## The ULTIMATE Unix/Linux Command Cheat Sheet

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| Note: Some commands require "sudo" in fro | ont for Administrator priviledges                               |  |
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| Command Line Options                      |   |  |
| apropos whatis                            | Show commands pertinent to string. See also threadsafe          |  |
| man -t man   ps2pdf - > man.pdf           | Make a pdf of a manual page                                     |  |
| which command                             | Show full path name of command                                  |  |
| time command                              | See how long a command takes                                    |  |
| time cat                                  | Start stopwatch. Ctrl-d to stop. See also sw                    |  |
| nice info                                 | Run a low priority command (The "info" reader in this case)     |  |
| renice 19 -p \$\$                         | Make shell (script) low priority. Use for non interactive tasks |  |
| cmd1; cmd2                                | Run cmd1 and then run cmd2                                      |  |
| cmd1 && cmd2                              | Run cmd2 only if cmd1 is successful                             |  |
| cmd1    cmd2                              | Run cmd2 only if cmd1 is not successful                         |  |
| cmd &                                     | Run cmd in a subshell   |  |
|   | Process Management  |  |
| ps  | Show snapshot of processes                                      |  |
| top                                       | Show real time processes  |  |
| kill pid                                  | Kill process with id pid  |  |
| pkill name                                | Kill process with name name                                     |  |
| killall name                              | Kill all processes with names beginning name                    |  |
|   | User Management   |  |
| groupadd [name]                           | Add a group with the appropriate name                           |  |
| useradd -c "User Name" - user             | Create a user named user with the comment User Name             |  |
| usermod -aG support user                  | Add the user account to the support group                       |  |
| E   | Bash Commands and Shortcuts                                     |  |
| uname -a                                  | Show system and kernel  |  |
| head -n1 /etc/issue                       | Show distribution   |  |
| mount                                     | Show mounted file systems                                       |  |
| date                                      | Show system date  |  |
| uptime                                    | Show uptime   |  |
| whoami                                    | Show your username  |  |
| man command                               | Show manual for command   |  |
| CTRL-c                                    | Stop current command  |  |
| CTRL-z                                    | Sleep program   |  |
| CTRL-a                                    | Go to start of line   |  |
| CTRL-e                                    | Go to end of line   |  |
| CTRL-u                                    | Cut from start of line  |  |
| CTRL-k                                    | Cut to end of line  |  |
| CTRL-r                                    | Search history  |  |
| !!  | Repeat last command   |  |
| !abc                                      | Run last command starting with abc                              |  |
| !abc:p                                    | Print last command starting with abc                            |  |
| !\$                                       | Last argument of previous command                               |  |
| ALT                                       | Last argument of previous command                               |  |
| !*  | All arguments of previous command                               |  |
| ^abc^123                                  | Run previous command, replacing abc with 123                    |  |
| Bash Variables                            |   |  |
| env                                       | Show the 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   |  |
| amad a file                               | 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 Networking (Note ifconfig, route, mii-tool commands are obsolete) ethtool eth0 Show status of ethernet interface eth0 ethtool --change eth0 autoneg off speed 100 duplex ful Manually set ethernet interface speed ifconfig -a Display all interfaces and addresses ifconfig etho Display networking details on eth0 iwconfig eth1 Show status of wireless interface eth1 iwconfig eth1 rate 1Mb/s fixed Manually set wireless interface speed iwlist scan List wireless networks in range See your ARP table and more arp Make HTTP requests curl who Who is logged onto the system Who is online and what they are doing W whoami Who are you logged in as Like grep but for the network (must add/install) ngrep My Traceroute tool for path to a destination mtr telnet The Telnet tool - tough most systems no longer allow List network interfaces ip link show Rename interface eth0 to wan ip link set dev eth0 name wan ip link set dev eth0 up Bring interface eth0 up (or down) ip addr show List addresses for interfaces ip addr add 1.2.3.4/24 brd + dev eth0 Add (or del) ip and mask (255.255.255.0) List IPv4 routing table ip route show ip route add default via 1.2.3.254 Set default gateway to 1.2.3.254 iptables / nftables Set up firewall rules and NAT tc qdisc add dev lo root handle 1:0 netem delay 20mse Add 20ms latency to loopback device (for testing) tc qdisc del dev lo root Remove latency added above File Transfer Protocol ftp / sftp host pixelbeat.org Lookup DNS ip address for name or vice versa Display the host name of the system hostname hostname -i Lookup local ip address (equivalent to host `hostname`) Look up network IP address hostname -I ping [hostname] Send echo request/reply to hostname or ip address whois pixelbeat.org Lookup whois info for hostname or ip address nslookup The old way to look up domain info dig [domain] Display domain information for [domain] dig -x [ip address] Reverse lookup of ip address netstat -tupl List internet services on a system netstat -tup List active connections to/from system tcpdump -I eth0 Capture and display all packets on interface eth0 Capture all traffic on port 80 (HTTP) tcpdump -I eth0 'port 80' tcpdump not port 22 Show network traffic except ssh. See also topdump not me wget http://domain.com/file Download the file at the URL Installable Networking Tools That Are Cool Like grep but for the network ngrep wireshark / tshark The go to packet sniffer/analyzer tcpflow Capture and Assemble TCP streams nmap / zenmap The go to scanner and network mapper identify OS'es of hosts connecting to you p0f Like grep but for the network (must add/install) ngrep Make manual TCP connections nc or netcat hping3 Construct TCP packets traceroute / paris-traceroute / dublin-traceroute Trace the path to a destination (including ECMP)

ipcalc IP Subnet calculator - a must have iperf / iperf3 The load testing tool of choice nload Network Load monitor iptraf / nethogs/iftop / ntop See what is using traffic python3 -m http.server Serve files from a directory openvpn / wireguard A VPN Client openssl Do anything you wnt with SSL certificates Spy on SSL connections you software is making mitmproxy Windows/Samba Networking smbtree Find windows machines. See also findsmb nmblookup -A 1.2.3.4 Find the windows (netbios) name associated with ip address smbclient -L windows\_box List shares on windows machine or samba server Mount a windows share mount -t smbfs -o fmask=666,guest //windows\_box/share /mnt/share Send popup to windows machine (off by default in XP sp2) echo 'message' | smbclient -M windows box Directory 'dir' Navigation/File Manipulation Go to previous directory cd .. cd Go to \$HOME directory Change to the /etc directory cd /etc (cd dir && command) Go to dir, execute command and return to current dir mkdir [directory name] Make a directory, use mkdir --help for options Remove directory rmdir cp [source] [destination] Copy file from source to destination, use cp --help for options Remove (unlink) file - use rm --help for options rm [filename] rm -f [filename] Remove file without confirmation rm -r Remove directory and its contents recursively Forcefully remove directory recursively rm -rf

mv [sourcename] [destname] Move filename - use mv --help for details

Put current dir on stack so you can popd back to it pushd.

touch [filename] Create an empty file

Files/File Operations/File Searching

alias to make "I" a quick dir listing alias I='Is -I --color=auto' **Present Working Directory** pwd

List files by date. See also newest and find\_mm\_yyyy Is -Irt

Is /usr/bin | pr -T9 -W\$COLUMNS Print in 9 columns to width of terminal Show files by size, biggest last Is -ISr Is -al List all files with long format Is -a Show all (including hidden)

Is -R Recursive list Reverse order ls -r Sort by last modified ls -t Is -S Sort by file size ls -l Long listing format Is -1 One file per line

Comma-separated output Is -m

ls -Q Quoted output touch file1 Create file1

view the contents of a file cat [filename]

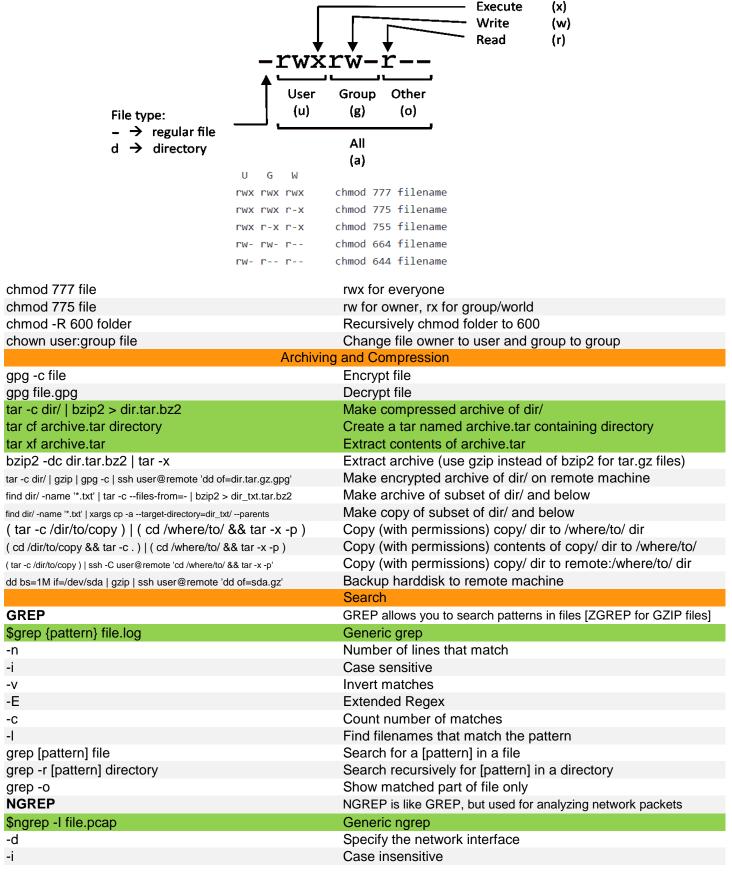
file file1 Get type of file1 cp file1 file2 Copy file1 to file2 mv file1 file2 Move file1 to file2 rm file1 Delete file1

browse through a text file less [filename] head [filename] Display the first 10 lines of a file tail [filename] Display the last 10 lines of a file

tail -f [filename] Display the last 10 lines of a file, follow as it grows find -name '\*.[ch]' | xargs grep -E 'expr' Search 'expr' in this dir and below. See also findrepo find -type f -print0 | xargs -r0 grep -F 'example' Search all regular files for 'example' in this dir and below

find -maxdepth 1 -type f | xargs grep -F 'example' Search all regular files for 'example' in this dir

| find -maxdepth 1 -type d   while read dir; do echo \$dir; echo cmd2; done | Process each item with multiple commands (in while loop)       |
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| find -type f! -perm -444  | Find files not readable by all (useful for web site)           |
| find -type d! -perm -111  | Find dirs not accessible by all (useful for web site)          |
| locate -r 'file[^/]*\.txt'  | Search cached index for names. This re is like glob *file*.txt |
| look reference  | Quickly search (sorted) dictionary for prefix                  |
| grepcolor reference /usr/share/dict/words                                 | Highlight occurrences of regular expression in dictionary      |
| File Permissions:   |  |



| -X  | Print in alternate hexdump   |
|---|--|
| -t  | Print timestamp  |
| -1  | Read pcap file   |
| locate name   | Find files and directories by name   |
| find /dir/ -name name*  | Find files starting with name in dir   |
|   | 9  |
| find /dir/ -user name   | Find files owned by name in dir  |
| find /dir/ -mmin num  | Find files modifed less than num minutes ago in dir  |
| find /home/user -name 'prefix*'   | Find files in /home/user that start with "prefix"  |
| find /home -size +100M  | Find files that are larger than 100MB in /home   |
| whereis command   | Find binary / source / manual for command  |
|   | pier: Use thedry-run option for testing)   |
| rsync -P rsync://rsync.server.com/path/to/file file rsyncbwlimit=1000 fromfile tofile   | Only get diffs. Do multiple times for troublesome downloads Locally copy with rate limit. It's like nice for I/O   |
| rsync -az -e sshdelete ~/public_html/ remote.com:'~/public_html'  | Mirror web site (using compression and encryption)   |
| rsync -auz -e ssh remote:/dir/ . && rsync -auz -e ssh . remote:/dir/  | Synchronize current directory with remote one  |
| SSH   | (Secure Shell)   |
| ssh \$USER@\$HOST command   | Run command on \$HOST as \$USER (default command=shell)  |
| ssh -f -Y \$USER@\$HOSTNAME xeyes   | Run GUI command on \$HOSTNAME as \$USER  |
| scp -p -r \$USER@\$HOST: file dir/  | Copy with permissions to \$USER's home directory on \$HOST   |
| ssh -g -L 8080:localhost:80 root@\$HOST   | Forward connections to \$HOSTNAME:8080 out to \$HOST:80  |
| ssh -R 1434:imap:143 root@\$HOST  | Forward connections from \$HOST:1434 in to imap:143  |
|   | urpose Download Tool)  |
| (cd dir/ && wget -nd -pHEKk http://www.pixelbeat.org/cmdline.html)  | Store local browsable version of a page to the current dir   |
| wget -c http://www.example.com/large.file   | Continue downloading a partially downloaded file   |
| wget -r -nd -np -l1 -A '*.jpg' http://www.example.com/d   | <b>-</b> , ,   |
| wget ftp://remote/file[1-9].iso/  | FTP supports globbing directly   |
| wget -q -O- http://www.pixelbeat.org/timeline.html   grep 'a href'   head   | Process output directly  |
| echo 'wget url'   at 01:00  | Download url at 1AM to current dir   |
| wgetlimit-rate=20k url  | Do a low priority download (limit to 20KB/s in this case)  |
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| -e   | Execute command   |
|--|---|
| -n   | Suppress output   |
| sed ':a; /\\$/N; s/\\n//; ta'  | Concatenate lines with trailing \                       |
| sed 's/[ \t]*\$//'   | Remove trailing spaces from lines                       |
| sed 's/\([`"\$\]\)/\\1/g'  | Escape shell metacharacters active within double quotes |
| seq 10   sed "s/^/ /; s/ *\(.\{7,\}\)\\1/"   | Right align numbers                                     |
| sed -n '1000{p;q}'   | Print 1000th line                                       |
| W - 12   | Print lines 10 to 20                                    |
| sed -n '10,20p;20q'  |   |
| sed -n 's/.* <title>\(.*\)&lt;\/title&gt;.*\\1/ip;T;q'&lt;/td&gt;&lt;td&gt;Extract title from HTML web page&lt;/td&gt;&lt;/tr&gt;&lt;tr&gt;&lt;td&gt;sed -i 42d ~/.ssh/known_hosts&lt;/td&gt;&lt;td&gt;Delete a particular line&lt;/td&gt;&lt;/tr&gt;&lt;tr&gt;&lt;td&gt;sort -tk1,1n -k2,2n -k3,3n -k4,4n&lt;/td&gt;&lt;td&gt;Sort IPV4 ip addresses&lt;/td&gt;&lt;/tr&gt;&lt;tr&gt;&lt;td&gt;echo 'Test'   tr '[:lower:]' '[:upper:]'&lt;/td&gt;&lt;td&gt;Case conversion&lt;/td&gt;&lt;/tr&gt;&lt;tr&gt;&lt;td&gt;tr -dc '[:print:]' &lt; /dev/urandom&lt;/td&gt;&lt;td&gt;Filter non printable characters&lt;/td&gt;&lt;/tr&gt;&lt;tr&gt;&lt;td&gt;history   wc -l&lt;/td&gt;&lt;td&gt;Count lines&lt;/td&gt;&lt;/tr&gt;&lt;tr&gt;&lt;td&gt;· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·&lt;/td&gt;&lt;td&gt;r speed. 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| units -t '500GB' 'GiB'   | Unit conversion (SI to IEC prefixes)  |  |
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| units -t '1 googol'  | Definition lookup   |  |
| seq 100   (tr '\n' +; echo 0)   bc   | Add a column of numbers. See also add and funcpy  |  |
| 364 166   (11 111 1), 66116 6)   36  | Calendar  |  |
| cal -3   | Display a calendar  |  |
| cal 9 1752   | Display a calendar for a particular month year  |  |
| date   | Display current date  |  |
| date -d fri  | What date is it this friday. See also day   |  |
| [ \$(date -d "tomorrow" +%d) = "01" ]    exit                                  | Exit a script unless it's the last day of the month                                       |  |
| ``date MMDDhhmm"   | Set the current system date/time  |  |
| datedate='25 Dec' +%A  | What day does xmas fall on, this year   |  |
| datedate='@2147483647'   | Convert seconds since the epoch (1970-01-01 UTC) to date                                  |  |
| TZ='America/Los_Angeles' date  | What time is it on west coast of US (use tzselect to find TZ)                             |  |
| datedate='TZ="America/Los_Angeles" 09:00 next F                                | ri What's the local time for 9AM next Friday on west coast US                             |  |
| echo "mail -s 'get the train' P@draigBrady.com < /dev/null"   at 17:45         | Email reminder  |  |
| echo "DISPLAY=\$DISPLAY xmessage cooker"   at "NOW + 30 minutes"               | Popup reminder  |  |
|  | Locales   |  |
| printf "%'d\n" 1234  | Print number with thousands grouping appropriate to locale                                |  |
| BLOCK_SIZE=\'1 Is -I   | Get Is to do thousands grouping appropriate to locale                                     |  |
| echo "I live in `locale territory`"  | Extract info from locale database   |  |
| LANG=en_IE.utf8 locale int_prefix  | Lookup locale info for specific country. See also ccodes                                  |  |
| locale   cut -d= -f1   xargs locale -kc   less                                 | List fields available in locale database  |  |
|  | s iconv, dos2unix, unix2dos)  |  |
| recode - I   less  | Show available conversions (aliases on each line)   |  |
| recode windows-1252 file_to_change.txt   | Windows "ansi" to local charset (auto does CRLF conversion) Windows utf8 to local charset |  |
| recode utf-8/CRLF file_to_change.txt recode iso-8859-15utf8 file_to_change.txt | Latin9 (western europe) to utf8   |  |
| recode ::/b64 < file.txt > file.b64  | Base64 encode   |  |
| recode /qp < file.qp > file.txt  | Quoted printable decode   |  |
| recodeHTML < file.txt > file.html  | Text to HTML  |  |
| recode -If windows-1252   grep euro  | Lookup table of characters  |  |
| echo -n 0x80   recode latin-9/x1dump   | Show what a code represents in latin-9 charmap  |  |
| echo -n 0x20AC   recode ucs-2/x2latin-9/x                                      | Show latin-9 encoding   |  |
| echo -n 0x20AC   recode ucs-2/x2utf-8/x  | Show utf-8 encoding   |  |
|  | CD Devices  |  |
| gzip < /dev/cdrom > cdrom.iso.gz   | Save copy of data cdrom   |  |
| mkisofs -V LABEL -r dir   gzip > cdrom.iso.gz                                  | Create cdrom image from contents of dir   |  |
| mount -o loop cdrom.iso /mnt/dir   | Mount the cdrom image at /mnt/dir (read only)   |  |
| cdrecord -v dev=/dev/cdrom blank=fast  | Clear a CDRW  |  |
| gzip -dc cdrom.iso.gz   cdrecord -v dev=/dev/cdrom -                           | Burn cdrom image (use dev=ATAPI -scanbus to confirm dev)                                  |  |
| cdparanoia -B  | Rip audio tracks from CD to wav files in current dir                                      |  |
| cdrecord -v dev=/dev/cdrom -audio -pad *.wav                                   | Make audio CD from all wavs in current dir (see also cdrdao)                              |  |
| oggenctracknum='track' track.cdda.wav -o 'track.og                             |   |  |
| Disk Space (See also FSlint)   |   |  |
| du -s *   sort -k1,1rn   head  | Show top disk users in current dir. See also dutop  |  |
| df -h or watch df -h   | Show free space on mounted filesystems  |  |
| df -i  | Show free inodes on mounted filesystems   |  |
| fdisk -l   | Show disks partitions sizes and types (run as root)                                       |  |
| rpm -q -aqf '%10{SIZE}\t%{NAME}\n'   sort -k1,1n                               | List all packages by installed size (Bytes) on rpm distros                                |  |
| dpkg-query -W -f='\${Installed-Size;10}\t\${Package}\n'   sort -k1,1n          | List all packages by installed size (KBytes) on deb distros                               |  |
| dd bs=1 seek=2TB if=/dev/null of=ext3.test                                     | Create a large test file (taking no space). See also truncate                             |  |
| > file   | Truncate data of file or create an empty file   |  |
|  | ng and Debugging  Monitor massages in a log file  |  |
| tail -f /var/log/messages  | Monitor messages in a log file  |  |
| top  | Display and manage the top processes  |  |
| kill pid<br>killall processname  | Kills the process with ID of pid Kills all processes named processname                    |  |
| vmstat 1   | Display virtual memory statistics   |  |
| vinsiai I  | Display virtual internory statistics  |  |

strace -c ls >/dev/null Summarize/profile system calls made by command strace -f -e open Is >/dev/null List system calls made by command Itrace -f -e getenv ls >/dev/null List library calls made by command Isof List of all open files on the system Isof -u [username] Lis of all open files by a user Isof -p \$\$ List paths that process id has open Isof ~ List processes that have specified path open ps Display current running processes Display current running processes on the system ps -ef ps -ef | grep [processname] Display process information for [processname] ps -e -o pid,args -forest List processes in a hierarchy ps -e -o pcpu,cpu,nice,state,cputime,args --sort pcpu | sed '/^ 0.0 /d' List processes by % cpu usage ps -C firefox-bin -L -o pid,tid,pcpu,state List all threads for a particular process List info for particular process IDs ps -p 1,2 Show system reboot history last reboot free -m or free -h Show amount of (remaining) RAM (-m displays in MB) watch -n.1 'cat /proc/interrupts' Watch changeable data continuously System Information (see also sysinfo) ('#' means root access is required) Show kernel version and system architecture uname -a uname -r Display just kernel release information head -n1 /etc/issue Show name and version of distribution uptime Displays how long the system has been running Displays last reboot time last reboot cat /proc/partitions Show all partitions registered on the system cat /proc/cpuinfo Display CPU information cat /proc/meminfo Display memory information Display or control the kernel ring buffer dmesg Display PCI devices Ispci -tv Isusb -tv Display USB devices grep MemTotal /proc/meminfo Show RAM total seen by the system grep "model name" /proc/cpuinfo Show CPU(s) info mount | column -t List mounted filesystems on the system (and align output) grep -F capacity: /proc/acpi/battery/BAT0/info Show state of cells in laptop battery dmidecode -q | less Display SMBIOS/DMI information smartctl -A /dev/sda | grep Power\_On\_Hours How long has this disk (system) been powered on in total hdparm -i /dev/sda Show info about disk sda hdparm -tT /dev/sda Do a read speed test on disk sda badblocks -s /dev/sda Test for unreadable blocks on disk sda Interactive (see also linux keyboard shortcuts) readline Line editor used by bash, python, bc, gnuplot, ... Virtual terminals with detach capability, ... screen Powerful file manager that can browse rpm, tar, ftp, ssh, ... mc gnuplot Interactive/scriptable graphing links Web browser xdg-open ... open a file or url with the registered desktop application Miscellaneous - Other alias hd='od -Ax -tx1z -v' Handy hexdump. (usage e.g.: • hd /proc/self/cmdline | less) Canonicalize path. (usage e.g.: • realpath ~/../\$USER) alias realpath='readlink -f' set | grep \$USER Search current environment touch -c -t 0304050607 file Set file timestamp (YYMMDDhhmm) python -m SimpleHTTPServer Serve current directory tree at http://\$HOSTNAME:8000/ program & Starts program in the background Display stopped of background jobs bg Brings most recent background job to foreground fg fg-n Brings job n to the foreground