

# Linux Command-line interface

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# Package management

*Debian*

## **apt**

```
apt install packagename  
apt remove packagename  
apt purge packagename  
apt update  
apt upgrade
```

## **dpkg**

```
dpkg -i package.deb
```

*Red Hat (RHEL, CentOS, Fedora)*

## **dnf**

```
dnf install packagename  
dnf remove packagename  
dnf update
```

## **rpm**

```
rpm -i package.rpm
```

*Arch*

## **pacman**

```
pacman -S packagename  
pacman -Syu
```

# Shell

## **echo**

```
echo -e "line1\nline2" #enable interpretation of backslash escapes  
echo -n #do not output trailing newline  
echo *.log #print all .log files in dir
```

## **man**

## **history**

# Filesystem navigation

## **pwd**

## **ls**

```
ls -R #recursive list
ls -r #reverse order while sorting
ls -S #sort by size
ls -shal #print size, human-readable, all, long listing format
```

## **tree**

```
tree -a -L 1 #tree 1 level all files, says "x directories, y files"
```

## **cd**

# Directory and file operations

## **mkdir**

```
mkdir test logs #two separate dirs
mkdir -p test/logs #create by path, logs subdir (inside) of test dir
```

## **rmdir**

## **touch**

```
touch newfile.txt #creates newfile.txt
touch newfile.txt #if newfile.txt exists: updates time, no overwrite
```

## **nano**

## **rm**

```
rm -r directory/ #recursive dir removal
```

## **cp**

```
cp -R mydir/ destination/ #recursive dir copy
cp -v file.txt destination/ #verbose
```

## **mv**

# File reading and manipulation

## less

## more

```
more -2 file.txt
```

## tail

```
tail -n 3 file.txt #last 3 lines
```

## head

```
head -n 20 file.txt #first 20 lines  
head -c 5k file.txt #first 5k bytes in size
```

## cat

```
cat -n file.txt #show line numbers
```

## grep

```
grep -r login /var/log/apache2 #recursive  
grep -v login /var/log/apache2/access.log #select non-matching lines  
grep -R #follow all symlinks  
grep -l #print only names of FILES with selected lines  
grep -A 2 #print NUM lines of trailing context  
grep -B 3 #print NUM lines of leading context  
grep -A 2 -B 2 login /var/log/apache2/access.log #2 lines after, 2 before
```

## cut

```
cut -b 5 file.txt #get first 5 bytes in each line  
cut -c 2,5,7 file.txt #get chars at 2nd, 5th, 7th place in each line
```

## sort

```
sort -n nums.txt #ascending sort  
sort -nr nums.txt #descending sort  
sort -hr nums.txt #descending sort  
sort -nu #numeric unique sort
```

## uniq

```
uniq -c nums.txt #unique lines count, requires sorted list
```

## watch

## **find**

```
find / -name myfile.txt
```

## **file**

## **stat**

## **wc**

```
wc -c file.txt #byte count  
wc -m file.txt #character count  
wc -w file.txt #word count  
wc -l file.txt #line count
```

# Archives and encryption

## **tar**

```
tar -czvf output.tar.gz input-dir/ #create gzip file verbose
tar -xvf file.tar.gz #extract file verbose
```

## **zip**

## **unzip**

```
unzip latest.zip
unzip file.zip -d /path/to/dir
```

## **mcrypt**

```
mcrypt backup.txt
rm backup.txt
mcrypt -d backup.txt.nc
```

# Users and groups

**adduser**

**useradd**

**groupadd**

**userdel**

**groupdel**

**usermod**

```
usermod -a -G grpname username  
usermod -aG sudo username #add user to sudo group
```

**sudo**

**su**

**id**

**whoami**

**who**

**w**

**last**

**passwd**

# Permissions, ownership, and groups

**chmod**

```
chmod +x file.sh #give execution permission  
chmod 777 file.sh #give all permissions
```

**chown**

```
chown userowner:usergrp file.sh #change file owner
```

**chgrp**

```
chgrp staff /u #change the group of /u to "staff"  
chgrp -hR staff /u #change the group of /u and subfiles to "staff"
```

# Processes and system

## ps

```
ps -a #show processes for all users
ps -u #display process user/owner
ps -x #show processes not attached to a terminal
```

## free

```
free -h #free and used memory (RAM) in system human-readable
```

## top

## kill

```
kill 12345 #by process ID
kill -9 12345 #force kill by process ID
```

## systemctl

```
systemctl reboot #reboot machine
systemctl status sshd #status of ssh daemon service
systemctl stop sshd
systemctl start sshd
systemctl enable sshd
```

## service

```
service sshd status #status of ssh daemon service
service sshd stop
service sshd start
service sshd restart
```

## reboot

## shutdown

```
shutdown -h now #halt, time
```

## date

## uptime

## uname

```
uname -a
```



**hostname**

**locale**

**dmesg**

**df**

`df -h #file system space usage human-readable`

**fdisk**

`fdisk -l`  
`fdisk /dev/sdb`

**mkfs**

`mkfs.ext4 /dev/sdb1`

**lsblk**

**mount**

`mount /dev/sdb1 /media/usb`

# Networking

## ping

## host

## wget

```
wget -O /dev/null http://speedtest.wdc01.softlayer.com/downloads/test100.zip #wget speed test
wget file.sh | sh #download shell script and run it
```

## curl

```
curl -o file.tar.gz http://server/file2.tar.gz #Write to file instead of stdout
curl -u username:password ftp://server/
```

## traceroute

## ifconfig

```
ifconfig eth0
ifconfig eth0 up
ifconfig eth0 down
```

### Setting up NIC to use DHCP

```
echo "iface eth0 inet dhcp" >> /etc/network/interfaces
ifconfig eth0 down
ifconfig eth0 up
```

### Setting up NIC to use static IP

```
ifconfig eth0 down
```

```
nano /etc/network/interfaces
```

```
iface eth0 inet static
    address 192.168.44.33
    netmask 255.255.255.0
    gateway 192.168.44.2
ifconfig eth0 up
```

## ip

```
ip a
```

## dhclient

## iftop

## **netstat**

```
netstat -at #all tcp
netstat -au #all udp
netstat -p #show process
```

## **ssh**

```
ssh user@host
```

## **scp**

```
scp user@host:/home/user/file.txt destination/
```

## **nc**

See [cyber/exploitation#nc](#)

```
nc -l -p 4444 #listen for inbound connections, local port
nc 10.8.22.123 4444 #tcp connection to ip and port
nc -lvp 7777 -e /bin/bash
```

# Reconnaissance tools

## **nmap**

```
nmap -sn 10.8.22.0/24 #host discovery
nmap -sS -p 1234 10.8.22.0/24 #TCP SYN scan
nmap -sT -p 1234 10.8.22.0/24 #TCP connect scan test connection 3-way-handshake
nmap -sU --top-ports 100 10.8.22.0/24 #UDP scans
nmap -sS -sV 10.8.22.123 #SYN stealth scan, service and version detection
nmap -sS -O 10.8.22.123 #OS detection
nmap -sS -T4 -p 1-1024 10.8.22.123 #timing and performance
nmap -A 10.8.22.123 #OS and version detection, script scanning, traceroute
```

## **masscan**

```
masscan -p0-1024 --interface eth0 172.16.127.0/24
masscan -p -4000 --interface eth0 127.0.0.1
```

## **whois**

### **theHarvester**

```
theHarvester -d google.com -l 300 -b all #domain, limit, source
```

## **recon-ng**

```
help
marketplace info all
marketplace search all
marketplace install recon/domains-hosts/hackertarget
modules load recon/domains-hosts/hackertarget
info
options set SOURCE yahoo.com
run
show hosts
```

## **sublist3r**

```
sublist3r -d google.com #finds subdomains
```

## **dig**

### **dirsearch**

```
dirsearch -u google.com #directory search
```

## **fping**

```
fping -gaq 192.168.1.0/24 #ping connectivity test
```

**netdiscover**

# Metasploit Framework

See [cyber/exploitation#metasploit-framework](#)

## **msfdb**

```
msfdb init  
msfdb start  
msfdb stop
```

## **msfconsole**

See [cyber/exploitation#msfconsole](#)

```
help  
search vsftpd  
use exploit/unix/ftp/vsftpd_234_backdoor
```

## **msfvenom**

See [cyber/exploitation#msfvenom](#)

```
msfvenom -h  
msfvenom -l payloads  
msfvenom -l formats
```