

Beginning Linux

12 Basic Commands

cat	cat > [filename]	write to the file – CNRL-D to quit
	cat [filename]	Read what is in the file
cd	cd [directory]	Change to the directory
hostname	hostname	Gives you the hostname of the computer Most of the time this will be localhost
	hostname -i	Gives you the IP address of the host Most times this will be 127.0.0.1
ls	ls	Lists what is in a directory
man	man [command]	The manual page for a command
mv	mv [filename] [directory]	Moves the file to that directory
ping	ping [hostname]	Checks connectivity to a host
pwd	pwd	Prints the working directory – where you are in the file structure
rm	rm -rf [filename]	Deletes a file or directory
rmdir	rmdir [directory]	Removes an empty directory
touch	touch [filename]	Makes an empty file

