

# WSL Commands Cheat Sheet

Command	Description
<code>wsl --list --online</code>	List available Linux distributions
<code>wsl --install</code>	Install Ubuntu, the default distribution
<code>wsl --install --distribution &lt;dist_name&gt;</code>	Install other available Linux distributions
<code>wsl --list --verbose</code>	List installed Linux distributions
<code>wsl -d &lt;dist_name&gt;</code>	Run a distribution from terminal
<code>wsl -d &lt;dist_name&gt; --user &lt;username&gt;</code>	Run a distribution as a specific user
<code>wsl ~ -d &lt;dist_name&gt;</code>	Open the distribution at the home of default user
<code>wsl --set-default &lt;dist_name&gt;</code>	Set specified distribution as default distribution
<code>wsl --terminate &lt;dist_name&gt;</code>	Terminate a running distribution
<code>wsl --shutdown</code>	Shutdown WSL and related systems
<code>wsl --version</code>	Get the version of WSL on your system
<code>wsl --status</code>	Check the status of WSL, its configuration, etc
<code>wsl --set-version &lt;dist_name&gt; &lt;ver&gt;</code>	Change the WSL version of a distribution
<code>wsl --export &lt;dist_name&gt; &lt;file.tar&gt;</code>	Export a distribution to a tar file with given name
<code>wsl --import &lt;dist_name&gt; &lt;import location&gt; &lt;exported file&gt;</code>	Import a distribution from a tar file
<code>wsl --unregister &lt;DistributionName&gt;</code>	Unregister a distribution
<code>wsl --mount &lt;diskpath&gt;</code>	Mount a disk
<code>wsl --update</code>	Update WSL version
<code>wsl --help</code>	Get help for WSL command and options