Linux Command Line Cheat Sheet

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Navigation

cd dir Change directory to dir

pwd Print working directory

Is List files and directories (-a,

includes hidden)

Networking

ping ip Check network connectivity of ip

ssh u@ip Connect to server ip as user u

scp f Copy f to path p on remote server

u@ip:p ip as user u

File Manipulation

touch f Create an empty file f

cat f View file contents

head f Show the first 10 lines of a file f

nano f Open file f in simple text editor

cp f1 f2 Copy f1 to f2

mv *f1 f2* Move f1 to f2

mkdir dir Create directory dir

Permissions

sudo Execute with superuser privileges

chmod Set permissions for file/directory

File Compression

tar Compress/extract files or folders

to/from tar archives

gzip Compress/extract single files

zip/unzip Compress/extract .zip archives

Searching & Filtering

grep pat Search contents using pattern pat

find Search using filters (e.g. size)

whereis Find source/binaries of command

IO Redirection

> f Overwrites file f with STDOUT

c & Runs command c in background

c1 | c2 Pipes output of command c1 to c2

System Information

man c Show manual for command c

env Show environment variables

export N=v Sets environment variable N to v

Shortcuts

CTRL-C Interrupts process

TAB Autocomplete, e.g. file paths

Shows command history