

Linux Commands

man
manual

man name

pwd
working directory

cd
change directory

cd ~ go to home dir
cd .. go one dir back
cd / go to root dir

ls
list directory

ls -a list all entries
ls -l

mkdir
make directory

mkdir directory_name

mv
rename directory | file
change directory

mv source target
mv -i error before write an existing file
mv -v showing files after moving

cp
copy files

cp source target
cp -i error before write an existing file
cp -v showing files after copied
cp -R copy entire sub tree of directory

rm
remove files

rm file
rm -r remove directory and the subtree
rm -i request confirmation before remove
rm -v showing files after remove
rm -d remove directory

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ln
make links

ln source target

file
determine file type

file file

chmod
change file modes

chmod mode file
chmod -R change mode hierarchies

chown
change file group

chown group file
chown -R change group hierarchies

which/whereis
locate programs

which program
whereis program

find/locate
find files/find filename

find path
find . -type f -name "*.filetype" search for files with filetype

tree
list contents of directories

su
switches to superuser

exit

uptime
how long system has benn
running

history/!
command history/execute command

history -c clear history
!n execute n line
!! execute last line

ps/top
process status

kill/killall
kill process/kill processes by name

kill pid
killall procname

passwd
change password

watch
execute program periodically

cat
concatenate and print file

cat file

less/more
concatenate and print file

less file
more file

grep
file pattern searcher

grep pattern file

diff
compare two files

diff file1 file2

vim
text editor

sort
sort lines of text

uniq
report repeated lines

ifconfig
configure network interface

ifconfig -a information about all
interface

hostname
print name of current host system

ping
send packets to network host

ping URL
ping ipaddr

wget
network downloader

wget URL

curl
transfer a url

curl URL

ssh
remote login

ssh user@hostname

scp
remote file copy

scp user@host:file user@host:file