


# Bash Shell Commands

The following table is a list of bash shell commands.
























To see a list of linux commands, go to our [linux commands](#) page.
















For those of you who are unsure how to use linux commands, we are writing a [Linux Commands Tutorial](#) explaining some of the basics.

The bash shell commands are all described on the same man page (man bash). Click on the  to see the manual page for the bash shell. There is a lot of information in the 'man bash', so you may need to search the page to find which command you want.

TIP: To search the page in Internet Explorer 6 click Edit>Find (on this page), then type what you want in the 'find what' box. Use the 'find next' button to advance through the page.

Click on the command name or the  to see a description of the command.

Command	Description		
<a href="#">alias</a>	Create an alias		
break	Exit from a loop		
case	Evaluate one of several scripts, depending on a given value		
<a href="#">cd</a>	Change directory		
command	Run a command - ignoring shell functions		
continue	Resume the next iteration of a loop		
declare	Declare variables and give them attributes		
dirs	Display list of remembered directories		
enable	Enable and disable builtin shell commands		
eval	Evaluate several commands/arguments		
exec	Execute a command		
exit	Exit the shell		
export	Set an environment variable		
for	Expand <i>words</i> , and execute <i>commands</i>		
hash	Remember the full pathname of a name argument		
history	Command History		
if	Conditionally perform a command		
let	Perform arithmetic on shell variables		
local	Create variables		
logout	Exit a login shell		
popd	Restore the previous value of the current directory		

pushd	Save and then change the current directory		
read	read a line from standard input		
readonly	Mark variables/functions as readonly		
return	Exit a shell function		
set	Manipulate shell variables and functions		
shift	Shift positional parameters		
shopt	Shell Options		
source	Run commands from a file `.`		
times	User and system times		
type	Describe a command		
ulimit	Limit user resources		
umask	Users file creation mask		
unalias	Remove an alias	?	
unset	Remove variable or function names		
until	Execute commands (until error)		
while	Execute commands		