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Keyboard Shortcuts				
Shortcut	What It Does	Notes		
Esc + .	Insert last argument entered	Repeat to go back to previous arguments		
Up Arrow	Auto-fill last command entered	Repeat to go back to previous commands		
Ctrl+D	Logout / Exit			
Ctrl+L	Clear terminal output			
Ctrl+Shift+T	Open new terminal tab			
Ctrl+Arrow (Right/Left)	Move to beginning/end of a word			

Wildcards & Shortcuts Wildcard What It Represents Example Current user's home directory ~ The directory you're currently in Parent directory of your current directory . . All files in current ls i* = all files starting with "i" * directory ? "Any character" f??e matches anything with 4 characters that starts with "f" & ends with "e" [aou] Match to any one of c[aou]t matches to "cat", "the enclosed cot", and "cut" characters !! "Last command run" sudo !! = rerun command as (inserts into current root command) **^***x***^***y* Rerun last command 1s /usr followed by ^usr^tm but replace *x* with *y* p will run 1s /tmp !3 Rerun 3rd command from command history !ls Runs most recent command from history that had "Is" in it

Important Directories & Files			
Directory/File	(Stands For) Purpose		
/root	Root user's home directory		
/home	Normal users' home directories		
/var	(Variables) Database locations, spool files for mail, etc.		
/usr	(User System Resources) System resources used by users		
— /usr/bin	(Binaries) Executables usable by normal users		
— /usr /sbin	(System Binaries) Executables only usable by root user		
— /usr /lib	52-bit libraries		
— /usr /lib64	64-bit libraries		
/etc	(Extended Text Configurations) Configuration files		
— /etc /passwd	User account config files		
— /etc /group	Group membership info & config files		
— /etc /shadow	User password info & config files		
- /etc/sudoers	Main file for sudo config		
-/etc/sudoers.d/	Destination for sudo config "dropping files"		
— /etc /login.defs	Defines default properties used for new user accounts		

vim Editor Controls

Command Mode			
0	Starts new line and switches to Insert mode		
CW	"Change word" - deletes word and switches to Insert mode		
G	Go to end of file		
dd	Delete or cut entire line		
уу	Copy entire line		
р	Paste copied text		
x	Delete character cursor is on top of		
dw	Delete word cursor is on top of		
d\$	Delete from cursor to end of line		
ZZ	Save & quit (existing files)		
Extended Command Mode			
:w filename	Save (new files)		
:wq	Save & quit (existing files)		



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Misc. Commands				
date				
+%F	display current date in international format (YYYY-mm-dd)			
+%R	display current time (24-hr clock)			
+%s	display # of seconds since epoch			
ssh user@ip.addr	Start ssh connection			
-v	verbose; shows in detail what's happening while establishing connection			
-Y	enables graphical application support			
-p port#	connect to ssh service not listening on default port 22			
-i keyfile	reads private key from identity file for public key authentication			
echo	Creates output (equivalent of print in Python)			
tmux				
ps -au	Show current processes & which user started them			

Basic File/Directory (Commands	
ls dir1	List contents of dir1	
-1	additional info (owner, perms, etc.)	
-a	lists all, including hidden files	
-i	adds file inode to info displayed	
-d	info for directory itself (rather than its contents)	
mkdir dirl	Create a new director	у
-p	creates full path (multiple directories if needed)	
-v	verbose (output shows action taken)	
cp dir1 dir2		Copy dir1 into dir2
-r	recursively ("and its contents")	
rm dir1	Removes (deletes) an empty	directory
-r		
mv file1 dir1	Move file1 into dir1	
-v	verbose (output shows action taken)	
ln target link	Creates a hard link from file "link get"	" to file "tar-
-s	makes a symbolic link instead of a hard link	
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Displays simple list of groups user1 is a member of Set password for user1 Change password aging properties for user minimum # of days between password

maximum # of days between password

warning period before password expires inactivity period (password usable after

require password change on next login

Find out if grp1 is known to the system

Create a new group

date when account expires

Users & Groups		Users & Groups (cont)
Command	Options	groups user1
id user1	Show UID, GID, & secondary groups (current user if not specified)	passwd user1
getent passwd usr1	Find out if usr1 is known to the system	- chage user1
useradd user1	Add a new user	
-u #	set a specific UID	-m days
	-s /sbin/nologin	
usermod user1	Change properties of existing user	-M days
-c "text"	adds text to comment field	-W days
-g group1	changes primary group to group1	-I days
-G group1	replaces supplementary group with	-
	group1	-d 0
-aG group1		-E date
-L user1		getent group grp1
newgrp group1	Change current user's primary group (temporary; current session only)	groupadd group1
userdel user1	Deletes user1 but not their home	-g #
userder userr	directory	-r
-r		groupmod group1
		-g #
		To set the number of day
		chage -E \$(date +d
		To give full admin privile

set a specific GID create a system group p1 Change properties of existing group change GID to specified number of days from today when user's account expires: te +days %Y-%m-%d) privileges to a user or group: echo "[user1|%group1] ALL=(ALL) ALL" >> /etc/s udo ers.d/name

changes

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expiration)



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