

Red Hat System Administration I

UNIT 3

Getting Help in Red Hat Enterprise Linux

Objectives

- Use the man Linux manual reader.
- Use the pinfo GNU Info reader.
- Use the Red Hat Package Manager (RPM) package documentation.

Introducing the man command

How to use man page

| Command | Result |
|-----------|---|
| Spacebar | Scroll forward (down) one screen |
| PageDown | Scroll forward (down) one screen |
| PageUp | Scroll backward (up) one screen |
| DownArrow | Scroll forward (down) one line |
| UpArrow | Scroll back (up) one line |
| d | Scroll forward (down) one half-screen |
| u | Scroll backward (up) one half-screen |
| /string | Search forward (down) for <i>string</i> in the man page |
| n | Repeat previous search forward (down) in the man page |
| N | Repeat previous search backward (up) in the man page |
| g | Go to start of the man page. |
| G | Go to end of the man page. |
| q | Exit man and return to the command shell prompt |

Reading Documentation Using pinfo Command

How to use pinfo

| Navigation | pinfo | man |
|--|---------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Scroll forward (down) one screen | PageDown or Space | PageDown or Space |
| Scroll backward (up) one screen | PageUp or b | PageUp or b |
| Display the directory of topics | d | - |
| Scroll forward (down) one half-screen | - | d |
| Display the parent node of a topic | u | - |
| Display the top (up) of a topic | HOME | 1G |
| Scroll backward (up) one half-screen | - | u |
| Scroll forward (down) to next hyperlink | DownArrow | - |
| Open topic at cursor location | Enter | - |
| Scroll forward (down) one line | - | DownArrow or Enter |
| Scroll backward (up) to previous hyperlink | UpArrow | - |
| Scroll backward (up) one line | - | UpArrow |
| Search for a pattern | <i>/string</i> | <i>/string</i> |
| Display next node (chapter) in topic | n | - |
| Repeat previous search forward (down) | / then Enter | n |
| Display previous node (chapter) in topic | p | - |
| Repeat previous search backward (up) | - | N |
| Quit the program | q | q |

Reading Documentation in `/usr/share/doc`

- many package have a readme file in the system
- `/usr/share/doc` is a manual directory

Getting Help From Red Hat

- <https://access.redhat.com/help>
- <http://www.redhat.com/docs>

That's all