Gentoo Linux Cheat Sheet

Essential commands for Gentoo administrators

Repository Sync

emaint --auto sync
emaint -a sync
emerge-webrsync
eix-sync

Package Listing

qlist -IRv
eix --world | less
equery list --duplicates '*'
equery y firefox

Install & Emerge

emerge -pv www-client/firefox
emerge -av www-client/firefox
emerge --ask =www-client/firefox-96.0.1
emerge --noreplace firefox
emerge -al www-client/firefox

Package Removal

emerge --deselect www-client/firefox
emerge --pretend --depclean
emerge --ask --depclean
emerge --ask --verbose --depclean
 www-client/firefox

System Upgrade

emerge -avuDU --with-bdeps=y @world
emerge --quiet --update --changed-use --deep
 @world

Troubleshooting

revdep-rebuild -v
equery b `which vim`
e-file vim
equery d www-client/firefox

Rebuilds

emerge @module-rebuild
emerge @preserved-rebuild

USE Flags

euse -i X
equery hasuse mysql
equery uses <package>
eix --installed-with-use mysql
echo 'dev-util/cmake -qt5' >>
 /etc/portage/package.use

Important Files

/etc/portage/make.conf
/etc/portage/package.use
/etc/portage/package.mask
/etc/portage/package.license
/var/lib/portage/world

OpenRC Services

rc-update add sshd default
rc-service sshd start
rc-service sshd status
rc-status --all

Systemd Services

systemctl enable sshd systemctl start sshd systemctl status sshd

Logging & Build Times

genlop -l | tail -n 10 genlop -t libreoffice emerge -pU @world | genlop --pretend watch genlop -unc

Overlay Management

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Tips & Cache

emerge --regen
emerge -s "\%^python\\$"
qcheck vim-core