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Many people start using Linux by memorizing commands, but that usually leads to confusion later. What helped me most was understanding how Linux thinks, not just what commands to run.

This guide covers basic concepts, but in a way that actually helps you work confidently on a Linux system.

1. Understanding the Linux file system (not just /home)

Linux doesn't work like Windows drives. Everything starts from /.

Some directories worth actually knowing:

/home -> User files

/etc -> System configuration

/var -> Logs and variable data

/bin and /usr/bin -> Core commands

Once you know where things live, troubleshooting becomes much easier.

2. Permissions are the real security layer

Linux security is built around permissions.

Understanding:

Read, write, execute

Owner, group, others

is more important than running commands as root. Most system issues come from permission mistakes, not missing packages.

3. Package management beats manual installs

Different distros use different package managers, but the idea is the same.

Package managers:

Handle dependencies

Keep systems consistent

Make updates predictable

Knowing how to search, install, remove, and update packages properly saves a lot of time later.

4. Services run in the background whether you see them or not

Linux relies heavily on services.

Understanding how to:

Check service status

Start or stop services

Enable or disable them at boot

is essential for servers and even desktops.

5. Logs tell you what went wrong

Instead of guessing, Linux expects you to read logs.

Learning where logs live and how to view them helps you solve issues faster than reinstalling or restarting blindly.

6. Terminal efficiency matters more than memorization

You don't need to know every command.

What matters is:

Knowing how to combine commands

Using flags effectively

Reading command help and manuals

This mindset makes Linux flexible instead of overwhelming.

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