

■ Linux Command Cheat Sheet

Navigation

pwd # show current directory
ls # list files
ls -l # list with details
cd /path # change directory
cd ~ # go to home directory
cd .. # go up one folder

File & Directory Management

touch file.txt # create empty file
nano file.txt # edit file in nano
cat file.txt # view file content
mkdir myfolder # create directory
rm file.txt # remove file
rm -r myfolder # remove folder and contents
cp file.txt copy.txt # copy file
mv file.txt new.txt # rename/move file

File Viewing

less file.txt # view file, scroll (q to quit)
head file.txt # first 10 lines
tail file.txt # last 10 lines
tail -f file.txt # live monitor file (logs)

System Info

whoami # show current user
uname -a # show system info
df -h # disk usage
free -h # memory usage
uptime # system uptime

Permissions

ls -l # view permissions
chmod +x script.sh # make file executable
chown user:user file.txt # change file owner

Package Management (Debian/Ubuntu)

sudo apt update # refresh package list
sudo apt upgrade # upgrade packages
sudo apt install nano # install a package
sudo apt remove nano # uninstall package

Processes

ps aux | grep process # find a process
top # live process monitor
htop # better monitor (if installed)
kill -9 PID # kill process by ID

Networking

ping google.com # test connectivity
curl http://url # fetch web page
ifconfig # show network interfaces (or `ip a`)

Archive & Compress

tar -czvf files.tar.gz folder/ # compress folder
tar -xzvf files.tar.gz # extract folder

Shortcuts

CTRL + C → cancel process
CTRL + D → logout / end input
CTRL + R → search command history

TAB → auto-complete

Nano Quick Keys

CTRL + O → Save

CTRL + X → Exit

CTRL + W → Search

CTRL + K → Cut line

CTRL + U → Paste line