

## LINUX FUNDAMENTALS

# CHEAT SHEET

Opens man pages for the specified tool: **man <tool>**

Prints the help page of the tool: **<tool> -h**

Searches through man pages' descriptions for instances of a given keyword: **apropos <keyword>**

Concatenate and print files: **cat**

Displays current username: **whoami**

Returns users identity: **id**

Sets or prints the name of the current host system  
**hostname**

Prints operating system name: **uname**

Returns working directory name: **pwd**

The ifconfig utility is used to assign or view an address to a network interface and/or configure network interface parameters: **ifconfig**





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Ip is a utility to show or manipulate routing, network devices, interfaces, and tunnels: **ip**

Shows network status: **netstat**

Another utility to investigate sockets: **ss**

Shows process status: **ps**

Displays who is logged in: **who**

Prints environment or sets and executes a command:  
**env**

Lists block devices: **lsblk**

Lists USB devices: **lsusb**

Lists opened files: **lssof**

Lists PCI devices: **lspci**

Execute command as a different user:  
**sudo**

The su utility requests appropriate user credentials via PAM and switches to that user ID (the default user is the superuser). A shell is then executed: **su**





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Creates a new user or update default new user information:  
**useradd**

Deletes a user account and related files: **userdel**

Modifies a user account: **usermod**

Adds a group to the system: **addgroup**

Removes a group from the system: **delgroup**

Changes user password: **passwd**

Install, remove and configure Debian-based packages: **dpkg**

High-level package management command-line utility: **apt**

Alternative to apt: **aptitude**

Install, remove and configure snap packages: **snap**

Standard package manager for Ruby: **gem**

Standard package manager for Python: **pip**

Revision control system command-line utility: **git**

Command-line based service and systemd control manager:  
**systemctl**





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Prints a snapshot of the current processes: **ps**

Query the systemd journal: **journalctl**

Sends a signal to a process.: **kill**

Puts a process into background: **bg**

Lists all processes that are running in the background: **jobs**

Puts a process into the foreground: **fg**

Command-line utility to transfer data from or to a server:  
**curl**

An alternative to curl that downloads files from FTP or HTTP(s)  
server: **wget**

Starts a Python3 web server on TCP port 8000:  
**python3 -m http.server**

Lists directory contents: **ls**

Changes the directory: **cd**

Clears the terminal: **clear**

Creates an empty file: **touch**





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Creates a directory: **mkdir**

Lists the contents of a directory recursively: **tree**

Move or rename files or directories: **mv**

Copy files or directories: **cp**

Terminal based text editor: **nano**

Returns the path to a file or link: **which**

Searches for files in a directory hierarchy: **find**

Updates the locale database for existing contents on the system: **updatedb**

Uses the locale database to find contents on the system:  
**locate**

Pager that is used to read STDOUT or files: **more**

An alternative to more with more features: **less**





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Prints the first ten lines of STDOUT or a file: **head**

Prints the last ten lines of STDOUT or a file: **tail**

Sorts the contents of STDOUT or a file: **sort**

Searches for specific results that contain given patterns: **grep**

Removes sections from each line of files: **cut**

Replaces certain characters: **tr**

Command-line based utility that formats its input into multiple columns: **column**

Pattern scanning and processing language: **awk**

A stream editor for filtering and transforming text: **sed**

Prints newline, word, and byte counts for a given input: **wc**

Changes permission of a file or directory: **chmod**

Changes the owner and group of a file or directory: **chown**