Linux Command Line Cheat Sheet

System Information

General

uname -a Linux system information cat /etc/redhat-release Linux distribution version

hostname System host name hostname -I System IP address

ifconfig -a Display network interfaces and ip address

date Current date and time

w Display who is logged into the server

whoami Who are you logged in as

Hardware

free -h Display free and used RAM/Memory

df -h Display free and used space in file system

fdisk -1 Display the disk partitions size and types

dy -ah Display the disk partitions of the standard disk

du -ah Display the disk usage for all files and directories

File and Directory Commands

Navigation

pwd Display the current working directory

cd .. Go up one level

cd Go to your home directory

cd /Downloads Go to the Downloads directory inside your home directory

cd /dev/null Navigate to the /dev/null directory

Files

1s -al Display all files in detail
rm file_name Remove/delete a file

rm -r directory_name Recursively remove a directory and its contents

cp file1 file2 Copy file1 to file2

cp -r source_dir destination Copy source recursively to destination

mv file1 file2 Move file1 to file2

ln -s /path/to/file linkname Create a symbolic link to linkname

touch file_name Creates and empty file or updates the access/modification info

cat file

less file

See the contents of a file

Scroll through the file

head file

Display the first 10 lines

tail file

Display the last 10 lines

tail -f file -f follows the file as it is appended too

File Permissions

Searching

Archiving Files

Process Management

SSH

Transfering Files