Learning Linux Command Line

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This is a list of commands and other elements used in Learning Linux Command Line from LinkedIn Learning.

Introduction and Chapter 1

bash – a common shell interpretergit – software for managing source code and files

Chapter 2

ls – list the contents of a folder

man – open the manual pages (online help) for a command

apropos – look up a command name or description

Chapter 3

cd – change directory

pwd – print working (current) directory

cp - copy a file

mv - move or rename a file

mkdir - create a folder

rmdir – remove an empty folder

- represents the current folder
- - represents the parent folder
- * represents zero or more characters

? – represents one of any character

rm - remove a file

find – locate files and folders matching certain parameters (e.g., find / -name "myfile")

su – switch or substitute user

sudo – temporarily use the privileges of the superuser (root)

chmod – change file permission mode

cat – concatenate or attach two files (also used to display a file on the screen)

ln – create hard or soft (symbolic) links to files

/ - represents the root level of the filesystem, and is also used to separate folders in paths

Chapter 4

| - pipe command (directs the output of one command to the input of the next)

echo – display text

wc - display the number of lines, words, and characters in given input

head - view the first few lines of a text file

tail - view the last few lines of a text file

less - direct text output into a browsable view

grep – search a string or a file for text or a regular expression

awk - extract and modify text from a file or text stream

sed – process lines of text from a file or text stream

sort – change the display order of lines of text

vim - a widely used, powerful text editor

nano – a lightweight, easy-to-use text editor

tar - create or extract a (tape) archive file

ls – list the contents of a folder

zip – create a zip archive

unzip – extract a zip archive

ls – list the contents of a folder

> - redirect output of a command, truncating an existing file

>> - redirect output of a command, appending to an existing file

env – display environment variables

which - show which executable is being used

~/ profile – the user's shell settings

Chapter 5

uname - view information about the operating system

free – view information about the system's memory (RAM)

df – show used and free space on the filesystem

du – show how much space files and folders take up

lshw – show system hardware

ip – show network adapter information

apt – package manager for Debian, Ubuntu, etc.

yum – package manager for Red Hat, CentOS, etc.

dnf – package manager for Fedora

yast – package manager for SUSE

pacman – package manager for Arch

tree - show folder hierarchy visually

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