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## An A-Z Index of the **Linux** command line: **bash + utilities**.

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<a href="#">alias</a>	Create an alias •
<a href="#">apropos</a>	Search Help manual pages (man -k)
<a href="#">apt</a>	Search for and install software packages (Debian/Ubuntu)
<a href="#">apt-get</a>	Search for and install software packages (Debian/Ubuntu)
<a href="#">aptitude</a>	Search for and install software packages (Debian/Ubuntu)
<a href="#">aspell</a>	Spell Checker
<a href="#">at</a>	Schedule a command to run once at a particular time
<a href="#">awk</a>	Find and Replace text, database sort/validate/index

### B

<a href="#">basename</a>	Strip directory and suffix from filenames
<a href="#">base32</a>	Base32 encode/decode data and print to standard output
<a href="#">base64</a>	Base64 encode/decode data and print to standard output
<a href="#">bash</a>	GNU Bourne-Again SHell
<a href="#">bc</a>	Arbitrary precision calculator language
<a href="#">bg</a>	Send to background
<a href="#">bind</a>	Set or display readline key and function bindings •
<a href="#">break</a>	Exit from a loop •
<a href="#">builtin</a>	Run a shell builtin
<a href="#">bzip2</a>	Compress or decompress named file(s)

### C

<a href="#">cal</a>	Display a calendar
<a href="#">case</a>	Conditionally perform a command
<a href="#">cat</a>	Concatenate and print (display) the content of files
<a href="#">cd</a>	Change Directory
<a href="#">cfdisk</a>	Partition table manipulator for Linux
<a href="#">chattr</a>	Change file attributes on a Linux file system
<a href="#">chgrp</a>	Change group ownership
<a href="#">chmod</a>	Change access permissions
<a href="#">chown</a>	Change file owner and group
<a href="#">chpasswd</a>	Update passwords in batch mode
<a href="#">chroot</a>	Run a command with a different root directory
<a href="#">chkconfig</a>	System services (runlevel)
<a href="#">cksum</a>	Print CRC checksum and byte counts
<a href="#">clear</a>	Clear terminal screen
<a href="#">cmp</a>	Compare two files
<a href="#">comm</a>	Compare two sorted files line by line
<a href="#">command</a>	Run a command - ignoring shell functions •
<a href="#">continue</a>	Resume the next iteration of a loop •
<a href="#">cp</a>	Copy one or more files to another location
<a href="#">cpio</a>	Copy files to and from archives
<a href="#">cron</a>	Daemon to execute scheduled commands
<a href="#">crontab</a>	Schedule a command to run at a later time
<a href="#">csplit</a>	Split a file into context-determined pieces
<a href="#">curl</a>	Transfer data from or to a server
<a href="#">cut</a>	Divide a file into several parts

### D

<a href="#">date</a>	Display or change the date & time
<a href="#">dc</a>	Desk Calculator
<a href="#">dd</a>	Data Duplicator - convert and copy a file, write disk headers, boot records
<a href="#">ddrescue</a>	Data recovery tool
<a href="#">declare</a>	Declare variables and give them attributes •
<a href="#">df</a>	Display free disk space
<a href="#">diff</a>	Display the differences between two files
<a href="#">diff3</a>	Show differences among three files
<a href="#">dig</a>	DNS lookup
<a href="#">dir</a>	Briefly list directory contents
<a href="#">dircolors</a>	Colour setup for 'ls'

<a href="#">dirname</a>	Convert a full pathname to just a path
<a href="#">dirs</a>	Display list of remembered directories
<a href="#">dmesg</a>	Print kernel & driver messages
<a href="#">dpkg</a>	Package manager (Debian/Ubuntu).
<a href="#">du</a>	Estimate file space usage
E	
<a href="#">echo</a>	Display message on screen •
<a href="#">egrep</a>	Search file(s) for lines that match an extended expression
<a href="#">eject</a>	Eject removable media
<a href="#">enable</a>	Enable and disable builtin shell commands •
<a href="#">env</a>	Environment variables
<a href="#">ethtool</a>	Ethernet card settings
<a href="#">eval</a>	Evaluate several commands/arguments
<a href="#">exec</a>	Execute a command
<a href="#">exit</a>	Exit the shell
<a href="#">expect</a>	Automate arbitrary applications accessed over a terminal
<a href="#">expand</a>	Convert tabs to spaces
<a href="#">export</a>	Set an environment variable
<a href="#">expr</a>	Evaluate expressions
F	
<a href="#">false</a>	Do nothing, unsuccessfully
<a href="#">fdformat</a>	Low-level format a floppy disk
<a href="#">fdisk</a>	Partition table manipulator for Linux
<a href="#">fg</a>	Send job to foreground
<a href="#">fgrep</a>	Search file(s) for lines that match a fixed string
<a href="#">file</a>	Determine file type
<a href="#">find</a>	Search for files that meet a desired criteria
<a href="#">fmt</a>	Reformat paragraph text
<a href="#">fold</a>	Wrap text to fit a specified width
<a href="#">for</a>	Expand <i>words</i> , and execute <i>commands</i>
<a href="#">format</a>	Format disks or tapes
<a href="#">free</a>	Display memory usage
<a href="#">fsck</a>	File system consistency check and repair
<a href="#">ftp</a>	File Transfer Protocol
<a href="#">function</a>	Define Function Macros
<a href="#">fuser</a>	Identify/kill the process that is accessing a file
G	
<a href="#">gawk</a>	Find and Replace text within file(s)
<a href="#">getopts</a>	Parse positional parameters
<a href="#">grep</a>	Search file(s) for lines that match a given pattern
<a href="#">groupadd</a>	Add a user security group
<a href="#">groupdel</a>	Delete a group
<a href="#">groupmod</a>	Modify a group
<a href="#">groups</a>	Print group names a user is in
<a href="#">gzip</a>	Compress or decompress named file(s)
H	
<a href="#">hash</a>	Remember the full pathname of a name argument
<a href="#">head</a>	Output the first part of file(s)
<a href="#">help</a>	Display help for a built-in command •
<a href="#">history</a>	Command History
<a href="#">hostname</a>	Print or set system name
<a href="#">htop</a>	Interactive process viewer
I	
<a href="#">iconv</a>	Convert the character set of a file
<a href="#">id</a>	Print user and group id's
<a href="#">if</a>	Conditionally perform a command
<a href="#">ifconfig</a>	Configure a network interface
<a href="#">ifdown</a>	Stop a network interface
<a href="#">ifup</a>	Start a network interface up
<a href="#">import</a>	Capture an X server screen and save the image to file
<a href="#">install</a>	Copy files and set attributes
<a href="#">iostat</a>	Report CPU and i/o statistics
<a href="#">ip</a>	Routing, devices and tunnels
J	

<a href="#">jobs</a>	List active jobs •
<a href="#">join</a>	Join lines on a common field
K	
<a href="#">kill</a>	Kill a process by specifying its PID
<a href="#">killall</a>	Kill processes by name
L	
<a href="#">less</a>	Display output one screen at a time
<a href="#">let</a>	Perform arithmetic on shell variables •
<a href="#">link</a>	Create a link to a file
<a href="#">ln</a>	Create a symbolic link to a file
<a href="#">local</a>	Create a function variable •
<a href="#">locate</a>	Find files
<a href="#">logname</a>	Print current login name
<a href="#">logout</a>	Exit a login shell •
<a href="#">look</a>	Display lines beginning with a given string
<a href="#">lpc</a>	Line printer control program
<a href="#">lpr</a>	Off line print
<a href="#">lprint</a>	Print a file
<a href="#">lprintd</a>	Delete a print job
<a href="#">lprintq</a>	List the print queue
<a href="#">lprm</a>	Remove jobs from the print queue
<a href="#">lsattr</a>	List file attributes on a Linux second extended file system
<a href="#">lsblk</a>	List block devices
<a href="#">ls</a>	List information about file(s)
<a href="#">lsuf</a>	List open files
<a href="#">lspci</a>	List all PCI devices
M	
<a href="#">make</a>	Recompile a group of programs
<a href="#">man</a>	Help manual
<a href="#">mapfile</a>	Read lines from standard input into an indexed array variable
<a href="#">mkdir</a>	Create new folder(s)
<a href="#">mkfifo</a>	Make FIFOs (named pipes)
<a href="#">mkfile</a>	Make a file
<a href="#">mkisofs</a>	Create a hybrid ISO9660/JOLIET/HFS filesystem
<a href="#">mknod</a>	Make block or character special files
<a href="#">mktemp</a>	Make a temporary file
<a href="#">more</a>	Display output one screen at a time
<a href="#">most</a>	Browse or page through a text file
<a href="#">mount</a>	Mount a file system
<a href="#">mtools</a>	Manipulate MS-DOS files
<a href="#">mtr</a>	Network diagnostics (traceroute/ping)
<a href="#">mv</a>	Move or rename files or directories
<a href="#">mmv</a>	Mass Move and rename (files)
N	
<a href="#">nc</a>	Netcat, read and write data across networks
<a href="#">netstat</a>	Networking connections/stats
<a href="#">nft</a>	nftables for packet filtering and classification
<a href="#">nice</a>	Set the priority of a command or job
<a href="#">nl</a>	Number lines and write files
<a href="#">nohup</a>	Run a command immune to hangups
<a href="#">notify-send</a>	Send desktop notifications
<a href="#">nslookup</a>	Query Internet name servers interactively
O	
<a href="#">open</a>	Open a file in its default application
<a href="#">op</a>	Operator access
P	
<a href="#">passwd</a>	Modify a user password
<a href="#">paste</a>	Merge lines of files
<a href="#">pathchk</a>	Check file name portability
<a href="#">Perf</a>	Performance analysis tools for Linux
<a href="#">ping</a>	Test a network connection
<a href="#">pgrep</a>	List processes by name
<a href="#">pkill</a>	Kill processes by name
<a href="#">popd</a>	Restore the previous value of the current directory

<a href="#">pr</a>	Prepare files for printing
<a href="#">printcap</a>	Printer capability database
<a href="#">printenv</a>	Print environment variables
<a href="#">printf</a>	Format and print data •
<a href="#">ps</a>	Process status
<a href="#">pushd</a>	Save and then change the current directory
<a href="#">pv</a>	Monitor the progress of data through a pipe
<a href="#">pwd</a>	Print Working Directory

## Q

<a href="#">quota</a>	Display disk usage and limits
<a href="#">quotacheck</a>	Scan a file system for disk usage

## R

<a href="#">ram</a>	ram disk device
<a href="#">rar</a>	Archive files with compression
<a href="#">rcp</a>	Copy files between two machines
<a href="#">read</a>	Read a line from standard input •
<a href="#">readarray</a>	Read from stdin into an array variable •
<a href="#">readonly</a>	Mark variables/functions as readonly
<a href="#">reboot</a>	Reboot the system
<a href="#">rename</a>	Rename files
<a href="#">renice</a>	Alter priority of running processes
<a href="#">remsync</a>	Synchronize remote files via email
<a href="#">return</a>	Exit a shell function
<a href="#">rev</a>	Reverse lines of a file
<a href="#">rm</a>	Remove files
<a href="#">rmdir</a>	Remove folder(s)
<a href="#">rsync</a>	Remote file copy (Synchronize file trees)

## S

<a href="#">screen</a>	Multiplex terminal, run remote shells via ssh
<a href="#">scp</a>	Secure copy (remote file copy)
<a href="#">sdiff</a>	Merge two files interactively
<a href="#">sed</a>	Stream Editor
<a href="#">select</a>	Accept keyboard input
<a href="#">seq</a>	Print numeric sequences
<a href="#">set</a>	Manipulate shell variables and functions
<a href="#">sftp</a>	Secure File Transfer Program
<a href="#">shift</a>	Shift positional parameters
<a href="#">shopt</a>	Shell Options
<a href="#">shuf</a>	Generate random permutations
<a href="#">shutdown</a>	Shutdown or restart linux
<a href="#">sleep</a>	Delay for a specified time
<a href="#">slocate</a>	Find files
<a href="#">sort</a>	Sort text files
<a href="#">source</a>	Run commands from a file '.'
<a href="#">split</a>	Split a file into fixed-size pieces
<a href="#">ss</a>	Socket Statistics
<a href="#">ssh</a>	Secure Shell client (remote login program)
<a href="#">stat</a>	Display file or file system status
<a href="#">strace</a>	Trace system calls and signals
<a href="#">su</a>	Substitute user identity
<a href="#">sudo</a>	Execute a command as another user
<a href="#">sum</a>	Print a checksum for a file
<a href="#">suspend</a>	Suspend execution of this shell •
<a href="#">sync</a>	Synchronize data on disk with memory

## T

<a href="#">tail</a>	Output the last part of a file
<a href="#">tar</a>	Store, list or extract files in an archive
<a href="#">tee</a>	Redirect output to multiple files
<a href="#">test</a>	Evaluate a conditional expression
<a href="#">time</a>	Measure Program running time
<a href="#">timeout</a>	Run a command with a time limit
<a href="#">times</a>	User and system times
<a href="#">tmux</a>	Terminal multiplexer
<a href="#">touch</a>	Change file timestamps

<a href="#">top</a>	List processes running on the system
<a href="#">tput</a>	Set terminal-dependent capabilities, color, position
<a href="#">traceroute</a>	Trace Route to Host
<a href="#">trap</a>	Execute a command when the shell receives a signal •
<a href="#">tr</a>	Translate, squeeze, and/or delete characters
<a href="#">true</a>	Do nothing, successfully
<a href="#">tsort</a>	Topological sort
<a href="#">tty</a>	Print filename of terminal on stdin
<a href="#">type</a>	Describe a command •
U	
<a href="#">ulimit</a>	Limit user resources •
<a href="#">umask</a>	Users file creation mask
<a href="#">umount</a>	Unmount a device
<a href="#">unalias</a>	Remove an alias •
<a href="#">uname</a>	Print system information
<a href="#">unexpand</a>	Convert spaces to tabs
<a href="#">uniq</a>	Uniquify files
<a href="#">units</a>	Convert units from one scale to another
<a href="#">unrar</a>	Extract files from a rar archive
<a href="#">unset</a>	Remove variable or function names
<a href="#">unshar</a>	Unpack shell archive scripts
<a href="#">until</a>	Execute commands (until error)
<a href="#">uptime</a>	Show uptime
<a href="#">useradd</a>	Create new user account
<a href="#">userdel</a>	Delete a user account
<a href="#">usermod</a>	Modify user account
<a href="#">users</a>	List users currently logged in
<a href="#">uuencode</a>	Encode a binary file
<a href="#">uudecode</a>	Decode a file created by uuencode
V	
<a href="#">v</a>	Verbosely list directory contents ('ls -l -b')
<a href="#">vdir</a>	Verbosely list directory contents ('ls -l -b')
<a href="#">vi</a>	Text Editor
<a href="#">vmstat</a>	Report virtual memory statistics
W	
<a href="#">w</a>	Show who is logged on and what they are doing
<a href="#">wait</a>	Wait for a process to complete •
<a href="#">watch</a>	Execute/display a program periodically
<a href="#">wc</a>	Print byte, word, and line counts
<a href="#">whereis</a>	Search the user's \$path, man pages and source files for a program
<a href="#">which</a>	Search the user's \$path for a program file
<a href="#">while</a>	Execute commands
<a href="#">who</a>	Print all usernames currently logged in
<a href="#">whoami</a>	Print the current user id and name ('id -un')
<a href="#">wget</a>	Retrieve web pages or files via HTTP, HTTPS or FTP
<a href="#">write</a>	Send a message to another user
X	
<a href="#">xargs</a>	Execute utility, passing constructed argument list(s)
<a href="#">xdg-open</a>	Open a file or URL in the user's preferred application.
<a href="#">xz</a>	Compress or decompress .xz and .lzma files
<a href="#">yes</a>	Print a string until interrupted
<a href="#">zip</a>	Package and compress (archive) files.
<a href="#">.</a>	Run a command script in the current shell
<a href="#">!!</a>	Run the last command again
<a href="#">###</a>	Comment / Remark

Commands marked • are bash built-ins

The other commands and Core Utils are also available under alternate shells (C shell, Korn shell etc).

More bash commands: [man7](#) & [Die.net](#), GNU [CoreUtils](#).

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[Links to other Sites, books etc](#)