System info Host, CPU, memory

What is it? OS, kernel, host — `uname` / `hostnamectl` →

How busy? load, CPU, memory — `uptime` / `vmstat` / `free` →

What hardware? CPU, PCI, USB — `lscpu` / `lspci` / `lsusb` →

What went wrong? kernel log — `dmesg` →

CONCEPTS

Most of these tools just format files under /proc and /sys, so the same data is available to scripts.

Load average counts runnable tasks: compare it with nproc, not with 1.

free's available column, not free, tells how much memory new programs can still get; cache is reclaimable.

SYSTEM AND OS

`uname -a`
Kernel name, release, arch and host

`uname -r`
Kernel release only

`uname -m`
Machine architecture (x86_64, aarch64)

`hostnamectl`
Hostname, OS, kernel, virtualization

`hostname`
Print the current hostname

`sudo hostnamectl set-hostname <name>`
Set the static hostname

SYSTEM AND OS (cont.)

`cat /etc/os-release`
Distro name and version (ID, VERSION_ID)

`. /etc/os-release && echo $PRETTY_NAME`
Read the distro name in a script

UPTIME AND LOAD

`uptime`
Time up, users, load averages (1/5/15 min)

`uptime -p`
Uptime in words

`uptime -s`
Boot time as a timestamp

`w`
Who is logged in and what they run

MEMORY

`free -h`
Memory and swap, human-readable

`free -h -s <sec>`
Repeat every <sec> seconds

`free -m`
Sizes in MiB

MEMORY (cont.)

`grep -E 'MemAvailable|SwapFree' /proc/meminfo`
Read exact kernel counters

CPU

`lscpu`
Model, sockets, cores, threads, caches

`nproc`
CPUs usable by this process

`nproc --all`
Installed CPUs, ignoring limits

`lscpu -e`
One row per logical CPU

VMSTAT

`vmstat <sec> <count>`
Sample every <sec>, stop after <count>

`vmstat 1`
Sample every second until Ctrl+C

`vmstat -w <sec>`
Wide output for big numbers

`vmstat -t <sec>`
Add a timestamp column

`vmstat -d`
Per-disk read and write totals

VMSTAT (cont.)

vmstat columns

Column	Read it as
`r / b`	Runnable / blocked tasks; r above nproc means CPU-bound
`si / so`	Swap in / out; non-zero means memory pressure
`bi / bo`	Blocks read / written on disks
`us sy id wa`	CPU user, system, idle, I/O wait

The first vmstat line is an average since boot; judge the lines after it.

HARDWARE

`lspci`
List PCI devices (GPU, NIC, controllers)

`lspci -nnk`
IDs and the kernel driver in use

`lsusb`
List USB devices

`lsusb -t`
USB tree with drivers and speeds

`lsblk`
Disks and partitions as a tree

KERNEL LOG (DMESG)

`dmesg -T`
Log with readable timestamps

`dmesg --level=err,warn`
Only errors and warnings

`dmesg -w`
Follow new messages live

`dmesg | tail -n 30`
Latest messages

`dmesg -T | grep -i <word>`
Search the log

USERS AND SESSIONS

`whoami`
Name of the current user

`id`
UID, GID and all groups

`who`
Logged-in sessions

RECIPES

Quick host report

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uname -srm
grep PRETTY_NAME /etc/os-release
uptime -p
nproc
free -h | head -2
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