

## **System Administration Tools & Utilities Cheatsheet**

A comprehensive cheat sheet covering essential system administration tools and utilities for managing and maintaining computer systems effectively, covering various operating systems and common tasks.



### **Process Management**

### Linux Process Commands

ps	Display a snapshot of the current processes.
top	Display dynamic real-time view of running processes.
htop	Interactive process viewer (needs installation).
kill PID	Terminate a process by its PID (Process ID).
killall process_na me	Kill all processes by name.
pkill pattern	Kill processes matching a pattern.
nice -n priority command	Run a command with modified scheduling priority. (priority range: -20 to 19)
renice priority PID	Change the priority of an already running process.

### Windows Task Manager

Access by pressing (Ctrl + Shift + Esc).	
Provides a GUI for viewing and managing processes, performance metrics, and startup applications.	
Key features include:	
<ul> <li>Processes tab: Shows running applications and background processes.</li> </ul>	
<ul> <li>Performance tab: Displays CPU, memory, disk, and network utilization.</li> </ul>	
Startup tab: Manages applications that run at startup.	
Command-line equivalent: tasklist (lists	
processes) and taskkill (terminates processes).	

### **Process Monitoring**

vmsta	Virtual memory statistics - reports memory, swap, IO, system, and CPU activity.
iosta	Input/output statistics for block devices.
netsta t or ss	Network statistics.
iotop	Monitor disk I/O usage by process. (needs installation)
iftop	Display bandwidth usage by host. (needs installation)
free -	Display the amount of free and used memory in the system (in MB).

## **Networking Tools**

#### **Basic Networking Commands**

ping hostname	Test network connectivity.
tracerou te hostname	Trace the route packets take to a host.
netstat -tulnp	Display listening ports and associated processes (Linux).
ss -	Another tool to display listening ports and associated processes (Linux).
ip addr	Show network interfaces and IP addresses (Linux).
ifconfi g	Configure network interface parameters (deprecated, but still used).
nslookup hostname	Query DNS servers to find IP addresses or other DNS records.
dig hostname	More advanced DNS lookup utility.

### Windows Networking Commands

ipconfi Display network configuration

g	information.
ping hostnam	Test network connectivity.
tracert hostnam e	Trace the route packets take to a host.
netstat -ano	Display active network connections and listening ports.
nslooku p hostnam e	Query DNS servers.
pathpin g hostnam e	Provides information about network latency and packet loss at intermediate hops.

#### **Network Monitoring Tools**

**Wireshark:** A powerful network protocol analyzer. Captures and analyzes network traffic in realtime.

**tcpdump:** A command-line packet analyzer. Captures network traffic and saves it to a file for later analysis.

**Nmap:** A network scanner. Discovers hosts and services on a computer network by sending packets and analyzing the responses.

Nagios/Zabbix: Comprehensive network monitoring solutions. Monitor network services, servers, and other network devices.

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# Disk and File System Management

# Linux Disk Commands

df -h	Display disk space usage in a human-readable format.
du -sh director y	Display the disk usage of a directory in a human-readable format.
lsblk	List block devices.
fdisk /dev/sd a	Partition table manipulator (replace /dev/sda with the appropriate device).
mkfs.ex t4 /dev/sda 1	Create an ext4 filesystem on a partition (replace /dev/sda1 with the appropriate partition).
mount /dev/sda 1 /mnt	Mount a filesystem (replace /dev/sda1 and /mnt with appropriate values).
umount /mnt	Unmount a filesystem.
fsck /dev/sda 1	Check and repair a filesystem.

### Windows Disk Management

Access via diskmgmt.msc or through the Control Panel.	
	ovides a GUI for managing disks, partitions, and umes.
Key	y features include: Creating and deleting partitions. Formatting volumes. Assigning drive letters. Converting disks between basic and dynamic.
	mmand-line equivalent: diskpart (powerful k partitioning tool).

# File System Utilities

find /path -	Find files by name in a directory.
grep pattern filename	Search for a pattern in a file.
tar -czvf archive.tar.gz directory	Create a compressed tar archive.
tar -xzvf archive.tar.g	Extract a compressed tar archive.
rsync -av source destination	Synchronize files and directories. Can be used for backups.
chmod	Change file permissions.
chown	Change file owner and group.

# **User and Group Management**

# Linux User Management

useradd username	Create a new user.
passwd username	Change a user's password.
usermod -aG groupname username	Add a user to a group.
userdel username	Delete a user.
id username	Show user's ID and group memberships.
su username	Switch to another user.
sudo command	Execute a command as the superuser.

# Linux Group Management

groupadd groupname	Create a new group.
groupmod -n new_groupname old_groupname	Rename a group.
groupdel groupname	Delete a group.
groups username	Display the groups a user belongs to.
getent group groupname	Get group information.

# Windows User Management

GUI: Use the 'Local Users and Groups' management console (lusrmgr.msc).  Command line:
net user username password /add - Adds a
new user.
net localgroup groupname username /add -
Adds a user to a local group.
net user username /delete - Deletes a user.
PowerShell:
New-LocalUser -Name "username" -Password
"password" - Creates a new local user.
Add-LocalGroupMember -Group "groupname" -
Member "username" - Adds a user to a local
group.
Remove-LocalUser -Name "username" -

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