

Browsing Web in Command Line Interface with Lynx

Most of the content available on web these days is very chaotic - pictures, videos, tons of ads flowing into reader's eyes not allowing the reader to fully focus on the most important thing - knowledge. But there is a different way to read network content, which is through Linux's Command Line Interface. There is an amazing tool allowing you to do so, which is **Lynx**.

What is Lynx?

Lynx is a Command Line Interface tool allowing you to browse the content of the web pages directly in your terminal. I think we could all agree that we can call Lynx a **Web Browser**. It has an amazing ability to display the content of the web page in an organized manner in the terminal.

Why do we need it?

Imagine a scenario like that - you have an internet connection, want to check some instructions to configure some services but can only use a Linux server. Without the ability to browse the web you'd be limited only to the manuals. Sometimes it's really hard to find the required information there, or it takes a lot of time. But here comes Lynx - a CLI Web Browser allowing you to open any page directly in terminal. It has one, additional functionality - it does not display ads!

Of course there are a lot of limitations, like lack of pictures or videos, trouble with some tables and problems with multi-column pages, but on the other hand the information that stays on the screen is pure text without any distractions.

How to install Lynx?

To install Lynx on most Linux distros all you have to do is type a simple command in the terminal. Below are the most popular:

Ubuntu - `sudo apt install lynx`

Fedora - `sudo dnf install lynx`

Arch - `sudo pacman -S lynx`

openSUSE - `sudo zypper install lynx`

After confirmation, the installation process should only take a couple of seconds. Lynx Web Browser is ready to run!



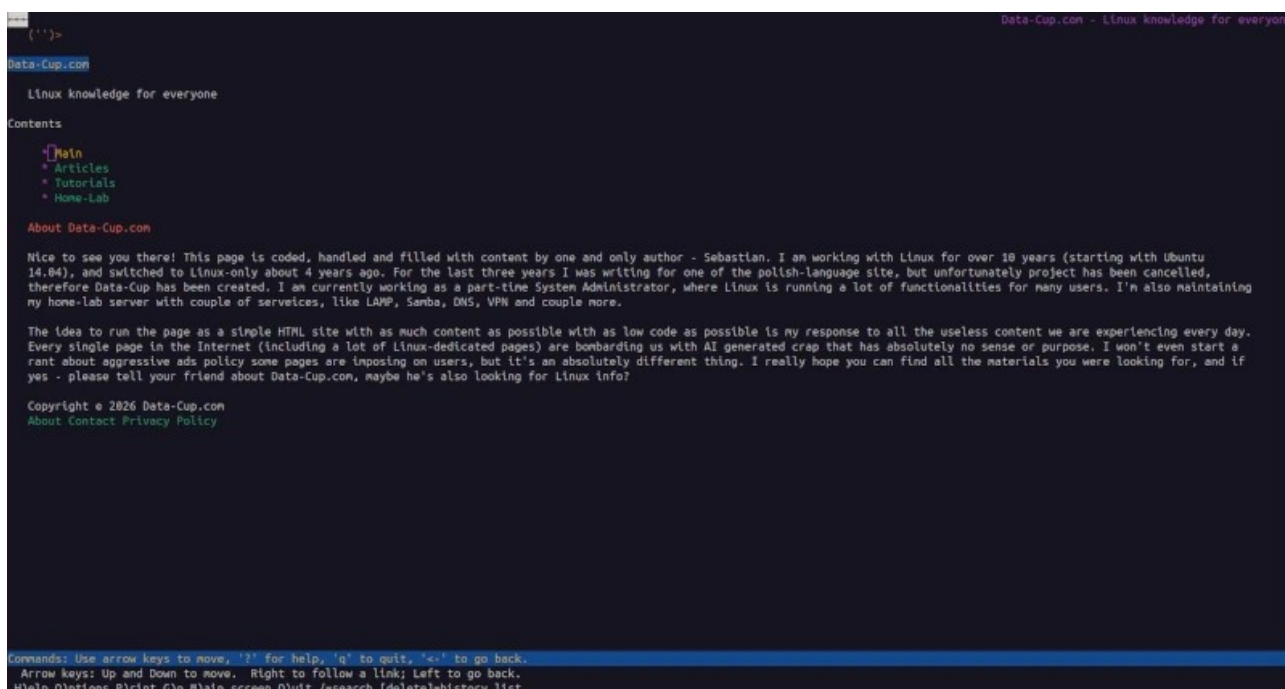
Basic usage

To open any page with Lynx just type a simple command in your terminal:

```
lynx example.com
```

After loading the page you can jump between hyperlinks with the use of **Arrow** keys and scroll pages with use of **Page Up** / **Page Down** keys. To open an entirely new web page press the **G** key, and to quit the browser press the **Q** key. It really is that simple!

Of course prepare yourself to experience web browsing in a way you haven't seen before. Many pages that look good in a GUI may be absolutely unreadable in Lynx. The best possible scenario is when the web page creator has text-based users in mind (like data-cup.com for example), which happens less and less often...



```
(~)>
Data-Cup.com
Linux knowledge for everyone
Contents
  * Main
  * Articles
  * Tutorials
  * Home-Lab
About Data-Cup.com
Nice to see you there! This page is coded, handled and filled with content by one and only author - Sebastian. I am working with Linux for over 18 years (starting with Ubuntu 14.04), and switched to Linux-only about 4 years ago. For the last three years I was writing for one of the polish-language site, but unfortunately project has been cancelled, therefore Data-Cup has been created. I am currently working as a part-time System Administrator, where Linux is running a lot of functionalities for many users. I'm also maintaining my home-lab server with couple of services, like LAMP, Samba, DNS, VPN and couple more.
The idea to run the page as a simple HTML site with as much content as possible with as low code as possible is my response to all the useless content we are experiencing every day. Every single page in the Internet (including a lot of Linux-dedicated pages) are bombarding us with AI generated crap that has absolutely no sense or purpose. I won't even start a rant about aggressive ads policy some pages are imposing on users, but it's an absolutely different thing. I really hope you can find all the materials you were looking for, and if yes - please tell your friend about Data-Cup.com, maybe he's also looking for Linux info!
Copyright © 2026 Data-Cup.com
About Contact Privacy Policy
Commands: Use arrow keys to move, '?' for help, 'q' to quit, 'b' to go back.
Arrow keys: Up and Down to move. Right to follow a link; Left to go back.
H)elp O)ptions P)rint G)o H)ome S)creen Q)uit /e/search (delete)h)istory list
```

Screenshot of a web page displayed in the Lynx web browser.

