

1. File and Directory Management

- **ls** – List directory contents
- **cd** – Change directory
- **pwd** – Print working directory
- **cp** – Copy files and directories
- **mv** – Move or rename files and directories
- **mkdir** – Make directories
- **rmdir** – Remove empty directories
- **rm** – Remove files or directories
- **touch** – Change file timestamps or create empty files
- **file** – Display file type
- **find** – Search for files in a directory hierarchy
- **locate** – Find files by name
- **tree** – Display directories in a tree-like format
- **stat** – Display file or file system status

2. File Viewing and Editing

- **cat** – Concatenate and display file content
- **more** – View file content interactively (page by page)
- **less** – View file content interactively (scrollable)
- **head** – Output the first part of a file
- **tail** – Output the last part of a file
- **nano** – Text editor (terminal-based)
- **vim** – Advanced text editors
- **emacs** – Text editor
- **grep** – Search text using patterns
- **sed** – Stream editor for filtering and transforming text
- **awk** – Pattern scanning and processing language
- **cut** – Remove sections from each line of files
- **sort** – Sort lines of text files
- **wc** – Count characters, words and line in of a text file
- **uniq** – Report or omit repeated lines

3. Process Management

- **ps** – Report a snapshot of current processes
- **top** – Display Linux tasks
- **htop** – Interactive process viewer (advanced top)
- **kill** – Send a signal to a process, typically to terminate
- **killall** – Terminate processes by name
- **bg** – Resume a suspended job in the background
- **fg** – Bring a job to the foreground
- **jobs** – List active jobs
- **uptime** – Show how long the system has been running
- **time** – Measure program running time

4. Disk Management

- **df** – Report file system disk space usage
- **du** – Estimate file space usage
- **lsblk** – List information about block devices
- **fdisk** – Partition table manipulator for Linux
- **parted** – A partition manipulation program
- **mkfs** – Create a file system
- **mount** – Mount a file system
- **umount** – Unmount a file system
- **fsck** – File system consistency check and repair

5. Networking

- **ifconfig** – Configure network interfaces
- **ip** – Show/manipulate routing, devices, and tunnels
- **nmcli** – Show/manipulate network interface and routing
- **ping** – Send ICMP Echo requests to network hosts
- **netstat** – Network statistics
- **ss** – Socket statistics (faster than netstat)
- **traceroute** – Trace the route packets take to a network host
- **nslookup** – Query Internet name servers interactively

- **dig** – DNS lookup utility
- **wget** – Non interactive network downloader
- **curl** – Transfer data with URLs
- **scp** – Secure copy files between hosts
- **ssh** – Secure shell for remote login
- **ftp** – File Transfer Protocol client
- **tcpdump** – Command-line packet analyzer

6. User and Group Management

- **useradd** – Add a user to the system
- **usermod** – Modify a user account
- **userdel** – Delete a user account
- **groupadd** – Add a group to the system
- **groupdel** – Delete a group
- **passwd** – Change user password
- **chage** – Change user password expiry information
- **whoami** – Print the current logged-in user
- **who** – Show who is logged in
- **w** – Show who is logged in and what they're doing
- **id** – Display user and group information
- **groups** – Show user's groups

7. System Information and Monitoring

- **uname** – Print system information
- **hostname** – Show or set the system's hostname
- **uptime** – How long the system has been running
- **dmesg** – Boot and system messages
- **free** – Display memory usage
- **top** – Display Linux tasks
- **vmstat** – Report virtual memory statistics
- **watch** – Execute a program periodically, showing output
- **lscpu** – Display information about the CPU architecture
- **lsusb** – List USB devices

- **lspci** – List PCI devices
- **lshw** – List hardware configuration

8. Archiving and Compression

- **tar** – Archive files
 - `tar -czf archive.tar.gz /path/to/directory` – Compress files using gzip
 - `tar -xzf archive.tar.gz` – Extract gzipped tarball
 - `tar -cf archive.tar /path/to/directory` – Create a tarball
 - `tar -xf archive.tar` – Extract tarball
- **zip** – Package and compress files into a ZIP archive
- **unzip** – Extract files from a ZIP archive
- **gzip** – Compress files using the gzip algorithm
- **gunzip** – Decompress files compressed with gzip
- **bzip2** – Compress files using the bzip2 algorithm
- **bunzip2** – Decompress files compressed with bzip2
- **xz** – Compress files using the xz algorithm
- **unxz** – Decompress files compressed with xz

9. Package Management (Depends on Distribution)

Debian-based (e.g., Ubuntu)

- **apt-get** – APT package handling utility
 - `apt-get install <package>` – Install a package
 - `apt-get update` – Update package list
 - `apt-get upgrade` – Upgrade installed packages
 - `apt-get remove <package>` – Remove a package

Red Hat-based (e.g., AlmaLinux, Fedora)

- **dnf** – Next-generation package manager (Fedora, CentOS 8+)
 - `dnf install <package>` – Install a package
 - `dnf update` – Update installed packages
 - `dnf remove <package>` – Remove a package

General Commands

- **rpm** – RPM package manager
 - rpm -i <package.rpm> – Install an RPM package
 - rpm -e <package> – Remove an RPM package
- **dpkg** – Debian package manager
 - dpkg -i <package.deb> – Install a Debian package
 - dpkg -r <package> – Remove a Debian package

10. System Services and Daemon Management

- **systemctl** – Control the systemd system and service manager
 - systemctl start <service> – Start a service
 - systemctl stop <service> – Stop a service
 - systemctl restart <service> – Restart a service
 - systemctl enable <service> – Enable a service to start on boot
 - systemctl disable <service> – Disable a service from starting on boot
 - systemctl status <service> – Check service status
- **journalctl** – Query and view logs from systemd's journal

11. Scheduling Tasks

- **cron** – Daemon for running scheduled commands
- **at** – Run commands at a specified time
- **batch** – Run commands when the system load is low
- **sleep** – Delay for a specified time

12. File Permissions and Security

- **chmod** – Change file permissions
- **chown** – Change file owner and group
- **chgrp** – Change the group ownership of a file
- **umask** – Set default permissions for new files
- **setfacl** – Set file access control lists (ACL)

- **getfacl** – Get file access control lists (ACL)
- **sudo** – Execute a command as another user (usually root)
- **visudo** – Edit the sudoers file safely
- **passwd** – Change a user's password
- **sudoers** – Manage sudo access for users
- **gpasswd** – Administer group password
- **ss** – Display socket statistics (for secure network connections)
- **firewalld** – Frontend for managing firewall rules (used in some distros like Fedora and Red Hat)
- **iptables** – Administration tool for IPv4 packet filtering and NAT (Network Address Translation)
- **nmap** – Network exploration tool (can be used for security auditing)

13. System Backup and Restore

- **rsync** – Remote file and directory synchronization
- **cpio** – Copy files to and from archives
- **dd** – Low-level copying and backup of entire filesystems

14. System Shutdown and Reboot

- **shutdown** – Shut down the system
 - **shutdown -h now** – Immediately shut down
 - **shutdown -r now** – Reboot the system
 - **shutdown -h +10** – Shut down after 10 minutes
- **reboot** – Reboot the system
- **halt** – Halt the system immediately (equivalent to turning off power)
- **poweroff** – Power off the system