

DevOps Shack

Linux Complete Detailed Cheat Sheet

1. File and Directory Management

1.1 ls - List directory contents

Is -I /home

- **Description**: Lists all files and directories in /home with detailed information.
- Options:
 - -l: Long format (permissions, owner, size, etc.)
 - -a: Show hidden files.
 - o -h: Human-readable file sizes.

1.2 cd - Change directory

cd /var/log

- **Description**: Moves to the /var/log directory.
- Tips:
 - o cd ..: Go to the parent directory.
 - o cd ~: Go to the home directory.

1.3 pwd - Print working directory

pwd

• **Description**: Outputs the full path of the current working directory.

1.4 mkdir - Create directories

mkdir -p /tmp/test_dir/sub_dir

- **Description**: Creates /tmp/test_dir and sub_dir if they don't already exist.
 - o -p: Create parent directories as needed.

1.5 rmdir - Remove empty directories

rmdir /tmp/test_dir/sub_dir

• **Description**: Removes the sub_dir if it's empty.

1.6 rm - Remove files or directories

rm -rf /tmp/test_dir

- **Description**: Deletes the test_dir directory and its contents recursively.
- Options:
 - -r: Recursive delete.
 - -f: Force delete without confirmation.

1.7 cp - Copy files or directories

cp -r /etc/nginx /tmp/

- **Description**: Copies the /etc/nginx directory to /tmp/.
- Options:
 - o -r: Copy directories recursively.

1.8 mv - Move or rename files

mv /tmp/nginx /tmp/nginx_backup

• **Description**: Renames or moves /tmp/nginx to /tmp/nginx_backup.

1.9 touch - Create empty files

touch newfile.txt

• **Description**: Creates an empty file named newfile.txt.

1.10 stat - Display file status

stat newfile.txt

• **Description**: Provides detailed information about the file, such as size, permissions, and timestamps.

2. File Viewing and Editing

2.1 cat - View file contents

cat /etc/hosts

- **Description**: Displays the contents of /etc/hosts.
- Tips:
 - Use cat file1 file2 > combined_file to concatenate files.

2.2 less - View file contents page by page

less /var/log/syslog

• **Description**: Opens the /var/log/syslog file in a scrollable view.

2.3 head - Display the first lines of a file

head -n 5 /etc/passwd

• **Description**: Shows the first 5 lines of the /etc/passwd file.

2.4 tail - Display the last lines of a file

tail -n 10 /var/log/syslog

- **Description**: Shows the last 10 lines of the /var/log/syslog file.
- Tips:
 - Use tail -f to monitor a file in real time.

2.5 nano - Edit files

nano /tmp/test.txt

- **Description**: Opens test.txt in the Nano text editor.
- Tips:
 - o Ctrl + O: Save.
 - Ctrl + X: Exit.

3. File Permissions and Ownership

3.1 chmod - Change file permissions

chmod 644 /tmp/test.txt

- **Description**: Sets the file permissions to rw-r--r- for test.txt.
- Options:
 - o 777: Full permissions for all.
 - o 644: Owner can read/write, others can only read.

3.2 chown - Change file ownership

chown user:user /tmp/test.txt

• **Description**: Changes the owner and group of test.txt to user.

3.3 umask - Set default file permissions

umask 022

• **Description**: Sets the default permission for new files to 755.

4. Searching and Finding Files

4.1 find - Search for files

find / -name "test.txt"

- **Description**: Searches for files named test.txt in the root directory.
- Options:
 - o -type f: Search for files.
 - -type d: Search for directories.

4.2 grep - Search inside files

grep "error" /var/log/syslog

• **Description**: Searches for the term error in /var/log/syslog.

5. Networking

5.1 ping - Test network connectivity

ping -c 4 google.com

• **Description**: Sends 4 ICMP packets to google.com to check connectivity.

5.2 curl - Send HTTP requests

curl https://example.com

• **Description**: Fetches the contents of https://example.com.

6. Disk and Filesystem Management

6.1 df - Display disk space usage

<mark>df -h</mark>

- **Description**: Shows disk space usage in a human-readable format.
- Options:
 - o -h: Human-readable sizes.
 - o -T: Displays filesystem type.

6.2 du - Display directory size

du -sh /var/log

- **Description**: Shows the size of the /var/log directory.
- Options:

- -s: Summary for the directory.
- o -h: Human-readable format.

6.3 mount - Mount a filesystem

mount /dev/sdb1 /mnt

- **Description**: Mounts the partition /dev/sdb1 to /mnt.
- Options:
 - o -t ext4: Specify the filesystem type.

6.4 umount - Unmount a filesystem

umount /mnt

• **Description**: Unmounts the /mnt directory.

6.5 lsblk - List information about block devices

Isblk

• **Description**: Displays information about block devices, such as partitions.

6.6 blkid - Display block device UUIDs

blkid

• **Description**: Lists the UUIDs and filesystem types of block devices.

6.7 fsck - Filesystem check and repair

fsck/dev/sdb1

• **Description**: Checks and repairs filesystem errors on /dev/sdb1.

6.8 mkfs - Create a filesystem

mkfs.ext4 /dev/sdb1

• **Description**: Formats /dev/sdb1 with the ext4 filesystem.

7. Process Management

7.1 ps - Display process information

ps aux | grep apache

• **Description**: Lists all processes with details and filters for apache.

7.2 top - Monitor system processes

<mark>top</mark>

Description: Displays a real-time view of system processes and resource usage.

7.3 htop - Enhanced process viewer

htop

• **Description**: Provides an interactive process viewer (requires installation).

7.4 kill - Terminate a process

kill -9 1234

• **Description**: Sends the SIGKILL signal to terminate process 1234.

7.5 pkill - Kill processes by name

pkill -f apache

• **Description**: Terminates all processes with apache in their name.

7.6 jobs - List background jobs

<mark>jobs</mark>

• **Description**: Displays jobs running in the background.

7.7 bg - Resume a job in the background

bg %1

• **Description**: Resumes job 1 in the background.

7.8 fg - Bring a job to the foreground

fg %1

• **Description**: Brings job 1 to the foreground.

8. User Management

8.1 who - Show who is logged in

<mark>who</mark>

• **Description**: Lists users currently logged into the system.

8.2 whoami - Show the current user

<mark>whoami</mark>

• **Description**: Displays the username of the current user.

8.3 adduser - Add a new user

sudo adduser john

Description: Creates a new user john.

8.4 usermod - Modify user details

sudo usermod -aG sudo john

• **Description**: Adds john to the sudo group.

8.5 passwd - Change user password

passwd john

• **Description**: Changes the password for user john.

8.6 deluser - Remove a user

sudo deluser john

• **Description**: Deletes user john.

9. Networking

9.1 ifconfig - Display or configure network interfaces

ifconfig

- **Description**: Shows network interface details.
- Note: Use ip a for modern systems.

9.2 ip - Display or configure IP addresses

<mark>ip a</mark>

• **Description**: Lists all network interfaces and their IP addresses.

9.3 netstat - Network statistics

netstat -tuln

- **Description**: Lists open ports and active connections.
- Options:
 - o -t: TCP connections.
 - o -u: UDP connections.

9.4 traceroute - Trace the route to a host

traceroute google.com

• **Description**: Displays the path packets take to reach google.com.

9.5 wget - Download files from the web

wget https://example.com/file.zip

• **Description**: Downloads file.zip from example.com.

9.6 scp - Securely copy files between systems

scp file.txt user@192.168.1.10:/tmp/

• **Description**: Copies file.txt to /tmp/ on a remote host.

10. System Monitoring

10.1 uptime - System uptime and load

<mark>uptime</mark>

• **Description**: Shows how long the system has been running.

10.2 free - Display memory usage

free -h

• **Description**: Displays memory usage in a human-readable format.

10.3 vmstat - System performance metrics

vmstat 15

• **Description**: Provides CPU, memory, and I/O stats every second for 5 seconds.

10.4 iostat - CPU and I/O statistics

iostat

• **Description**: Shows CPU and disk I/O statistics.

10.5 sar - System activity report

sar -u 1 3

• **Description**: Displays CPU usage over 3 intervals.

11. Package Management

11.1 apt - Manage packages on Debian-based systems

sudo apt update && sudo apt upgrade -y

- **Description**: Updates the package list and upgrades all packages to the latest version.
- Options:
 - o install: Install a package (sudo apt install nginx).
 - o remove: Uninstall a package (sudo apt remove nginx).
 - o search: Search for a package (apt search apache).

11.2 yum - Manage packages on RHEL-based systems

sudo yum install httpd

- **Description**: Installs the Apache web server on Red Hat-based distributions.
- Options:
 - o update: Update all packages (sudo yum update).
 - o remove: Remove a package (sudo yum remove httpd).

11.3 dnf - Next-gen package manager for RHEL systems

sudo dnf install vim

• **Description**: Installs the Vim editor using dnf.

11.4 rpm - Manage RPM packages

rpm -ivh package.rpm

- **Description**: Installs an RPM package.
- Options:
 - -e: Remove a package (rpm -e package_name).
 - o -q: Query installed packages (rpm -q package_name).

11.5 snap - Manage Snap packages

sudo snap install vlc

• **Description**: Installs the VLC media player as a Snap package.

12. Archiving and Compression

12.1 tar - Archive files

tar -cvf archive.tar /path/to/files

- **Description**: Archives files into archive.tar.
- Options:
 - -c: Create an archive.
 - o -x: Extract an archive.
 - -z: Compress with gzip (tar -czvf archive.tar.gz /path/to/files).

12.2 gzip - Compress files

gzip file.txt

• **Description**: Compresses file.txt into file.txt.gz.

12.3 gunzip - Decompress files

gunzip file.txt.gz

• **Description**: Decompresses file.txt.gz back to file.txt.

12.4 zip - Compress files into a zip archive

zip archive.zip file1.txt file2.txt

Description: Compresses file1.txt and file2.txt into archive.zip.

12.5 unzip - Extract a zip archive

unzip archive.zip

• **Description**: Extracts all files from archive.zip.

13. Security and Permissions

13.1 sudo - Execute a command as superuser

sudo apt install nginx

• **Description**: Runs the apt install nginx command as a superuser.

13.2 passwd - Change user password

sudo passwd username

• **Description**: Sets or changes the password for the username.

13.3 chmod - Modify file permissions

chmod 755 script.sh

• **Description**: Sets permissions to rwxr-xr-x for script.sh.

13.4 chown - Change file ownership

sudo chown user:group file.txt

• **Description**: Changes the owner and group of file.txt to user and group.

13.5 iptables - Manage firewall rules

sudo iptables - A INPUT - p tcp -- dport 22 - j ACCEPT

• **Description**: Allows incoming SSH traffic on port 22.

13.6 ufw - Uncomplicated Firewall

sudo ufw allow 80

• **Description**: Allows incoming HTTP traffic on port 80.

13.7 ssh - Connect to a remote server

ssh user@192.168.1.10

• **Description**: Connects to the remote server with IP 192.168.1.10 as user.

13.8 scp - Securely copy files

scp file.txt user@192.168.1.10:/tmp/

• **Description**: Copies file.txt to the /tmp/ directory on a remote host.

14. Text Processing

14.1 cat - Concatenate and display file contents

cat file.txt

• **Description**: Displays the contents of file.txt.

14.2 grep - Search text patterns in files

grep "error" /var/log/syslog

• **Description**: Searches for the word "error" in /var/log/syslog.

14.3 awk - Pattern scanning and processing

awk '{print \$1}' file.txt

• **Description**: Prints the first column of file.txt.

14.4 sed - Stream editor for transforming text

sed 's/old/new/g' file.txt

• **Description**: Replaces "old" with "new" in file.txt.

14.5 sort - Sort lines in a file

sort file.txt

• **Description**: Sorts the lines in file.txt alphabetically.

14.6 uniq - Remove duplicate lines

uniq file.txt

• **Description**: Removes consecutive duplicate lines in file.txt.

14.7 wc - Word, line, and character count

wc -l file.txt

• **Description**: Counts the number of lines in file.txt.

14.8 cut - Extract sections of text

cut -d':' -f1 /etc/passwd

• **Description**: Extracts the first field (username) from /etc/passwd.

15. Shell Scripting

15.1 Basic Shell Script

#!/bin/bash

echo "Hello, World!"

- **Description**: A simple shell script that prints "Hello, World!".
- Usage:

chmod +x script.sh

./script.sh

15.2 Variables in Scripts

#!/bin/bash

name="Linux"

echo "Welcome to \$name scripting!"

• **Description**: Demonstrates how to use variables in shell scripts.

15.3 Loops in Scripts

#!/bin/bash

for i in 1 2 3 4 5; do

echo "Number: \$i"

<mark>done</mark>

• **Description**: A for loop that prints numbers from 1 to 5.

15.4 Conditional Statements

```
#!/bin/bash
if [ $1 -gt 10 ]; then
    echo "Greater than 10"
else
    echo "Less than or equal to 10"
```

• **Description**: A script that checks if a number is greater than 10.

16. System Information

16.1 uname - System information

<mark>uname -a</mark>

• **Description**: Displays system kernel and architecture details.

16.2 hostname - Display hostname

hostname

Description: Outputs the hostname of the machine.

16.3 uptime - System uptime

<mark>uptime</mark>

• **Description**: Shows how long the system has been running.

17. System Performance Monitoring

17.1 vmstat - System performance statistics

vmstat 15

• **Description**: Displays system performance metrics (CPU, memory, I/O) every 1 second for 5 iterations.

17.2 iostat - CPU and I/O usage

iostat -x

• **Description**: Shows detailed CPU and disk I/O statistics.

17.3 sar - Historical performance data

sar -u 1 5

• **Description**: Displays CPU usage over 5 intervals, collected every 1 second.

17.4 top - Real-time process monitoring

top

Description: Shows a dynamic real-time view of processes and system resource usage.

17.5 htop - Interactive process monitoring

htop

• **Description**: Interactive and visually enriched version of top (requires installation).

17.6 free - Memory usage

free -m

- Description: Displays memory usage in megabytes.
- Options:
 - o -g: Display in gigabytes.
 - o -h: Human-readable format.

17.7 dstat - Comprehensive system monitoring

dstat

• **Description**: Displays real-time CPU, disk, and network usage.

18. Troubleshooting and Logs

18.1 dmesg - Kernel ring buffer

dmesg | grep error

• **Description**: Filters kernel logs for "error" messages.

18.2 journalctl - Systemd logs

journalctl -u nginx.service

• **Description**: Shows logs related to the nginx service.

18.3 Isof - List open files

Isof -i:80

• **Description**: Lists processes using port 80.

18.4 strace - Trace system calls

strace -c Is

• **Description**: Tracks and summarizes system calls made by the ls command.

18.5 tcpdump - Network packet analyzer

sudo tcpdump -i eth0 port 80

• **Description**: Captures network traffic on port 80 for the eth0 interface.

18.6 netstat - Network connections

netstat -tuln

• **Description**: Lists all listening ports and established connections.

18.7 ss - View network sockets

ss -tuln

• **Description**: Displays listening TCP and UDP ports.

19. Advanced Scripting

19.1 Functions in Shell Scripts

```
#!/bin/bash
greet() {
    echo "Hello, $1!"
}
greet "World"
```

• **Description**: Demonstrates a function that greets the given input.

19.2 Array Handling

```
#!/bin/bash
arr=("apple" "banana" "cherry")
for fruit in "${arr[@]}"; do
    echo "Fruit: $fruit"
done
```

• **Description**: Iterates through an array and prints each element.

19.3 Reading User Input

#!/bin/bash read -p "Enter your name: " name echo "Welcome, \$name!"

• **Description**: Prompts the user for input and prints a welcome message.

20. Development Tools

20.1 gcc - Compile C programs

gcc -o hello hello.c

• **Description**: Compiles hello.c into an executable named hello.

20.2 make - Build automation

<mark>make</mark>

• **Description**: Executes the build process defined in a Makefile.

20.3 git - Version control

git clone https://github.com/example/repo.git

- **Description**: Clones a Git repository from the specified URL.
- Other Commands:
 - o git add file: Stage changes.
 - o git commit -m "message": Commit staged changes.

21. Scheduling and Automation

21.1 cron - Schedule recurring tasks

• Setup a Cron Job:

crontab -e

Example Cron Entry:

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0 2 * * * /path/to/script.sh

Description: Runs script.sh every day at 2:00 AM.

21.2 at - Schedule a one-time task

echo "shutdown -h now" | at 10:00 PM

• **Description**: Schedules a system shutdown at 10:00 PM.

22. File Synchronization

22.1 rsync - Synchronize files/directories

rsync -av /source/ /destination/

- **Description**: Synchronizes /source/ with /destination/.
- Options:
 - o -a: Archive mode.
 - o -v: Verbose output.

23. Containers and Virtualization

23.1 docker - Manage Docker containers

docker run -d -p 8080:80 nginx

• **Description**: Runs an NGINX container and maps port 8080 to the container's port 80.

23.2 kubectl - Manage Kubernetes clusters

kubectl get pods

• **Description**: Lists all running pods in the Kubernetes cluster.

24. Miscellaneous

24.1 alias - Create command shortcuts

alias II='Is -la'

• **Description**: Defines II as an alias for Is -la.

24.2 time - Measure command execution time

time Is

• **Description**: Measures how long the ls command takes to execute.

24.3 uptime - System uptime

<mark>uptime</mark>

• **Description**: Displays how long the system has been running.

5. Cloud and DevOps Tools

25.1 AWS CLI

aws s3 Is s3://my-bucket

• **Description**: Lists all objects in the my-bucket S3 bucket.

- Other Examples:
 - Upload file: aws s3 cp file.txt s3://my-bucket/
 - Download file: aws s3 cp s3://my-bucket/file.txt ./

25.2 Terraform

terraform init

- **Description**: Initializes a Terraform working directory.
- Other Commands:
 - o terraform plan: Previews infrastructure changes.
 - o terraform apply: Applies infrastructure changes.

25.3 Kubernetes (kubectl)

kubectl describe pod my-pod

Description: Shows detailed information about my-pod.

25.4 Docker

docker build -t my-app.

• **Description**: Builds a Docker image named my-app from the current directory.

26. Advanced File Handling

26.1 xargs - Execute commands on input

cat files.txt | xargs rm

• **Description**: Reads file names from files.txt and deletes them.

26.2 tee - Redirect and output simultaneously

echo "Logging this message" | tee log.txt

• **Description**: Writes "Logging this message" to the terminal and log.txt.

26.3 split - Split large files

split -b 10M largefile part_

• **Description**: Splits largefile into 10MB chunks named part_aa, part_ab, etc.

27. Compression and Archiving

27.1 xz - Compress files with high compression

xz file.txt

• **Description**: Compresses file.txt into file.txt.xz.

27.2 7z - Compress files using 7-zip

7z a archive.7z file.txt

• **Description**: Compresses file.txt into a .7z archive.

28. Network Monitoring

28.1 nmap - Network scanner

nmap -sV 192.168.1.1

• **Description**: Scans the host at 192.168.1.1 for open ports and services.

28.2 dig - Query DNS records

dig example.com

• **Description**: Fetches DNS information for example.com.

29. User Management

29.1 id - Show user ID and group ID

id

• **Description**: Displays the current user's UID and GID.

29.2 groupadd - Add a new group

sudo groupadd developers

• **Description**: Creates a new group named developers.

29.3 groups - Show groups for a user

groups username

• **Description**: Lists all groups the username belongs to.

30. Security

30.1 gpg - Encrypt and decrypt files

• Encrypt a file:

gpg -c file.txt

• Decrypt a file:

gpg file.txt.gpg

30.2 fail2ban - Prevent brute-force attacks

sudo fail2ban-client status

• **Description**: Shows the status of the fail2ban service.

31. Process Management (Advanced)

31.1 nice - Set process priority

nice -n 10 ./script.sh

• **Description**: Runs script.sh with a lower priority (nice value of 10).

31.2 renice - Adjust priority of a running process

renice -n -5 -p 1234

• **Description**: Sets process 1234 to a higher priority (-5).

32. System Troubleshooting

32.1 uptime

uptime -p

• **Description**: Shows the system uptime in a human-readable format.

32.2 iotop - Monitor disk I/O usage

sudo iotop

• **Description**: Displays real-time disk I/O by processes.

33. Time and Date

33.1 date - Display or set the date

date "+%Y-%m-%d %H:%M:%S"

• **Description**: Displays the current date and time in the specified format.

33.2 timedatectl - Manage system time

timedatectl set-time "2024-01-01 10:00:00"

• **Description**: Sets the system date and time.

34. System Backup

34.1 rsync - Sync files and directories

rsync -avz /source /backup/

• **Description**: Backs up /source to /backup with compression (-z).

35. Miscellaneous

35.1 uptime - System uptime

<mark>uptime</mark>

• **Description**: Displays the time since the system last booted.

35.2 bc - Command-line calculator

echo "10+5" | bc

• **Description**: Performs basic arithmetic.

35.3 yes - Auto-answer prompts

yes | sudo apt upgrade

• **Description**: Automatically confirms all prompts with "yes."

36. Advanced Utilities

36.1 watch - Run a command periodically

watch -n 2 ls -lh

• **Description**: Runs Is -lh every 2 seconds and displays the output.

36.2 alias - Create command shortcuts

alias II='Is -la'

• Description: Defines II as a shortcut for Is -la.

36.3 unalias - Remove an alias

<mark>unalias II</mark>

• **Description**: Removes the ll alias.

36.4 locate - Quickly find files

locate myfile.txt

• **Description**: Searches for myfile.txt using a pre-built file database.

36.5 updatedb - Update the locate database

sudo updatedb

• **Description**: Refreshes the database used by locate.

37. Disk Management

37.1 fdisk - Partition a disk

sudo fdisk /dev/sda

• **Description**: Opens a menu to create, modify, or delete partitions on /dev/sda.

37.2 parted - Advanced partitioning tool

sudo parted /dev/sdb mklabel gpt

• **Description**: Creates a new GPT partition table on /dev/sdb.

37.3 lsblk - List information about block devices

<mark>lsblk -f</mark>

• **Description**: Displays a tree view of block devices and their filesystems.

37.4 mkfs - Create a filesystem

sudo mkfs.ext4 /dev/sdb1

• **Description**: Formats /dev/sdb1 with the ext4 filesystem.

37.5 mount - Mount a filesystem

sudo mount /dev/sdb1 /mnt/data

• **Description**: Mounts /dev/sdb1 to /mnt/data.

37.6 umount - Unmount a filesystem

sudo umount /mnt/data

• **Description**: Unmounts /mnt/data.

38. System Diagnostics

38.1 uptime - System load and uptime

<mark>uptime</mark>

• **Description**: Displays system uptime and load averages.

38.2 dmesg - Kernel log messages

dmesg | tail -20

• **Description**: Shows the last 20 kernel messages.

38.3 sar - Performance statistics

sar -r 1 5

• **Description**: Displays memory usage over 5 intervals.

38.4 Isof - List open files

sudo Isof /path/to/file

• **Description**: Shows processes that have the specified file open.

38.5 iotop - Monitor disk I/O usage

sudo iotop

• **Description**: Displays real-time disk I/O by processes.

39. Performance Optimization

39.1 sysctl - Modify kernel parameters

sudo sysctl -w net.ipv4.ip_forward=1

• **Description**: Enables IP forwarding.

39.2 nice - Set priority for a command

nice -n 10 ./script.sh

Description: Runs script.sh with a lower CPU priority.

39.3 renice - Change priority of a running process

renice -n 5 -p 1234

• **Description**: Adjusts the priority of process ID 1234 to 5.

40. Backup and Restore

40.1 tar - Archive files

tar -czvf backup.tar.gz /path/to/directory

• **Description**: Archives and compresses a directory into backup.tar.gz.

40.2 rsync - Sync files

rsync -avz /source/ /destination/

• **Description**: Synchronizes files between /source and /destination.

40.3 scp - Securely copy files

scp file.txt user@remote:/path/

• **Description**: Copies file.txt to a remote server.

40.4 dd - Create a disk image

dd if=/dev/sda of=/backup/disk.img bs=4M

• **Description**: Backs up the /dev/sda disk to an image file.

41. Advanced Networking

41.1 ip - Manage network interfaces

<mark>ip a</mark>

• **Description**: Displays all network interfaces and IP addresses.

41.2 netcat (nc) - Debug network connections

nc -zv 192.168.1.1 22

• **Description**: Checks if port 22 is open on 192.168.1.1.