ADB Commands: Basic to Advanced

Basic ADB Commands

Check ADB Version:

adb version

List Connected Devices:

adb devices

C:\Windows\System32\cmd.exe

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C:\platform-tools>adb version Android Debug Bridge version 1.0.41 Version 34.0.0-9570255 Installed as C:\platform-tools\adb.exe

Start ADB Server:

adb start-server

Stop ADB Server:

adb kill-server

Connect to a Device via IP:

adb tcpip 5555

adb connect <device-ip>:5555

Reboot Device:

adb reboot

Reboot into Bootloader:

adb reboot bootloader

Check Device Log:

adb logcat

File Management Commands

Pull a File from Device:

adb pull /sdcard/file.txt <local-path>

Push a File to Device:

adb push <local-file-path> /sdcard/

List Files in a Directory:

adb shell ls /sdcard/

Delete a File:

adb shell rm /sdcard/file.txt

Advanced ADB Commands

Access Device Shell:

adb shell

Install an APK:

adb install <apk-path>

Uninstall an App:

adb uninstall <package-name>

List Installed Packages:

adb shell pm list packages

Grant Specific Permissions:

adb shell pm grant <package-name> <permission>

Take a Screenshot:

adb shell screencap /sdcard/screenshot.png
adb pull /sdcard/screenshot.png <local-path>

Record Screen:

adb shell screenrecord /sdcard/video.mp4 adb pull /sdcard/video.mp4 <local-path>

Monitor Network Activity:

adb shell dumpsys netstats

Forensic and Security Testing Commands

Extract Android Logs for Forensics:

adb logcat -d > logcat.txt

Dump System Information:

adb shell dumpsys

Check Running Processes:

adb shell ps

Capture Network Traffic:

adb shell tcpdump -i any -s 0 -w /sdcard/capture.pcap

adb pull /sdcard/capture.pcap <local-path>

Unlock the Device via ADB:

adb shell input keyevent 82

Simulate Touch Events:

adb shell input tap <x> <y>

Simulate Swipe Events:

adb shell input swipe <x1> <y1> <x2> <y2>

Dump Device's SQLite Database:

adb shell "run-as <package-name> cat databases/<db-name>" > <local-file>

Advanced Debugging and Penetration Testing

Forward Ports for Debugging: adb forward tcp:<local-port> tcp:<device-port>

Reverse Port Forwarding: adb reverse tcp:<local-port> tcp:<device-port>

Launch an Activity: adb shell am start -n <package-name>/<activity-name>

Backup Data: adb backup -apk -shared -all -f backup.ab

Restore Backup: adb restore backup.ab

Bypass Lock Screen: adb shell rm /data/system/gesture.key adb reboot