

- extensive documentation that comes preinstalled with almost all substantial Unix and Unix-like OS's

## Usage

- read a manual page for a Linux command
- `man <command_name>`
- `man section command_name`
- Hit "q" to get out of man page

## Standard Headings

1. **name:** name of command + short description of what the command does
2. **synopsis:** describes how command is supposed to be used
  - a. Example: `ls [option]...[file]...`
3. **description:** more detailed definition of the command and provides the *options* available for that command

## Other Common Headings

1. **authors:** the people who created or assisted in the creation of the command
2. **bugs:** lists any known defects or shortcoming of the programs
3. **examples/notes:** illustration of how to use the command including general notes
4. **reporting bugs:** where you should report problems
5. **copyright:** person or organization that holds the copyright to this info; usually a disclaimer that this is free software
6. **see also:** other commands related to this command; this section also frequently mentions any other docs related to this command

## Moving Around

<b><i>Command / key</i></b>	<b><i>Action</i></b>
e, j, Enter, or Down	move forward one line
y, k, or Up	move backward one line
f, Space, or Page Down	move forward one page
b, or Page Up	move backward one page
/characters	search the manual page for the specified characters
q	quit