Top 50 Commands and Their Uses for Kali Linux 🚀

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Command	Use
ls	List directory contents
cd	Change directory
pwd	Print working directory
cp	Copy files or directories
mv	Move or rename files or directories
rm	Remove files or directories
mkdir	Create a new directory
touch	Create an empty file or update a file's timestamp
nano	Simple text editor
cat	Concatenate and display file content

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Command	Use
less	View file content one screen at a time
grep	Search text using patterns
find	Search for files in a directory hierarchy
chmod	Change file mode (permissions)
chown	Change file owner and group
apt-get	APT package handling utility
apt-cache	Query the APT cache
dpkg	Debian package manager
tar	Archive files
zip	Package and compress files

Command	Use
unzip	Extract compressed files
wget	Retrieve files from the web
curl	Transfer data from or to a server
ifconfig	Configure a network interface
iwconfig	Configure wireless network interfaces
ping	Test network connectivity
netstat	Network statistics
nmap	Network scanner
tcpdump	Network packet analyzer
airmon-ng	Start/stop monitor mode on wireless interfaces

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Command	Use
aircrack-ng	Crack WEP and WPA-PSK keys
ettercap	Comprehensive suite for man-in-the-middle attacks
john	Password cracker
hydra	Parallelized login cracker
msfconsole	Metasploit Framework console
burpsuite	Integrated platform for web application security testing
sqlmap	Automated SQL injection tool
nikto	Web server scanner
wireshark	Network protocol analyzer
dirb	Web content scanner

Command	Use
recon-ng	Web reconnaissance framework
setoolkit	Social Engineering Toolkit
hashcat	Advanced password recovery
maltego	Interactive data mining tool
beef	Browser Exploitation Framework
exploitdb	Searchable database of exploits
ssh	Secure shell for remote login
scp	Secure copy over SSH
gpg	Encrypt and sign files