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2.4 Aliases

As you study this section, answer the following questions:

- What is the purpose of an alias?
- When would it be important to make an alias persistent?

In this section, you will learn to:

- Display a list of the currently defined aliases on the system.
- Create a custom command using an alias.
- Create a single alias that includes multiple commands.
- Remove an alias.

Key terms for this section include the following:

Term	Definition	
Alias	A shortcut stored in memory that runs a command on your Linux system.	
Persistent alias	An alias that persists after logging out or rebooting.	
/etc/profile	A script file that runs when all users log in and that can contain alias commands to form persistent aliases.	
/etc/profile.d/	A directory that contains global login scripts that can contain alias commands to form persistent aliases.	
~/.profile file	A hidden user specific script file that runs when a user logs in and that can contain alias commands to form persistent aliases.	
~/.bashrc	A hidden user specific script file that runs when a user logs in and that can contain alias commands to form persistent aliases.	

This section helps you prepare for the following certification exam objectives:

Exam	Objective
CompTIA Linux+	2.2 Given a scenario, manage users and groups.
	Profiles
	 Bash parameters
	User entries
	■ .bashrc
	.bash_profile
	■ .profile
	Global entries

/etc/bashrc
/etc/profile.d/
/etc/profile

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