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Homebrew cheat sheet and workflow

If you are a Mac owner and a serious *NIX user, you're probably aware of Homebrew.

I have a few of my favorite tools installed with brew and I like to keep my "Cellar" clean and up-to-date. Here's my commonly used commands and my typical workflow.

Never forget about man's best friend - "man". Use man to get the list of commands and options that can be used with brew:

```
man brew
```

To list software you currently have installed with version numbers, use:

```
brew list --versions
```

To see just the software, which is not a dependency of another:

```
brew leaves
```

To keep the Homebrew itself up-to-date, and fetch the newest version from GitHub:

```
brew update
```

After updating the brew, check which formulae have an updated version available, display detailed version information to see if you have more than one older version laying around:

```
brew outdated --verbose
```

See any app that you no longer need and want to get rid of them? Check the dependencies for all installed formulae:

```
brew deps --installed
```

For even more detailed picture, show the dependencies for all installed formulae as a tree:

```
brew deps --installed --tree
```

As a final precaution before removing a formula, see what other installed formulae use it as a dependency:

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```
brew uses --installed formula
```

Uninstall formulae and all their older versions:

```
brew remove --force formulae
```

Upgrade remaining formulae:

```
brew upgrade
```

Show what will be removed by `cleanup` command, but do not actually remove anything:

```
brew cleanup -ns
```

Clean the "Cellar" removing any older versions of installed formulae and clearing old downloads from the Homebrew download-cache. Additionally, scrub the cache, removing downloads for even the latest versions of formula, which are downloaded, but not installed:

```
brew cleanup -s
```

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