



TASKWARRIOR 2.2.0

Command Reference

<http://taskwarrior.org>

Basic
Usage

```
task add Pay the bills
task add Call the bank
task list
task 1 modify due:Friday
task 1 done
task 2 delete
```

Help

```
man task
man taskrc
man task-tutorial
man task-color
man task-faq
man task-sync
```

Write Commands

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| task | add | <mods> | Adds a new task |
| task <filter> | annotate | <mods> | Adds an annotation to an existing task |
| task <filter> | append | <mods> | Appends text to an existing task description |
| task <filter> | delete | <mods> | Deletes the specified task |
| task <filter> | denotate | <pattern> | Deletes an annotation |
| task <filter> | done | <mods> | Marks the specified task as completed |
| task <filter> | duplicate | <mods> | Duplicates the specified tasks |
| task <filter> | edit | | Launches an editor to modify a task directly |
| task | log | <mods> | Adds a new task that is already completed |
| task <filter> | modify | <mods> | Modifies the existing task with provided arguments |
| task <filter> | prepend | <mods> | Prepends text to an existing task description |
| task <filter> | start | <mods> | Marks specified task as started |
| task <filter> | stop | <mods> | Removes the 'start' time from a task |

Read Commands

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| task <filter> | | Runs rc.default.command, if specified. |
| task <filter> | burndown.daily | Shows a graphical burndown chart, by day |
| task <filter> | burndown.monthly | Shows a graphical burndown chart, by month |
| task <filter> | burndown.weekly | Shows a graphical burndown chart, by week |
| task | calendar [due month year] | Shows a calendar, with due tasks marked. |
| task <filter> | count | Counts matching tasks |
| task <filter> | export | Exports tasks in JSON format |
| task <filter> | ghistory.annual | Shows a graphical report of task history, by year |
| task <filter> | ghistory.monthly | Shows a graphical report of task history, by month |
| task <filter> | history.annual | Shows a report of task history, by year |
| task <filter> | history.monthly | Shows a report of task history, by month |
| task <filter> | ids | Shows the IDs of matching tasks, as a range |
| task <filter> | information | Shows all data and metadata |
| task <filter> | next | Lists the most urgent tasks |
| task <filter> | projects | Shows all project names used |
| task <filter> | stats | Shows task database statistics |
| task <filter> | summary | Shows a report of task status by project |
| task <filter> | tags | Shows a list of all tags used |
| task | timesheet [weeks] | Weekly summary of completed and started tasks |
| task <filter> | uids | Shows the UUIDs of matching tasks |

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| task <filter> | <report> | Runs report with filter. Report can be one of: active, all, blocked, completed, list, long, ls, minimal, newest, oldest, overdue, recurring, ready, unblocked, waiting or your custom report |
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Miscellaneous Commands

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| task | colors [sample legend] | All colors, a sample, or a legend |
| task | columns | All supported columns and formatting styles |
| task | config [name [value '']] | Change settings in the task configuration |
| task | diagnostics | Platform, build and environment details |
| task | execute <external command> | Executes external commands and scripts |
| task | help | Displays this usage help text |
| task | import <file> [<file> ...] | Imports JSON files |
| task | logo | Displays the Taskwarrior logo |
| task | reports | Lists all supported reports |
| task | shell | Launches an interactive shell |
| task | show [all substring] | Shows all configuration variables or subset |
| task | undo | Reverts the most recent change to a task |
| task | version | Shows the taskwarrior version number |

Common Questions

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| task tag next | Show tasks having tag |
| task -tag next | Show tasks not having tag |
| task <filter> modify depends:<id>[,...] | Add dependency to task |
| task <filter> modify depends:-<id>[,...] | Remove dependency from task |
| task <filter> modify wait:<date> | Task will disappear until <date> |

Synch Commands

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| task merge URL | Merges the remote files with the local files |
| task pull URL | Pulls remote files from the URL |
| task push URL | Pushes the local files to the URL |
| task synchronize | Synchronizes data with the Task Server |

A <filter> is zero or more restrictions on tasks

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| task | <command> | <mods> |
| task 28 | <command> | <mods> |
| task +weekend | <command> | <mods> |
| task project:Home due:before:today | <command> | <mods> |
| task ebeeab00-ccf8-464b-8b58-f7f2d606edfb | <command> | <mods> |

Filters combine with 'and', but 'or' and 'xor' may be used with parentheses

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task ' ( /[Cc]at|[Dd]og/ or /[0-9]+/ ) ' <command> <mods>
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Filters may target specific tasks using ID or UUID numbers

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| task 1,2,3 | delete |
| task 1-3 | info |
| task 1,2-5,19 | modify pri:H |
| task 4-7 ebeeab00-ccf8-464b-8b58-f7f2d606edfb | info |

The <mods> consist of zero or more changes to apply to the tasks

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| task <filter> | <command> | project:Home |
| task <filter> | <command> | +weekend +garden due:tomorrow |
| task <filter> | <command> | Description/annotation text |

Tags are arbitrary words

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| +tag | The + means add the tag |
| -tag | The - means remove the tag |

Alternately algebraic expressions support

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| and or xor | Logical operators |
| < <= = != > > | Relational operators |
| () | Precedence |

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task due:before:eom priority.not:L list
task '(due < eom or priority != L)' list
```

The default .taskrc file can be overridden

```
task ... rc:<alternate file> ...
task ... rc:~/alt_taskrc ...
TASKRC=~/.alt_taskrc task ...
```

The values in .taskrc (or alternate) can be overridden

```
task ... rc.<name>=<value> ...
task rc.color=off list
```

Any command or attribute name may be abbreviated if unique

```
task list project:Home
task li pro:Home
```

Some task descriptions need to be escaped because of the shell

```
task add "quoted ' quote"
task add escaped \' quote
```

The -- treats all other args as description, no matter what

```
task add -- project:Home needs scheduling
```

Many characters have special meaning to the shell, including:

```
$ ! ' " ( ) ; \ ` * ? { } [ ] < > | & % # ~
```

Dates

```
3/14/2012 (rc.dateformat)
20120314T230140Z (ISO)
today
yesterday
tomorrow
Tuesday
14th
sow, eow
som, eom
soq, eoq
soy, eoy
weekday
```

Recurrence

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hourly, 1hr
daily, day, 1day
weekly, 1wk
monthly, 1mo
biweekly, fortnight
quarterly, 1qtr
semiannual, 6months
biannual, biyearly, 2yrs
```

Attribute modifiers

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| before | (under, below) |
| after | (over, above) |
| none | |
| any | |
| is | (equals) |
| isnt | (not) |
| has | (contains) |
| hasnt | |
| startswith | (left) |
| endswith | (right) |
| word | |
| noword | |

Built-in attributes

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|-------------|-----------------------------------|
| description | Task text |
| status | Pending, Completed, Deleted |
| project | Project name |
| priority | Priority |
| limit | Desired number of rows, or 'page' |
| entry | Date task was created |
| start | Date task was started |
| end | Date task was completed/deleted |
| wait | Date until task becomes pending |
| scheduled | Date task may be started |
| due | Due date |
| recur | Recurrence frequency |
| until | Date task will be auto-deleted |

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