

NAME

sway - Prevents a process from running when the system load is too high.

SYNOPSIS

sway [-s *HIGH*] [-c *LOW* | -k] [-m *N*] *cmd*

sway [-s *HIGH*] [-c *LOW* | -k] [-m *N*] -p *pid*

sway -h

DESCRIPTION

The **sway** utility monitors the average system load and signals the specified process when the load reaches a certain level.

The process may be started by the utility, or it may be an already running process specified through its process ID.

The process will receive a STOP signal when the load is too high. Alternatively, a TERM signal may be sent to terminate the process. When the load has dropped below safe levels again, a CONT signal will be sent (unless the process was terminated).

-c *LOW*

Send a CONT signal to the process when the average system load goes beneath *LOW*.

By default, *LOW* will be approximately 60% of the upper load value specified with -s *HIGH*, or 1.5 if that option is not used.

-h Display brief usage information.

-k Send a TERM signal to terminate the process at high load levels, rather than stopping it with a STOP signal.

If this option is used, this utility will exit after sending the signal.

-m *N* Monitor the average system load every *N* seconds. The monitoring is done using the **uptime** command and is using the 5 minute load value.

By default, monitoring is done every 30 seconds.

-p *pid* Instead of signalling a process initiated by this utility, send the signals to the already running process whose process ID is *pid*.

-s *HIGH*

Send the STOP signal (or TERM if **-k** is used) to the process if the average system load exceeds *HIGH*.

The default value for *HIGH* is 2.5.

cmd A command to run and manage.

EXIT STATUS

The **sway** utility exits 0 on success, and >0 if an error occurs.

SEE ALSO

kill(1) uptime(1)

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