When to Use What?

Use wget when you need to download files (especially large files, recursively, or with resuming support).

Use curl when you need to interact with APIs, send HTTP requests, or work with multiple protocols.

wget

1. To simply download a webpage:

To download a single file from a URL, simply specify the URL as follows:

wget http://example.com/sample.php

2. To download the file in background

Run the download process in the background using the -b or --background option:

wget -b http://www.example.com/samplepage.php

3. To overwrite the log while of the wget command

Redirect the output messages to a log file using the -o option:

wget http://www.example.com/filename.txt -o /path/filename.txt

4. To resume a partially downloaded file

If a download is interrupted, resume it using the -c option:

wget -c http://example.com/samplefile.tar.gz

5. To try a given number of times

Specify the number of retry attempts using the --tries option:

wget --tries=10 http://example.com/samplefile.tar.gz

6. Read URLs from File:

Read URLs from a file and download them using the -i option:

wget -i urls.txt

7. Set Wait Time Between Retrievals:

Set the wait time between retrievals using the -w option (in seconds, minutes, hours, or days):

wget -w 10 http://example.com/large_file.zip

8. Enable Recursive Retrieval:

Enable recursive retrieval to download an entire website using the -r option:

wget -r http://example.com/

curl

command-line tool used to transfer data from or to a server using various protocols such as HTTP, HTTPS, FTP,

examples:

1. Sending HTTP Requests (GET, POST, PUT, DELETE)

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a.curl -X GET https://reqres.in/api/users?page=2
b.curl -X POST https://reqres.in/api/users \
    -H "Content-Type: application/json" \
        -d '{"name": "John", "job": "Developer"}'
c.curl -X PUT https://reqres.in/api/users/2 \
        -H "Content-Type: application/json" \
        -d '{"name": "John Updated", "job": "Senior Developer"}'
d.curl -X DELETE https://reqres.in/api/users/2
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2. Fetching Webpage Content

curl http://www.google.com/

3. Downloading Files

curl https://geeksforgeeks.org -o geeks.html