

Use this handy Linux command cheat sheet for executing common tasks such as navigating files, installing software, and starting services.

NAVIGATE FILES

LIST DIRECTORIES (WITH TYPE INDICATOR)

```
$ ls --file-type
```

CHANGE DIRECTORY TO "EXAMPLE"

```
$ cd example
```

MOVE UP ONE DIRECTORY

```
$ cd ..
```

MOVE UP TWO DIRECTORIES

```
$ cd ../../
```

CHANGE TO HOME DIRECTORY

```
$ cd ~
```

GET CURRENT DIRECTORY

```
$ pwd
```

GET ABSOLUTE PATH TO A FILE OR FOLDER

```
$ readlink -f example
```

GET FILE TYPE OF "EXAMPLE.EXT"

```
$ file example.ext
```

INSTALLING SOFTWARE

- On Fedora and CentOS, [COMMAND] is dnf
- On Ubuntu and Debian, [COMMAND] is apt
- On OpenSUSE, [COMMAND] is zypper
- Other distributions may use different commands

SEARCH FOR AN APPLICATION CALLED EXAMPLE

```
$ sudo [COMMAND] search example
```

INSTALL AN APPLICATION CALLED EXAMPLE

```
$ sudo [COMMAND] install example
```

UNINSTALL AN APPLICATION CALLED EXAMPLE

```
$ sudo [COMMAND] remove example
```

SERVICES

START SERVICES

```
$ sudo systemctl start example
```

STOP SERVICES

```
$ sudo systemctl stop example
```

GET STATUS OF SERVICES

```
$ sudo systemctl status example
```

FILE MANAGEMENT

COPY A FILE IN PLACE

```
$ cp example.txt example-1.txt
```

COPY A FILE TO DOCUMENTS

```
$ cp example.txt ~/Documents/example-1.txt
```

MOVE A FILE TO DOCUMENTS

```
$ mv example.txt ~/Documents
```

CREATE A DIRECTORY (FOLDER)

```
$ mkdir example
```

REMOVE AN EMPTY DIRECTORY

```
$ rmdir example
```

SAFELY REMOVE A FILE

```
$ trash example.txt
```

REMOVE A FILE (WITHOUT TRASH COMMAND)

```
$ mv example.txt ~/.local/share/Trash/files
```

PERMANENTLY DELETE A FILE

```
$ shred example.txt
```

DOWNLOAD A FILE FROM AN NETWORK LOCATION

```
$ wget http://example.com/file
```