

< The humble Linux cheat sheet >

A small Linux cheat sheet, introducing the very basic and very essential commands for surviving at the Linux CLI.

<i>Moving around in the file system</i>	
<i>Command</i>	<i>Action</i>
pwd	"Print working directory" - show what dir you're in.
ls	List the contents of a dir.
ls -l	List the contents of a dir and show additional info of the files.
ls -a	List all files, including hidden files.
cd	Change directory.
cd ..	Go to the parent directory.
<i>Examining files</i>	
<i>Command</i>	<i>Action</i>
file	Determine the type of a file.
cat	Concatenate a file.
less	View text files and paginate them if needed.
<i>Manipulating files and directories</i>	
<i>Command</i>	<i>Action</i>
cp	Copy a file.
cp -i	Copy a file and ask before overwriting.
cp -r	Copy a directory with its contents.
mv	Move or rename a file.
mv -i	Move or rename a file and ask before overwriting.
rm	Remove a file.
rm -r	Remove a directory with its contents.
rm -i	Ask before removing a file. Good to use with the -r option.
mkdir	Make a directory.
rmdir	Remove an empty directory.

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