Linux Cheat Sheet

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This is a short cheat sheet of Linux commands, with a focus on Raspberry Pi OS (previously known as Raspbian). (parameters) means required, [means optional]. Commands marked with an * will usually have to be run as superuser, which can be done by prepending **sudo** in front of them. Most commands support various flags, check their help pages.

1 Basic commands

sudo (command) Run a command as superuser.

cd (**folder**) Change current directory.

cd .. Go up one level of folders.

cd Go to your current users home directory.

ls [folder] Shows the contents of a folder.

pwd Prints the path to your current folder.

cat (filename) Shows the contents of a file

mv (source) (destination) Move or rename a file or folder.

cp (**source**) (**destinasjon**) Copy a file.

cp -r (**source**) (**destination**) Copy a folder.

 $\mathbf{rm} \langle \mathbf{file} \rangle$ Delete a file.

 $\mathbf{rm} - \mathbf{r} \langle \mathbf{folder} \rangle$ Delete a folder.

mkdir (foldername) Create a new folder.

touch (filename) Create a new empty file.

man (command) View the manual page of a command.

*chmod $+x \langle filename \rangle$ Make a file executable.

*poweroff Turn off the machine.

*reboot Reboot the machine.

2 Package management with APT

*apt install (packagename) Install a package.

*apt update Update the index of available packages.

*apt upgrade Update all installed packages.

apt search (query) Search for a package.

*apt remove \(\text{packagename} \) Remove a package.

*apt autoremove Remove packages that are no longer needed.

3 Useful programs

nano (filename) Edit a text file.

*raspi-config Open the Raspberry Pi settings.

grep $\langle \text{query} \rangle$ -f $\langle \text{filename} \rangle$ Search for lines that contains the query inside of filename.

wget (link) Download the file located at an URL.

4 Useful chained commands

⟨command⟩ | grep ⟨query⟩ Filter the output of command to only lines that contain query

 $\langle command \rangle > \langle filename \rangle$. Save the output of command as filename.

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