



## ADB Basics

COMMAND	EXPLANATION
adb devices	lists connected devices
adb root	restarts adb with root permissions
adb start-server	starts the adb server
adb kill-server	kills the adb server
adb reboot	reboots the device
adb devices -l	list of devices by product/model
adb shell	starts the background terminal
exit	exits the background terminal
adb help	list all commands
adb -s <deviceName> <command>	redirect command to specific device
adb -d <command>	directs command to only attached USB device
adb -e <command>	directs command to only attached emulator

## Paths

COMMAND	EXPLANATION
/data/data/<package>/databases	app databases
/data/data/<package>/shared_prefs/	shared preferences
/data/app	apk installed by user
/system/app	pre-installed APK files
/mmt/asec	encrypted apps / App2SD
/mmt/emmc	internal SD Card
/mmt/adcard	external/Internal SD Card
/mmt/adcard/external_sd	external SD Card

## Path Commands

COMMAND	EXPLANATION
adb shell ls	list directory contents
adb shell ls -s	print size of each file
adb shell ls -R	list subdirectories recursively

## Table

COMMAND	EXPLANATION
adb shell list packages	list package names
adb shell list packages -r	list package name + path to apks
adb shell list packages -3	list third party package names
adb shell list packages -s	list only system packages
adb shell list packages -u	list package names + uninstalled
adb shell dumpsys package packages	list info on all apps
adb shell dump <name>	list info on one package
adb shell path <package>	path to the apk file

## Device Related Commands

COMMAND	EXPLANATION
adb reboot-recovery	reboot device into recovery mode
adb reboot fastboot	reboot device into recovery mode
adb shell screencap -p "/path/to/screenshot.png"	capture screenshot
adb shell screenrecord "/path/to/record.mp4"	record device screen
adb backup -apk -all -f backup.ab	backup settings and apps
adb backup -apk -shared -all -f backup.ab	backup settings, apps and shared storage
adb backup -apk -nosystem -all -f backup.ab	backup only non-system apps
adb restore backup.ab	restore a previous backup
adb shell am start startservice broadcast <INTENT>[<COMPONENTS>] -a <ACTION> e.g. android.intent.action.VIEW -c <CATEGORY> e.g. android.intent.category.LAUNCHER	start activity intent
adb shell am start -a android.intent.action.VIEW -d URL	open URL
adb shell am start -t image/* -a android.intent.action.VIEW	opens gallery

## Package Installation

COMMAND	EXPLANATION
adb shell install <apk>	install app
adb shell install <path>	install app from phone path
adb shell install -r <path>	install app from phone path
adb shell uninstall <name>	remove the app

## File Operations

LOCATOR	EXPLANATION
adb push <local> <remote>	copy file/dir to device
adb pull <remote> <local>	copy file/dir from device
run-as <package> cat <file>	access the private package files

## Phone Info

COMMAND	EXPLANATION
adb get-state	print device state
adb get-serialno	get the serial number
adb shell dumpsys iphonesybinfo	get the IMEI
adb shell netstat	list TCP connectivity
adb shell pwd	print current working directory
adb shell dumpsys battery	battery status
adb shell pm list features	list phone features
adb shell service list	list all services
adb shell dumpsys activity <package>/<activity>	activity info
adb shell ps	print process status
adb shell wm size	displays the current screen resolution
dumpsys window windows   grep -E 'mCurrentFocus mFocusedApp'	print current app's opened activity

## Configure Settings Commands

COMMAND	EXPLANATION
adb shell dumpsys battery set level <n>	change the level from 0 to 100
adb shell dumpsys battery set status <n>	change the level to unknown, charging, discharging, not charging or full
adb shell dumpsys battery reset	reset the battery
adb shell dumpsys battery set usb <n>	change the status of USB connection ON or OFF
adb shell wm size WxH	sets the resolution to WxH

## Logs

COMMAND	EXPLANATION
adb logcat [options] [filter]	view device log
adb bugreport	print bug reports

## Permissions

COMMAND	EXPLANATION
adb shell permissions groups	list permission groups definitions
adb shell list permissions -g -r	list permissions details