

# Basic Linux commands - BlueMonkey4n6

## Getting around

pwd - print working directory  
cd - change directory  
ls - list directory contents

## Looking at files

cat - concatenate files and print  
more - show file content  
less - show file content  
head - show head of file  
tail - show tail of file  
xxd - hex dump  
od - octal dump  
file - determine file type  
vi - visual editor

## Manipulating files/directories

cp - copy files  
mv - move files  
rm - remove files  
mkdir - make directory  
rmdir - remove EMPTY directory

## Hardware and System info

dmidecode - dumping hardware info  
lshw - dumping hardware info  
ls SCSI - list SCSI devices  
lsblk - list block devices  
lsusb - list USB devices  
lspci - list PCI devices  
fdisk - disk partitioning  
parted - disk partitioning  
disktype - display disk format  
hdparm - get/set device parameters  
smartctl - SMART controller  
mkfs - make file system

## Users and Groups

useradd - add user to system  
usermod - modify user info  
id - display user info  
groups - display group info  
su - substitute user  
ln - links

## File Access Control

chmod - change access mode  
chown - change ownership  
chgrp - change group ownership

## Process related

history - command history list  
ps - process status  
top - updated active processes  
jobs - list active jobs  
fg - put job in foreground  
bg - put job in background  
kill - kill jobs/processes  
shutdown - shutdown system

## Manipulating disks/partitions

mount - mount a filesystem  
umount - unmount a filesystem  
df - disk usage  
du - disk usage

## Imaging

dd - convert and copy a file  
dcfldd - DCFL version of dd  
dc3dd - another version of dd  
ftkimg - tool to create E01  
dd\_rescue - drive recovery tool  
dd\_rhelp - overlay for dd\_rescue  
md5sum - hash generator

## Misc

man - manual pages  
info - informational documents  
script - create typescript  
python - basic calculator

## Logical acquisition

cp - copy files  
rsync - better than cp  
tar - archive tool  
7z - compression tool

## Live capture

date - system date and time  
uname - system information  
ip - network configuration  
ps - process status  
who - who is logged on  
w - who + ps  
whoami - name of current user  
last - list of last logged on  
lsof - list of open files  
history - command history list  
.bash\_history - list of past commands  
find - search for files  
grep - find lines that match patterns

## Networking

dhclient - dynamic IP allocation  
ping - send request to host  
traceroute - tracks packet routing  
ifconfig - configure network interface  
netstat - routing info  
ip - manipulate routing, devices  
nc - netcat

## Special symbols

pipe |  
redirect >, <  
append >>  
background &  
command number !  
stdin/stdout -  
options specifier (single letter) -  
options specifier (multi-letter) --  
job number %  
wildcard \*  
wildcard ?  
end of command ;  
home directory ~  
directory levels /  
special character escape \

## Special Keys

File completion: TAB  
Quitting a program: Ctrl-C, ESC, q, quit, exit, Ctrl-D  
Ctrl-C : exit a program  
Ctrl-Z : temporarily stopping a job  
Ctrl-S : pause screen  
Ctrl-Q : un-pause screen  
More windows: Alt-1, Alt-2, Alt-3, Alt-4, Alt-5, Alt-6