Useful Terminal Commands

Basic Commands

ls - directory listing

cd dir - change directory to dir

cd - change to home

cd .. - move up one directory

mkdir dir - create a directory dir

rm file - delete file (be careful with this command)

rm -r dir - delete directory dir (be very careful with this command)

mv file1 file2 - rename or move file1 to file2

if file2 is an existing directory, moves file1 into directory file2

cat file - displays the content in file

Python Commands

python - starts the python interpreter (likely python version 2.7)

python3 - starts the python3 interpreter (python version 3)

python file - runs the python file (can also use python3 file)

python -i *file* - runs the python file, then starts the python interpreter with the file pre-loaded (can also use **python3 -i** *file*)

Shortcuts

Ctrl+C - halts the current command

Tab - automatically fills in partially typed commands

Up and Down Arrows - scroll through previously typed commands

Python Interpreter Commands

exit() - exits the python interpreter (you can also use the shortcut Ctrl+D)

For more commonly used terminal commands, see here