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

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  &         Start a new process in the background
  alias     Create an alias •
  apropos   Search Help manual pages (man -k)
  apt-get   Search for and install software packages (Debian/Ubuntu)
  aptitude  Search for and install software packages (Debian/Ubuntu)
  aspell    Spell Checker
  awk       Find and Replace text, database sort/validate/index
b
  basename  Strip directory and suffix from filenames
  base32    Base32 encode/decode data and print to standard output
  base64    Base64 encode/decode data and print to standard output
  bash      GNU Bourne-Again SHell
  bc        Arbitrary precision calculator language
  bg        Send to background
  bind      Set or display readline key and function bindings •
  break     Exit from a loop •
  builtin   Run a shell builtin
  bzip2     Compress or decompress named file(s)
c
  cal       Display a calendar
  case      Conditionally perform a command
  cat       Concatenate and print (display) the content of files
  cd        Change Directory
  cfdisk    Partition table manipulator for Linux
  chattr    Change file attributes on a Linux file system
  chgrp     Change group ownership
  chmod     Change access permissions
  chown     Change file owner and group
  chpasswd  Update passwords in batch mode
  chroot    Run a command with a different root directory
  chkconfig System services (runlevel)
  cksum     Print CRC checksum and byte counts
  clear     Clear terminal screen
  cmp       Compare two files
  comm      Compare two sorted files line by line
  command   Run a command - ignoring shell functions •
  continue  Resume the next iteration of a loop •
  cp        Copy one or more files to another location
  cpio      Copy files to and from archives
  cron      Daemon to execute scheduled commands
  crontab   Schedule a command to run at a later time
  csplit    Split a file into context-determined pieces
  curl      Transfer data  from or to a server
  cut       Divide a file into several parts
d
  date      Display or change the date & time
  dc        Desk Calculator
  dd        Data Duplicator - convert and copy a file, write disk headers, b
  ddrescue  Data recovery tool
  declare   Declare variables and give them attributes •
  df        Display free disk space
  diff      Display the differences between two files
  diff3     Show differences among three files
  dig       DNS lookup
  dir       Briefly list directory contents
  dircolors Colour setup for 'ls'
  dirname   Convert a full pathname to just a path
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  dirs     Display list of remembered directories
  dmesg    Print kernel & driver messages
  du       Estimate file space usage
e
  echo     Display message on screen •
  egrep    Search file(s) for lines that match an extended expression
  eject    Eject removable media
  enable   Enable and disable builtin shell commands •
  env      Environment variables
  ethtool  Ethernet card settings
  eval     Evaluate several commands/arguments
  exec     Execute a command
  exit     Exit the shell
  expect   Automate arbitrary applications accessed over a terminal
  expand   Convert tabs to spaces
  export   Set an environment variable
  expr     Evaluate expressions
f
  false    Do nothing, unsuccessfully
  fdformat Low-level format a floppy disk
  fdisk    Partition table manipulator for Linux
  fg       Send job to foreground
  fgrep    Search file(s) for lines that match a fixed string
  file     Determine file type
  find     Search for files that meet a desired criteria
  fmt      Reformat paragraph text
  fold     Wrap text to fit a specified width.
  for      Expand words, and execute commands
  format   Format disks or tapes
  free     Display memory usage
  fsck     File system consistency check and repair
  ftp      File Transfer Protocol
  function Define Function Macros
  fuser    Identify/kill the process that is accessing a file
g
  gawk     Find and Replace text within file(s)
  getopts  Parse positional parameters
  grep     Search file(s) for lines that match a given pattern
  groupadd Add a user security group
  groupdel Delete a group
  groupmod Modify a group
  groups   Print group names a user is in
  gzip     Compress or decompress named file(s)
h
  hash     Remember the full pathname of a name argument
  head     Output the first part of file(s)
  help     Display help for a built-in command •
  history  Command History
  hostname Print or set system name
  htop     Interactive process viewer
i
  iconv    Convert the character set of a file
  id       Print user and group id's
  if       Conditionally perform a command
  ifconfig Configure a network interface
  ifdown   Stop a network interface
  ifup     Start a network interface up
  import   Capture an X server screen and save the image to file
  install  Copy files and set attributes
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  iostat   Report CPU and i/o statistics
  ip       Routing, devices and tunnels
j
  jobs     List active jobs •
  join     Join lines on a common field
k
  kill     Kill a process by specifying its PID
  killall  Kill processes by name
l
  less     Display output one screen at a time
  let      Perform arithmetic on shell variables •
  link     Create a link to a file
  ln       Create a symbolic link to a file
  local    Create a function variable •
  locate   Find files
  logname  Print current login name
  logout   Exit a login shell •
  look     Display lines beginning with a given string
  lpc      Line printer control program
  lpr      Off line print
  lprint   Print a file
  lprintd  Delete a print job
  lprintq  List the print queue
  lprm     Remove jobs from the print queue
  lsattr   List file attributes on a Linux second extended file system
  lsblk    List block devices
  ls       List information about file(s)
  lsof     List open files
  lspci    List all PCI devices
m
  make     Recompile a group of programs
  man      Help manual
  mapfile  Read lines from standard input into an indexed array variable
  mkdir    Create new folder(s)
  mkfifo   Make FIFOs (named pipes)
  mkfile   Make a file
  mkisofs  Create an hybrid ISO9660/JOLIET/HFS filesystem
  mknod    Make block or character special files
  mktemp   Make a temporary file
  more     Display output one screen at a time
  most     Browse or page through a text file
  mount    Mount a file system
  mtools   Manipulate MS-DOS files
  mtr      Network diagnostics (traceroute/ping)
  mv       Move or rename files or directories
  mmv      Mass Move and rename (files)
n
  nc       Netcat, read and write data across networks
  netstat  Networking connections/stats
  nft      nftables for packet filtering and classification
  nice     Set the priority of a command or job
  nl       Number lines and write files
  nohup    Run a command immune to hangups
  notify-send  Send desktop notifications
  nslookup Query Internet name servers interactively
o
  open     Open a file in its default application
  op       Operator access
p
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passwd    Modify a user password
paste     Merge lines of files
pathchk   Check file name portability
Perf      Performance analysis tools for Linux
ping      Test a network connection
pgrep     List processes by name
pkill     Kill processes by name
popd      Restore the previous value of the current directory
pr        Prepare files for printing
printcap  Printer capability database
printenv  Print environment variables
printf    Format and print data •
ps        Process status
pushd     Save and then change the current directory
pv        Monitor the progress of data through a pipe
pwd       Print Working Directory
q
quota     Display disk usage and limits
quotacheck Scan a file system for disk usage
r
ram       ram disk device
rar       Archive files with compression
rcp       Copy files between two machines
read      Read a line from standard input •
readarray Read from stdin into an array variable •
readonly  Mark variables/functions as readonly
reboot    Reboot the system
rename    Rename files
renice    Alter priority of running processes
remsync   Synchronize remote files via email
return    Exit a shell function
rev       Reverse lines of a file
rm        Remove files
rmdir     Remove folder(s)
rsync     Remote file copy (Synchronize file trees)
s
screen    Multiplex terminal, run remote shells via ssh
scp       Secure copy (remote file copy)
sdiff     Merge two files interactively
sed       Stream Editor
select    Accept keyboard input
seq       Print numeric sequences
set       Manipulate shell variables and functions
sftp      Secure File Transfer Program
shift     Shift positional parameters
shopt     Shell Options
shutdown  Shutdown or restart linux
sleep     Delay for a specified time
slocate   Find files
sort      Sort text files
source    Run commands from a file '.'
split     Split a file into fixed-size pieces
ss        Socket Statistics
ssh       Secure Shell client (remote login program)
stat      Display file or file system status
strace    Trace system calls and signals
su        Substitute user identity
sudo      Execute a command as another user
sum       Print a checksum for a file
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   suspend   Suspend execution of this shell •
   sync      Synchronize data on disk with memory
t
   tail      Output the last part of file
   tar       Store, list or extract files in an archive
   tee       Redirect output to multiple files
   test      Evaluate a conditional expression
   time      Measure Program running time
   timeout   Run a command with a time limit
   times     User and system times
   touch     Change file timestamps
   top       List processes running on the system
   tput      Set terminal-dependent capabilities, color, position
   traceroute Trace Route to Host
   trap       Execute a command when the shell receives a signal •
   tr        Translate, squeeze, and/or delete characters
   true      Do nothing, successfully
   tsort     Topological sort
   tty       Print filename of terminal on stdin
   type      Describe a command •
u
   ulimit    Limit user resources •
   umask     Users file creation mask
   umount    Unmount a device
   unalias   Remove an alias •
   uname     Print system information
   unexpand  Convert spaces to tabs
   uniq      Uniquify files
   units     Convert units from one scale to another
   unrar     Extract files from a rar archive
   unset     Remove variable or function names
   unshar    Unpack shell archive scripts
   until     Execute commands (until error)
   uptime    Show uptime
   useradd   Create new user account
   userdel   Delete a user account
   usermod   Modify user account
   users     List users currently logged in
   uuencode  Encode a binary file
   uudecode  Decode a file created by uuencode
v
   v         Verbosely list directory contents ('ls -l -b')
   vdir      Verbosely list directory contents ('ls -l -b')
   vi        Text Editor
   vmstat    Report virtual memory statistics
w
   w         Show who is logged on and what they are doing
   wait      Wait for a process to complete •
   watch     Execute/display a program periodically
   wc        Print byte, word, and line counts
   whereis   Search the user's $path, man pages and source files for a progra
   which     Search the user's $path for a program file
   while     Execute commands
   who       Print all usernames currently logged in
   whoami    Print the current user id and name ('id -un')
   wget      Retrieve web pages or files via HTTP, HTTPS or FTP
   write     Send a message to another user
x
   xargs     Execute utility, passing constructed argument list(s)
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xdg-open Open a file or URL in the user's preferred application.
xz       Compress or decompress .xz and .lzma files
yes      Print a string until interrupted
zip      Package and compress (archive) files.
.        Run a command script in the current shell
!!       Run the last command again
###      Comment / Remark
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Commands marked • are bash *built-ins*
Many commands particularly the Core Utils are also available under alternate shells (C shell, Korn shell etc).