Unix/Linux Command Reference



File Commands

ls - directory listing

ls -al - formatted listing with hidden files

cd *dir* - change directory to *dir*

cd - change to home

pwd - show current directory

mkdir dir - create a directory dir

rm file - delete file

rm -r dir - delete directory dir

rm -f file - force remove file

rm -rf dir - force remove directory dir *

cp file1 file2 - copy file1 to file2

cp -r dir1 dir2 - copy dir1 to dir2; create dir2 if it
doesn't exist

mv file1 file2 - rename or move file1 to file2 if file2 is an existing directory, moves file1 into directory file2

ln -s file link - create symbolic link link to file

touch file - create or update file

cat > file - places standard input into file

more file - output the contents of file

head file - output the first 10 lines of file

tail file - output the last 10 lines of file

tail -f *file* - output the contents of *file* as it grows, starting with the last 10 lines

Process Management

ps - display your currently active processes

top - display all running processes

kill pid - kill process id pid

killall proc - kill all processes named proc *

bg – lists stopped or background jobs; resume a stopped job in the background

fg - brings the most recent job to foreground

fg n - brings job n to the foreground

File Permissions

chmod *octal file* - change the permissions of *file* to *octal*, which can be found separately for user, group, and world by adding:

- 4 read (r)
- 2 write (w)
- 1 execute (x)

Examples:

chmod 777 - read, write, execute for all

chmod 755 - rwx for owner, rx for group and world For more options, see **man chmod**.

SSH

ssh user@host - connect to host as user

ssh -p port user@host - connect to host on port
port as user

ssh-copy-id user@host - add your key to host for user to enable a keyed or passwordless login

Searching

grep pattern files - search for pattern in files
grep -r pattern dir - search recursively for
pattern in dir

command | grep pattern - search for pattern in the
output of command

locate *file* - find all instances of *file*

System Info

date - show the current date and time

cal - show this month's calendar

uptime - show current uptime

w - display who is online

whoami - who you are logged in as

finger *user* - display information about *user*

uname -a - show kernel information

cat /proc/cpuinfo - cpu information

cat /proc/meminfo - memory information

man command - show the manual for command

df - show disk usage

du - show directory space usage

free - show memory and swap usage

whereis *app* - show possible locations of *app* which *app* - show which *app* will be run by default

Compression

tar cf file.tar files - create a tar named file.tar containing files

tar xf file.tar - extract the files from file.tar
tar czf file.tar.gz files - create a tar with
Gzip compression

tar xzf file.tar.gz - extract a tar using Gzip
tar cjf file.tar.bz2 - create a tar with Bzip2
compression

tar xjf file.tar.bz2 - extract a tar using Bzip2 gzip file - compresses file and renames it to file.gz

gzip -d file.gz - decompresses file.gz back to file

Network

ping host - ping host and output results

whois domain - get whois information for domain

dig domain - get DNS information for domain

dig -x host - reverse lookup host

wget file - download file

wget -c file - continue a stopped download

Installation

Install from source:

./configure

make

make install

dpkg -i *pkg.deb* - install a package (Debian)

rpm - **Uvh** *pkg.rpm* - install a package (RPM)

Shortcuts

Ctrl+C - halts the current command

Ctrl+Z - stops the current command, resume with

fg in the foreground or bg in the background

Ctrl+D - log out of current session, similar to exit

Ctrl+W - erases one word in the current line

Ctrl+U - erases the whole line

Ctrl+R - type to bring up a recent command

!! - repeats the last command

exit - log out of current session

* use with extreme caution.



Emacs Cheat Sheet

Find (or Create) file: C-x C-fSave file: C-x C-s

Exit Emacs: C-x C-c

UNDO: C-_ ("control underscore") Quit (i.e. interrupt) command: C-g

Cursor		Operation				Searching/Replacing		
Motion	N	Move Delete					Incremental search forward (C-s again searches	
Amount	t forward	backward	forward	backward	C-s		for next instance)	
Characters	C-f	<mark>C-b</mark>	<mark>C-d</mark>	DEL	C-r		Incremental search backward	
Words	M-f	M-b	M-d	M-DEL	 <mark>M-%</mark>		String replace from here to end of buffer,	
Lines	C-n	С-р	C-k (to	C-SPC C-a			querying for each occurrence	
Lines	C=11	C-b	EOL)	C-w			Scrolling and Windows	
Sentences	м-а	М-е	M-k	C-x DEL	C-v		Scroll down (toward end of buffer)	
Expressions	S C-M-f	C-M-b	C-M-k	C-M-DEL	M-v		Scroll up (toward beginning of buffer)	
Paragraphs	M-}	M- {	(no standard bindings for delete cmds)		C-1		Center the screen on the cursor	
					C-x		Switch to other open buffer	
End/start of line	<mark>C−e</mark>	<mark>C-a</mark>			C-x		Close current buffer	
	2				C-x		Close everything except current buffer	
End/start of buffer	M->	M-<			C-x		Split window vertically	
-	e# M-a or M	-α α (denend	s on Emacs vers	ion)	C-x 3		Split window horizontally	
Jump to line # M-g or M-g g (depends on Emacs version) Cutting and Pasting					<u> </u>		Command-related Stuff	
C-SPC Mark one end o					ESC ESC ESC		Get me out of where I am now	
C-w	C-w Cut (after you Mark and move to other end)		1)	C-u	#	Prefix numeric arg # to next cmd		
M-w	Copy (after you Mark and move to other end)					(e.g. C-u 7 C-n to move forward 7 lines)		
	Yank (paste) most recently killed (cut or copied); will also use text currently selected in another application.			Stop a command in progress, or quit out of a partially entered command				
M-y N	M-y Next most recently killed (do C-y first, repeat M-y to				Getting help			
c	ycle thru all)	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·			C-h a		"Command apropos"; prompts for regexp and	
Files and Buffers				_		shows all matching commands		
$\frac{\text{C-x C-f}}{\text{C-x C-s}}$	//1 1			C-h	С	Show command name on message line; prompts for keystrokes		
C-x C-w Write file; prompts for new name			C-h f		Describe function; prompts for command or			
C-x s Save modified buffers; asks about each				1		function name, shows documentation		
C-x b	-x b Select buffer; prompts for buffer name		C-h	i	Info browser; gives access to online documentation for emacs and more			
C-x C-b	List buffers; s				C-h	t	Emacs tutorial	
C-x	Switch buffer	s (use right or	left arrow k	ey)			Miscellaneous	
Stuff to put in your .emacs file (setq inhibit-startup-screen t) to get rid of the					Undo/redo (a series of these keeps undoing; after doing something else, Cwill undo the undo's)			
startup screen					C-x	C-c	Exit emacs (asks about unsaved buffers	
(setq x-select-enable-clipboard t) to make						and running programs)		
kill/yank work as cut/paste for other applications				C-x		Select entire file		
(add-hook 'before-save-hook 'delete-trailing-whitespace) to delete trailing whitespace on save					С-М-	\	Re-indent selected region (use this in conjunction with C-x h)	