Unix/Linux Command Reference

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File Commands

ls – directory listing
ls -al – formatted listing with hidden files
cd *dir* - change directory to *dir*
cd – change to home
pwd – show current directory
mkdir *dir* – create a directory *dir*
rm *file* – delete *file*
rm -r *dir* – delete directory *dir*
rm -f *file* – force remove *file*
rm -rf *dir* – force remove directory *dir* *
cp *file1 file2* – copy *file1* to *file2*
cp -r *dir1 dir2* – copy *dir1* to *dir2*; create *dir2* if it doesn't exist
mv *file1 file2* – rename or move *file1* to *file2*
if *file2* is an existing directory, moves *file1* into directory *file2*
ln -s *file link* – create symbolic link *link* to *file*
touch *file* – create or update *file*
cat > *file* – places standard input into *file*
more *file* – output the contents of *file*
head *file* – output the first 10 lines of *file*
tail *file* – output the last 10 lines of *file*
tail -f *file* – output the contents of *file* as it grows, starting with the last 10 lines

Process Management

ps – display your currently active processes
top – display all running processes
kill *pid* – kill process id *pid*
killall *proc* – kill all processes named *proc* *
bg – lists stopped or background jobs; resume a stopped job in the background
fg – brings the most recent job to foreground
fg *n* – brings job *n* to the foreground

File Permissions

chmod *octal file* – change the permissions of *file* to *octal*, which can be found separately for user, group, and world by adding:

- 4 – read (r)
- 2 – write (w)
- 1 – execute (x)

Examples:
chmod 777 – read, write, execute for all
chmod 755 – rwx for owner, rx for group and world
For more options, see **man chmod**.

SSH

ssh *user@host* – connect to *host* as *user*
ssh -p *port user@host* – connect to *host* on port *port* as *user*
ssh-copy-id *user@host* – add your key to *host* for *user* to enable a keyed or passwordless login

Searching

grep *pattern files* – search for *pattern* in *files*
grep -r *pattern dir* – search recursively for *pattern* in *dir*
command* | grep *pattern – search for *pattern* in the output of *command*
locate *file* – find all instances of *file*

System Info

date – show the current date and time
cal – show this month's calendar
uptime – show current uptime
w – display who is online
whoami – who you are logged in as
finger *user* – display information about *user*
uname -a – show kernel information
cat /proc/cpuinfo – cpu information
cat /proc/meminfo – memory information
man *command* – show the manual for *command*
df – show disk usage
du – show directory space usage
free – show memory and swap usage
whereis *app* – show possible locations of *app*
which *app* – show which *app* will be run by default

Compression

tar cf *file.tar files* – create a tar named *file.tar* containing *files*
tar xf *file.tar* – extract the files from *file.tar*
tar czf *file.tar.gz files* – create a tar with Gzip compression
tar xzf *file.tar.gz* – extract a tar using Gzip
tar cjf *file.tar.bz2* – create a tar with Bzip2 compression
tar xjf *file.tar.bz2* – extract a tar using Bzip2
gzip *file* – compresses *file* and renames it to *file.gz*
gzip -d *file.gz* – decompresses *file.gz* back to *file*

Network

ping *host* – ping *host* and output results
whois *domain* – get whois information for *domain*
dig *domain* – get DNS information for *domain*
dig -x *host* – reverse lookup *host*
wget *file* – download *file*
wget -c *file* – continue a stopped download

Installation

Install from source:
./configure
make
make install
dpkg -i *pkg.deb* – install a package (Debian)
rpm -Uvh *pkg.rpm* – install a package (RPM)

Shortcuts

Ctrl+C – halts the current command
Ctrl+Z – stops the current command, resume with **fg** in the foreground or **bg** in the background
Ctrl+D – log out of current session, similar to **exit**
Ctrl+W – erases one word in the current line
Ctrl+U – erases the whole line
Ctrl+R – type to bring up a recent command
!! - repeats the last command
exit – log out of current session

* use with extreme caution.

git cheat sheet

learn more about git the simple way at *rogerdudler.github.com/git-guide/*
cheat sheet created by Nina Jaeschke of *ninagrafik.com*

create & clone

create new repository	*git init*
clone local repository	*git clone /path/to/repository*
clone remote repository	*git clone username@host:/path/to/repository*

add & remove

add changes to INDEX	*git add <filename>*
add all changes to INDEX	*git add **
remove/delete	*git rm <filename>*

commit & synchronize

commit changes	*git commit -m "Commit message"*
push changes to remote repository	*git push origin master*
connect local repository to remote repository	*git remote add origin <server>*
update local repository with remote changes	*git pull*

branches

create new branch	*git checkout -b <branch>* *e.g. git checkout -b feature_x*
switch to master branch	*git checkout master*
delete branch	*git branch -d <branch>*
push branch to remote repository	*git push origin <branch>*

merge

merge changes from another branch	*git merge <branch>*
view changes between two branches	*git diff <source_branch> <target_branch>* *e.g. git diff feature_x feature_y*

tagging

create tag	*git tag <tag> <commit ID>* *e.g. git tag 1.0.0 1b2e1d63ff*
get commit IDs	*git log*

restore

replace working copy with latest from HEAD	*git checkout -- <filename>*