

Table 1: Bash commands and what they mean

Command	What it does
<code>ls</code>	list contents of current directory
<code>ls -a</code>	show hidden files too
<code>ls -altr</code>	see the last changes made to the files in a directory
<code>mkdir directory</code>	make a new directory
<code>cd directory</code>	change directory
<code>cd ..</code>	go back a directory
<code>cd ../../</code>	go back two directories
<code>cd ~</code>	go to your root
<code>pwd</code>	print working directory
<code>~/</code>	means your root
<code>.</code>	means the current directory
<code>cp file/to/copy where/newName</code>	copy a file
<code>cp file/to/copy .</code>	copy a file to current directory without changing the name
<code>cp directory/* .</code>	copy all the files in a directory to the current directory
<code>cp -r directory new/directory</code>	copy a directory recursively
<code>rm file/to/remove</code>	remove a file
<code>rmdir directory</code>	remove a directory
<code>rm -rf directory</code>	blow away a directory permanently
<code>mv file/to/move where/newName</code>	moves or renames a file
<code>man command</code>	show the manual for a command
<code>cat file/one file/two > new_file</code>	concatenate two or more files into a new file
<code>history</code>	shows a history of your commands
<code>less file/to/see</code>	shows one page of a file
	space turns the page q quits
<code>head file/to/see</code>	see the first page of a file
<code>head -n 8 file/to/see</code>	see the first 8 lines of a file
<code>tail file/to/see</code>	see the last page of a file
<code>tail -n 10 file/to/see</code>	see the last 10 lines of a file
<code>grep keyword file/to/search</code>	search a file for a keyword and print all the lines with that keyword to the screen
<code>history grep keyword</code>	search your history for a keyword
<code>grep keyword file/to/search wc -l</code>	count the occurrences of lines with a keyword
<code>command less</code>	pipe the output of a command to less
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Command	What it does
command >> file	append the output of a command to a file
command > file	writes the output of the command to a file
!command	executes the most recent command that starts with the letters you typed
echo something	print something to the screen
ls -ltr	see when files in the directory were last altered
sed -i 's/to replace/new phrase/' file/to/search	find and replace a phrase in a file
grep -Rl keyword	recursively search for a keyword and print the file it was found in
awk '!a[\$0]++' file/to/search	get rid of duplicate lines
echo "phrase" >> file/to/append	append a phrase to a file

Table 2: Emacs commands and what they mean

Command	What it does
emacs path/to/file	enter emacs editor for existing file or creates new file with that name
ctrl+x ctrl+s	save file
ctrl+x ctrl+c y	save and quit a file
ctrl+x ctrl+c n	quit without saving
ctrl+w	cut a line (highlight line first)
ctrl+y	paste a line
ctrl+k	kills the contents of a line/cut a line
ctrl+k ctrl+k ...	kills however many lines—helpful to copy and paste blocks of code
ctrl+shift+-	undo
ctrl+u 3 command	executes the command 3 times
ctrl+x ctrl+f	find and open a file (at the bottom of the screen)
ctrl+space	set marker
Add text to a block of code	
ctrl+space	set marker
ctrl+x	set end of rectangle
R	format as rectangle

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Command	What it does
T “text” or k	add text or delete

Table 3: Loops in bash

Command	What it does
for i in {1..100} do command \$i done	for 100 iterations do this thing(\$i references the index)
if [condition] then command else command fi	check the condition if it’s true do this if it’s not do this ends if statement
if [-e file]	check if a file exists
for i in `ls -d */` do cd \$i command cd .. done	visit every directory in the current directory and execute some command

Table 4: Example of a Bash loop

Command	What it does
for i in {1..100} do cd E.\$i if [! -e KPOINTS] echo \$i getKPoints fi cd .. done	for 100 times enter the directory named E.# if KPOINTS doesn’t exist print the directory number run the getKPoints script go back one directory close loop

Table 5: Example of a Bash loop

Command	What it does
<pre> for i in `ls -d */` do cd \$i if [! -f KPOINTS] then getKPoints echo \$i fi cd .. done </pre>	<p>for all directories</p> <p>enter the directory named</p> <p>if KPOINTS doesn't exist</p> <p>run the getKPoints script</p> <p>print the directory number</p> <p>end if statement</p> <p>go back one directory</p> <p>close loop</p>