

# Basic Linux Commands Cheat Sheet

## File & Directory Management

`ls` - List directory contents  
`ls -l` - Long listing  
`ls -a` - Show hidden files  
`cd <dir>` - Change directory  
`pwd` - Print current working directory  
`mkdir <dir>` - Create directory  
`rm <file>` - Remove file  
`rm -r <dir>` - Remove directory  
`cp <src> <dest>` - Copy file/directory  
`mv <src> <dest>` - Move/Rename file/directory

## File Viewing & Editing

`cat <file>` - Show file contents  
`nano <file>` - Edit file using nano  
`vim <file>` - Edit file using vim  
`echo 'text' > file.txt` - Overwrite file with text  
`echo 'text' >> file.txt` - Append text to file

## Package Management (APT)

`sudo apt update` - Update package list  
`sudo apt upgrade` - Upgrade packages  
`sudo apt install <pkg>` - Install package  
`sudo apt remove <pkg>` - Remove package

## System Info & Management

`uname -a` - System info  
`df -h` - Disk space usage  
`free -h` - RAM usage  
`top` - Show running processes  
`htop` - Interactive process viewer

## User & Permission

`whoami` - Current user  
`sudo <cmd>` - Run command as root  
`chmod +x <file>` - Make file executable  
`chown user:group <file>` - Change ownership

## Networking

`ip a` - Show IP address  
`ping <host>` - Ping a host

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netstat -tuln - Show open ports  
curl <url> - Fetch URL content  
wget <url> - Download file from URL

## Process & Job Control

ps aux - List processes  
kill <pid> - Kill process by PID  
jobs - List background jobs  
fg - Resume job in foreground

## Archive & Compression

tar -cvf file.tar dir/ - Create tar archive  
tar -xvf file.tar - Extract tar file  
zip file.zip file/ - Compress to zip  
unzip file.zip - Extract zip file

## Utilities & Others

history - Show command history  
alias ll='ls -la' - Create alias  
man <command> - Manual for command  
which <command> - Locate binary path