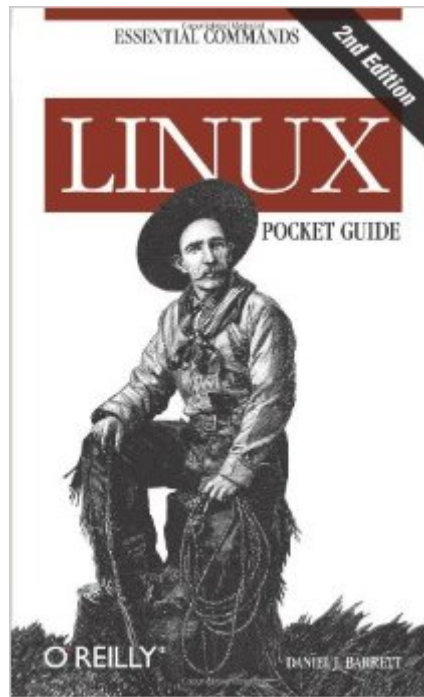# Linux Pocket Guide, 2nd Edition

Synopsis

If you use Linux in your day-to-day work, this popular pocket guide is the perfect on-the-job reference. The second edition has expanded from Fedora-only coverage to distro-neutral, with practical information on a wider range of commands requested by readers.Linux Pocket Guide provides an organized learning path for Linux use, rather than Linux programming and system administration. Youâ ™ll find options for the most useful commands, grouped by functionality. For novices who need to get up to speed on Linux use, and experienced users who want a concise and functional reference, this guide provides quick answers.

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(Full disclosure: This book was provided for review at no cost to me)WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW:* To borrow another's phrase, this is NOT a "small form linux (sic) for dummies" title, and assumes you are a fairly knowledgeable about computers.* Even though the front cover mentions Fedora, the coverage is minimal; whether that is good or bad is up to you.* The majority of the book covers command-line applications, although there are GUI applications mixed in the later half of the book.* While the command-line suggestions the book gives are solid, many of the GUI applications are no longer maintained and in my opinion should not have been anything more than a footnote.* READ the errata pages for this book.GENERAL:The book opens with a brief primer on what commands are, what they look like on the command-line and covers the fact that they're not standardized. The book also makes good use of the space provided by making a point, but doing it well the first time

instead of trying multiple approaches to explaining it (much like I might do). The coverage of the system directories was the best I've seen so far, breaking the paths into scope, category and applications. These are not standard terms as the author mentions, but they work great for the explanations.From there you continue to explore commands in the context of a particular purpose. Some of the topics covered that I really appreciated were options to display non-printable characters like carriage returns, file/directory permissions, text manipulation and the shell scripting primer.

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