Linux Config files Cheatsheet

Filename	Purpose
User accounts, authentication and messages	
`/etc/passwd`	Local authentication user file
`/etc/shadow`	Local authentication password file
`/etc/group`	Local system groups
`/etc/gshadow`	Local system group authentication password file
`/etc/sudoers`	Config file for SUDO
`/etc/issue`	Text shown before a user logs in
`/etc/motd`	Message of the day shown after a user logs in
`/etc/pam.d/`	Config files for PAM system authentication
`/etc/profile`	System wide environment
`/etc/profile.d/`	System wide environment additional files
`/etc/bashrc`	System wide aliases and functions
`~./bash_profile`	User specific environment and startup programs
`~/.bashrc`	User specific aliases and functions
Disks, scheduled tasks and other	
`/etc/fstab`	Table of filesystems to be mounted
`/etc/exports`	Exported filesystems for NFS
`/etc/nsswitch.conf`	Determines name resolution order
`/etc/hosts`	Static name resolution
`resolv.conf`	External DNS servers
`/etc/crontab`	System wide scheduled tasks
`/etc/cron.d/`	System wide scheduled tasks additional files
`/etc/anacrontab`	System wide anacron scheduled tasks
`/etc/cron.allow,` `/etc/cron.deny`	Allow/Deny access control for cron jobs
`/etc/hosts.allow,` `/etc/hosts.deny`	Allow/deny files for ssh (and other tcpwrappers tools)
`/etc/ssh/`	Config files and keys for ssh
`/etc/sysconfig/`	System hardware config files