

Linux - History Command Tutorial - How to Run Previous Commands and Clear History

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history - tutorial run previous commands

The history command is very useful for people who use the command line. If you haven't used it before, now is a great time to make it a habit, as it can save you time.

The history command by itself will provide a numbered list of previously executed commands:

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history - tutorial run previous commands 1
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To execute one of the previously ran commands, use the exclamation mark followed by the number of the command (no spaces):

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!3
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```
history - tutorial run previous commands 2
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To clear the history, run the following command:

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history -c
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history - tutorial run previous commands 3
```

To simply run the last ran command again, run the following command:

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!!
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Hope this helps some of you become more proficient in the command line!

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