

Unix/Linux : Crib sheet

Remember Unix/Linux is case specific.

Wildcards can be used - * for any combination matching and ? for single character matching.

ls	Directory listing of the current directory level
ls directory_name	Directory listing of the named directory (e.g. data_92)
ls -l	Full information directory listing
ls -lg	Full information directory listing including group info
ls -F	Directory listing with directories, symbolic links & executables indicated.
ls -s	Directory listing including size of each file, in Kbytes
ls -C more	Directory listing, in multi-column format, piped into the <i>more</i> command
cd directory_name	Change the current working directory level to the named directory
cd ..	Go up one directory level
cd ~userid	Change the current working directory level to the home directory of your userid
pwd	Check the path of your current working directory.
mkdir directory_name	Make a new directory
mv	Move or rename a file (<i>mv oldname newname</i>)
cp	Copy a file (<i>cp existing_file new_file</i>)
rm filename	Remove (delete) a specified file
del files	Selectively delete files or directory contents
rmdir directory_name	Remove an empty directory
rm -r directory_name	Remove, recursively, a full directory and its contents
rm -i	Selectively remove files or directory contents
echo	Echo a value (e.g. system environment parameter <i>echo \$TERM</i> to the screen)
clear	clear the screen
more filename	List a named file, one page at a time
pg filename	List a named file, one page at a time – used on AIX)
cat filename	List a named file
tail filename	List the last few lines of the named file
vi filename	Edit an existing file or create a new file
chmod filename	Change the read, write and execute permissions on a named file (e.g. <i>chmod a+x myexec</i> – add execution permissions to all).
chown filename	Change the owner of a named file
chgrp filename	Change the group of a named file.
env	List all environment variables
alias	List all alias settings currently being used in your logged-on session
alias name command_str	Set an alias called <i>name</i> for the specified command string (put quotes around the command string if embedded spaces are required)
unalias name	Remove the specified alias setting.

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lpstat	Check the status of jobs queued to all available printers
lpstat -pprinter_name	Check the status of jobs queued to the named printer
lpq	Display entries in printer queues
lpq - Pprinter_name	Display entries in the queue for the named printer
lprm	Remove a job from the printer queue
history	From a c-shell environment, list the previous commands that have been remembered by this command
man	Man pages for help (e.g. <i>man ls</i>)
info	Information in the info format
!!	Execute the previous command
!nn	Execute command nn from <i>history</i>
!-n	Execute the command that was executed n commands ago.
passwd	used to change the user login password
logout	logout from the workstation
rlogin	Remote login from one workstation to another
telnet	Open a telnet session from one workstation to another
ftp	File Transfer methods between workstations and other machines/sites
.cshrc	File executed first on logging in and each time a new shell is opened
.login	File executed once on logging in, after .cshrc
.logout	File executed on logout
kill	terminate background process – need to know the process id
ps -aux	Display all running processes
<ctl-z>	Stops foreground execution but does not terminate the process
fg	Resumes a stopped task or brings a bg task into fg
bg	Resumes a stopped background task
jobs	Lists background or stopped tasks

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