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Ubuntu Generic Commands Cheat Sheet

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File Commands

ls	Directory Listing
ls -al	Formatted Listing with Hidden Files
cd *dir*	Change Directory to *dir*
cd	Change Directory to home
pwd	Show Current Directory
mkdir *dir*	Make New Directory *dir*
rm *file*	Remove File *file*
rm -r *dir*	Remove Directory *dir*
rm -f *file*	Force Remove File *file*
rm -rf *dir*	Force Remove Directory *dir*
cp *file1 file2*	Copy *file1* to *file2*
mv *file1 file2*	Rename/Move *file1* to *file2*
ln -s *file link*	Creates a Symbolic *link* to *file*
touch *file*	Create or Update *file*
cat > *file*	Place Standard Input into *file*
more *file*	Output Contents of *file*
less *file*	Output Contents of *file*
head *file*	Output First 10 Lines of *file*
tail *file*	Output Last 10 Lines of *file*
tail -f *file*	Output Contents of *file* as it Grows

System

uname -a	Display Linux System Information
uname -r	Display Kernel Release Information
uptime	Show how long the system has been running + load
lsb_release -a	Get Ubuntu Version

Privelages

sudo *command*	Run *command* as Root
sudo -s	Open a Root Shell
sudo -s -u *user*	Open a Shell as *user*
sudo -k	Forget sudo Passwords
gksudo	Visual sudo Dialog (GNOME)
kdesudo	Visual sudo Dialog (KDE)
sudo visudo	Edit /etc/sudoers
passwd	Change Your Password

Package Management

apt-get update	Refresh Available Updates
apt-get upgrade	Update All Packages
apt-get dist-upgrade	Upgrade Ubuntu Version
apt-get install *pkg*	Install *pkg*
apt-get purge *pkg*	Uninstall *pkg*
apt-get -f install	Try to Fix Broken Packages

Hardware

dmesg	Detect Hardware and Boot Messages

Network

ifconfig	Display Network Information
iwconfig	Display Wireless Information
ifup *interface*	Enable *interface*
ifdown *interface*	Disable *interface*

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