

LINUX UNIX CHEAT SHEET

FILES AND DIRECTORIES

List files in current directory

```
$ ls
```

List files with all details and human readable sizes

```
$ ls -lh
```

Show current working directory

```
$ pwd
```

Change current directory

```
$ cd /absolute/path
```

```
$ cd relative_path
```

Change to home directory

```
$ cd ~
```

```
$ cd
```

Copy a file

```
$ cp source.c target.c
```

Recursively copy a directory

```
$ cp -r ~/src_dir ~/target_dir
```

Create new directory

```
$ mkdir newdir
```

Remove file

```
$ rm file.txt
```

Recursively remove a directory

```
$ rm -rf dir/
```

Move a file

```
$ mv source.c target.c
```

Unarchive a tarball

```
$ tar -xf archive.tar.gz
```

Archive a directory into tarball

```
$ tar -czvf archive.tar.gz dir/
```

Locate a file by name

```
$ locate file.txt
```

Change file permissions (see 'man chmod')

```
$ chmod <mode> file.txt
```

PROCESS MANAGEMENT

Show running processes

```
$ ps -ax
```

Show process resource consumption

```
$ top
```

Kill process by PID

```
$ kill -9 <pid>
```

Show executable path

```
$ which tor
```

```
$ whereis tor
```

Run an executable from local directory

```
$ ./run.sh
```

Run in background

```
$ ./run.sh &
```

SYSTEM AND USERS

Show system information

```
$ uname -a
```

Show hostname

```
$ hostname
```

Show disk usage

```
$ df -h
```

Show current username

```
$ whoami
```

HELP AND DOCUMENTATION

Show a manpage for program or API

```
$ man ls
```

```
$ man strncpy
```

Search for manpage titles

```
$ apropos crypto
```

Show infopage for a program

```
$ info bash
```

Show available shell commands

```
$ help
```

Show documentation for shell command

```
$ help pwd
```

NETWORKING

List network interfaces

```
$ ifconfig
```

```
$ ip link
```

```
$ ip addr
```

Ping a remote destination

```
$ ping www.myhackertech.com
```

Run DNS request

```
$ dig myhackertech.com
```

```
$ nslookup myhackertech.com
```

Get domain registration info

```
$ whois myhackertech.com
```

Connect to SSH server

```
$ ssh user@server.myhackertech.com
```

Retrieve and show HTTP response

```
$ curl http://ifconfig.me/all.json
```

Download a file

```
$ wget http://openssl.org/1.tar.gz
```

TEXT PROCESSING

Dump contents of textfile

```
$ cat file.txt
```

Show file with scrolling

```
$ less file.txt
```

Find a string in files

```
$ grep "sometext" *.txt
```

Show first 10 lines of textfile

```
$ head file.txt
```

```
$ head -n 10 file.txt
```

Show last 10 lines of textfile

```
$ tail file.txt
```

```
$ tail -n 10 file.txt
```