

Bash Cheat Sheet

Wildcards \* , ? , \ , [ ]

\* -> whichever characters as many times as you like  
? -> one whatever character

[xx]-> represents a group of characters  
Ex:  
ls [a-z]\*  
ls [A-Z]\*  
ls [a-zA-Z]\*  
ls [0-9]\*

Escape character \

Ex:  
ls "\*" - lists all files and directories in the current directory that have an asterisk (\*) in their names.  
ls /My\ Files/ : Telling the shell My Files is one single directory

Sudo command

Acknowledge excuting permission for commands that can only be run by the root user.

\$ sudo ls /root

Navegating Directories

\$ pwd: print current directory path  
\$ whoami: print current session user  
\$ cd foo: go to foo subdirectory (using relative route)  
\$ cd and cd ~ : go to home directory  
\$ cd .. : go to last directory

Directories

Creating directories

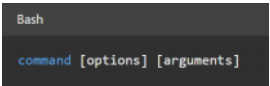
\$ mkdir foo # Create a directory  
\$ mkdir foo bar # Create multiple directories  
\$ mkdir -p foo/bar/baz # Create nested directories and add the ones that doesn't exist yet

Moving directories

\$ cp -R /home/user/docs/home/user/backups # Copies "docs" directory content into "backups" directory  
(what to copy?) (where to copy?)  
\$ mv /home/user/docs/home/user/backups # Moves "docs" directory content into "backups" directory  
(what to copy?) (where to copy?)

Deleting directories

\$ rmdir foo # Delete empty directory  
rm -r # Delete directory and it's content, ignore nonexistent files



Useful commands for sysadmins

ps : stands for "process status" , prints processes running in the current shell session  
Options:  
ps aux or ps -ef: Lists all processes running on the system.  
w: who's on my server

I/O commands

-Taking into account the standard Input/Output process is keyboard for input, screen for output:

\$ ls > listing.txt  
Sets output on a new file "listing.txt"

\$ ls >> listing.txt  
Appends output to the existing file, instead of overwrite it

\$ sort < file.txt  
Gets input from a file

\$ sort < file.txt > sorted\_file.txt  
Save the sorted results in a new file

Pipe ( | ) : The standard output of the command on the left side of the pipe, is passed as the standard input to the command on the right side.  
I personally like to see it as "the left command feeds the right one"  
Common uses:

Filtering and summarizing

\$ ps -ef | more : Displays all running processes in full format and allows you to view the output one screen at a time.  
\$ ps -ef | head -n 10 : Displays the first 10 lines of the full list of all running processes  
\$ ps -ef | grep daemon : Prints only the lines that contain the word daemon

Chain commands to pass their outputs as needed

\$ cat file.txt | fmt | pr | lpr

Explanation:  
1: cat file.txt reads the contents of file.txt and outputs it.  
2: The output from cat is passed to fmt, which formats the text for better readability (like adjusting line lengths).  
3: The formatted text is passed to pr, which adds headers, footers, and paginates the text for printing.  
4: Finally, the paginated text is sent to the printer using lpr.

Files

Creating files

\$ touch foo.txt	# Create file or update existing files modified timestamp
\$ touch foo.txt bar.txt	# Create multiple files
\$ touch {foo,bar}.txt	# Create multiple files

Moving files

\$ cp foo.txt bar.txt	# Copy file
\$ mv foo.txt /home/user/docs	# Move file
\$ mv foo.txt bar.txt	# Rename file

Deleting files

\$ rm foo.txt	# Delete existent file
rm -f	# Delete file, ignore nonexistent files

Finding files

Find: needs to specify a path

\$ find /path -name foo.txt	# Find a file
\$ find /path -iname foo.txt	# Find a file with case insensitive search

Locate: uses an index and is fast

\$ updatedb	# Update the index
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\$ locate foo.txt	# Find a file
locate --ignore-case	# Find a file and ignore case sensitive
\$ locate f*.txt	# Find a text file starting with 'f'

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