

LINUX COMMANDS CHEAT SHEET

A. Linux Basics

A.1. Command Help

time	command	how long takes a command
man	ascii	get help manual of program
man -t	ascii ps2pdf -> ascii.pdf	make a pdf of a manual page
help	for	shows help for for
help	return	shows help for return

A.2. Command Lists

cmd1 ; cmd2	Run cmd1 then cmd2, regardless of success of A
cmd1 && cmd2	Run cmd2 if cmd1 is successful
cmd1 cmd2	Run cmd2 if cmd1 is not successful
cmd &	Run cmd in a subshell/background
/	at end of line: command continue next line
	connect input&output of 2 commands (pipe)
\$	marks variable name

A.3. IO Redirection

cmd < file	Input of cmd from file
cmd1 <(cmd2)	Output of cmd2 as file input to cmd1
cmd > file	Standard output (stdout) of cmd to file
cmd > /dev/null	Discard stdout of cmd
cmd >> file	Append stdout to file
cmd 2> file	Error output (stderr) of cmd to file
cmd 1>&2	stdout to same place as stderr
cmd 2>&1	stderr to same place as stdout
cmd &> file	Every output of cmd to file
program 2>&1 /dev/null	silent your program
redirect output to same file with sponge	
grep -v 'word' file sponge file	

A.4. Navigate Directories

cd /xx/yy	change directory
cd ~	go to home directory
cd -	go to the previous directory
cd ..	go one directory up
cd ./next	go into next folder
cd ../Documents	one dir up into Documents

A.5. File&Dir Operations Basic

pwd	print working dir
touch file	Create file
file file	Get type of file
cp file file1	Copy file to file1
rm file	Delete file
cp -r /path/src/* /path/dst/	Copy folder
mv file file1	Move file to file1
mkdir	make a directory
mkdir -p /path/make	make a folder structure
rmdir	remove a directory
rm -rf /path/file/	remove folder
rm -r ./*	clear folder from inside
cat path/to/file	prints file to terminal
cat file file1	merge output of files
less file	View and paginate file
head file	Show first 10 lines of file
head -n 3 file	Show first 3 lines of file
tail file	Show last 10 lines of file
tail -F file	Output last lines of file as it changes
ls -la	list all files directory,also hidden
cat -n file	show linenummer infront of a file
chmod +x script.sh	make a file executable

A.5.1. File&Dir Operations Advanced

touch a\$(date +%Y_%m_%d_%I_%M_%S")b	timestamp in name
echo 'new line' >> /path/file	add line at end of file
diff file1.txt file2.txt	difference between files
sed 's/str1/str2/g'	Replace str1 with str2
sed '14,17 s/A/B/'	replace A with B line 14-17
sed -i 's/str/strn11n12/g' file	insert lines after str
sed -i '/str/i\11n12\n' file	insert lines before str
sed '/^#/ d' file sed '/\s*\$/d'	del lines begin # or empty
sed '1d'	Delete first line
sed '/^#/d'	Delete lines start with #
sed '/^ *#/d; /^ *\$/d'	rm comment&blank line
sed -i '/^str/d' file	remove lines start with str
sort file.txt	sort lines of files.txt
sort -u -o file file	sort&remove duplicates
sort -k2 test.txt	sort csv lines
ln -s /path/src.z /dst/src.z	create a symbolic link
ls -l grep "\.txt"	lists only txt files
ls -lt -time=atime *.txt	list txt files by time
ls -lh filename	properties human readable
md5sum	compute and check md5
shasum filename	proof a shasum of file
sha256sum filename	proof a sha256sum of file
du -sh ./*	size of folder
wc test.txt	count words and letters
sudo rm -r /path/to/dir/*	remove all files and folders
file --mime-type -b filename	get the mime type of a file
rename 's/ /\.' *.JPG	strip spaces from filenames
rename 's/\.xml\$/:txt/' *.xml	rename all .xml files to .txt
rename 'y/A-Z/a-z' ./*	rename all to small letters
mount -o loop file.iso ~/mnt2/	mount iso images
losetup -f --show raspbian.img	mount image to loop
losetup -d /dev/loop0 /dev/loop1	unmount image from loop
grep ""foo.*bar\$" file	print lines begin foo end bar
sudo chown -R pi:pi /path/file	owner&group to you
sudo chmod -R 777 ./*	give cur folder all rights
sudo chmod 777 file	all rights to file
chown pi /path/file	change owner to pi
chown pi:pi /path/file	add group pi
echo b-date.e.png cut -d\. -f1	Cut to b-date
shred -n 3 -z -u -v /path/file	delete files safe
write image to sdcard	
sudo dd if=raspbian-jessie-lite.img of=/dev/sdb status=progress	

Empty Trash

cd ~/.local/share/Trash/info/ && rm -rf *

cd ~/.local/share/Trash/files/ && rm -rf *

spaces to underscores in filename: rename 'y/ /_/' *

find -name "*" -type d \rename 's/ /_/' recursive for dirs

find -name "*" -type f \rename 's/ /_/' recursive for files

replace all fo with ba in all c documents

find . -type f -name "*.c" -print0 | \

xargs -0 sed -i '' -e 's/fo/ba/g'

write a long text in terminal to file

cat << EOF | tee /path/file

hello

world.

EOF



pngs-from-subdir.sh



pngs-from-url.sh

A.5.2. Files /Archives & Compression

gpg -c file	Encrypt file
gpg file.gpg	Decrypt file
unzip -l files.zip	list files from a zip
unzip -j "zip-archive.zip" "one_file.txt"	unzip specific file

A.5.3. Files /Archives & Compression2

unzip a tar.gz file without saving it first

wget -q0 - example.com/path/to/blah.tar.gz | tar xzf -

pack a password protected zip file

zip --password MY_SECRET secure.zip doc.pdf doc2.pdf doc3.pdf

zip --password MY_SECRET secure.zip *

protected zip file in gui:

rightclick file/folder >create archive >zip >other options >passwd

A.5.4. Files /Transfer Files

get file over ssh

scp pi@192.168.x.x:/home/pi/file /home/\$USER/Desktop/file

download a file from rpi to linux

sudo apt install openssh-server

sudo apt install fail2ban

sudo apt install ufw gufw #then enable port 22 in gufw

sftp://user@192.168.1.xx/home/user

sftp -P 22 pi@192.168.1.xx

get remote-path [local-path]

upload a file from rpi to linux

sftp -P 22 pi@192.168.1.xx

put local-path [remote-path]

connect over sftp in thunar by pasting this address

sftp://pi@192.168.1.100/home/Username

connect over ftp in firefox by pasting this address

ftp://192.168.1.100:12345

download a website

wget --random-wait -r -p -e robots=off -U mozilla http://www.xy.ru

wget -r -A png http://www.xy.ru #get pngs from site

create an iso image from cd

readom dev=/dev/scd0 f=/path/to/image.iso

A.6. Terminal

ctrl+c	stop running process in console
Ctrl + Shift + V	clipboard to terminal
Ctrl + Shift + C	copy text from terminal
Ctrl + Alt + select it	select rectangle in terminal
Ctrl + D or exit	exit terminal / ssh session
Ctrl + Click link	open link in lxterminal
tab-key	autocomplete folder&filename
arrow-up/down	see last terminal command
clear	clear the terminal
reset	clear&reset screen
ssh pi@IP -p 22 "uptime"	login and run command
sshpass -p 'rasp' ssh pi@IP	ssh login with password
ssh pi@192.168.1.xx -p 22	connect to pi over terminal
sudo !!	execute previous command with sudo
!!	run same command again
!abc:p	print last command starting with abc
!foo	run last command beginning with foo
pkexec cmd	run cmd as superuser
nano ~/.bash_history	edit your history
history	terminal history with linenumbers
history -c	clear history
history -d linenummer	to delete that line
cat ~/.selected_editor	show active editor
select-editor	change users editor

hide pc & user in terminal

echo 'export PS1="\W_ \$" ' >> ~/.bashrc

A.7. For Loop

for ((a=1; a <= 3; a++));do echo \$a; done for loop
for a in {1..3}; do echo "\$a"; done for loop

A.8. Usage Nano

ESC + A	start mark text at cursor
ctrl + F	forward one character
ctrl + Space	forward one word
Page Up or Page Down	next/prev page
Ctrl + K	cut marked/infront of line: cut line
Ctrl + O	save without exit
Alt + W	search again
Ctrl + G	nano help

A.9. Bash Variables

env	Show environment variables
echo \$NAME	Output value of \$NAME variable
export NAME=value	Set \$NAME to value
\$PATH	Executable search path
\$HOME	Home directory
\$SHELL	Current shell
\$USER	current user

A.10. Usage Firewall

sudo ufw deny from IP.0/24	block traffic from IP
sudo ufw deny out from any to IP.0/24	block traffic to IP
sudo ufw reload	reload ufw
sudo ufw status	check ufw status
sudo ufw enable	enable ufw
sudo ufw show added	show added rules

A.11. Process Management

xfce4-taskmanager	gui kill & stop tasks
ps	Show snapshot of processes
top	Show real time processes
pstree	show process tree
xkill	then click on window to kill
alt+f2 write "xkill"	same as above
ps aux grep sample	get process ide from sample
kill pid	Kill process with id pid
kill sample	Kill process with name sample
killall sample	Kill all processes with names begin sample
kill a process if pc is stuck	
Ctrl + Alt + F2	
youruser yourpassword	#login
su	
top #lists all process (mostly highest cpu usage cause probs)	
k	
enter	
enter	
q #to quit top	
kill pname #kills all process that start with pname	
Ctrl + Alt + F7 #back to normal screen	

kill program from htop

choose program you want to stop with with arrow up & down
press f9 to kill it
confirm killing with enter

run bash file

sudo bash -x /etc/init.d/c start

sudo bash -x /etc/init.d/c status

A.12. System

sudo shutdown -P +30	shutdown in 30 min
sudo shutdown -c	quit shutdown process
sudo shutdown -h 0	shutdown
sudo halt	halt
sudo shutdown -r now	reboot
sudo reboot	reboot
crontab -l	list crontab
crontab -e	edit crontab

A.13. About System		
saidar -c	leightweight system stats in c	
screenfetch	get info about system	
uptime	how long is the pc up	
last reboot	show last reboot	
last shutdown	show last shutdown	
df -h	show useable free space	
free	show free ram	
dmesg	new devices & more	
dmesg --follow --human	show live dmesg output	
cat /proc/cpuinfo	lot info about cpu	
lscpu	Detailed CPU info	
lsblk	show partition table	
uname -r	kernel version number	
uname -m	shows your bit version	
uname -a	linux kernel all	
cat /etc/os-release	lot info about linux version	
more /etc/issue	what system do you use	
cat /etc/*issue	what build image do you use	
lsb_release -a	get linux version	
acpi -i	battery	
sudo powertop	battery	
acpi -t	cpu temperature	
acpi -V	high temp, critical temp	
nvidia-smi -l	list about nvidia card	
ls /usr/share/applications/*	list global programs	
ls /home/\$USER/.local/share/appli*/	list local programs	
ls /etc/xdg/autostart/*	list autostarted programs	
cat /etc/passwd	id over 1000 manually done	
sudo blkid	get partition uuids	
python -V	get python version	
xmodmap -pke	read keymap	

A.14. Install		
sudo apt update && sudo apt upgrade	update,upgrade	
sudo apt clean	clean that files	
sudo dpkg -i file.deb	install a deb file	
sudo apt install -f	fix a broken deb install	
sudo apt purge pname	purge paket include conf files	
sudo apt-get remove pname	remove programs	
sudo unattended-upgrades --dry-run	dryrun unattended upgrades	
sudo apt install --reinstall name	reinstall a program	
dpkg -info file.deb	info about a package	
ls /etc/apt/sources.list.d/	check manually added repos	
apt-cache showpkg packagename	show dependencies	
dpkg -l packagename	is package installed	
dpkg -l grep ^i	list installed packages	
nano /etc/apt/sources.list	check source list	
ls /var/cache/apt/archives	all downloaded .deb files	
sudo apt-get dist-upgrade	mostly trouble, do not use	
dpkg --list grep linux-image	to list all images	
sudo apt-cache search pname	shows also the version	

A.14.1. Install /update & upgrade & autoremove & clean old packages		
sudo apt-get -qq update && \		
sudo apt-get -qq -y upgrade && \		
sudo apt-get -qq -y clean && \		
sudo apt-get -qq -y autoclean && \		
sudo apt-get -qq autoremove		

A.14.2. Install /Program Autostart		
sudo cp /usr/share/applications/firefox.desktop /etc/xdg/autostart/		
sudo crontab -u \$USER -e #or edit crontab to do it		

A.14.3. Install Advanced		
upgrade only a special package		
sudo apt-get install --only-upgrade pname		
delete an old image		
sudo apt-get purge linux-image-3.19.0-15-generic		
search for files inside not-installed packages		
sudo apt-get install apt-file #install apt-file		
apt-file update # update apt-file		
apt-file search packagename #search it		
apt-file list packagename		
sudo apt-cache search packagename #shows also version		
install :i386 package in 64 bit		
sudo dpkg --add-architecture i386 && sudo apt update		
sudo apt install package		
remove i386 architecture		
sudo apt-get purge ".*:i386"		
sudo dpkg --remove-architecture i386		
sudo apt-get update		
add a keyserver		
sudo apt-key adv --keyserver PGP_KEY_SERVER --recv-keys ID		
remove a keyserver		
sudo apt-key list		
sudo apt-key del D3D831EF		
sudo rm /etc/apt/sources.list.d/mono-xamarin.list		
convert a rpm package into deb		
sudo apt install alien		
sudo alien -ci packagename.rpm		
alien --to-deb /path/to/file.rpm		
fix dependencies problems		
apt-cache rdepends pkgcausedprobs		
sudo apt purge -y ...		
sudo apt-get autoclean &&\		
sudo apt-get clean &&\		
sudo apt-get autoremove		

A.15. Monitoring & Debugging Network		
hostname -I	show the ip	
vnstat	network traffic	
bmon	network monitor	
sudo linsid	gui to scan nearby networks	
ifconfig -a	network information	
iwconfig	wlan info	
sudo rfkill block wifi	block wifi	
sudo rfkill unblock wifi	reactivate the module again	
iwlist scanning	scan networks	
ip link show	interfaces info	
sudo lastb	check failed logins	
lsuf -p \$	List paths that process id has open	
lsuf ~	List processes with specified path open	
lsuf -i	show network activity	
watch -n 1 'lsuf -i'	run lsuf every sec.	
sudo netstat -anp --inet	List TCP/UDP ports&IP use by process	
sudo netstat -ap --inet	as above but with Address	
nethogs	groups bandwidth by process	
tcpdump not port 22	Show network traffic except ssh.	
etherape	connections/traffic	
sudo iptraf	iptraffic	
sudo iftop -i wlan0	iptraffic	
ip.addr == 192.168.1.100	wireshark traffic for ip	
noping example.com eg.com	ping more websites	
ping -i 60 -a IP\address	ping ip every 60 sec and beep if there	
whois example.com	info for domain	
dig example.com	dns info for domain	
host example.com	Lookup DNS ip	

A.16. Monitoring & Debugging Files		
w	who is logged in and how long	
grep CRON /var/log/syslog	cron logs	
tail -f /var/log/msg	Monitor messages in a log file	
~/local	check local files	
~/cache	check cache files	
cat /var/log/syslog more	view syslog	
sudo less /var/log/syslog	read syslog	
sudo zless /var/log/syslog.2.gz	read archived logs	
sudo tail -f -n 0 /var/log/syslog	read while changing	
sudo rm -r /var/log/*	clean all logs	
zeitgeist-explorer	inspect public logs	
exiftool -a -G1 file.pdf	get info about pdf	
open in sqlite browser go to data and check text and url		
~/local/share/zeitgeist/activity.sqlite		
recently used files		
~/local/share/recently-used.xbel		
get all string values from your ram		
sudo dd if=/dev/mem cat strings		

A.17. File Searching		
which nano	find location of binary	
find / -name "Keyword*"	search all beginning with Keyword	
find / -iname "*keyword*"	ignore case&word can be in middle	
find . -type d -name '*str*'	search for directory with str	
ls *.txt	find txt files in dir	
grep str /path/file	search for str in file	
grep -rni \$PWD -e pattern	search pattern in files in cur dir	
search for https addresses in file		
but missing [%] so url with it will be cut there		
grep -o 'https://[a-zA-Z0-9.,\./_-:~#@!\$%()*&{};=-]*' file		
search in a pdf file		
pdftotext file-name.pdf && cat file-name.txt grep 'Search-string'		

A.18. Users & Groups		
passwd -S	info last time password was set	
passwd	change password	
users	list all users	
groups	list all groups	
sudo -s	run following code as admin	
sudo su -l	login as superuser	
sudo -i	change to root user	
cut -d: -f1 /etc/passwd	list all users	
sudo userdel username	rm user	
sudo adduser username	create/add a new user	
sudo su username	switch to user	
adduser username sudo	add username to sudoers group	
grep pi /etc/group	shows all groups of pi	
add a user to groups		
sudo usermod -a -G group1,group2 testuser		
remove a user from all groups		
sudo usermod -G "" testuser		
remove a user		
sudo passwd -l username #lock useraccount		
sudo userdel -r -f username #home, mail, other users files		
sudo crontab -r -u username #remove crontab		

A.19. Hacks		
uuidgen	generate random uuid	
rm -rf /	remove all the programs,eveny	
lynx -dump -listonly https://goo.gl/	get all links from site	
ascii clock		
watch -n 1 'echo "obase=2;`date +%s`" bc'		

A.20. Simple Math		
echo \$((10 + 5))	calculate in bash	
calc 1+1	says the ans	

A.21. Usage Rsync		
dryrun rsync for testing.		
rsync -rtuv links --dry-run /path/to/src/* /path/to/dest/		
run rsync		
rsync -rtuv --links /path/to/src/* /path/to/dest/		

A.22. Install with pip		
sudo pip install pname	install a pip package	
sudo pip install --upgrade pname	upgrade a package	
sudo pip uninstall pname	remove a package	

A.23. Usage Tmux		
tmux new -s myname	start new with session myname	
tmux a #or at, or attach	attach a session	
tmux a -t myname	attach to myname	
tmux ls	list sessions	
Ctrl + B then d	detach session	
Ctrl + D or write: exit	exit window	
Ctrl + B then write :kill-session	kill session	
tmux kill-session -t Sessionx	kill sessionx	
Ctrl + B + %	tmux split screen horizontally	
CTRL + B + "	split screen vertically	
Ctrl + B + Z	panel full screen; shrink back	

A.24. Usage Calendar		
cal	displays current month	
cal -3	prev/act/next month	
cal -m 4	shows 4 month of the year	
cal -y 2018	shows the whole year	
cal 9 1752	Display a calendar for a month year	
date -d fri	What date is it this friday. See also day	
date --date='25 Dec' +%A	What day does xmas fall on, this year	
calendar	what happend today in history	

A.25. Usage Systemd		
systemd --version	systemd version	
systemd-analyze	how long to boot kernel and system	
systemd-analyze blame	to check each process	
systemctl list-unit-files	list all services ,static = dependency	
systemctl list-units	list only running services	

A.26. Usage Mysql		
delete database and user		
mysql -u root -p		
DROP DATABASE databasename.to.delete;		
DROP USER 'databaseuser.to.delete'@'localhost';		
exit		
quit		
check mysql table		
mysqlcheck -c -u root -p --all-databases		
autorepair tables		
mysqlcheck -u root -p --auto-repair --all-databases		
optimize tables		
mysqlcheck -o -u root -p --all-databases		