

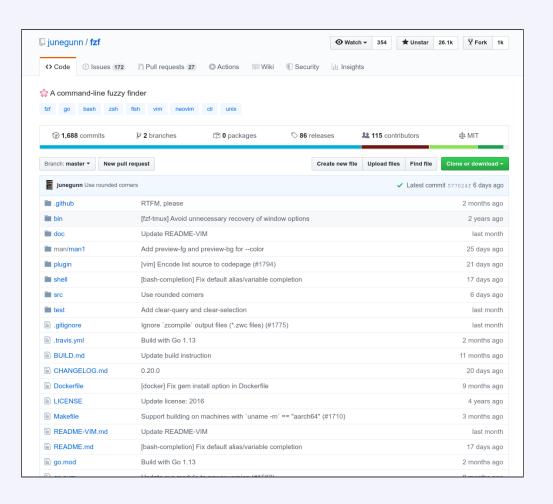
[18:44 marie@prosoitos:~]\$ Fun tools to make your life in the command line easier

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fzf: fuzzy finder

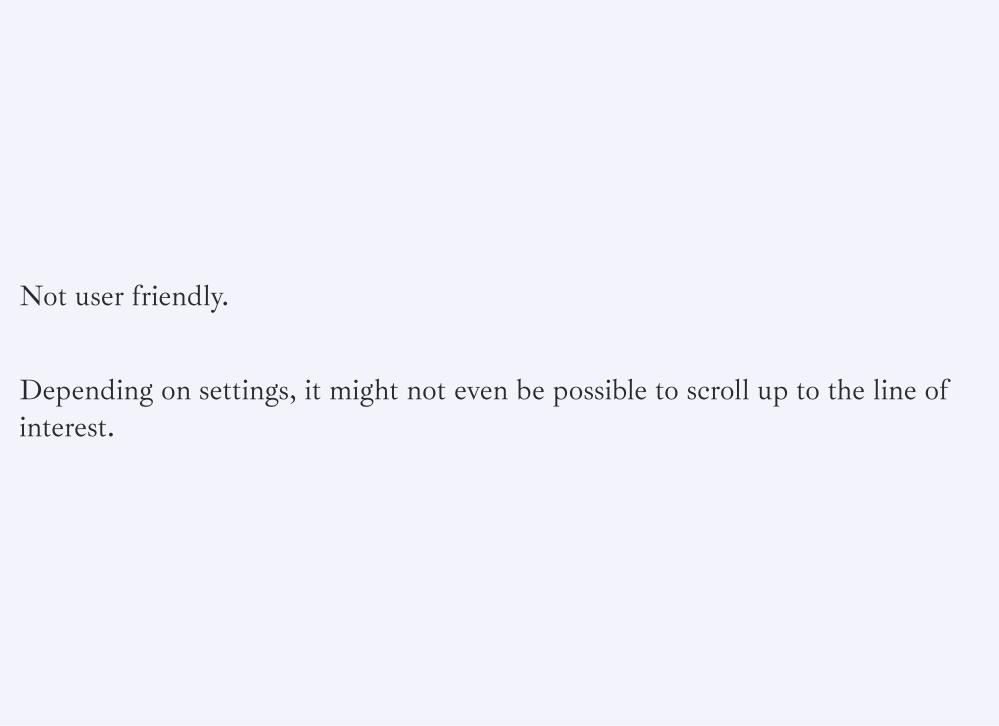




Get running processes:

ps -ef

UID	PID	PPID	C STIME TT	Y TIME	CMD
root	1	0	0 Jan06 ?	00:00:16	/sbin/init
root	2	0	0 Jan06 ?	00:00:00	[kthreadd]
root	3	2	0 Jan06 ?	00:00:00	[rcu_gp]
root	4	2	0 Jan06 ?	00:00:00	[rcu_par_gp]
root	6	2	0 Jan06 ?	00:00:00	[kworker/0:0H-kblockd]
root	8	2	0 Jan06 ?	00:00:00	[mm_percpu_wq]
root	9	2	0 Jan06 ?	00:00:00	[ksoftirad/0]



Classic tool to make this easier: less

```
ps -ef | less
```

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                                           00:00:00 [mm_percpu_wq]
root
                          Jan06 ?
                                           00:00:00 [ksoftirad/0]
root
```

- o prints output one screen at a time
- search functionality

But fzf allows much more:

ps -ef | fzf



Let's go over an example

I would like to reuse the command sudo chown marie:marie /media/restic which is in my command line history.

history

(grumble, grumble...)

history | fzf

Exact match to avoid escaping expressions with '

history | fzf -e

Reverse order...

history | fzf -e --tac

...but without sorting

history | fzf -e --tac +s

Let's get rid of the history number

```
history |
fzf -e --tac +s |
sed -E 's/ *[0-9]* *//'
```

Maybe we could send the result to the clipboard for extra convenience

```
history |

fzf -e --tac +s |

sed -E 's/ *[0-9]* *//' |

xclip -r -selection clipboard
```

We could even create a little function

```
his() { # search history, send selection to clipboard

history |
    fzf -e --tac +s |
    sed -E "s/ *[0-9]* *//" |
    xclip -r -selection clipboard
}
```

2nd example

I would like to kill 2 apps: mictray and pasystray

ps -ef

(grumble, grumble...)

```
ps -ef | less
```

(grumble)

ps -ef | fzf

We already know the exact match flag

ps -ef | fzf -e

-m to select multiple entries (with Tab)

ps -ef | fzf -e -m

What we want is the pid, which is the 2nd element

```
ps -ef |
fzf -e -m |
awk '{print $2}'
```

And once we have it, we want to terminate it (with kill)

```
ps -ef |
fzf -e -m |
awk '{print $2}' |
xargs kill
```

If this fails, instead of sending the terminate signal (SIGTERM or 15, which is kill 's default), we can send the kill signal (SIGKILL or 9)

```
ps -ef |
    fzf -e -m |
    awk '{print $2}' |
    xargs kill -${1:-9}
```

Of course, one can always create a function and add sophistications

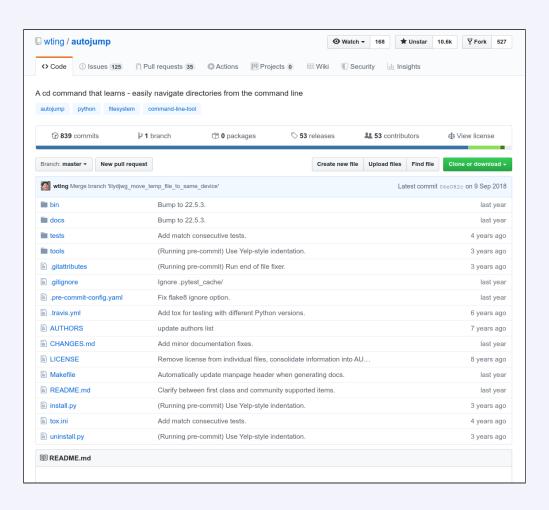
Last example (getting fancy)

I would like to find a commit and copy its hash.

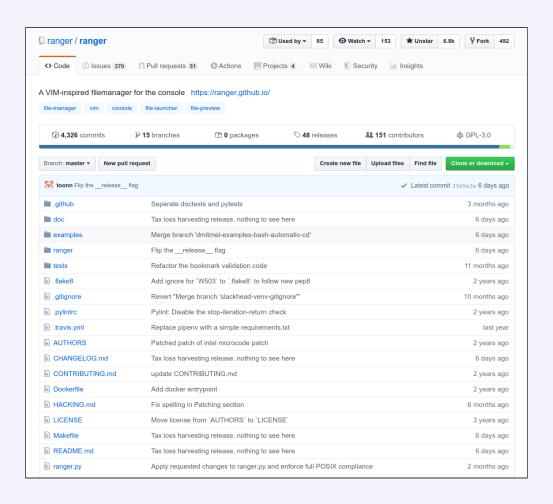
```
alias glNoGraph='git log --color=always \
    --format="%C(cyan)%h%Creset %C(blue)%ar%Creset%C(auto)%d%Creset \
    %C(yellow)%s%+b %C(black)%ae%Creset" "$@"'

_gitLogLineToHash="echo {} |
grep -o '[a-f0-9]\{7\}' |
head -1"
```

autojump: smart cd



ranger: file manager



Here is a little trick with fzf for those with short memory (like me) to get reminded of the keybindings

```
alias kr='grep -E "^map\ " $HOME/.config/ranger/rc.conf | fzf -i -e +s'
```

Alternatives to ranger

Written in C: nnn

In Go: [that's lower case L]

And in bash: fff (you will have to visit the page to know what the 3 f stand for. I'll just say here that it is a *Very* Fast File-manager)

If you would like to explore other fun utilities, here is a little selection:

- o tig. If you read it backward, you will get some hint as to what it is about
- o rg. Stands for "RIP grep"...
- o ag . Similar to rg . You need to have some background in Latin or in chemistry to know right away that it is the *silver* searcher
- ofd. If you have always found find 's syntax awkward, this might be for you. And it is fast. Very fast
- fasd . Similar to autojump, but also works on files. However the project is currently not being developed anymore

3:07 marie@prosoitos:~\$ Questions?