Useful Commands

File commands	
ls (-l)	**Lis**t files (-l = detail)
pwd	**P**rint **w**orking **d**irectory
cd	**C**hange **d**irectory
cp <original> <newname>	**Co**py file/directory
mv <original> <newname>	**Mo**ve file/directory
locate <filename>	Locate a file

User/permission commands	
su <username>	**S**ubstitute **u**ser (change to a different user)
chmod <permission> <filename>	**Ch**ange **mo**de (alter file/directory permissions)
chown <username>:<group> <filename>	**Ch**ange **own**ership of a file/directory
whoami	Reminds you what user you are running as

Text commands	
less <filename>	Display a text file on screen (q to exit)
tail <filename>	Print last few lines of a file
grep <search term> <filename>	**G**et **r**egular **exp**ression (search for all occurrences of <search term> in a file
joe <filename>	Simple text editor
emacs <filename>	Complex text editor
vi <filename>	Insanely complex text editor

Other commands	
man <commandname>	**Man**ual: display help file for a command (q to exit)
ssh <hostname>	**S**ecure **sh**ell (log on to another server)
scp <options>	**S**ecure **cop**y (copy files between servers)
lynx <url>	Text-mode browser
ncftp	Text-mode ftp client
top	**T**otal **o**perating **p**rocesses (displays system perfomance)

Shortcuts	
Up/down arrow keys	Recall previous commands
Tab	Command/filename completion
Ctrl+C	Cancel (force quit) from a program
.	Current directory
..	One level up
~	Home directory