

Alphabet	Command name	Details	Comment	
A	awk	used for data extraction from a file, mostly use for column extraction from a file	awk '{print \$2}' file_name (it will print 2 column content) awk '{print \$NF}' (it will print last column) awk '/string/ {print}' file_name awk '{if(\$3 >300) print \$0}' file_name awk '{if(\$3==333){\$1="Sonu"} print \$0 }' text awk 'length(\$0)>15' text awk -F, '{print \$7}' country.txt (csv file , as delimiter)	
	alias	to create shortcut to the command or task	alias d="ls -ltr awk '{print \$9}'" alias -p (to check the existing alias)	after this command, next time you just need to execute 'd'
	at	command used to schedule a task once	at 06:43 (then it will stuck in editing mode where you can define task like commands or script name and CTRL+D to finish) at 09:00 AM SUN at 09:00 AM AUG 30 at 09:00 AM 06.22.2024 at 09:00 AM tomorrow atq to list existing jobs atrm <id> to remove the jobs	
	arch	to check linux is 64 or 32 bit		
B	bc	binary calculator	bc	
	bash	to run a bash script	bash script.sh	
	basename	Strips directory and suffix from filenames.	basename /usr/local/bin/script.sh Outputs script.sh.	
	bg	to send a stopped job in bg to run	sleep 50 Ctrl + z to stop jobs to see this job bg (it will start job in background)	
	cat	show content of file concatenate two files	cat file_name cat file1 file2 > file3	
	cat /proc/cpuinfo	gives you info about your CPU resources		
	cat /proc/meminfo	gives you infor about infor and its usage in details		
	cat /etc/redhat-release	to check the linux version		
	cal	show you calendar	cal cal 1993 (full calculator of that year) cal -1 1993 (to show month in 1993)	
	cd	change directory		
	chmod	change mode, to modify permissions of files	chmod o-r file_name (- to remove permission) chmod g+rw file_name. (+ to add permission) chmod u+x file_name. (u - user, g - group, o - other, a = all)	
	chown	change ownership	chown root/user_name folder/file_name	

C	chage	We can use this command to chnage the password expiry	chage -l paul (show all he details about account like password expires etc) chage -E 0 user_anme (To disable a account) chage -E -1 user_name (To enable a account)	
	chgrp	chnage group	chgrp root/user_name folder/file_name	
	crontab	to run a command or script on given schedule (cant use as root) To generate cron job http://www.cronmaker.com/ To set timezone use CRON TZ=America/New_York	chrontab -e (for editing or creating new file_ Example of a simple cron job is: * * * * * cd /home/paul/scripts && ./create_file.sh chrontab -l (to show all the cron jobs)	
	cmp	compare the content of files byte by byte	cmp file1 file2	
	curl	to check if the webpage is up or not, will result into the webpage sourcecode we can also download the software on linux	curl www.google.com curl -O <download link>	
	cut	to filter out specific characters from the result of output or file, also useful when you want to see only one or two column of a file	cut -c2 file_name cut -c1-4 file_name cut -c2,3 file_name cut -d: -f 3 file_name (will show 3rd column separated with : delimiter	
	cp	use to copy a file from one location to another	cp source_file destination_file cp -p source_file destination_file (if we use -p then it will copy the file with original time when it was last modified)	
	createrepo			
	date	to see the current date and time of system	date date -s "28 Jun 2021 23:06:00 IST" date +%F-%N (result: 2022-07-01-011018377)	
	dmesg	print or control the kernel ring buffer	dmesg	
D	diff	compare the content of files line by line	diff file1.txt file2.txt	
	df	report file system disk space usage	df -h (h for human readable)	
	dmidecode	print system hardware info	dmidecode (only as root)	
	dnf	Package manager for RPM-based distributions, successor to yum. (new version of linux)	sudo dnf install httpd	
	dig	DNS lookup utility	dig www.google.com	
	dirname	Strips the last component from a file name.	dirname /usr/local/bin/script.sh Outputs /usr/local/bin	
	du	file usage, disk utilization	du <file or folder location> (It will show all files size inside that locaion) du -sh <file or folder location> (-h is human readable and only show the size of given folder)	
	egrep	to search for a particular string/keyword from a file	egrep "key1 key2" filename	
	echo	Print something on terminal	echo "hello"	
	env	to show env variables on linux to set variable for the current user - .bashrc to set variable for globally - /etc/bashrc or /etc/profile then you need to fire 'source' command	To set the environement variable you need to use export command	

E	ethtool	print NIC info	<code>ethtool enps03</code>	
	exit	Exits the shell or a script.	Close the current terminal (logout)	
	export	used to set env vairable temporary	<code>export TEST=1</code> to check, <code>echo \$TEST</code>	
	find	to search for a directory or file	<code>find /tmp/ -name folder_name</code> <code>find /path/to/search -type f -size +100M (find file based on size)</code> <code>find /path/to/search -mtime -7 (find file based on modified time, 7 days)</code>	
	file	to check the type of file	<code>file <file_name></code>	
	free	to check the free space	<code>free -h</code>	
	fdisk	give info about the disk availability	<code>fdisk -l</code>	
	fg	to bring the running job in foreground	<code>fg</code>	
	fold	to fold a line into a column	<code>echo "ABC" fold -wl (w is how much width of each row)</code> output is: A B C	
	ftp	File Transfer Protocol client.	Example: <code>fgrep 'text' file.txt</code> Usage: Searches for the fixed string text in file.txt. Useful for beginners to search for exact matches in files.	
	fmt	Simple text formatter.	<code>fmt myfile.txt</code>	
	fsck	Filesystem consistency check and repair.	Example: <code>sudo fsck /dev/sda1</code> Usage: Checks and repairs the filesystem on /dev/sda1. Useful for beginners to maintain filesystem integrity.	
	firewall-cmd	firewall settings	<code>firewall-cmd --add-port=8080/tcp --permanent</code> <code>firewall-cmd --zone=public --add-service=http --permanent</code> <code>firewall-cmd --reload</code>	
F	firewall-config	it will open GUI to configure firewall settings		
	grep	to search for a particular string/keyword from a file	<code>grep keyword filename</code> <code>grep -i keyword (to ignore the upper or lower cases)</code> <code>grep -v keyword (search other than given keyword)</code>	
	groupadd	to add group	<code>groupadd mygroup</code> <code>check in /etc/group file</code>	
	groupdel	to delete group		
	groups	Shows the groups a user is a member of.	Example: <code>groups username</code> Usage: Lists all the groups that username belongs to. Useful for beginners to check group memberships.	
	getenforce	Displays the current SELinux mode.	Example: <code>getenforce</code> Usage: Shows whether SELinux is enforcing, permissive, or disabled. Useful for beginners to check SELinux status.	
	getfacl	Gets file access control lists (if installed).	Example: <code>getfacl filename</code> Usage: Displays the ACLs of filename. Useful for beginners to view detailed file permissions.	

G	gzip, gunzip	compressing and decompressing, usually we apply this on tar file	<code>gzip name.tar</code> <code>gunzip name.tar.gz</code> or <code>gzip -d name.tar.gz</code>	
	head	gives you starting lines	<code>head -2 file_name</code>	
	hostname	show your hostname	<code>hostname</code>	
	hostnamectl	to control and change the hostname	<code>hostnamectl set-hostname <new_hostname></code>	
	history	Lists all the commands that have been entered in the current shell session.	<code>\$history</code>	
	htop	An interactive process viewer (if installed).		
	help	Help to show you how to use a command	<code>help cd</code>	
H	halt	Stops the system.		
	ip addr	show ip address and network related info		
	ifconfig	show ip address and network related info		
	iostat	Report Central Processing Unit (CPU) statistics and input/output statistics for devices and partitions.		
	init	init 0-6, 0-6 are different level at which we need to reboot	Usage: Shuts down the system (runlevel 0). Beginners should use this with caution as it affects the system's state.	
I	id	show group and user detail of a user	<code>id user_name</code>	
	jobs	to see the current jobs and its state	<code>jobs</code>	
	journalctl	Queries and displays logs from systemd's journal.	Usage: Displays the most recent log entries with detailed information. Useful for beginners to troubleshoot system issues and view log files.	
	kill	to kill any process	<code>kill PID</code> <code>kill -9 PID</code>	
	killall	Kills all processes by the specified name.	Example: <code>killall httpd</code> Usage: Terminates all processes named httpd.	
	last	show listing of last logged users	<code>last</code>	
	less	it show you file nicely manner page vise	<code>less file_name</code>	
	ls	to list the file	<code>ls</code> <code>ls -ltr</code> <code>ls -la</code> (to see hidden files) <code>ls -i</code> (to see the inode)	
	ln	to create hard or soft link	<code>ln</code> <code>ln -s source_file name_of_link</code>	
	lscpu	to check the linux machine sepec		
	lsblk	Displays a tree of block devices.		
	lsmod	Lists all currently loaded kernel modules.		
L	locate	its like find command but its search in its own db	<code>locate filename</code> (to search this file on system)	
	mkdir	to create a directory	<code>mkdir folder_name</code>	
	more	it gives you result one page at a time (in case if the output list is very big)	<code>ls -ltr more</code>	
	man	to read more about a command (man cd) will give manual on cd command		
	mount	Mounts a filesystem.	Example: <code>sudo mount /dev/sda1 /mnt</code> Usage: Mounts the filesystem on /dev/sda1 to the /mnt directory. Useful for beginners to access filesystems and external drives.	
M	mv	to move or rename a file	<code>mv filename newname</code>	

N	nohup	to run a process in backgroup even if user close his terminal	nohup sleep 50 nohup sleep 50 > /dev/null 2>&1 &	
	nice	to assign a process with priority	nice -n 5 process_name (-19 to 20 will be priority)4	
	nano	text editor to create, edit your files	nano file_name	
	nslookup	Queries Internet name servers interactively and DNS record	Example: nslookup example.com Usage: Retrieves the DNS records for example.com.	
	nmcli	Command-line client for NetworkManager.	Example: nmcli device status Usage: Shows the status of network devices. Useful for beginners to manage network connections.	
	nproc	Shows the number of processing units available.	Example: nproc Usage: Displays the number of CPU cores available. Useful for beginners to understand system resources.	
	netstat	Print network connections, routing tables, interface statistics, masquerade connections, and multicast memberships	netstat -rnv netstat -tunlp (t-tcp, u-udp, n-no.of port, l-listening port, p-PID programname) netstat -4tunlp (will only show TCPv4 and exclude the TCPv6) To check no. of connection from a specific IP netstat -an grep <IP>	
O	od	Dumps files in octal and other formats.	Example: od -c file.txt Usage: Displays the content of file.txt in ASCII characters.	
	openssl	A toolkit for the Transport Layer Security (TLS) and Secure Sockets Layer (SSL) protocols.	Example: openssl genpkey -algorithm RSA -out private_key.pem Usage: Generates a private key using RSA. Useful for beginners to manage SSL/TLS certificates and keys.	
P	pwd	print working dir	pwd	
	passwd	to change password of a user	passwd userid	
	ps	to check if a given process is running or not	ps -ef grep <service/process_name>	
	printenv	to show the env variables		
	pskill	Terminates processes by name	Example: sudo pskill firefox Usage: Kills all processes with the name firefox. Useful for beginners to terminate specific applications.	
	pv	Monitors the progress of data through a pipeline (if installed).	Example: pv file.txt gzip > file.txt.gz Usage: Shows progress of compressing file.txt to file.txt.gz. Useful for beginners to visualize data processing.	
	parted	Manages disk partitions.	Example: sudo parted /dev/sda Usage: Opens the partition editor for the disk /dev/sda. Useful for beginners to create, delete, and modify partitions.	
P	ping	used to check the network connectivity	ping ip ping -c 1 ip (only try once)	
Q	quota	Displays disk usage and limits.		
	quotacheck	Scans a filesystem for disk usage, creates, and updates quota files.		
	rm	to remove/delete folder/file	rm file_name rm -rf folder_name	
	rpm	reh hat package manager, used to list, install or uninstall packages	rpm -qa (to list all the installed packages) rpm -e <package_name> (to uninstall any package)	

R	rsync	to synchronized and transfer the data on local system or between local and remote system	<code>rsync -avz source destination</code> <code>rsync -avzh destination source (from remote)</code>	
	renice	To change the priority of already running program	<code>renice -n 5 process_name</code>	
	runlevel	to check the current system run-level		
	rename	Renames multiple files.	Example: <code>rename 's/.txt/.bak/' *.txt</code> Usage: Renames all .txt files to .bak. Useful for beginners to rename files in bulk.	
	route	Shows/manipulates the IP routing table (deprecated, use ip route instead).	Example: <code>route -n</code> Usage: Displays the routing table. Useful for beginners to view network routes.	
	reboot	halt, poweroff, reboot - Halt, power-off or reboot the machine		
	script	to record your activity until you exit it will store all the activity a user perform and store in a file so you can keep ther record of the over all activity	<code>script <file_name></code> and start your activity once done, hit <code>exit</code> Ctrl+D	
	sed	replace string, find/delete line, remove empty lines	<code>sed 's/<string_to_change>/<new_string>/g' file_name</code> (only show change) <code>sed -i 's/Prashant/Potty/g' file_name</code> (change in file) <code>sed -i '5!s/Prashant/Potty/g' file_name</code> (change everywhere except line 5) <code>sed -i 's/Prashant//g' file_name</code> (just to remove word) <code>sed '1d' file_name</code> (to delete first line) <code>sed '1,2d' file_name</code> <code>sed 's\t/ /g'</code> (to replace tab with space) <code>sed -n '3,5p' text</code> (to show only 3 to 5 lines) <code>sed -n '3,4d' text</code> (to delete 3 to 5 lines and show) <code>sed -n '\$d' file_name</code> (\$ is last line) <code>sed -i '/^\$/d' text</code> (to remove empty lines)	
	sosreport	generate report collect and diagnostic support data and package, it will create a zip file under /var/tmp	<code>sos report</code>	
	split	split any files into different small files based on given line no.	<code>split -l 300 file_name</code>	
	sort	sort the conent of file	<code>sort file</code> (sort based on starting no. or letter) <code>sort -r file</code> (Reverse sort) <code>sort -k2 file</code> (k is column) If you are sorting number (not based on starting no. but weightage) <code>sort -n file_name</code> <code>sort -h</code> (human redable no.) To sort only unique no. <code>sort -un file</code>	Example of <code>sort -h</code> 99K 8M 96K Sorting will be 96K 99K 8M
	sudo	to switch the user or execute a command which need superuser access	<code>sudo -iu paul</code> <code>sudo yum install nginx</code>	

S	shuf	to shuffle each line within a file or stdin	A B C cat file shuf B C	
	ssh	Secure Shell, used to connect to remote servers.	Example: ssh user@hostname	
	ssh-keygen	Generates, manages, and converts authentication keys for SSH.	Example: ssh-keygen -t rsa -b 2048 Usage: Generates an RSA key pair with 2048-bit encryption. Useful for beginners to set up SSH key-based authentication.	
	scp	Secure copy, used to copy files to remote servers	Example: scp file.txt user@remote_host:/path/to/destination Usage: Copies file.txt to remote_host under /path/to/destination.	
	shutdown	shutdown your server, Halt, power-off or reboot the machine		
	strings	Displays printable strings in files.	Example: strings binaryfile Usage: Extracts and displays printable strings from binaryfile. Useful for beginners to find readable text in binary files.	
	systemctl	Control the systemd system and service manager	systemctl start <service_name> like chronyd systemctl status chronyd	
	tail	gives you last few lines	tail -2 file_ame tail -f file_name (will keep update the logs)	
	tar	grouping of files	tar cvf name.tar file_path tar xvf name.tar tar -tf name.tar (will show or list the content of tar file) ----- tar and zip at the same time tar -zcvf name.tar.gz file_path tar -zxvf name.tar.gz NOTE: tar.gz and tgz is the same thing	
	tr	to translate or delete	echo "hello" tr [:lower:] [:upper:] delete the lowercase: -d [:upper:] space with tab: [:space:] "\t" delete or change digits: -d [:digit:] [:punct:]	
	tee	to store and display the output of a command at the same time	ls -ltr tee dir.txt ls -ltr tee -a dir.txt (to append)	
	telnet	to check connectivity from your linux server to outside	telnet ip port	
	touch	to create a file	touch file-name touch -d "Thu, 1 Mar 2018 12:30:00" <file_name>	To create file with given date
	truncate	to reduce the file of the size, but your data will be lost (its not like compressing)	truncate -s 50 file_name	
	tcpdump	to capture the incoming and outgoing traffic over the network interface	tcpdump -i <interface_name>	

T	traceroute	Traces the route packets take to a network host.	Example: traceroute example.com Usage: Displays the route packets take to reach example.com. Useful for beginners to diagnose network paths and issues.	
	top	to monitor the server including CPU, storage usage and process running etc	top	
U	uname	show name of system	uname uname -a	
	uptime	show how many users logged in, average load on cpu and active time of your server	uptime	
	uniq	Identify duplicate lines NOTE: To use the uniq, the data should be sorted first as it compare line with it's previous to find the duplicate	sort file uniq To count/find the no. of instances of duplicates (ex: how many times Prashant arrived in list) sort file uniq -c	
	umask	to change the default permissions for newly created files normally the permission is picked from bashrc of user and etc	umask u+rw,g+r,o-rwx just doing this will be temporary when you only execute 'umask' it will give result like 0022 so it means default permission will be 0777-0022 = 0755 (r-x)	
	unzip	Extracts compressed files from a ZIP archive.	Example: unzip archive.zip Usage: Extracts the contents of archive.zip into the current directory.	
	updatedb	Updates the database used by locate.	Example: sudo updatedb Usage: Refreshes the database for the locate command, allowing it to find files more efficiently. Useful for beginners to keep the file database up-to-date.	
	useradd	add user	useradd <name_of_user> useradd -g superheores -s /bin/bash -c "thor charac" -m -d /home/thor thor	
	userdel	del user	userdel <name_of_user> userdel -r (will remove home directory) userdel -f (force delete even if the user is logged in)	
	usermod	modify user	usermod -G superheores hulk (to add user to a new group)	
V	vi	vim text editor to edit a file or creat a file	vi file_name	
	vmstat	Reports virtual memory statistics.	Example: vmstat 2 5 Usage: Displays system performance statistics every 2 seconds for 5 iterations. Useful for beginners to monitor system performance, including CPU, memory, and I/O.	
	vgs	Displays information about volume groups.	Example: vgs Usage: Lists all volume groups and their attributes. Useful for beginners to manage LVM (Logical Volume Manager) storage.	
V	visudo	used to change the user roles and permissins by editing /etc/sudoers file as root only	visudo	
	w	show who is logged on what the user is doing	w	
	who	show who is logged on to your linux server	who	
	which	It will show the path of executable file	which pwd	
	wc	word counter, helps you find no. of words, words present in how many lines etc	wc -l/w/c file grep "key" file wc -l	
	write	to wirta a message to a user, mostly use duing maintenance	write user_name	
	wall	to broadcast your message	wall	

