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# **How to: Find Out Hard Disk Specs / Details on Linux**

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Q. Can you tell me Linux command to find out information about my hard disk such as description, product name, bus type, size, cache memory size etc under Linux?

A. There are many tools to get this information. I recommend hdparm command which provides a command line interface to various hard disk ioctls supported by the stock Linux ATA/IDE device driver subsystem.



This command read / request identification information such as disk size, description and much more directly from the drive, which is displayed in a new expanded format.

Open the terminal and type the command:

```
# hdparm -I /dev/sda
```

#### OR

```
$ sudo hdparm -I /dev/sda
```

## Output:

```
/dev/sda:
ATA device, with non-removable media
       Model Number: ST3500630AS
        Serial Number:
                           9XXYZ845YZ
       Firmware Revision: 3.AAK
Standards:
       Supported: 7 6 5 4
       Likely used: 7
Configuration:
       Logical
                     max
                              current
       cylinders
                      16383 16383
       heads
                       1.6
                               16
       sectors/track 63
                               63
       CHS current addressable sectors:
       LBA user addressable sectors: 268435455
       LBA48 user addressable sectors: 976773168
       device size with M = 1024*1024:
                                          476940 MBytes
       device size with M = 1000*1000:
                                            500107 MBytes (500 GB)
Capabilities:
       LBA, IORDY (can be disabled)
       Queue depth: 32
       Standby timer values: spec'd by Standard, no device specific minimum
       R/W multiple sector transfer: Max = 16 Current = 16
       Recommended acoustic management value: 254, current value: 0
       DMA: mdma0 mdma1 mdma2 udma0 udma1 udma2 udma3 udma4 udma5 *udma6
            Cycle time: min=120ns recommended=120ns
       PIO: pio0 pio1 pio2 pio3 pio4
            Cycle time: no flow control=120ns IORDY flow control=120ns
Commands/features:
       Enabled Supported:
               SMART feature set
               Security Mode feature set
               Power Management feature set
               Write cache
               Look-ahead
```

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```
Host Protected Area feature set
               WRITE BUFFER command
               READ_BUFFER command
               DOWNLOAD MICROCODE
                SET_MAX security extension
               48-bit Address feature set
               Device Configuration Overlay feature set
               Mandatory FLUSH_CACHE
               FLUSH_CACHE_EXT
               SMART error logging
               SMART self-test
               General Purpose Logging feature set
               SATA-I signaling speed (1.5Gb/s)
                SATA-II signaling speed (3.0Gb/s)
               Native Command Queueing (NCQ)
               Phy event counters
                Device-initiated interface power management
               Software settings preservation
Security:
       Master password revision code = 65534
               supported
       not
               enabled
       not
               locked
               frozen
               expired: security count
       not
       not
               supported: enhanced erase
Checksum: correct
```

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