

Linux Command Line Cheat Sheet

Directory navigation

cd dir – change directory

cd or cd ~ – change to home

pwd – show current directory

hpc – data processing cluster terminal

List files and directories

ls -l – list files and directories

more file – list content of file

tree – list directory hierarchy

cat file – list content of file

nano -w file – edit file with nano

File and folder manipulations

touch file – create or update file

cat > file – create file

mkdir dir – create a directory

cp file1 file2 – copy file1 to file2

cp -r dir1 dir2 – copy dir1 to dir2;

rm file – delete file

rm -r dir – delete directory

rm -f file – force remove file

rm -rf dir – force remove directory

mv file1 file2 – rename/move file1 to file2

Search files and folders

find - ./data -name report.txt – search folder "data" for file with name report.txt

find - ./ -iname "*report*" – search current folder for a file name containing "report"

find ./ -empty – find empty files and folders

grep -r "text" – recursively search files for word "text"

grep "completeness" report.txt – search for word "completeness" in file

Misc. commands

clear – remove all terminal entries

reset – resets current terminal

du -sh * – list size of files and folders

df -h – list disk usage statistics

apropos – shell version of "Google"

Bash Terminal Shortcuts

Ctrl+C – stop current command

Ctrl+R – search history

Ctrl+Shift+C – Copy

Ctrl+Shift+V – Paste

TAB – autocomplete terminal entry