
| Install        | apt install | yum install        | rpm -ivh | snap install |
| Remove         | apt remove  | yum remove         | rpm -e   | snap remove  |
| Update system  | apt upgrade | yum update         | —        | —            |
| List installed | dpkg -l     | yum list installed | rpm -qa  | snap list    |

# Linux Service Management – Complete Guide (Init + Systemd)

## What is a Service?

- A **service** (also called a **daemon**) is a background process, like:
  - nginx, docker, sshd, mysql, etc.
- Services start:
  - **Manually** (on demand)
  - **Automatically** (at boot)
- In Linux, services are **managed using init systems**:
  - Older: SysVinit (commands: service, chkconfig)
  - Modern: systemd (commands: systemctl, journalctl)

## 1. systemctl – Modern Service Manager (systemd-based)

Most modern Linux distributions (Ubuntu ≥15, CentOS 7+, Debian ≥8, RHEL 7+) use **systemd**.

### Common systemctl Commands

| Task                   | Command                      |
|------------------------|------------------------------|
| Start a service        | sudo systemctl start nginx   |
| Stop a service         | sudo systemctl stop nginx    |
| Restart a service      | sudo systemctl restart nginx |
| Reload without restart | sudo systemctl reload nginx  |
| Check status           | systemctl status nginx       |

## 2. Enable/Disable at Boot

| Action             | Command                      |
|--------------------|------------------------------|
| Enable auto-start  | sudo systemctl enable nginx  |
| Disable auto-start | sudo systemctl disable nginx |
| Check if enabled   | systemctl is-enabled nginx   |

## 3. View Service Logs

journalctl -u nginx

| Option               | Description                    |
|----------------------|--------------------------------|
| -u                   | Show logs for specific service |
| -f                   | Follow logs (like tail -f)     |
| --since "10 min ago" | Filter by time                 |

Example:

journalctl -u docker -f

## 4. Service Files and Paths (systemd)

| Location             | Purpose                            |
|----------------------|------------------------------------|
| /etc/systemd/system/ | Custom service unit files          |
| /lib/systemd/system/ | Default service unit files         |
| *.service files      | Define how to start/stop a service |

## 5. Anatomy of a .service File

Example: /etc/systemd/system/myapp.service

```
[Unit]
Description=My Flask App
After=network.target

[Service]
ExecStart=/usr/bin/python3 /opt/myapp/app.py
WorkingDirectory=/opt/myapp
Restart=always
User=ubuntu

[Install]
WantedBy=multi-user.target
```

### Enable and Start It:

```
sudo systemctl daemon-reload
sudo systemctl enable myapp
sudo systemctl start myapp
```

## 6. Legacy Commands (SysVinit-based distros)

If your system uses **SysVinit** (e.g., CentOS 6):

| Task           | Command                    |
|----------------|----------------------------|
| Start          | sudo service nginx start   |
| Stop           | sudo service nginx stop    |
| Restart        | sudo service nginx restart |
| Enable at boot | chkconfig nginx on         |
| Disable        | chkconfig nginx off        |

## 7. DevOps Real-World Use Cases

| Scenario                         | Command                             |
|----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Restart Jenkins after update     | systemctl restart jenkins           |
| Enable Docker at boot            | systemctl enable docker             |
| Check failed services            | systemctl --failed                  |
| View service logs after crash    | journalctl -xe                      |
| Set up custom monitoring service | Write .service file + enable it     |
| Auto-restart failed app          | Add Restart=always in .service file |

## Summary: systemctl Cheat Sheet

| Command | Use |
|---------|-----|
|---------|-----|

```
systemctl start <service> Start service now
systemctl stop <service> Stop it
systemctl restart <service> Restart it
systemctl status <service> Show status
systemctl enable <service> Start on boot
systemctl disable <service> Don't start on boot
journalctl -u <service> View logs
systemctl daemon-reexec Reload systemd itself
```

## Best Practices (DevOps)

- Use systemctl over service on modern distros.
- For scripts, check service status before acting:  
if systemctl is-active --quiet nginx; then  
 echo "Nginx is running"  
fi
- Set **Restart policies** in .service files for resilience.
- Always daemon-reload after editing service files.

# Linux Network Management – Complete Guide

## Why Network Management Matters

In Linux-based systems (servers, containers, VMs), network management helps to:

- Configure **IP addresses**, DNS, routing
- Check connectivity and **troubleshoot issues**
- Manage **firewalls**, ports, and **network services**
- Set up virtual networks (important in **Docker/Kubernetes**)

## 1. Essential Networking Commands

### ◊ Check IP Address & Interfaces

```
ip addr show # Modern
ifconfig # Legacy (requires `net-tools`)
hostname -l # Show IP only
```

### ◊ View Routing Table

```
ip route show
route -n
```

### ◊ Check DNS Info

```
cat /etc/resolv.conf
```

### ◊ View/Change Hostname

```
hostname # Show hostname
hostnamectl set-hostname newname
```

## 2. Connectivity & Troubleshooting Tools

| Tool                 | Use                            |
|----------------------|--------------------------------|
| ping <host>          | Check if host is reachable     |
| traceroute <host>    | Show path to host              |
| nslookup <host>      | DNS resolution                 |
| dig <host>           | Advanced DNS info              |
| telnet <host> <port> | Test port connectivity         |
| nmap <host>          | Scan open ports                |
| netstat -tuln        | Show listening ports (TCP/UDP) |
| ss -tuln             | Modern version of netstat      |
| curl, wget           | Test HTTP/HTTPS connections    |
| tcpdump              | Packet capture tool            |
| ip a, ip r, ip link  | Interface and routing config   |

## 3. Configure Network Interfaces

### ◊ Using ip (Modern Tool)

Assign IP manually:

```
sudo ip addr add 192.168.1.10/24 dev eth0
```

```
sudo ip link set eth0 up
```

Remove IP:

```
sudo ip addr del 192.168.1.10/24 dev eth0
```

### ◊ Using nmcli (NetworkManager CLI – GUI-Based Systems)

```
nmcli device status # Show devices
```

```
nmcli connection show # List connections
```

```
nmcli connection up "Wired connection 1" # Enable connection
```

## 4. Network Configuration Files

| File                                   | Purpose                         |
|----------------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| /etc/hosts                             | Map hostnames to IPs manually   |
| /etc/hostname                          | System's hostname               |
| /etc/resolv.conf                       | DNS nameservers                 |
| /etc/network/interfaces                | (Debian-based static IP config) |
| /etc/sysconfig/network-scripts/ifcfg-* | (RHEL-based network config)     |

## 5. Firewall Management

### UFW (Ubuntu/Debian)

```
sudo ufw status
```

```
sudo ufw allow 22 # Allow SSH
```

```
sudo ufw deny 80
```

```
sudo ufw enable
```

### Firewall (RHEL/CentOS/Fedora)

```
sudo firewall-cmd --list-all
```

```
sudo firewall-cmd --add-port=8080/tcp --permanent
sudo firewall-cmd --reload
```

## iptables (Legacy/Manual)

```
sudo iptables -L # List rules
sudo iptables -A INPUT -p tcp --dport 22 -j ACCEPT
Many DevOps tools still use iptables rules underneath.
```

## 6. Host to Host Communication

| Task                  | Command                               |
|-----------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Test SSH              | ssh user@host                         |
| Share file            | scp file.txt user@host:/path          |
| Sync folders          | rsync -av /source/ user@host:/target/ |
| Setup port forwarding | ssh -L 8080:localhost:80 user@remote  |

## 7. DevOps Real-World Use Cases

| Scenario                        | Tool/Command                                                             |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Check server port before deploy | `ss -tuln                                                                |
| Validate DNS for API call       | dig api.myapp.com                                                        |
| Configure static IP on cloud VM | /etc/netplan/*.yaml or nmcli                                             |
| Expose container port to host   | docker run -p 8080:80 nginx                                              |
| Detect broken microservice      | curl <a href="http://service:port/health">http://service:port/health</a> |
| Monitor traffic                 | iftop, nethogs, tcpdump                                                  |
| Test firewall blocking          | telnet host port or nmap host                                            |

## Summary Table

| Tool                     | Purpose                        |
|--------------------------|--------------------------------|
| ip                       | Modern IP and route management |
| ss, netstat              | View listening services        |
| ping, traceroute         | Network diagnostics            |
| curl, wget               | Test HTTP/HTTPS                |
| dig, nslookup            | DNS tools                      |
| nmap                     | Port scanner                   |
| iptables, ufw, firewalld | Firewalls                      |
| nmcli, nmtui             | GUI/CLI network config         |

## Practice Task

```
Check IP and routes
ip a
ip route
Ping gateway
```

```
ping 192.168.1.1
Test DNS resolution
dig google.com
Scan open ports
nmap localhost
Check service listening
ss -tuln | grep 22
Allow HTTP in firewall
sudo ufw allow 80
```

## Linux Troubleshooting – Full Guide

### What Is Troubleshooting?

Troubleshooting in Linux means identifying and fixing:

- System errors
- Service failures
- Performance bottlenecks
- Network issues
- Disk problems
- Permissions and access issues

### 1. Basic Diagnostic Questions

Before diving into tools, ask:

- What exactly isn't working?
- When did it start?
- Has anything changed recently (updates, config, deployments)?
- Can it be replicated?
- Logs available?

### 2. System Health Check

#### ► CPU, Memory, Load

```
top
htop
uptime # Check load average
free -h # Check memory usage
vmstat 1 # System performance in real-time
```

#### ► Disk Usage

```
df -h # Show available disk space
du -sh * # Check size of subdirectories
lsblk # List block devices
```

#### ► Check Disk Errors

```
dmesg | grep -i error
sudo smartctl -a /dev/sda
```

### 3. Network Troubleshooting

| Task                      | Command                                                             |
|---------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Check IP address          | ip a or ifconfig                                                    |
| Ping a host               | ping 8.8.8.8 or ping google.com                                     |
| Trace route               | traceroute google.com                                               |
| DNS check                 | dig, nslookup                                                       |
| Port test                 | telnet host port, nmap, or nc -zv host port                         |
| View open/listening ports | ss -tuln, netstat -tulnp                                            |
| Restart network           | systemctl restart NetworkManager or sudo service networking restart |

## 4. Log Files (Goldmine of Info)

| Location                             | Purpose                            |
|--------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| /var/log/syslog or /var/log/messages | General system logs                |
| /var/log/auth.log                    | Login attempts, sudo access        |
| /var/log/dmesg                       | Kernel and hardware logs           |
| /var/log/nginx/ or /var/log/httpd/   | Web server logs                    |
| /var/log/mysql/                      | DB logs                            |
| /var/log/journal/                    | systemd logs (if journald enabled) |

### **View logs:**

tail -n 50 /var/log/syslog  
journalctl -xe

## 5. Service Failures (Systemd-based systems)

### **Check status and logs:**

systemctl status nginx  
journalctl -u nginx -b

### **Restart or reload:**

sudo systemctl restart nginx  
sudo systemctl daemon-reload

## 6. Permission Issues

### **Common symptoms:**

- Permission denied errors
- Files not executable
- Services unable to read config files

### **Commands:**

ls -l filename  
chmod +x script.sh  
chown user:group file  
Check if service is running as correct user (e.g., nginx, www-data).

## 7. Application Debugging (e.g., Python, Bash, Node.js)

| Tool | Use |
|------|-----|
|------|-----|

|                                                      |                                 |
|------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| <code>bash -x script.sh</code>                       | Debug bash scripts line by line |
| <code>python3 -m pdb script.py</code>                | Python debugger                 |
| <code>npm run dev</code> or <code>node app.js</code> | Watch console logs for Node.js  |
| <code>curl -v</code>                                 | Verbose API call debugging      |

## 8. Database Troubleshooting

| Action             | Command                                                           |
|--------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Check MySQL status | <code>systemctl status mysql</code>                               |
| Access MySQL       | <code>mysql -u root -p</code>                                     |
| View DB logs       | <code>/var/log/mysql/error.log</code>                             |
| PostgreSQL logs    | <code>/var/log/postgresql/postgresql.log</code>                   |
| Test DB connection | <code>mysqladmin ping</code> or <code>psql -h host -U user</code> |

## 9. Package/Dependency Problems

- Debian/Ubuntu:  
`sudo apt update`  
`sudo apt install -f`  
`sudo dpkg --configure -a`
- RHEL/CentOS:  
`sudo yum clean all`  
`sudo yum check`

## 10. Process & Resource Issues

| Task                 | Command                                                          |
|----------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------|
| List processes       | <code>ps -ef</code> , <code>top</code> , <code>htop</code>       |
| Kill process         | <code>kill &lt;PID&gt;</code> or <code>pkill &lt;name&gt;</code> |
| Zombie process check | <code>'ps aux</code>                                             |
| Memory hogs          | <code>'ps aux --sort=-%mem</code>                                |
| CPU hogs             | <code>'ps aux --sort=-%cpu</code>                                |

## 11. Reboot, Shutdown, Recovery

| Task               | Command                                                        |
|--------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------|
| Reboot             | <code>sudo reboot</code>                                       |
| Shutdown           | <code>sudo shutdown now</code>                                 |
| Rescue Mode (grub) | Hold Shift at boot > Select <b>Advanced &gt; Recovery mode</b> |
| Remount root fs    | <code>mount -o remount,rw /</code>                             |
| Filesystem check   | <code>fsck /dev/sda1</code> (carefully, needs unmounted disk)  |

## 12. Troubleshooting Checklist

Is the service running?

- Is the **port open** and listening?
- Can you **ping / curl** the target?
- Do you see anything in the **logs**?
- Is it a **permission or ownership** problem?
- Is the **disk or memory full**?
- Has **anything changed** (deployment, config, updates)?

## Tools Worth Installing

| Tool           | Description               |
|----------------|---------------------------|
| htop           | Advanced resource monitor |
| iftop, nethogs | Live network usage        |
| ncdu           | Disk usage analyzer       |
| strace         | Trace system calls        |
| lsof           | List open files           |
| tcpdump        | Network packet capture    |

## Sample Scenario to Practice

```
Your service stopped working
systemctl status myapp.service # Step 1: Check status
journalctl -u myapp -n 50 # Step 2: Check logs
ss -tuln | grep 8080 # Step 3: Port listening?
df -h # Step 4: Disk space?
ps -ef | grep myapp # Step 5: Process alive?
```

- Full **admin (sudo)** access
- Partial (**limited command**) access
- With clear **examples, commands, and explanations** for each step

## Scenario Overview

Assume you're a DevOps/Linux admin and need to:

1. Add a new user
2. Give them:
  - o Either **full sudo** (admin) access
  - o Or **limited command** access (e.g., restart Apache only)

## Step-by-Step: Create and Manage Linux User Access

### ◊ Step 1: Create a New User

sudo adduser john

 This creates a new user john with a home directory.

### ◊ Step 2: Set a Password for the User

sudo passwd john

 Prompt will ask for and confirm a password.

## ◊ Step 3: Give Full Admin (sudo) Access

### ► Option 1: Add to the sudo group (Debian/Ubuntu)

sudo usermod -aG sudo john

### ► Option 2: For CentOS/RHEL

sudo usermod -aG wheel john

 This gives full root-equivalent access via sudo.

#### Test:

Login as john and run:

sudo whoami

Expected output: root

## PARTIAL / LIMITED ACCESS (For Security or Compliance)

## ◊ Step 4: Allow Specific Command via sudoers

Use the visudo command to safely edit the sudoers file:

sudo visudo

→ Inside the file, add the below rule at the end:

john ALL=(ALL) NOPASSWD: /bin/systemctl restart apache2

#### Explanation:

- john: The username
- ALL=(ALL): Can run as any user
- NOPASSWD: Won't be prompted for password
- /bin/systemctl restart apache2: Only this command allowed with sudo

#### Test:

Login as john, then run:

sudo /bin/systemctl restart apache2

Should work

But:

sudo apt update

Will result in permission denied 

## BONUS: Allow Multiple Commands

john ALL=(ALL) NOPASSWD: /sbin/ifconfig, /usr/bin/apt-get update

## How to Find Command Full Paths

Use:

which <command>

Example:

which systemctl

## Restrict Shell Access (Optional)

To block shell login but allow cron/FTP:

sudo usermod -s /usr/sbin/nologin john

## Check Group of a User

groups john

## Remove a User's Sudo Access

Remove user from sudo group:

```
sudo deluser john sudo # Ubuntu/Debian
sudo gpasswd -d john wheel # RHEL/CentOS
Or remove entry from visudo.
```

## Summary Table

| Task           | Command                       |
|----------------|-------------------------------|
| Add user       | sudo adduser john             |
| Set password   | sudo passwd john              |
| Full admin     | sudo usermod -aG sudo john    |
| Partial access | sudo visudo → add custom rule |
| Check access   | sudo -l -U john               |
| Remove sudo    | sudo deluser john sudo        |

## Real-World Example Use Case (DevOps):

**Use Case:** Give DevOps intern only permission to restart Nginx and view logs

1. Create user:

```
sudo adduser devopsintern
```

1. Edit sudoers via visudo:

```
devopsintern ALL=(ALL) NOPASSWD: /bin/systemctl restart nginx, /usr/bin/tail -n 100
/var/log/nginx/error.log
```

Now they can:

```
sudo /bin/systemctl restart nginx
sudo /usr/bin/tail -n 100 /var/log/nginx/error.log
But cannot do anything else with sudo.
```

## Linux File System Structure – Detailed Notes

The **Linux file system** is a **hierarchical directory structure** that starts from the **root (/)** directory and branches out to other subdirectories.

### 1. Root Directory /

- The top-level directory of the Linux file system.
- All files and directories start from here.
- It is the **parent of all other directories**.

### 2. Standard Directories Under /

#### Directory Description

|       |                                                                             |
|-------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| /bin  | <b>Essential user binaries</b> (commands): ls, cp, mv, rm, etc.             |
| /sbin | <b>System binaries</b> : Admin-level tools like iptables, reboot, ifconfig. |

|        |                                                                                        |
|--------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| /boot  | Contains <b>bootloader files</b> , Linux kernel (vmlinuz), initrd, GRUB config.        |
| /dev   | <b>Device files</b> : e.g., /dev/sda, /dev/tty0. Represents hardware devices as files. |
| /etc   | <b>System-wide configuration files</b> : e.g., /etc/passwd, /etc/hosts, /etc/fstab.    |
| /home  | <b>User home directories</b> : /home/riyas, /home/mohan.                               |
| /lib   | Essential <b>shared libraries</b> for binaries in /bin and /sbin.                      |
| /media | Mount point for <b>removable media</b> : USB, CD/DVD auto-mounted here.                |
| /mnt   | Used for <b>temporarily mounting file systems</b> manually by the user.                |
| /opt   | Optional application packages (e.g., third-party apps like Chrome, VMware).            |
| /proc  | Virtual filesystem providing <b>process and kernel info</b> (e.g., /proc/cpuinfo).     |
| /root  | <b>Home directory of root user</b> . Different from /home/root.                        |
| /run   | Runtime data since the last boot, like PID files, socket files.                        |
| /srv   | Service-related data for servers like FTP, <a href="#">WWW</a> .                       |
| /sys   | Virtual filesystem showing <b>kernel info about devices</b> .                          |
| /tmp   | Temporary files. Cleared on reboot.                                                    |
| /usr   | Secondary hierarchy for read-only user data; has subdirs like /usr/bin, /usr/lib.      |
| /var   | Variable data like <b>logs, spool files, cache, and emails</b> .                       |

## 3. Important /etc Files and Their Use

| File             | Purpose                                              |
|------------------|------------------------------------------------------|
| /etc/passwd      | Stores user account information                      |
| /etc/shadow      | Contains user password hashes                        |
| /etc/group       | Stores group info                                    |
| /etc/hostname    | Sets system hostname                                 |
| /etc/fstab       | Contains auto-mount information                      |
| /etc/hosts       | Maps IP addresses to hostnames                       |
| /etc/resolv.conf | DNS configuration                                    |
| /etc/systemd/    | Contains service files and system boot configuration |

## 4. Important /var Subdirectories

| Directory  | Purpose                                          |
|------------|--------------------------------------------------|
| /var/log   | System log files (important for troubleshooting) |
| /var/spool | Print and mail spools                            |
| /var/tmp   | Temp files preserved between reboots             |
| /var/cache | Cached data from applications                    |
| /var/www   | Web files (for Apache/Nginx servers)             |

## 5. Virtual Filesystems: /proc, /sys, /dev

- **/proc:**
  - Dynamic, virtual filesystem.

- Used to access **process info**, system uptime, memory stats.
- Example: cat /proc/cpuinfo, cat /proc/meminfo.
- **/sys**:
  - Interfaces with **kernel devices**.
  - Helps in examining and interacting with hardware.
- **/dev**:
  - Represents **devices as files**.
  - Example: /dev/sda = hard disk, /dev/ttyUSB0 = USB device.

## 6. Package & Binary Locations

| Path             | Use                         |
|------------------|-----------------------------|
| /bin             | Essential system binaries   |
| /usr/bin         | Non-essential user commands |
| /sbin, /usr/sbin | Admin commands              |
| /lib, /usr/lib   | Shared libraries            |
| /opt             | Third-party packages        |

## 7. User & Permissions

- Each user has a **home directory** inside /home.
- The **root user's home** is /root.
- Use ls -l / to view permissions and ownership of top-level directories.

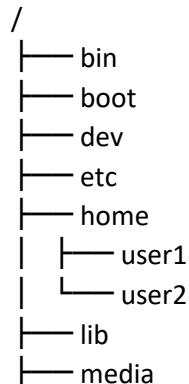
## 8. Mount Points

- Devices or partitions are attached to the Linux file system via **mount points**.
- Example:
  - mount /dev/sdb1 /mnt/usb
  - /mnt, /media, /run/media are common mount paths.

## 9. Key Concepts to Remember

- Everything in Linux is a **file** (including hardware and processes).
- The file system follows **FHS** (Filesystem Hierarchy Standard).
- Root (/) is the origin — all other directories are children of it.
- **Separation of concerns**: logs, binaries, configs, libraries — all have dedicated locations.

## Diagram of Linux File System Hierarchy



```
└── mnt
└── opt
└── proc
└── root
└── run
└── sbin
└── srv
└── sys
└── tmp
└── usr
 ├── bin
 ├── lib
 └── share
└── var
 ├── log
 ├── cache
 └── tmp
```