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# **Module 2 Cheat Sheet - Introduction to Linux Commands**

# **Getting information**

Return your user name:
1. 1
1. whoami
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Return your user and group id:
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1. id
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Return operating system name, username, and other info:
1. 1
1. uname -a
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Display reference manual for a command:
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1. man top
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List available man pages, including a brief description for each command:
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1. man -k .
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Get help on any command (for eg: curl):
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1. curlhelp
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This provides a brief overview of the curl command's usage and options.
Return the current date and time:
1. 1
1. date
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Navigating and working with directories
List files and directories by date, newest to last:
1. 1 1. ls -lrt
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Find files in directory tree that end in .sh:
1. 1
1. find -name \'\*.sh\'
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1. df

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# Creating, copying, moving, and deleting files:

Create an empty file or update existing file's timestamp:

- 1. 1
- touch a\_new\_file.txt

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Copy a file:

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1. cp file.txt new\_path/new\_name.txt

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Change file name or path:

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1. mv this\_file.txt that\_path/that\_file.txt

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Remove a file verbosely:

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rm this\_old\_file.txt -v

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# Working with file permissions

Change/modify file permissions to 'execute' for all users:

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1. chmod +x my\_script.sh

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Change/modify file permissions to 'execute' only for you, the current user:

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chmod u+x my\_file.txt

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Remove 'read' permissions from group and other users:

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1. chmod go-r

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# Displaying file and string contents

Display file contents:

1. 1

cat my\_shell\_script.sh

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Display file contents page-by-page:

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more ReadMe.txt

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Display first 10 lines of file:

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1. head -10 data\_table.csv

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Display last 10 lines of file:

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    tail -10 data_table.csv
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Display string or variable value:

- 1. 1 2. 2
- 1. echo "I am not a robot"
- 2. echo "I am \$USERNAME"

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## **Basic text wrangling**

## Sorting lines and dropping duplicates:

Sort and display lines of file alphanumerically:

- 1. 1
- sort text\_file.txt

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In reverse order:

- 1. 1
- sort -r text\_file.txt

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Drop consecutive duplicated lines and display result:

- 1. 1
- uniq list\_with\_duplicated\_lines.txt

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#### Displaying basic stats:

Display the count of lines, words, or characters in a file:

Lines:

- 1. 1
- 1. wc -l table\_of\_data.csv

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#### Words:

- 1. 1
- wc -w my\_essay.txt

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#### Characters:

- 1. 1
- 1. wc -m some\_document.txt

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# Extracting lines of text containing a pattern:

Some frequently used options for grep:

# Option

# Description

- -n Print line numbers along with matching lines
- -c Get the count of matching lines
- -i Ignore the case of the text while matching
- -v Print all lines which do not contain the pattern
- -w Match only if the pattern matches whole words

Extract lines containing the word "hello", case insensitive and whole words only:

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1. 1
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    grep -iw hello a_bunch_of_hellos.txt
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Extract lines containing the pattern "hello" from all files in the current directory ending in .txt:

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1. 1
1. grep -l hello *.txt
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```

#### Merge two or more files line-by-line, aligned as columns:

Suppose you have three files containing the first and last names of your customers, plus their phone numbers.

Use paste to align file contents into a Tab-delimited table, one row for each customer:

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1. 1
```

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1. paste first_name.txt last_name.text phone_number.txt
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Use a comma as a delimiter instead of the default Tab delimiter:

```
    1. 1
    1. paste -d "," first_name.txt last_name.text phone_number.txt

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```

#### Use the cut command to extract a column from a table-like file:

Suppose you have a text file whos rows consist of first and last names of customers, delimited by a comma.

Extract first names, line-by-line:

```
    1. 1
    1. cut -d "," -f 1 names.csv

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```

Extract the second to fifth characters (bytes) from each line of a file:

```
1. 1
1. cut -b 2-5 my_text_file.txt
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```

Extract the characters (bytes) from each line of a file, starting from the 10th byte to the end of the line:

```
    1. 1
    1. cut -b 10- my_text_file.txt

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```

## Compression and archiving

Archive a set of files:

```
    1. 1
    1. tar -cvf my_archive.tar.gz file1 file2 file3

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```

### Compress a set of files:

```
    1. 1
    2. 2
    1. zip my_zipped_files.zip file1 file2
    2. zip my_zipped_folders.zip directory1 directory2

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# Extract files from a compressed zip archive:

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- unzip my\_zipped\_file.zip
   unzip my\_zipped\_file.zip -d extract\_to\_this\_direcory

## Working with networking commands

#### Print hostname:

- 1. 1
- 1. hostname

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## Send packets to URL and print response:

- 1. 1
- 1. ping www.google.com

# Display or configure system network interfaces:

- 1. ifconfig
- 2. ip

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# Display contents of file at a URL:

- 1. 1
- 1. curl <url>

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## Download file from a URL:

- 1. wget <url>

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