Linux: Commands Cheat Sheet





File and Directory Management

- 1. \$ ls
- 2. \$ ls -l
- 3. \$ cd <directory>
- 4. \$ pwd
- 5. \$ mkdir <directory-name>
- 6. \$ rm <file-name>
- 7. \$ rm -r <directory-name>
- 8. \$ mv <source> <destination>
- 9. \$ cp <source> <destination>
- 10. \$ touch <file-name>
- 11. \$ cat <file-name>
- 12. \$ less <file-name>
- 13. \$ head <file-name>
- 14. \$ tail <file-name>

File Permissions

- 15. \$ chmod +x <file-name>
- 16. \$ chmod 755 <file-name>
- 17. \$ chown <user>:<group> <file-name>

User Management

- 18. \$ whoami
- 19. \$ who
- 20. \$ id
- 21. \$ adduser <username>
- 22. \$ userdel <username>
- 23. \$ passwd <username>

Process Management

- 24. \$ ps
- 25. \$ ps aux
- 26. \$ top
- 27. \$ htop
- 28. \$ kill <pid>
- 29. \$ killall

Disk Usage and Disk Space

- 30. \$ df -h
- 31. \$ du -sh *
- 32. \$ du -h <directory>

- # List files and directories
- # List files with detailed information
- # Change directory
- # Print working directory
- # Create a new directory
- # Remove a file
- # Remove a directory and its contents
- # Move or rename files and directories
- # Copy files and directories
- # Create an empty file
- # Display contents of a file
- # View file content one screen at a time
- # View the first lines of a file
- # View the last lines of a file
- # Make a file executable
- # Set specific permissions to a file
- # Change file ownership
- # Show current username
- # Show who is logged in
- # Display user and group ID
- # Add a new user
- # Delete a user
- # Change a user's password
- # Show running processes
- # Detailed view of running processes
- # Show real-time system processes
- # Interactive process viewer
- # Kill a process by PID
- # Kill a process by name
- # Display disk space usage
- # Show the size of each directory/file
- # Display directory size in human-readable format

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Networking

- 33. \$ ifconfig
- 34. \$ ip a
- 35. \$ ping <host>
- 36. \$ netstat -tuln
- 37. \$ curl <url>
- 38. \$ wget <url>

Package Management (Ubuntu/Debian)

- 39. \$ sudo apt update
- 40. \$ sudo apt upgrade
- 41. \$ sudo apt install <package-name>
- 42. \$ sudo apt remove <package-name>

Searching

- 43. \$ grep "text" <file-name>
- 44. \$ find <directory> -name <file-name>
- 45. \$ locate <file-name>

Archiving and Compression

- 46. \$ tar -cvf archive.tar <directory>
- 47. \$ tar -xvf archive.tar
- 48. \$ gzip <file-name>
- 49. \$ gunzip <file-name>

System Information

- 50. \$ uname -a
- 51. \$ hostname
- 52. \$ uptime
- 53. \$ free -h
- 54. \$ lsb_release -a

SSH and File Transfer

- 55. \$ ssh <user>@<host>
- 56. \$ scp <file> <user>@<host>:<remote-path>
- # Permissions and Ownership
- 57. \$ umask
- 58. \$ stat <file-name>

- # Display network interfaces
- # Display IP addresses
- # Send ICMP requests to a host
- # Show active network connections
- # Transfer data from a URL
- # Download files from a URL
- # Update package list
- # Upgrade installed packages
- # Install a package
- # Remove a package
- # Search for text inside a file
- # Search for files by name
- # Find files in the system database
- # Create an archive file
- # Extract an archive file
- # Compress a file
- # Decompress a file
- # Display system information
- # Display or set the hostname
- # Show system uptime
- # Display memory usage
- # Show Linux distribution details
- # Connect to a remote server via SSH
- # Copy files to/from a remote server
- # Show default permissions
- # Display detailed info about a file