Z Shell Basics Cheat Sheet

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Directory Commands	
pwd	Print working directory
mkdir <directory></directory>	Create a new directory
rmdir <directory></directory>	Remove an empty directory
cd <directory></directory>	Change directory
 ↓ Use < > to go up one level, < ~ > for home directory, or < - > for the previous directory. 	
ls <flag></flag>	List files and directories
-I	Long format
-a	All entries
-h	Human-readable sizes
-t	Sort by modification time
-r	Reverse order
-d	List directory (meta)
Finding Files	
grep <pattern> <file></file></pattern>	Search pattern in a file
find <path> <expression></expression></path>	
Search for files and directories within a directory hierarchy:*	
-name	(by name)
-type d	(by directories)
-type f	(by files)
locate <filename></filename>	Quickly find files by name

Command Help

 man <command>
 Display the manual page. Press { q } to exit.

 <command> --help
 Brief help message.

File Operations

touch <file> Create an empty file or update a file's timestam</file>	
cp <src> <dest> Copy files and dirs</dest></src>	
4 Add { -r } to copy directories recursively.	
mv <src> <dest></dest></src>	Move or rename files/dirs
rm <file></file>	Remove files
Use with caution! Add < -r > to remove directories and their contents, < -f > to force removal without prompting.	

 cat <file>
 Print file contents to screen

 less <file>
 View file content page-by-page

 head <file>
 Display the first few lines of a file (default 10)

 tail <file>
 Display the last few lines of a file (default 10)

File Operations (cont)

→ Add < -f > to follow the file as it grows.

zsh shortcuts: Navigation		
^ A	Beginning of line	
^ E	End of line	
^ F	Forward one character	
^ B	Back one character	
zsh shortcuts: Deletion		
^ U	Delete the current line	
^ K	Delete from cursor to EOL	
© + E	> Delete one word (backward)	
^ W	Delete one word (backward)	
^ D	Delete one char (forward)	
FN +	Delete one char (forward)	
^ L	Clear the screen	
жK	Clear history	
^ _	Undo the last change	
zsh shortcuts: Process and shell		
^ C	C Terminate the running foreground process	
^ Z	Suspend the running foreground process	
^ D	Exit current shell (when line is empty)	
zsh sl	hortcuts: History	
1	Recall the previous command in history	
Ļ	Recall the next command in history	
^ R	Search the command history	
^ G	Escape from command search mode	

!! Execute the last typed command

!pw Run last command that begins with <pw> (e.g., !cd)



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