If you're considering adding Linux to your data center, or your company is looking at promoting you to become their first (or next) Linux admin, you probably understand there are lots of commands to learn. In fact, during your early days of Linux admin, it'll seem like all you do is learn new commands.

But you don't have to approach the task without having first learned a few commands that will carry you through the beginning steps and into your intermediate period of Linux admin. So why not concentrate on a particular area that you will be dealing with pretty consistently? the network? Chances are good your Linux systems will be used for one or more network services, so you'll need to have at least a basic understanding of the more useful network tools.