Basic Ubuntu Tips/Tricks:

**SHC (Encrypt scripts)**

[SHC](http://www.datsi.fi.upm.es/~frosal/) is a simple script compiler that will convert a script into a binary, obscuring the code (and passwords, etc.). Usage instructions are [here](http://www.datsi.fi.upm.es/~frosal/sources/shc.html). Install by adding the Debian Etch repository:

sudo add-apt-repository 'http://archive.debian.org/debian etch main'

then install the shc package:

sudo apt-get install shc

### Kill (end) a process

* There are many tricks to try to fix a frozen PC. Press Alt+F2, and use killall to end the frozen application. Example:

sudo killall amarok

sudo killall firefox

* In order to terminate a stuck graphical application use the xkill utility. Press Alt+F2, type xkill, and press Run. Point the cursor to the application you want to kill and press the left mouse button. This should kill the selected application.

xkill

* Another trick to try is pressing AltGr+SysRq+K (RightAlt+PrintScreen+K). This will log you out. But, what happens if this does not work? Try pressing Ctrl+Alt+F1,login, enter your password and run:

sudo killall gdm

sudo startx

### View hidden files

In the Nautilus file manager, press:

Ctrl+ H