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1 small tips

1.1 default directory

the directory of xdg-default were written in `/.config/xdg-dirs.dirs`. For example, if you want to set the default directory gnome search for wallpaper, you can change the value of "XDG_PICTURE_DIR" in that file to the directory path you want to.

1.2 number list

to put a list of continuous of number in vim, use `:put = range(n,m)`, and will generated a list from n to m in document. if want random list, should use shell command `:r! echo $RANDOM` ¹, and m is the limit of random.

to generate a continuous number list by shell, use `seq $BEGIN $END`, so for loop can use: `for i in $(seq $BEGIN $END);do ...` or `for i in {$BEGIN .. $END}; do ...`

¹:`r! echo $($RANDOM%m)` seems can not be used in vim

1.3 calculate

to calculate the sum of the first line in file, use:

```
awk 's+=$1 END print s' file_include_data
```

if the data is not in the first line, change \$1.

and some times awk will get into bug if the sum exceeding 2^{31} , so use printf is a good choice: change the 'print s' to 'printf "%.0f", s'.

1.4 lambda function

python lambda function example: test = lambda x, n: [x[i:i+n] for i in range(0, len(x), n)] this can apart the string every n chars ², and lambda function usually used for the functions needed in a short time, it can also use with filter() or map() function, the syntax of lambda function: "lambda arguments: expression"

1.5 hex conversion

```
awk '{print "ibase=10;obase=2;" $1 }' $file |bc |xargs printf "%08d\n"
```

this can convert every line in \$file from decimal to binary of 8 bits.

"xxd -p" can print only the value, no line number and characters.

python convert hex to bin: bin(int³(str, 16))[2:]

1.6 mail in command line

config before use "mail" command to send e-mail: edit config file⁴, add these lines:

```
set from="your_email_address" smtp="smtp_address_of_your_mail_server"
set smtp-auth-user="your_email_address" smtp-auth-password="your_password"
set smtp-auth=login set smtp-use-starttls(this enable SSL)
```

1.7 cron table

set cron work:

use crontab -e, and add work in the file, the format is: *min hour day month year work*.

²this can use re.findall('..?',str) to replace

³int() function have two arguments, the first is string of number, and the last is the base of this number, for example, int('AB9', 16) can get 2745((2745)₁₀ = (AB9)₁₆).

⁴archlinux use /etc/mail.rc, ubuntu use /etc/s-nail.rc

1.8 merge output

if you want to use the output of multi command as input by pipe, then you need to parenthesis these two commands, such as:

```
(echo "test" ; cat hello.txt) |mail -s "test" username@mailaddress
```

1.9 distro check

if you want to check your distro without screenfetch or neofetch installed, you can use: "cat /etc/*-release", then it will output the distro information of your distro.

1.10 different authority for different user

if you want to make different users have different authority to a certain file, you can use *setfacl*: for example, if you want to set all authority to *file* file with group *group*, you can use:

```
setfacl -m g:group:rwx -R5 file
```

and then use: "setfacl -m g:⁶test:r -R file" to set only read authority to group test.

1.11 use footnote in table or other environments

use \footnotemark in the position you need to note, and then use \footnotetext{*your_footnote*} out the environment.

1.12 list directory by size

```
du -sh -B BLOCKSIZE */ |sort -nr
```

This command will list your subdirectory in current directory by size and from big to small, *BLOCKSIZE* such as M, it will output the size by certain format, */ is path, you can also use another path replace it, but you should add "/" in the tail.

1.13 get some informations in sqlite

1.13.1 get column names from certain table

if you are in sqlite command, you can execute '.schema *table_name*' to get it;
or if you are in python or you just want to use sql command to get it, you can try:

⁵-R is to use recursive

⁶for user, use u:

```
SELECT sql FROM sqlite_master WHERE tbl_name = 'table_name' AND type = 'table'
```

1.13.2 get tables names from current dbfile

if you are in sqlite command, you can execute '.tables' to get it;

or if you are in python or you just want to use sql command to get it, you can try:

```
SELECT name FROM sqlite_master WHERE type = 'table'
```

1.14 batch rename file with sequential numbers

Firstly, set a variable:

```
a=1
```

and then execute the while loop (or for loop):

```
ls *.jpg | while read line;do mv $line ` printf "%03d.jpg" "$a" ` ;let a=a+1;done
```

1.15 some tips of regular expression

To change a certain line a a certain text block, you can use:

```
sed -i "/pattern1/,/pattern2/s/origin_pattern/dest_pattern/g" filename
```

1.15.1 find pattern in many files

```
grep -rnw '/path/to/destination' -e 'pattern'
```

1.16 change the calling priority of commands

To call commands in linux, the system will find the command in the paths which *PATH* variable stores, and the order of path in *PATH* variable depend the priority of calling commands. So, you can adjust the order of paths in *PATH* variable to make you call certain commands.

For example, if you have a different version of gcc from gcc in your system

in your current directoy, you can use `export PATH=.:$PATH$`

and then when you type `/usr/bin/envgcc`, or execute the program include it, you use the one in your current directory ⁷

⁷It's temporarily, it malfunctions after you logout the shell, expect you put this in your `.bashrc`.