

Linux Basic Commands

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pwd (Print Working Directory)

- Purpose: Shows the current directory
- Example:
- pwd
- # /home/user/projects



cd (Change Directory)

- Purpose: Navigate to a different directory
- Example:
- cd Documents/



ls (List)

- Purpose: Lists files and directories
- Example:
- ls -la



cat (Concatenate & View File)

- Purpose: Displays the content of files
- Example:
- cat notes.txt



sudo (Super User Do)

Purpose: Executes commands as an administrator



Example:

sudo apt update



man (Manual)



Opens the manual page for a command



Example

man ls



mkdir (Make Directory)

- Purpose: Creates a new directory
- Example:
- mkdir myfolder



rm (Remove File)

- Purpose: Deletes a file
- Example:
- rm file.txt



rmdir (Remove Directory)

- Purpose: Deletes an empty directory
- Example:
- rmdir emptyfolder



cp (Copy)

- Purpose: Copies files
- Example:
- cp file.txt backup.txt



mv (Move or Rename)

- Purpose: Moves or renames files
- Example:
- mv oldname.txt newname.txt



more/less/head/tail

- Purpose: View files page-wise or specific parts
- Example:
- head -n 5 logs.txt
- tail -n 10 logs.txt



alias

• Purpose: **Creates shortcuts** for commands



Example:



alias ll='ls -la'



shutdown/restart



Powers off or reboots the system



sudo shutdown now sudo reboot



touch

- Purpose: Creates an empty file
- Example:
- touch demo.txt



nano

- Purpose: Opens a file in a terminal editor
- Example:
- nano notes.txt



bash/sh

- Purpose: Executes shell scripts
- Example:
- bash script.sh



chmod

- Purpose: Changes file permissions
- Example:
- chmod +x script.sh



ps

- Purpose: Shows running processes
- Example:
- ps



kill

Purpose: Terminates a

process

Example:

kill 1234



dpkg



Debian package manager for installing .deb files



sudo dpkg -i package.deb