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Network Co	ommands	
Command	Description Parame- ter/Usage	
wget	Downloads something from a web address	
ssh	Remote login or command run	"ssh userna- me@ser- ver"
scp, sftp	Remote file copy	
openssl	For generating st encryption	uff for
ssh- keygen	For generating pu key pairs	ublic/private
dnf	Package manager for Fedora. Use it to download, update, and install all sorts of software	
ifconfig	Use without parameters to get general info on network connections. Also used for assigning IP addresses and setting up networking config stuff for interface devices	
netmask	Used for setting network submask	
route	For adding entries to a routing table	
netstat	For displaying network info	
ip	For Internet Protocol activities	
traceroute	Given an address, will identify all of the places your packets travel to to get to that address	
ping	Sends packets to an IP, seeing how long it takes to get a response	
dig	Queries DNS ser info on a domain	vers to get

System & D	isk Commands	
Command	Description	Parameters
du	Disk usage; shows disk usage of files in directory	h: human readable. a: all files, not just direct- ories
free	Shows amount used memory in	
df	Report on file system & disk space usage	
lsblk	Report info about block devices	
fdisk	Manipulate I: list disks disk partioning	
Uname	Print system information	
export	For setting an environment variable	
unmount	Unmounts the specified disk	
eject	Ejects the specified disk	

Common Commands

Name	Description	Parameters/Notes
ls	list everything in given directory (default is present dir)	I: long, more detailed view. a: show all, even hidden files/direct- ories
cd	navigate to an	other directory
pwd	Present Worki current directo	ng Directory; shows ry
ср	Copy a file from another	m one place to
rm	Remove a file or directory	f: force remove, ignoring warnings/- anything. r: recursive; use this to delete directories

Common Commands (cont)

Commo		
mv	Moves a file	Can be used to rename files, by 'moving' a file to the same directory, with a different name
rmdir	Removes	a directory
mkdir	Creates a directory	-p to make parents; can build a chain of non-existent direct- ories all at once
touch	Updates a file's last-e- dited date.	Can be used to create files- it will create a file if the given file does not exist
history	lists history of previous commands	
man	Lists manual page for a given command, that'll tell you allIII about what a command can do and how to use it	
reboot	Reboots th	ne machine
Director	ies	
Directory	/ Descri	ption
/etc	All sorts of system-wide config- uration stuff	
/proc/- cpuinfo	CPU info	
/etc/p-	User account info	

/etc/p-
asswdUser account info/etc/groupGroup info/etc/s-Where passwords are actually
hadow/etc/skelSkeleton, template home
directory for copying to make
new home directories

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Directories (cont)/etc/syst-Daemon config file / setupemd/systemstuff/etc/sysl-Configuration for syslogog.conflogging daemon/var/logWhere logs are kept/etc/hostsConfiguration for networkhostsConfiguration for network

/etc/networks Configuration for networks

Process Commands		
Command	Description	Parame ter- s/Usage
top	Displays and updates info on running proce	
prestres	Displays current runr processes as a tree	ning
fg	Foreground; resume a suspended process or bring one back from the foreground	fg %[job number] or fg [process ID]
bg	Background; puts a p into the background	process
Note: if you want to put a currently running		

Note: if you want to put a currently running command in the background, use CTRL+Z, and then fg & bg

kill Kills a command in the background

Automation and Daemons		
Command	Description	Parameters
systemctl	Managing systems/services, in particular daemons	
journalctl	part of systemd, can be used to see logging/errors for daemons	
crontab	running of com	g up automated Imands / scripts s or intervals via

Automation and Daemons (cont)

at	For scheduling a command to run
	just once
atq	Lists commands in the queue that
	have been scheduled to run
atrm	Remove a command from the queue
test	For checking files and values; any
	yes/no question about our system

Input / Reading Commands		
Command	Description Parameters	
locate	For searching for files	
find	For searching for t	files
less	Text viewer for vie files	wing large
nano	Good, simple text	editor
vim	Complex, powerfu	l text editor
vimtutor	Used for learning	vim
cat	Concatenate files and print them to stdout	
echo	Echoes whatever it is given; useful for sending text somewhere	
head	Read first few lines of a file and print them to stdout	n: number of lines to read
tail	Read last few lines of a file and print them to stdout	n: number of lines to read
awk	Used for viewing f complex ways, like through a file and at certain patterns columns/rows in a	e looping only looking and

Input / Reading Commands (cont) dd Reads bytes from a location Groups, Users, and Permissions oh my Command Description Parameters passwd For changing and setting passwords useradd For adding a new user Switch user SU usermod Modify a user account chown For changing ownership of a file / directory chmod For changing permissions of a file / directory Add a group groupadd Syntax & Jargon Symbol Description / Term stdin Standard input; the input a command is looking to for what it should work with. Generally comes from keyboard; could be a file or something else, if we redirect stuff stdout Standard output; typically is the console. Can be changed to a file or something if we redirect it. stderr Standard error; where errors are printed to. Pipe. Used to send output of one command directly to another like, "history | less"

>	Send output of command somewhere.
>>	Append output somewhere.
>& or &>	Send stdout and stderr somewhere
2>	Send just stderr somewhere

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Syntax &	Jargon (cont)
1>	Send just stdout somewhere
&	Put at the end of a command to run it in the background, immediately returning console to you.
\$	When on prompt, means that you're a regular user
#	When on prompt, means that you're the root user
?	Wildcard character - when a command receives '?' in its input, it will take that mean to any single character
*	Wildcard for any number of characters. I.e. "*.txt" would refer to any thing/file ending in ".txt"
[abc]	Wildcard for given characters (here, a, b, or c). Can also define a range, i.e. [1-3]
CTRL+U	Delete current line
CTRL+C	Abort whatever's currently running
CTRL+Z	Suspend whatever's currently running
Miscellane	eous Commands
Commence	Deseri Deremetere

Command	Descri- ption	Parameters
yes	Spams a stopped	string until forcibly
sudo	Runs the root	e given command as
shutdown	Shuts down system	"shutdown now" to do it now
halt	Shuts down system	p: needed on most systems to power down hardware
reboot	Same as	halt but reboots
which	Finds if a where it	a command exists and is

Miscellaneous Commands (cont)

whereis	Like which but searches a broader area than just your shell's search path	
sort	Sorts r: reverses sort order. h: text for sorting human-rea- dable byte counts	
In	Used for creating links between files; shortcuts basically	
chsh	Change shell	
stty	Setting key commands (like backspace to delete)	
(Use "stty	sane" to unbork a borked shell)	
clear	Clears terminal of text	
script	Saves everything that comes up in your console, until exit is called	

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