

1. ls: used for listing of files

ls -al; gives detailed information of the files

ls -a:Listing Hidden Files

2. cat: creating and viewing of files

cat > filename : create new file

cat filename: to view file

cat fileone finetwo > filecombined : combine two files into one

3. rm: to delete files

rm filename

4. mv: to move files

mv file location (location is the path where you want to move the file)

5. chmod: To change permission

chmod 777 filename (777 is the permission code)

chown: change ownership of file

chown owner:groupowner filename

6. grep:To search pattern

search test in all text files then grep command will be:

grep test *.txt

7. tail: to display last lines of files

tail -n 5 test.txt : it will display last 5 lines of test.txt file

8. ssh: to connect to remote linux machines

ssh user@IP

for example the command will look like; ssh sidharth@192.168.x.x

9. traceroute:

tracks the route that a particular packet of information takes to reach to the host

traceroute www.automationreinvented.blogspot.com

10. ftp and sftp:

to connect to remote server and download files

```
$ ftp IP/hostname
```

```
ftp> mget *.txt
```

11. ps: to check process

ps -ef: current running process

we can choose more or less with below

ps -ef | less or more

12. **dstat** – view processes, memory, paging, I/O, CPU, etc., in real-time.
All-in-one for vmstat, iostat, netstat, and ifstat.

13. **iotop** – interactive I/O viewer. Get an overview of storage r/w activity.

14. **rsync** – remote file transfers and syncing.

What is Linux, and why is it used for testing?

Linux is an open-source operating system known for stability and security. It's commonly used for testing due to its flexibility and availability.

How do you check the Linux distribution and version?

Use the **lsb_release -a** command to check the distribution and version. For example:

css

```
lsb_release -a
```

What is the purpose of the **grep** command in Linux?

The **grep** command is used for searching and matching patterns in text files. For example, to find lines containing "error" in a log file:

perl

```
grep "error" logfile.txt
```

How do you list files in a directory using the **ls** command?

Use the **ls** command to list files and directories in the current directory. For example:
bash

```
ls -l
```

What is the **ps** command in Linux, and how do you list running processes?

The **ps** command is used to list running processes. To display all processes, use:

```
ps aux
```

How can you check disk space usage in Linux using the **df** command?

Use the **df** command to display disk space usage. For example:
bash

```
df -h
```

What is the purpose of the **top** command, and how do you use it to monitor system resources?

The **top** command provides real-time information about system resource usage. It can be used to monitor CPU, memory, and process activity. Press **q** to exit.

How do you create a new directory in Linux using the **mkdir** command?

To create a new directory named "test," use:
bash

```
mkdir test
```

What is the **chmod** command used for in Linux?

The **chmod** command is used to change file permissions. For example, to make a file executable:
bash

```
chmod +x filename
```

How can you compress and extract files in Linux using **tar**?

To compress files into a tarball, use:

```
tar -cvzf archive.tar.gz file1 file2
```

To extract files from a tarball, use:

```
tar -xvzf archive.tar.gz
```

What is the **curl** command used for in Linux?

The **curl** command is used to make HTTP requests. For example, to download a file:

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```
curl -O https://example.com/file.txt
```

How do you search for a file in Linux using the **find** command?

Use the **find** command to search for a file by name or pattern. For example, to find all text files in the current directory:

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```
find . -name "*.txt"
```

What is SSH, and how do you connect to a remote server using SSH?

SSH (Secure Shell) is a protocol for secure remote login. Use the **ssh** command to connect to a remote server:

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```
ssh username@remote-server
```

How can you check the IP address of a Linux machine using the **ifconfig** command?

Use the **ifconfig** command to display network interface information, including IP addresses. For example:

```
ifconfig
```

What is the purpose of the **grep** command with the **-r** option?

The **grep -r** command is used to search for text recursively in directories and subdirectories. For example:
bash

```
grep -r "pattern" /path/to/directory
```

How do you view the contents of a text file in Linux using the **cat command?**

Use the **cat** command to display the contents of a text file. For example:
bash

```
cat myfile.txt
```

What is the **rsync command used for in Linux?**

The **rsync** command is used for efficient file synchronization and copying. For example, to synchronize two directories:
bash

```
rsync -avz /source-directory/ /destination-directory/
```

How can you schedule tasks in Linux using the **cron daemon?**

Use the **crontab** command to create and manage cron jobs. For example, to schedule a job to run every day at 3:00 PM:
javascript

```
0 15 * * * /path/to/script.sh
```

What is the purpose of the **tail command in Linux, and how do you use it to view log files?**

The **tail** command displays the last few lines of a file, commonly used for viewing log files. For example:
bash

```
tail -n 20 logfile.log
```

How can you check the available memory and swap space using the **free command?**

Use the `free` command to display information about memory and swap space. For example:

```
free -m
```

SCENARIO BASED REAL TIME

- **Question:** How would you identify and kill a process using its port number?

Answer: Utilize the `lsof` command to identify the process using a specific port, and then use the `kill` command to terminate the identified process.

- **Question:** Explain how file permissions work in Linux, and how can you grant executable permission to a script?

Answer: Linux uses the `chmod` command to modify file permissions. To grant executable permission to a script, use `chmod +x script.sh`.

- **Question:** How can you monitor system resource usage in real-time, and which command would you use?

Answer: Use the `top` command to monitor real-time system resource usage, providing insights into CPU, memory, and process statistics.

- **Question:** How would you install a specific version of a package using the package manager?

Answer: Use the package manager (e.g., `apt` for Debian-based systems) with the syntax `apt install <package_name>=<version>`.

- **Question:** Describe the steps you would take to troubleshoot network connectivity issues on a Linux machine.

Answer: Use commands like `ping`, `traceroute`, and `netstat` to identify and troubleshoot network-related problems.

Question: Write a simple shell script that takes a filename as an argument and counts the number of lines in that file.

Answer:

bash

```
#!/bin/bash
```

```
file=$1
```

```
lines=$(wc -l < "$file")
```

```
echo "The file $file has $lines lines."
```

- **Question:** Explain the Linux boot process and the significance of key directories like /etc and /var.

Answer: The Linux boot process involves stages such as BIOS/UEFI, bootloader, kernel, init, and user space. Key directories like /etc store system-wide configuration files, while /var holds variable data like logs and caches.

- **Question:** How would you use regular expressions to find all lines in a file containing a specific pattern?

Answer: Employ the `grep` command with the regular expression pattern. For example, `grep "pattern" file.txt`.

- **Question:** What is the purpose of the `mount` command, and how can you mount an additional disk in Linux?

Answer: The `mount` command is used to attach filesystems. To mount an additional disk, use a command like `sudo mount /dev/sdb1 /mnt`.

- **Question:** How can you set up passwordless SSH authentication between two Linux machines?

Answer: Use `ssh-keygen` to generate a key pair, and then copy the public key to the remote machine's `authorized_keys` file. This allows for passwordless authentication.

CHEATSHEET

BASIC LINUX COMMANDS

FILES & NAVIGATING

ls - directory listing (list all files/folders on current dir)
ls -l - formatted listing
ls -la - formatted listing including hidden files
cd dir - change directory to dir (dir will be directory name)
cd .. - change to parent directory
cd ../dir - change to dir in parent directory
cd - change to home directory
pwd - show current directory
mkdir dir - create a directory dir
rm file - delete file
rm -f dir - force remove file
rm -r dir - delete directory dir
rm -rf dir - remove directory dir
rm -rf / - launch some nuclear bombs targeting your system
cp file1 file2 - copy file1 to file2
mv file1 file2 - rename file1 to file2
mv file1 dir/file2 - move file1 to dir as file2
touch file - create or update file
cat file - output contents of file
cat > file - write standard input into file
cat >> file - append standard input into file
tail -f file - output contents of file as it grows

NETWORKING

ping host - ping host
whois domain - get whois for domain
dig domain - get DNS for domain
dig -x host - reserve lookup host
wget file - download file
wget -c file - continue stopped download
wget -r url - recursively download files from url
curl url - outputs the webpage from url
curl -o meh.html url - writes the page to meh.html
ssh user@host - connect to host as user
ssh -p port user@host - connect using port
ssh -D user@host - connect & use bind port

PROCESSES

ps - display currently active processes
ps aux - detailed outputs
kill pid - kill process with process id (pid)
killall proc - kill all processes named proc

SYSTEM INFO

date - show current date/time
uptime - show uptime
whoami - who you're logged in as
w - display who is online
cat /proc/cpuinfo - display cpu info
cat /proc/meminfo - memory info
free - show memory and swap usage
du - show directory space usage
du -sh - displays readable sizes in GB
df - show disk usage
uname -a - show kernel config

COMPRESSING

tar of file.tar files - tar files into file.tar
tar xf file.tar - untar into current directory
tar tf file.tar - show contents of archive

options:

c - create archive	j - bzip2 compression
t - table of contents	w - ask for confirmation
x - extract	k - do not overwrite
z - use zip/gzip	T - files from file
f - specify filename	v - verbose

PERMISSIONS

chmod octal file - change permissions of file

4 - read (r)
2 - write (w)
1 - execute (x)

order: owner/group/world

chmod 777 - rwx for everyone
chmod 755 - rw for owner, rx for group world

SOME OTHERS

grep pattern files - search in files for pattern
grep -r pattern dir - search for pattern recursively in dir
locate file - find all instances of file
whereis app - show possible locations of app
man command - show manual page for command

Bash Commands	
<code>uname -a</code>	Show system and kernel
<code>head -n1 /etc/issue</code>	Show distribution
<code>mount</code>	Show mounted filesystems
<code>date</code>	Show system date
<code>uptime</code>	Show uptime
<code>whoami</code>	Show your username
<code>man <i>command</i></code>	Show manual for <i>command</i>

Bash Shortcuts	
<code>CTRL-c</code>	Stop current command
<code>CTRL-z</code>	Sleep program
<code>CTRL-a</code>	Go to start of line
<code>CTRL-e</code>	Go to end of line
<code>CTRL-u</code>	Cut from start of line
<code>CTRL-k</code>	Cut to end of line
<code>CTRL-r</code>	Search history
<code>!!</code>	Repeat last command
<code>!abc</code>	Run last command starting with <i>abc</i>
<code>!abc:p</code>	Print last command starting with <i>abc</i>
<code>!\$</code>	Last argument of previous command
<code>ALT-.</code>	Last argument of previous command
<code>!*</code>	All arguments of previous command
<code>^abc^123</code>	Run previous command, replacing <i>abc</i> with <i>123</i>

Bash Variables	
<code>env</code>	Show environment variables
<code>echo \$NAME</code>	Output value of <i>\$NAME</i> variable

Bash Variables (cont)	
<code>export NAME=value</code>	Set <i>\$NAME</i> to <i>value</i>
<code>\$PATH</code>	Executable search path
<code>\$HOME</code>	Home directory
<code>\$SHELL</code>	Current shell

IO Redirection	
<code>cmd < file</code>	Input of <i>cmd</i> from <i>file</i>
<code>cmd1 <(cmd2)</code>	Output of <i>cmd2</i> as file input to <i>cmd1</i>
<code>cmd > file</code>	Standard output (stdout) of <i>cmd</i> to <i>file</i>
<code>cmd > /dev/null</code>	Discard stdout of <i>cmd</i>
<code>cmd >> file</code>	Append stdout to <i>file</i>
<code>cmd 2> file</code>	Error output (stderr) of <i>cmd</i> to <i>file</i>
<code>cmd 1>&2</code>	stdout to same place as stderr
<code>cmd 2>&1</code>	stderr to same place as stdout
<code>cmd &> file</code>	Every output of <i>cmd</i> to <i>file</i>
<i>cmd</i> refers to a command.	

Pipes	
<code>cmd1 cmd2</code>	stdout of <i>cmd1</i> to <i>cmd2</i>
<code>cmd1 & cmd2</code>	stderr of <i>cmd1</i> to <i>cmd2</i>

Command Lists	
<code>cmd1 ; cmd2</code>	Run <i>cmd1</i> then <i>cmd2</i>
<code>cmd1 && cmd2</code>	Run <i>cmd2</i> if <i>cmd1</i> is successful
<code>cmd1 cmd2</code>	Run <i>cmd2</i> if <i>cmd1</i> is not successful
<code>cmd &</code>	Run <i>cmd</i> in a subshell

Directory Operations	
<code>pwd</code>	Show current directory
<code>mkdir dir</code>	Make directory <i>dir</i>
<code>cd dir</code>	Change directory to <i>dir</i>
<code>cd ..</code>	Go up a directory
<code>ls</code>	List files

ls Options	
<code>-a</code>	Show all (including hidden)
<code>-R</code>	Recursive list
<code>-r</code>	Reverse order
<code>-t</code>	Sort by last modified
<code>-S</code>	Sort by file size
<code>-l</code>	Long listing format
<code>-1</code>	One file per line
<code>-m</code>	Comma-separated output
<code>-Q</code>	Quoted output

Search Files	
<code>grep pattern files</code>	Search for <i>pattern</i> in <i>files</i>
<code>grep -i</code>	Case insensitive search
<code>grep -r</code>	Recursive search
<code>grep -v</code>	Inverted search
<code>grep -o</code>	Show matched part of file only
<code>find /dir/ -name name*</code>	Find files starting with <i>name</i> in <i>dir</i>

Search Files (cont)

<code>find /dir/-user <i>name</i></code>	Find files owned by <i>name</i> in <i>dir</i>
<code>find /dir/-mmin <i>num</i></code>	Find files modified less than <i>num</i> minutes ago in <i>dir</i>
<code>whereis <i>command</i></code>	Find binary / source / manual for <i>command</i>
<code>locate <i>file</i></code>	Find <i>file</i> (quick search of system index)

File Operations

`touch file1`
Create *file1*

`cat file1 file2`
Concatenate files and output

`less file1`
View and paginate *file1*

`file file1`
Get type of *file1*

`cp file1 file2`
Copy *file1* to *file2*

`mv file1 file2`
Move *file1* to *file2*

`rm file1`
Delete *file1*

`head file1`
Show first 10 lines of *file1*

`tail file1`
Show last 10 lines of *file1*

`tail -F file1`
Output last lines of *file1* as it changes

Watch a Command

`watch -n 5 'ntpq -p'`
Issue the 'ntpq -p' command every 5 seconds and display output

Process Management

<code>ps</code>	Show snapshot of processes
<code>top</code>	Show real time processes
<code>kill <i>pid</i></code>	Kill process with id <i>pid</i>
<code>pkill <i>name</i></code>	Kill process with name <i>name</i>
<code>killall <i>name</i></code>	Kill all processes with names beginning <i>name</i>

Nano Shortcuts

Files

Ctrl-R	Read file
Ctrl-O	Save file
Ctrl-X	Close file

Cut and Paste

ALT-A	Start marking text
CTRL-K	Cut marked text or line
CTRL-U	Paste text

Navigate File

ALT-/	End of file
CTRL-A	Beginning of line
CTRL-E	End of line
CTRL-C	Show line number
CTRL-_	Go to line number

Search File

CTRL-W	Find
ALT-W	Find next
CTRL-\	Search and replace

More nano info at:
<http://www.nano-editor.org/docs.php>

Screen Shortcuts

`screen`
Start a screen session.

`screen -r`
Resume a screen session.

Screen Shortcuts (cont)

`screen -list`
Show your current screen sessions.

CTRL-A
Activate commands for screen.

CTRL-A c
Create a new instance of terminal.

CTRL-A n
Go to the next instance of terminal.

CTRL-A p
Go to the previous instance of terminal.

CTRL-A "
Show current instances of terminals.

CTRL-A A
Rename the current instance.

More screen info at:
<http://www.gnu.org/software/screen/>

File Permissions

`chmod 775 file`
Change mode of *file* to 775

`chmod -R 600 folder`
Recursively chmod *folder* to 600

`chown user.group file`
Change *file* owner to *user* and group to *group*

File Permission Numbers

First digit is owner permission, second is group and third is everyone.

Calculate permission digits by adding numbers below.

4	read (r)
2	write (w)
1	execute (x)