

# Linux & Git cheat sheet



## 📁 File Operations:

- **ls**: Lists all files and directories in the present working directory
- **ls -R**: Lists files in sub-directories as well
- **ls -a**: Shows hidden files
- **ls -al**: Lists files and directories with detailed information 📄📁
- **cd directoryname**: Changes the directory 📁
- **cd ..**: Moves one level up ↗
- **pwd**: Displays the present working directory 🌐
- **cat > filename**: Creates a new file 🖋📄
- **cat filename**: Displays the file content 📄👁
- **touch filename**: Creates or modifies a file 🛠📄
- **rm filename**: Deletes a file ❌📄
- **cp source destination**: Copies files from source to destination ➡📄
- **mv source destination**: Moves files from source to destination 🔄📄
- **find / -name filename**: Finds a file or a directory by its name 🔍📄📁
- **file filename**: Determines the file type 📄❓
- **less filename**: Views the file content page by page 📄📄
- **head filename**: Views the first ten lines of a file 📄↑TOP
- **tail filename**: Views the last ten lines of a file 📄←END
- **du -h --max-depth=1**: Shows the size of each directory 📁📏

## 📁 Directory Operations:

- **mkdir directoryname**: Creates a new directory 📁NEW
- **rmdir directoryname**: Deletes a directory ❌📁
- **cp -r source destination**: Copies directories recursively ➡📁
- **mv olddir newdir**: Renames directories 🔄📁
- **find / -type d -name directoryname**: Finds a directory starting from root 🔍📁

## 🔄 Process Operations:

- **ps**: Displays your currently active processes 🧑🖥🔄
- **top**: Displays all running processes 🖥🔄
- **kill pid**: Kills the process with given pid ❌🔄

- **kill name:** Kills the process with the given name ❌🔄
- **bg:** Resumes suspended jobs without bringing them to foreground ▶🔄
- **fg:** Brings the most recent job to foreground ▶
- **renice +n [pid]:** Change the priority of a running process ⚙️🔄
- **&>filename:** Redirects both the stdout and the stderr to the file 🔄📄
- **1>filename:** Redirect the stdout to file 🔄📄
- **2>filename:** Redirect stderr to file 🔄📄

## 🔒 File Permissions:

- **chmod octal filename:** Change the permissions of file to octal 🗂️🔒📄
- **chown ownername filename:** Change file owner 👤📄
- **chgrp groupname filename:** Change group owner 👤📄

## 🔗 Networking:

- **ping host:** Ping a host and outputs results 🌐
- **netstat -pnlut:** Display various network related information 🖱️🌐
- **ssh user@host:** Remote login into the host as user 🧑🌐
- **wget url:** Download files from the web 🌐⬇️
- **curl url:** Sends a request to a URL and returns the response 🌐🔄

## 📁 Archives and Compression:

- **tar cf file.tar files:** Create a tar named file.tar containing files 🗂️📄
- **tar xf file.tar:** Extract the files from file.tar 🗂️📄
- **gzip file:** Compresses file and renames it to file.gz 📄➡️📄.gz
- **gzip -d file.gz:** Decompresses file.gz back to file 📄.gz➡️📄
- **zip -r file.zip files:** Create a zip archive named file.zip 🗂️📄
- **unzip file.zip:** Extract the contents of a zip file 🗂️📄

## 🔍 Text Processing:

- **grep pattern files:** Search for pattern in files 🔍📄
- **grep -r pattern dir:** Search recursively for pattern in dir 🔍🗂️
- **echo 'text':** Prints text 🗨️
- **sed 's/string1/string2/g' filename:** Replaces string1 with string2 in filename 🔄📄
- **diff file1 file2:** Compares two files and shows the differences ↔️📄
- **wc filename:** Count lines, words, and characters in a file 📄

|   |   |
|---|---|
| 1 | 2 |
| 3 | 4 |
- **awk:** A versatile programming language for working on files 📄🐱
- **sed -i 's/string1/string2/g' filename:** Replace string1 with string2 in filename 🔄📄 (In-place edit)
- **cut -d':' -f1 /etc/passwd:** Cut out the first field of each line in /etc/passwd, using colon as a field delimiter 🗂️📄

## 💾 Disk Usage:

- **df:** Shows disk usage 🗂️📊
- **du:** Shows directory space usage 🗂️📊
- **free:** Show memory and swap usage 📈🔄

- **whereis app**: Show possible locations of app 🔍📁

## 💻 System Info:

- **date**: Show the current date and time 📅🕒
- **cal**: Show this month's calendar 📅
- **uptime**: Show current uptime 🕒
- **w**: Display who is online 👤
- **uname -a**: Show kernel information 🖥️🔍

## 📦 Package Installations:

- **sudo apt-get update**: Updates package lists for upgrades 🔄📦
- **sudo apt-get upgrade**: Upgrades all upgradable packages 🔄📦
- **sudo apt-get install pkgname**: Install pkgname 📦
- **sudo apt-get remove pkgname**: Removes pkgname 📦❌

## 🔧 Others (mostly used in scripts):

- **command | grep pattern**: Pipe the output of command to grep for searching 🔍🔍

## 🔍 Search and Find:

- **locate filename**: Find a file by its name 🔍📄
- **whereis programname**: Locate the binary, source, and manual page files for a command 🔍📁
- **which commandname**: Shows the full path of (shell) commands 🔍🚀

## 📦 Compression / Archives:

- **tar -cvf archive.tar dirname/**: Create a tar archive 📦📁
- **tar -xvf archive.tar**: Extract a tar archive 📦📄
- **tar -jcvf archive.tar.bz2 dirname/**: Create a compressed bz2 archive 📦📁
- **tar -jxvf archive.tar.bz2**: Extract a bz2 archive 📦📄

## 💻 Shell Scripting:

- **#!/bin/bash**: Shebang line to specify the script interpreter 🔄⬇️
- **\$0, \$1, ..., \$9, \${10}, \${11}**: Script arguments 🔄<sup>12</sup><sub>34</sub>
- **if [condition]; then ... fi**: if statement in bash scripts 🔄🔒
- **for i in {1..10}; do ... done**: for loop in bash scripts 🔄🔄
- **while [condition]; do ... done**: while loop in bash scripts 🔄🔄
- **function name() {...}**: Define a function 🔄🎯

## 🔧 Environment Variables:

- **env**: Display all environment variables 🌐🔧
- **echo \$VARIABLE**: Display the value of an environment variable 🗣️🔧
- **export VARIABLE=value**: Set the value of an environment variable 🔄🔧
- **alias new\_command='old\_command options'**: Create a new command that executes the old command with the specified options 📄NEW🔧

- **echo \$PATH:** Print the PATH environment variable 🗨️📁🔧
- **export PATH=\$PATH:/new/path:** Add /new/path to the PATH 🔄📁🔧

🔄 Others (mostly used in scripts):

- **command1 ; command2:** Run command1 and then command2 🔄🔄
- **command1 && command2:** Run command2 if command1 is successful 🔄✅
- **command1 || command2:** Run command2 if command1 is not successful 🔄❌
- **command &:** Run command in background 🔄🕒

Remember, you can always use the **man command** (e.g., **man ls**) to get more information about each command. Happy coding! 🚀👤

## 💻 System Monitoring and Performance:

- **iostat:** Reports Central Processing Unit (CPU) statistics and input/output statistics for devices, partitions, and network filesystems 🔄📈
- **vmstat:** Reports information about processes, memory, paging, block IO, traps, disks, and CPU activity 🔄📈
- **htop:** An interactive process viewer for Unix systems 🔄💻

## 🗨️ Disk Usage:

- **dd if=/dev/zero of=/tmp/output.img bs=8k count=256k:** Create a file of a certain size for testing disk speed 🗨️🚗
  - This command will create a file named output.img in the /tmp directory with a size of approximately 2 GB (8 KB \* 256 KB). It will be filled with zeros.

**example:**

```
$ dd if=/dev/zero of=/tmp/output.img bs=8k count=256k
262144+0 records in
262144+0 records out
```

2147483648 bytes (2.1 GB, 2.0 GiB) copied, 2.18953 s, 981 MB/s

Note: The output of the dd command may vary based on your system's performance.

- **hdparm -Tt /dev/sda:** Measure the read speed of your hard drive 🗨️📊
  - This command will measure the read speed of your hard drive (/dev/sda) and display the result in MB/sec.

**example:**

```
$ sudo hdparm -Tt /dev/sda
```

/dev/sda:

Timing cached reads: 20124 MB in 2.00 seconds = 10076.39 MB/sec

Timing buffered disk reads: 588 MB in 3.01 seconds = 195.47 MB/sec

💡 Others:

- **yes > /dev/null &**: Use this command to push a system to its limit 💡🚩
  - Running this command will continuously print the letter "y" and redirect the output to /dev/null, which discards it. The process will run in the background.
- **example:**

```
$ yes > /dev/null &
```

```
[1] 12345
```

The number in brackets [1] and the PID 12345 represent the background job's ID and process ID, respectively.

- **:(){ :|:& };:** A fork bomb – handle with care. Do not run this command on a production system 💣🚫
  - **:(){ :|:& };:**  
**Warning:** Do not run this command on a production system or any system you care about. It is a fork bomb and can quickly consume system resources, causing the system to become unresponsive or crash.

A fork bomb is a self-replicating program that creates a large number of child processes, overwhelming the system. It can be executed as follows:

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$ :(){ :|:& };:
```

If you accidentally run this command, you may need to restart your system to recover from its effects.



Cron Jobs:

- **crontab -l**: List all your cron jobs 📅👤
- **crontab -e**: Edit your cron jobs 📅✎
- **crontab -r**: Remove all your cron jobs ✖📅
- **crontab -v**: Display the last time you edited your cron jobs 👤📅
- **crontab file**: Install a cron job from a file 📅🔄
- **@reboot command**: Schedule a job to run at startup 📅🕒🔄

## Git Cheat sheet



Git Commands:

- **git init**: Initialize a local git repository 🔄📁
- **git clone url**: Create a local copy of a remote repository 🔄🔗📁

- **git add filename:** Add a file to the staging area
- **git commit -m "Commit message":** Commit changes with a message
- **git status:** Check the status of the working directory
- **git pull:** Pull latest changes from the remote repository
- **git push:** Push changes to the remote repository
- **git branch:** List all local branches
- **git branch branchname:** Create a new branch
- **git checkout branchname:** Switch to a branch
- **git merge branchname:** Merge a branch into the active branch
- **git stash:** Stash changes in a dirty working directory
- **git stash apply:** Apply changes from a stash
- **git log:** View commit history
- **git reset:** Reset your HEAD pointer to a previous commit
- **git rm filename:** Remove a file from version control
- **git rebase:** Reapply commits on top of another base tip

## Version Control (Git commands):

- **git revert:** Create a new commit that undoes all of the changes made in a particular commit, then apply it to the current branch
- **git cherry-pick commitID:** Apply the changes introduced by some existing commits