

Linux Shell Commands

1. `ls` (list): View file list

```
ls                # Display file list
ls -l            # Show detailed information
ls -t            # Display files sorted by modification time
ls -lh          # Show file sizes in a human-readable format
```

2. `pwd` (print working directory): Print current path

```
pwd                # Print current path
```

- `/` : root directory
- `/home` : home directory under root
- `/home/user` : user directory under home directory

3. `mkdir` (make directory): Create a new directory

```
mkdir dir1        # Make a directory named dir1 in the current directory
mkdir ./dir1      # Make a directory named dir1 in the current directory
mkdir ./path/dir1 # Make a directory named dir1 at a specific path
```

4. `cd` (change directory): Change working directory

```
cd ..            # Move to the parent directory
cd /             # Move to the root directory
cd ~             # Move to the home directory
cd -             # Move to the previous directory
cd dir2          # Move to dir2 in the current directory
cd ./dir1/dir2   # Move using a relative path
cd ~/dir1/       # Move to dir1 inside the home directory
cd /dir1/dir2    # Move using an absolute path
```

5. File creation and editing

```
touch text.txt          # Create an empty file
emacs -nw text.txt      # Edit file using Emacs
nano text.txt           # Edit file using Nano
vim text.txt            # Edit file using Vim
```

Emacs basic shortcuts

- Save: **Ctrl + x** then **Ctrl + s**
- Exit: **Ctrl + x** then **Ctrl + c**

Nano basic shortcuts

- **CTRL + X**: Exit file (prompts for saving changes before exiting)

6. **echo** and redirection

```
echo "hello"           # Print a string
echo "hello" > text.txt # Save the string to a file (overwrite)
echo "hello" >> text.txt # Append the string to a file
```

7. **cp** (copy): Copy files/directories

```
cp text.txt ./dir1      # Copy a file
cp text.txt ./dir1/change.txt # Copy a file with a new name
cp ./*.pdf dir1/        # Copy all PDF files
```

8. **mv** (move/rename): Move files and rename them

```
mv oldname.txt newname.txt # Rename a file
mv file.txt ./dir2/        # Move a file
```

9. **rm** (remove): Delete files

```
rm text.txt            # Delete a file
rm -r dir1             # Delete an entire directory
rmdir dir1             # Delete an empty directory
```

10. Display file contents

```
cat text.txt # Show entire file contents
head text.txt # Show first part of the file (default: 10 lines)
tail text.txt # Show last part of the file (default: 10 lines)
more text.txt # Display file page by page (Enter: 1 line, Space: one page)
less text.txt # Similar to `more` but allows scrolling with arrow keys
```

11. **tar**: Compression and extraction

A **.tar** file, short for **Tape Archive**, is a file format used to bundle multiple files and directories into a single archive file. It is commonly used in Linux and Unix systems for packaging and distributing files. However, a **.tar** file itself is not compressed—it simply groups files together. Compression can be added using tools like **gzip** or **bzip2**, resulting in files like **.tar.gz** or **.tar.bz2**.

Key Features of **.tar** Files:

1. **Archiving**: It combines multiple files and directories into one file, preserving the directory structure and metadata (e.g., permissions, timestamps).
2. **No Compression**: By default, **.tar** does not reduce file size; it only groups files.
3. **Compression Add-ons**: Tools like **gzip** or **bzip2** are often used alongside **tar** to compress the archive.

Common **tar** Commands:

- **Create an archive:**

```
tar -cvf archive.tar file1 file2 directory/
```

- **-c**: Create a new archive.
- **-v**: Verbose mode (shows progress).
- **-f**: Specify the archive file name.

- **Extract an archive:**

```
tar -xvf archive.tar
```

- **-x**: Extract files from the archive.

- **Compress with gzip:**

```
tar -zcvf archive.tar.gz file1 file2
```

- **-z**: Compress with gzip.

- **Extract a gzip-compressed archive:**

```
tar -xvzf archive.tar.gz
```

- **-z**: Decompress with gzip during extraction.

12. gzip, gunzip

```
gzip test.txt      # Compress a file
zcat test.txt.gz   # Display contents of a compressed file
gunzip test.txt.gz # Decompress a file
```

13. grep: Search for strings

```
grep "Hello" test.txt      # Find lines containing the string
grep -ni "hello" test.txt  # Search with line numbers (case insensitive)
```

14. Pipes (|)

```
head abc.txt | grep xyz      # Search for "xyz" in the first 10 lines
zcat abc.txt.gz | grep "xyz" # Search within a compressed file
```

15. chmod (change mode)

The **chmod** command is used to change the permissions of a file or directory. Permissions are represented as a combination of read (**r**), write (**w**), and execute (**x**) for three categories: owner, group, and others.

Common Permission Values:

- **r** (read): Allows reading the file or listing the directory contents.
- **w** (write): Allows modifying the file or adding/removing files in a directory.
- **x** (execute): Allows executing the file (if it's a script or program) or accessing the directory.

Numeric Representation:

Permissions can also be represented numerically:

- **4**: Read (**r**)
- **2**: Write (**w**)
- **1**: Execute (**x**)

The sum of these values determines the permission for each category. For example:

- **7 = 4 (read) + 2 (write) + 1 (execute)** = Full permissions
- **5 = 4 (read) + 1 (execute)** = Read and execute

- $6 = 4 \text{ (read)} + 2 \text{ (write)}$ = Read and write

Examples:

```
chmod 777 text.txt      # Grant all permissions
                        # (read, write, execute) to everyone
chmod 755 script.sh     # Full permissions for owner,
                        # read and execute for group and others
chmod 644 file.txt      # Read and write for owner,
                        # read-only for group and others
chmod +x script.sh      # Add execute permission for everyone
chmod -w file.txt       # Remove write permission for everyone
chmod u+x script.sh     # Add execute permission for the owner only
chmod g-w file.txt      # Remove write permission for the group
chmod o+r file.txt      # Add read permission for others
```

Symbolic Representation:

Instead of numeric values, you can use symbolic notation:

- **u**: Owner
- **g**: Group
- **o**: Others
- **a**: All (owner, group, and others)

Use Cases:

- Granting execute permissions to a script:

```
chmod +x script.sh
```

- Restricting write access to a file:

```
chmod -w file.txt
```

- Setting specific permissions for a directory:

```
chmod 755 /path/to/directory
```

16. Search files and directories

The **find** command is a powerful utility for searching files and directories based on various criteria such as name, type, size, permissions, and more.

Syntax:

```
find [path] [expression]
```

Common Options:

- **-name**: Search for files or directories by name (case-sensitive).
- **-iname**: Search for files or directories by name (case-insensitive).
- **-type**: Specify the type of file to search for:
 - **f**: Regular file
 - **d**: Directory
- **-size**: Search for files based on size.
 - **+**: Greater than (e.g., **+1M** for files larger than 1 MB).
 - **-**: Less than (e.g., **-500k** for files smaller than 500 KB).
- **-perm**: Search for files with specific permissions.
- **-exec**: Execute a command on the matching files.

Examples:

- Search for a file named "Handong" in the current directory:

```
find . -name "Handong"
```

- Search for a file named "handong" (case-insensitive):

```
find . -iname "handong"
```

- Search for all directories named "config":

```
find /path/to/search -type d -name "config"
```

- Search for files larger than 10 MB:

```
find /path/to/search -type f -size +10M
```

- Search for files with **777** permissions:

```
find /path/to/search -perm 777
```

- Delete all `.tmp` files in a directory:

```
find /path/to/search -type f -name "*.tmp" -exec rm {} \;
```

- Search for files modified in the last 7 days:

```
find /path/to/search -type f -mtime -7
```

- Search for files accessed more than 30 days ago:

```
find /path/to/search -type f -atime +30
```

- Use `-maxdepth` to limit the search depth:

```
find . -maxdepth 2 -name "*.txt"
```

- Use `-mindepth` to skip shallow levels:

```
find . -mindepth 3 -name "*.txt"
```

17. Process and system monitoring

```
top          # Real-time system resource monitoring
htop         # Enhanced `top` command
ps aux       # List running processes
kill 1234     # Terminate a process whose ID is 1234
```

18. Network-related commands

18.1 `ssh` (Secure Shell)

The `ssh` command is used to securely log in to a remote machine over a network.

```
ssh user@192.168.1.100
```

- `user`: The username on the remote machine.
- `192.168.1.100`: The IP address or hostname of the remote machine.

18.2 scp (Secure Copy)

The `scp` command is used to securely copy files between a local and a remote machine or between two remote machines.

```
scp file.txt user@remote:/path/
```

- `file.txt`: The file to be copied.
- `user@remote`: The username and hostname/IP address of the remote machine.
- `/path/`: The destination directory on the remote machine.

18.3 wget (Web Get)

The `wget` command is used to download files from the web.

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

- `https://example.com/file.zip`: The URL of the file to be downloaded.

18.4 curl (Client URL)

The `curl` command is a versatile tool for transferring data from or to a server. It supports various protocols, including HTTP, HTTPS, FTP, and more.

Download a file with the same name:

```
curl -O https://example.com/file.zip
```

- `-O`: Save the file with its original name from the URL.

Download a file and save it with a custom name:

```
curl -o custom_name.zip https://example.com/file.zip
```

- `-o custom_name.zip`: Save the file with the specified name (`custom_name.zip`).

19. Disk and file system management

```
df -h          # Check disk usage
du -sh /path/  # Check storage usage of a specific directory
mount          # Mount a disk
```


20. Ownership Management

The **chown** command is used to change the ownership of files and directories. Ownership is divided into two categories: the user (owner) and the group.

Syntax:

```
chown [OPTIONS] USER:GROUP FILE
```

Examples:

- Change the owner of a file:

```
chown user file.txt
```

- Change the owner and group of a file:

```
chown user:group file.txt
```

- Change ownership recursively for a directory and its contents:

```
chown -R user:group /path/to/directory
```

Options:

- **-R**: Apply changes recursively to all files and subdirectories.
- **--reference=RFILE**: Use the ownership of **RFILE** as a reference for the target file.

Use Cases:

- Assign a new owner to a file:

```
chown alice report.doc
```

- Change ownership of all files in a directory:

```
chown -R bob:staff /project/files
```

Notes:

- Only the root user or a user with sufficient privileges can change ownership.
- Use `ls -l` to verify ownership changes:

```
ls -l file.txt
```

- Combine with `sudo` if necessary:

```
sudo chown user:group file.txt
```

21. `rsync`: Remote File Synchronization

The `rsync` command is a powerful utility for synchronizing files and directories between local and remote systems. It is commonly used for backups and mirroring.

Syntax:

```
rsync [OPTIONS] SOURCE DESTINATION
```

Examples:

- Sync files from a local directory to a remote server:

```
rsync -avz /local/ user@remote:/backup/
```

- `-a`: Archive mode (preserves symbolic links, permissions, timestamps, etc.)
- `-v`: Verbose mode (displays progress)
- `-z`: Compress data during transfer

- Sync files from a remote server to a local directory:

```
rsync -avz user@remote:/backup/ /local/
```

- Perform a dry run to preview changes without making them:

```
rsync -avz --dry-run /local/ user@remote:/backup/
```

Use Cases:

- Backing up files to a remote server.

- Synchronizing directories between systems.
- Efficiently transferring large datasets.

Notes:

- Use `--delete` to remove files in the destination that are not present in the source:

```
rsync -avz --delete /local/ user@remote:/backup/
```

- Combine with `ssh` for secure transfers:

```
rsync -e ssh -avz /local/ user@remote:/backup/
```

22. Other Utilities

```
clear          # Clear terminal screen
stat text.txt  # Check file attributes
wc text.txt    # Count words and lines
file text.txt  # Check file type
history        # View command history
man ls         # View command manual
```

23. Quick Reference

File/Directory Management

Command	Function	Example Usage
ls	Display the list of files and folders in the current directory	ls -l
pwd	Print the current working directory (path)	pwd
cd	Navigate between directories (change path)	cd /home/user
mkdir	Create a new directory	mkdir new_folder
rmdir	Delete an empty directory	rmdir empty_directory
mv	Move or rename a file/directory	mv old.txt new.txt
cp	Copy a file/directory	cp file.txt /backup/
rm	Delete a file or directory (use <code>-r</code> option for directories)	rm -r folder
touch	Create an empty file or update its timestamp	touch file.txt

Command	Function	Example Usage
<code>ln</code>	Create a symbolic (or hard) link	<code>ln -s target.txt link.txt</code>
<code>file</code>	Check the file type (e.g., text, binary)	<code>file example.pdf</code>

Viewing and Comparing File Contents

Command	Function	Example Usage
<code>cat</code>	Display the entire content of a file	<code>cat file.txt</code>
<code>less</code>	View file content page by page and scroll	<code>less /var/log/syslog</code>
<code>head</code>	Display the first specified number of lines of a file	<code>head -n 10 file.txt</code>
<code>tail</code>	Display the last specified number of lines of a file	<code>tail -n 10 file.txt</code>
<code>diff</code>	Compare two files line by line	<code>diff file1.txt file2.txt</code>
<code>cmp</code>	Compare two files byte by byte	<code>cmp file1.txt file2.txt</code>
<code>comm</code>	Display common and unique lines between two sorted files	<code>comm file1.txt file2.txt</code>
<code>sort</code>	Sort and display the content of a file	<code>sort file.txt</code>

Text and Output Processing

Command	Function	Example Usage
<code>echo</code>	Print text or strings	<code>echo "Hello World"</code>
<code>export</code>	Set environment variables (for the current shell)	<code>export PATH=\$PATH:/new/path</code>
<code>alias</code>	Create shortcuts (aliases) for frequently used commands	<code>alias ll='ls -l'</code>

Compression/Archiving

Command	Function	Example Usage
<code>tar</code>	Create or extract archives of files/directories	<code>tar -czvf archive.tar.gz folder/</code>
<code>zip</code>	Compress files (ZIP format)	<code>zip archive.zip file1 file2</code>
<code>unzip</code>	Extract ZIP files	<code>unzip archive.zip</code>

System Information

Command	Function	Example Usage
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Command	Function	Example Usage
<code>uname</code>	Display system and kernel information	<code>uname -a</code>
<code>whoami</code>	Display the current logged-in username	<code>whoami</code>
<code>man</code>	View the manual page for a command	<code>man ls</code>
<code>free</code>	Check system memory usage and availability	<code>free -h</code>
<code>history</code>	View the history of entered commands	<code>history</code>

Process Management

Command	Function	Example Usage
<code>top</code>	Monitor system resources and processes in real-time	<code>top</code>
<code>htop</code>	Interactive process monitoring (alternative to <code>top</code>)	<code>htop</code>
<code>ps</code>	Display a list of currently running processes	<code>ps aux</code>
<code>kill</code>	Terminate a process by its ID (or use <code>killall</code>)	<code>kill 1234</code> or <code>killall firefox</code>
<code>jobs</code>	View background/foreground jobs in the current shell	<code>jobs</code>
<code>time</code>	Measure the execution time of a command	<code>time ls -l</code>

Remote/Network

Command	Function	Example Usage
<code>ssh</code>	Securely connect to a remote system (SSH)	<code>ssh user@192.168.1.100</code>
<code>scp</code>	Securely copy files between remote systems using SSH	<code>scp file.txt user@remote:/path/</code>
<code>curl</code>	Transfer data to/from a URL (e.g., API testing)	<code>curl -O https://example.com/file.zip</code>
<code>wget</code>	Download files directly using HTTP/HTTPS/FTP protocols	<code>wget https://example.com/file.zip</code>

Disk/File System

Command	Function	Example Usage
<code>df</code>	Check disk usage of file systems (commonly with <code>-h</code> option)	<code>df -h</code>

Command	Function	Example Usage
<code>mount</code>	Mount a file system or device	<code>mount /dev/sdb1 /mnt/usb</code>
<code>du</code>	Summarize disk usage of directories and files	<code>du -sh /path/to/directory</code>

Permissions/Ownership Management

Command	Function	Example Usage
<code>chmod</code>	Change file/directory permissions	<code>chmod 755 script.sh</code>
<code>chown</code>	Change file/directory owner and group	<code>sudo chown user:group file.txt</code>

Miscellaneous Utilities

Command	Function	Example Usage
<code>clear</code>	Clear the terminal screen	<code>clear</code>
<code>whereis</code>	Locate the binary, source, and manual for a command	<code>whereis gcc</code>
<code>whatis</code>	Display a brief description of a command	<code>whatis ls</code>

Package/Permission Management

Command	Function	Example Usage
<code>apt</code>	Package manager for Debian-based systems (install/update, etc.)	<code>sudo apt update</code>
<code>sudo</code>	Execute commands with superuser (admin) privileges	<code>sudo apt upgrade</code>

Additional Commands

Command	Function	Example Usage
<code>hostname</code>	Display or set the system hostname	<code>hostname</code> or <code>hostnamectl set-hostname newname</code>
<code>cal</code>	Display a calendar in the terminal	<code>cal</code>
<code>find</code>	Search for files/directories matching criteria in a path	<code>find . -name "file.txt"</code>
<code>rsync</code>	Synchronize and back up files/directories	<code>rsync -avz /local/path/ user@remote:/remote/path/</code>

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- [생활코딩 - Linux @ inflearn](#)
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- [How to Learn Linux Terminal as a Beginner - freeCodeCamp](#)
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