

Linux Cheat Sheet

This Linux cheat sheet is intended for all students who do not have any experiences with a Linux terminal. It covers the basics you need for using the infrastructure of this course and gives some hints when working with WSL (or WSL2) on Windows.

Linux Commands

Command	Description
ls	List files and directories in the current directory
pwd	Show the directory you are currently working in
cd [directory_path]	Change location to a specified directory
cd	Move up one directory level
cd ∼	Change directory to \$HOME
mkdir [directory_name]	Create a new directory.
cat [file_name]	Show the contents of a file
rm [file_name]	Remove a file
cp [source_file] [destination_file]	Copy the contents of one file to another file
<pre>cp -r [source_directory] [destination_directory]</pre>	Recursively copy a directory to a second directory.
mv [source_file] [destination_file]	Move or rename files or directories

Working with WSL

Windows Subsystem for Linux (WSL) is a feature of Windows that allows you to run a Linux environment on your Windows computer without the need for a separate virtual machine or dual boot.

In your windows explorer, you can find the "Linux file system" at the bottom — usually named "Linux" and labeled with a picture of tux the penguin (the linux mascot). When using the terminal, you can navigate between the "Windows file system" and the "Linux file system" . When you open the WSL Terminal, you are initially in your home directory. You can find the Windows C directory under /mnt/c.

You can decide for yourself whether you prefer to clone the required infrastructure in a directory on a Windows drive (like $C \setminus Documents \setminus$) or, for example, in the home directory of WSL.