

# MATT'S BASIC LINUX COMMANDS

## FILES & DIRECTORIES

**mkdir -p** Create directory & Parent  
**touch** Create a new file  
**cat -s** View file contents stdout  
**tac** Reverse file contents  
**rm -r** Remove files Recursively  
**mv -r** Move/Rename Recursively  
**cp -r** Copy directory  
**find** Search for file or directory

## COMPRESS & EXTRACT

**tar -cf dir.tar dir** Create archive  
**tar -cfz dir.tar dir** Create a gzip tar  
**gzip file-name** Gzip file  
**gunzip file.gz** Gunzip file  
**tar -xf file-name /dir** Extract tar to /directory

### OPTIONS:

-c	Create		--keep-old-files
-x	Extract		--overwrite
-f	Regular file type		--append
-d	Directory file type		--verify

## MISC

**wc -l** Count the lines in a file  
**sudo !!** Repeats last command  
**diff file1.txt file2.txt** Diff two files  
**cat file > a.txt** > redirects  
**cat file >> a.txt** >> appends  
**gpg -c file** Encrypts a file  
**gpg file.gpg** Decrypts a file  
**passwd** Change your password  
**CTRL+A** Goto Start of line  
**CTRL+E** Goto End of line  
**nohup command** Immune to hangup signal

## GREP – Globally / Regular Expression / Print

**grep -r pattern dir**

-f, --file=file Take patterns from file  
-w, --word-regexp Match only whole words  
-x, --line-regexp Match only whole lines  
-v, --invert-match Non-matching lines  
-n, --line-number Print line # w/ output lines  
-H, --with-filename Print file name w/ output  
-B, --before-context=NUM Print before text  
-A, --after-context=NUM Print after text  
-C, --context=NUM Print num context  
-r, --recursive  
-c, --count  
-i, --ignore-case

## HELP

**man & apropos**

## FILE NAVIGATION

**ls -l \*.jpg** List all .jpg files  
**ls -a** List all files including hidden

## FILE PERMISSIONS & OWNERSHIP

**chmod** Change permissions to execute  
**chown** Change file owner  
**chmod -R 755 dir**  
**chown <user> /u** Change owner of /u to <user>  
**chmod +x file** Make file executable

## SYSTEM RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

**sudo apt-get install htop** – A better ‘top’  
**nice (- is better)** Start a process with priority  
**renice** Change ‘nice’ value  
**kill -n** Terminate process  
**echo \$VAR** Display variable

## HARDWARE INFORMATION

**lspci** List pci info  
**cat /proc/meminfo** See RAM info  
**lshw** List hardware info  
**lshw -C memory -short** Detect RAM info  
**hwinfo** List hardware  
**lsusb** List USB devices  
**lsmod** Find modules loaded  
  
**reboot** Reboot the system  
**poweroff -now** Shut down

## INSTALL SOURCE CODE

**./configure**  
**make & make install**

## FILE UTILITIES

**tr -d** Translate/delete character  
**uniq -c -u** Omit repeated lines  
**split -l** Split file into pieces  
**cut -f** Cut section(s) field(f)  
**sort -n** Sort lines

## BASH SCRIPTS

1. Add: **#!/bin/bash** *Crunch-Bang Bin-Bash*
2. Save file: **file-name.sh**
3. Use: **chmod +x file-name**
4. Run: **./file-name**