**Linux Config files Cheatsheet**

| Filename | Purpose |
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| 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 |