Commands to Use With Care

Safe habits for the terminal

rm deletes for good

There is no trash can. Run ls first to check what you are about to remove.

rm -r removes folders

It deletes a folder and everything inside it. Double-check the name before you press Enter.

sudo is full power

It runs a command as administrator. Use it only for commands you understand.

Pasting from the web

Do not paste commands from sites you do not trust. Read each command first, especially ones that download and run scripts.

Disk commands

Tools that write to disks, such as dd, can erase the wrong drive. Check the device name twice, or ask for help.

Practice safely

Make a folder named practice and try new commands only inside it. Keep a backup of anything important.

Tip: If you do not understand a command, look it up with man before you run it.

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