

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
- **tail filename:** Views the last ten lines of a file
- **du -h --max-depth=1:** Shows the size of each directory

Directory Operations:

- **mkdir directoryname:** Creates a new directory
- **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

- **pkill 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 -pnltu:** 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   
- **gzip -d file.gz:** Decompresses file.gz back to file   
- **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    
- **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 
- **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 

- **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:

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

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 