

Dpkg

<code>dpkg -V [package-names]</code>	Audit check sums of installed packages.
<code>dpkg-divert [options] file</code>	Override a package's version of a file.
<code>dpkg --compare-versions v1 gt v2</code>	Compare version numbers; view results with echo \$? .
<code>dpkg-query -W --showformat= format</code>	Query installed packages, format e.g. '{Package} {Version} \${Installed-Size}\n'.
<code>dpkg --get-selections > file</code>	Write package selections to file.
<code>dpkg --set-selections < file</code>	Set package selections from file.

The Network

<code>/etc/network/interfaces</code>	Interface configuration (if not controlled via network-manager).
<code>ip link set device [up] [down]</code>	Start, stop network interfaces according to the file above.
<code>/sbin/ip</code>	Show and manipulate network interfaces and routing, needs <code>iproute2</code> .
<code>ssh -X user@host</code>	Login at another machine.
<code>scp files user@host:path</code>	Copy files to other machine (and vice versa).

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Getting Help

<code>man page</code> or <code>man</code>	Read online help for every command and many configuration files.
<code>command [-help, -h]</code>	Brief help for most commands.
<code>/usr/share/doc/[package-name/]</code>	Find all documentation here, optional file <code>README.Debian</code> contains specifics.
Web documentation	Reference, manuals, FAQs, HOWTOs, etc. at https://www.debian.org/doc/
Mailing lists at https://lists.debian.org/	The community is always helpful, search for users.
The Wiki at https://wiki.debian.org/	Contains all kind of useful information.

Installation

Installer	All information about it at https://www.debian.org/devel/debian-installer/
CD images	Download from https://www.debian.org/distrib/
<code>boot: expert</code>	E.g. to set up the network w/o DHCP or using LILO instead of GRUB.

Bugs

Bug Tracking at https://bugs.debian.org/	All about existing and fixed bugs.
Package specific	See https://bugs.debian.org/package-name/ , use <code>wpp</code> to ask for new packages.
<code>reportbug</code>	Report a bug by e-mail.
Reporting	Instructions at https://www.debian.org/Bugs/Reporting

Configuration

<code>/etc/</code>	All system configuration files are under directory <code>/etc/</code> .
editor <i>files</i>	Default text editor. May be nano , emacs , vi , joe .
CUPS at <code>http://hostname:631</code>	Browser interface to printing system.
<code>dpkg-reconfigure package-name</code>	Reconfigure a package, e.g. <i>keyboard-configuration</i> (keyboard), <i>locales</i> (localization)
update-alternatives <i>options</i>	Manage command alternatives.
update-grub	After changing <code>/etc/default/grub</code> .

Daemons and System

<code>systemctl restart name.service</code>	Restart a service, system daemon.
<code>systemctl stop name.service</code>	Stop a service, system daemon.
<code>systemctl start name.service</code>	Start a service, system daemon.
<code>systemctl halt</code>	Halts system.
<code>systemctl reboot</code>	Reboots system.
<code>systemctl poweroff</code>	Shuts down system.
<code>systemctl suspend</code>	Suspends system.
<code>systemctl hibernate</code>	Hibernates system.
<code>/var/log/</code>	All log files are under this directory.
<code>/etc/default/</code>	Default values for many daemons and services.

Important Shell Commands

<code>cat files</code>	Print files to screen.
<code>cd directory</code>	Change to directory.
<code>cp files dest</code>	Copy files and directories.
<code>echo string</code>	Echo string to screen.
<code>gzip, bzip2, xz [-d] files</code>	Compress, uncompress files.

Important Shell Commands

<code>pager files</code>	Show contents of files.
<code>ls [files]</code>	List files.
<code>mkdir directory-names</code>	Create directories.
<code>mv file1file2</code>	Move, rename files.
<code>rm files</code>	Remove files.
<code>rmdir dirs</code>	Remove empty directories.
<code>tar [c][x][t][z][j][J] -f file.tar [files]</code>	Create (c), extract (x), list table of (t) archive file, z for .gz, j for .bz2, J for .xz.
<code>find directories expressions</code>	Find files like -name <i>name</i> or -size <i>+1000</i> , etc.
<code>grep search-string files</code>	Find search-string in files.
<code>ln -s file link</code>	Create a symbolic link to a file.
<code>ps [options]</code>	Show current processes.
<code>kill [-9] PID</code>	Send signal to process (e.g. terminate it). Use ps for PID.
<code>su - [username]</code>	Become another user, e.g. root.
<code>sudo command</code>	Execute a command as root as normal user, see <code>/etc/sudoers</code> .
<code>command > file</code>	Overwrite file with output of command.
<code>command >> file</code>	Append output of command to file.
<code>cmd1 cmd2</code>	Use output of command 1 as input of command 2.
<code>command < file</code>	Use file as input for command.

APT

<code>apt update</code>	Update packages listings from package repositories as listed in <code>/etc/apt/sources.list</code> . Required whenever that file or the contents of the repositories change.
<code>apt search search-string</code>	Search packages and descriptions for <i>search-string</i> .

APT

<code>apt list -a package-name</code>	Show versions and archive areas of available packages.
<code>apt show -a package-name</code>	Show package information incl. description.
<code>apt install package-names</code>	Install packages from repositories with all dependencies.
<code>apt upgrade</code>	Install newest versions of all packages currently installed.
<code>apt full-upgrade</code>	Like apt upgrade , but with advanced conflict resolution.
<code>apt remove package-names</code>	Remove packages.
<code>apt autoremove</code>	Remove packages that no other packages depend on.
<code>apt depends package-name</code>	List all packages needed by the one given.
<code>apt rdepends package-name</code>	List all packages that need the one given.
<code>apt-file update</code>	Update content listings from package repositories, see apt update .
<code>apt-file search file-name</code>	Search packages for file.
<code>apt-file list package-name</code>	List contents of a package.
<code>aptitude</code>	Console interface to APT, needs <code>aptitude</code> .
<code>synaptic</code>	GUI interface to APT, needs <code>synaptic</code> .

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<code>dpkg -l [names]</code>	List packages.
<code>dpkg -I pkg.deb</code>	Show package information.
<code>dpkg -c pkg.deb</code>	List contents of package file.
<code>dpkg -S filename</code>	Show which package a file belongs to.
<code>dpkg -i pkg.deb</code>	Install package files.