ARCHIWARE P5

Command Line Interface Manual













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The P5 CLI (Command Language Interface) is a means of accessing the P5 command language, as implemented within the P5 application server.

The CLI allows you to create, query, modify and destroy various P5 resources. A resource is, for example the *client*, *filter*, *backup plan*, *archive plan*, and the like. Resources are tracked in the P5 configuration database.

The CLI can be accessed in several ways, ranging from simple shell-scripts running on the same computer as the P5 server, to networked applications running on any computer, located anywhere on the Internet. There are basically two vehicles offering access to the CLI. This first is the standalone **nsdchat** utility, which is included in the standard P5 distribution. The second is the **libchat** library that you can use to link with a C-program.



The nsdchat Utility

This is the Unix command-line program for gaining access to the CLI from shell scripts. The nsdchat utility is located in the bin/ subdirectory of the P5 installation directory.

The general syntax of the nsdchat utility is:

```
nsdchat [options] cli_command [args]
```

The options denotes a variable number of command options

The args denotes a variable number of arguments. The entries surrounded in brackets are optional.

The relevant option of the nsdchat with respect to the CLI is the -c option. The -c option executes the CLI command with optional arguments on the default P5 server, like for example:

```
nsdchat -c ArchivePlan names
```

The above CLI command lists the names of all the known archive plans located on the default P5 server running on the local computer.

By using the "-s" option of the nsdchat utility you can specify a P5 server other than the default. There are two ways to specify the server, depending on the communication method used. The nsdchat supports two communication methods, named pipes or TCP sockets. On Windows, TCP sockets must be specified.

Named-pipes can be used only when the nsdchat utility and the P5 server are running on the same computer. TCP sockets can be used for both local and network-wide connections.

Depending on the selected communication mode, the -s option of the nsdchat utility, the connection identifier, might take following forms:

For TCP sockets:

awsock:/<user>:<passwd>:<session>@<host>:<port>

```
<user> required name of the user
<password> required users password
<session> optional session identifier (see hints below)
<host> required host name or IP address of the P5 host
<port> required port number of the P5 socket server
```

Examples:

```
nsdchat -s awsock:/user:passw@my.host.com:9001 -c srvinfo lexxvers nsdchat -s awsock:/user:pass:311@my.host.com:9001 -c srvinfo lexxvers
```



For named-pipes:

awfile:/<homedir>:<server>

or

awfile:/<user>:<password>:<session>@<homedir>:<server>

<user> optional name of the user
<password> optional users password
<session> optional session identifier
<homedir> required P5 installation directory
<server> required currently, only lexxsrv is allowed

Note: On Windows, this connection type is not supported, as Windows does not support named pipes. Instead, please use the TCP socket connection described above.

Example

```
nsdchat -s awfile://usr/local/aw:lexxsrv -c srvinfo lexxvers
nsdchat -s awfile:/s-10@/usr/local/aw:lexxsrv -c srvinfo lexxvers
```

In the above examples, one of the connection string elements, the session deserves some extra clarification:

Normally, for each CLI connection, there is a server-side session maintained. If you start two or more nsdchat sessions for the same user name (by running two nsdchat programs or two programs linked with the libnsdchat library) then both will be using the same session on the server, effectively trampling on each other's "toes", i.e. you will have a session clash. In order to avoid this, give each instance of nsdchat call a unique ID. This unique ID will be used to create and identify the correct server-side session.

The nsdchat utility has an option to read and execute CLI commands from within a file. For this mode of operation, specify the name of the file on the nsdchat command line:

```
nsdchat mycommands.cli
```

and all commands in the mycommands.cli will be executed as a unit on the default P5 server. Additionally, you can also make the mycommands.cli file an executable program on unix systems by setting the appropriate privilege mask and making the first line of the file look like:

```
#!/usr/local/aw/bin/nsdchat
```

Please note that in this example, the P5 installation directory is given as default: /usr/local/aw.



This may vary in your particular case. If it does, replace the /usr/local/aw with the correct location of the installation directory.

Environment Variables:

The nsdchat utility communicates with the P5 server which in turn executes the given command. For that connection, timeout values are used in nsdchat, which can be influenced by environment variables. The following table shows the variables with their default values:

Variable	Default (sec)	Description
NSDCHAT_CONN_TOUT	300	Timeout to connect to the P5 server port
NSDCHAT_LOGIN_TOUT	120	Timeout for the check of username/password
NSDCHAT_CMD_TOUT	3600	Timeout for the CLI command completion
NSDCHAT_COMM_TOUT	120	Timeout for the next byte on the comm channel

Example

export NSDCHAT_CMD_TOUT=7200
bin/nsdchat -c <CLI COMMAND>

This allows for two hours to complete of the given CLI command.



Special considerations on Windows

The commands and the command syntax in this document have been written for Unix-like systems. On Windows, the commands work the same way, but there are some minor differences regarding the parameters passed to the commands:

Paths

All paths in P5 start with a slash sign "/" and use slashes as path delimiters. When specifying Windows paths, please use this syntax:

/C/my/folder

instead of

C:\mv\folder

Also please note that each path should be given as an absolute path. Relative paths are always relative to the P5 home folder. So the path ./myfolder would resolve to /C/Program Files/ARCHIWARE/Data_Lifecycle_Management_Suite/my_folder.

Arguments

Some arguments must be passed as a single argument through nsdchat to P5, for instance when passing paths containing a blank. The Windows CMD shell, same as the sh-shell on Linux, will treat a blank as a separator and pass two arguments. In order to allow P5 to regard that as a single argument, it is required to enclose the argument in curly braces. For instance the path

```
C:\MY Data\my folder
```

must be specified in P5 syntax and in curly braces as

```
{/C/MY Data/my folder}
```

in addition, it is required to enclose the string in quotes like

```
"{/C/MY Data/my folder}"
```

To ensure the CMD shell passes it as a single argument.

Note that argument passing may depend on what program is calling a command and interpreting the parameters. So the call to nsdchat may under special conditions behave differently when typed in on a command shell or when called from within another program, specially regarding the parameter separation.

Calling nsdchat

Windows does not support named pipes in the file system. Due to that limitation, nsdchat on Windows must always use the tcp based communication to P5. The call thus must always contain the option "-s awsock: ..."

See above for the parameter details.



The libchat Library

This library is provided on request and is used to be linked with your C-program to gain access to the CLI. The library exposes a very simple API for logging-in to the P5 server, sending commands and processing results. The library is available for all supported P5 platforms in both static and shared-object form.

The library offers the same functionality as the nsdchat utility with one notable exception: the library allows the handling of events. P5 usually sends events to all logged users each time some resource gets changed, created or deleted. By using API calls from the C-library you can register event handlers that will be invoked for each event received on the communication link.

Environmental Variables

The following Environmental Variables are generated by P5:

Variables set on the P5 server:

AWPST_CLN_HOST name of the P5 client host

AWPST_CLN_PORT port of the P5 client

AWPST_CLN_PCLI port for the client CLI communication

AWPST_CLN_HOME installation home directory

Variables set on the P5 client:

AWPST_SRV_HOST name of the P5 server host

AWPST_SRV_PORT port of the P5 server

AWPST_SRV_PCLI port for the server CLI communication

AWPST_SRV_HOME installation home directory

AWPST_SRV_JOB name of the job running on the server

These environmental variables are defined in pre- and post-scripts invoked by P5 when processing various jobs.



P5 CLI Command Summary

The CLI consists of a set of commands one can use to manipulate resources and initiate and control various data-management tasks. All commands of the CLI have the same basic syntax:

```
cli_command method resource [parameter [value]...]
```

or

cli_command resource-name method [parameter [value]...]

The cli_command is the name of the resource command. The resource command accepts a single mandatory argument, which is either an existing resource name, or one of the general or resource specific sub-commands, as described below. Both forms accept a variable number of arg/value pairs.

All CLI commands return an empty result (do not return anything) in case of an error. To find out the real cause of the error (display the error message) you can use the geterror CLI command. In addition to resource commands, there are other, resource-independent commands that operate on the global level.

The CLI is built on top of the Tcl extension language. It understands all Tcl control structures, so you can write full-fledged Tcl programs. The CLI interpreter runs in the Tcl safe-interpreter mode. See http://www.tcl.tk for more information about the Tcl language.

Resource Independent Commands

geterror

Returns the error message associated with the last issued CLI command. You should invoke this command after getting an empty result string from any CLI command to receive an explanation for the encountered error.

srvinfo

This command returns information about the current P5 server.

Method: buildstamp

Syntax: srvinfo buildstamp

Description: Returns the build time-stamp of the P5 release

Return values: The build time-stamp



Method: address

Syntax: srvinfo address

Description: Returns the IP address of the P5 host

Return values: The IP address in standard dot notation

Method: home

Syntax: srvinfo home

Description: Returns the P5 home directory, i.e. the path where P5 is installed

Return values: The home directory

Method: hostid

Syntax: srvinfo hostid

Description: Returns the host ID of the P5 host (as shown in the about box)

Return values: The host ID

Method: hostname

Syntax: srvinfo hostname

Description: Returns the host name of the P5 host

Return values: The host name as returned with the host name shell command

Method: lexxvers

Syntax: srvinfo lexxvers

Description: Returns the P5 application version

Return values: The application version string as X.Y.Z number

Method: platform

Syntax: srvinfo platform

Description: Returns the OS platform of the P5 host

Return values: One of: linux, solaris, windows or macosx



Method: port

Syntax: srvinfo port

Description: Returns the TCP port of the P5 server

Return values: The TCP port number

Method: server

Syntax: srvinfo server

Description: Returns the name of the P5 server. Currently there

is only one server assigned: lexxsrv.

Return values: The server name

Method: uptime

Syntax: srvinfo uptime

Description: Returns the time in seconds since the P5 server was started

Return values: The uptime in seconds

Method: version

Syntax: srvinfo version

Description: Returns the version of the P5 application server.

Return values: The application server version string as X.Y number



License-Related Commands

License Information

The returned resource names are internal names of license components that are combined to form a product license.

A product license, like for instance a Backup Module AWB100, consists of

1 BackupPlan: the Backup functionality

1 Client: a Server Agent

1 Device: a Media Tape License for a single Tape Drive

The set of internal resources does not reflect the exact number or type of installed licenses, it gives a summary of installed license resources.

Method: resources

Syntax: License resources

Description: Returns the list of names of all License resources

Return values: On success: the list of names

On failure: an empty string

Method: free

Syntax: License < resource > free

Description: For the given resource, returns whether there are free licenses available.

Return values: On success: the string "-1" for unlimited free licenses

the string "0" for no free license

or a positive count for the number of free licenses

On failure: an empty string

Note: Trial licenses and license resources that are not countable will return the

string "-1", if available.



Account-Related Commands

Starting with version 6, P5 uses internal passwords and password authentication during user login. In order to change a password in the GUI, the user preferences must be used. In addition, the CLI allows to change a user password, provided the current password for that user is known.

Method: password

Syntax: User <name> password <newpassword> <oldpassword>

Description: Sets a new user password for user account <name>

The password to be set must be given as <newpassword>, the current

password of that account must be given as <oldpassword>.

Return values: On success: "1" (new password is set)

On wrong password: "0" (new password is not set)



Backup2Go-Related Commands

Backup2Go Templates / Workstation Groups

Queries *Backup2Go* templates configured on the *Backup2Go Server* and queries and controls their parameters. These commands are to be executed on the *Backup2Go* server.

Status and Information

Method: names

Syntax: Backup2Go names

Description: Returns the list of names of all the Backup2Go templates

Return values: On success: the list of names

On failure: an empty string

Method: describe

Syntax: Backup2Go <name> describe

Description: Returns a human-readable description of the template <name>. If the

template does not have a description assigned, the command returns the

string "<empty>"

Return values: On success: the workstation description

On failure: an empty string

Method: disabled

Syntax: Backup2Go <name> disabled

Description: Queries Backup2Go template Disabled status

Return values: On success: the string "1" (disabled) or "0" (not disabled)

On failure: an empty string

Method: enabled

Syntax: Backup2Go <name> enabled

Description: Queries the template Enabled status.

Return values: On success: the string "1" (enabled) or "0" (not enabled)



Control Commands

Method: disable

Syntax: Backup2Go <name> disable

Description: Sets the template to the Disabled state

Return values: On success: the string "0"

On failure: an empty string

Method: enable

Syntax: Backup2Go <name> enable

Description: Sets the template to the Enabled state

Return values: On success: the string "1"

On failure: an empty string

Method: cleanup

Syntax: Backup2Go cleanup [snapshots] [trashes]

Description: Purges selected Backup2Go areas. It does not wait for the completion of

the command. Instead, it schedules an internally queued job and does the

work in the background.

Return values: On success: the string "ok"

On failure: an empty string

Method: maxrunning

Syntax: Backup2Go <name> maxrunning [<count>]

Description: Set up or report the maximum number of active workstations for the given

template.

Return values: On success: the number of active workstations,

the string "-1" for unlimited



Workstation

Queries *Backup2Go* workstation resources configured on the *Backup2Go Server* and queries and controls their parameters. These commands are to be executed on the *Backup2Go* server.

A P5 workstation is the computer running the P5 client software in a *Backup2Go* infrastructure. To configure and maintain workstation resources, use the standard system-administrator account in the P5 Web GUI

Status and Information

Method: names

Syntax: Workstation names

Description: Returns the list of names of all workstations

Return values: On success: the list of names

On failure: an empty string

Method: describe

Syntax: Workstation < name > describe

Description: Returns a human-readable description of the workstation <name>. If the

workstation does not have a description assigned, the command returns

the string "<empty>"

Return values: On success: the workstation description

On failure: an empty string

Method: disabled

Syntax: Workstation <name> disabled

Description: Oueries the workstations Disabled status

Return values: On success: the string "1" (disabled) or "0" (enabled)



Method: enabled

Syntax: Workstation <name> enabled

Description: Queries the workstation Enabled status

Return values: On success: the string "1" (enabled) or "0" (disabled)

On failure: an empty string

Method: hostid

Syntax: Workstation <name> hostid

Description: Returns the configured P5 machine-ID of the workstation <name>.

Return values: On success: the workstation's machine ID

On failure: an empty string

Method: lastbegin

Syntax: Workstation<name> lastbegin

Description: Returns the absolute time in seconds (Posix time) of the start of the last

backup operation for the workstation <name>

Return values: On success: the time in seconds (Posix time)

On failure: an empty string

Method: lastend

Syntax: Workstation<name> lastend

Description: Returns the absolute time in seconds (Posix time) of the successful end of

the last backup operation for the workstation <name>. This time may be older then the time returned by the *lastbegin* method indicating an

incomplete (interrupted) backup.

Return values: On success: the time in seconds (Posix time)



Method: lasterror

Syntax: Workstation < name > lasterror

Description: Returns the error message that resulted from the last backup run for the

workstation <name>.

The string "<empty>" is returned in case there is no last error.

Return values: On success: the error message or the string "<empty>"

On failure: an empty string

Method: nextrun

Syntax: Workstation <name> nextrun

Description: Returns the absolute time in seconds (Posix time) of the next anticipated

backup of the workstation

Return values: On success: the time in seconds (Posix time)

On failure: an empty string

Method: peerip

Syntax: Workstation <name> peerip

Description: Returns the last known IP of the workstation <name>. If the workstation

does not have an IP recorded so far (for example, it never got connected to

the server), the command returns the string "<empty>"

Return values: On success: the workstation IP address in standard dot notation

On failure: an empty string

Method: snapshots

Syntax: Workstation <name> snapshots [<since>]

Description: Returns a list of snapshots maintained for the given workstation.

The optional <since> argument may be given in seconds (Posix time) to address only snapshots since that date. Otherwise all known snapshots

are returned.

Return values: On success: a list of snapshots IDs



Method: snapsize

Syntax: Workstation < name > snapsize [< snapshotId >]

Description: Returns the allocated size in KBytes of data maintained for the named

workstation.

On link based snapshots, one or multiple <snapshotId> arguments (as returned by the **snapshots** method) can be given. The return value is then the allocated size for the current and all optional given snapshots summed

up.

On native snapshots (ZFS, BTRFS), this method accepts one or none <snapshotId> as parameter. If a snapshot ID is given, the logical size of that snapshot is returned, otherwise the size of the current state is

returned. The return value does not reflect the required disk space of native

snapshots.

All returned sizes are in Kbyte.

Note that this may be a lengthy operation, depending on the number of files

and snapshots.

Return values: On success: the number of KBytes

On failure: an empty string

Method: totalfiles

Syntax: Workstation <name> totalfiles

Description: Returns the number of files transferred from the workstation <name> in the

last backup operation

Return values: On success: the number of files

On failure: an empty string

Method: totalkbytes

Syntax: Workstation <name> totalkbytes

Description: Returns the number of KBytes transferred from the workstation <name> in

the last backup operation

Return values: On success: the number of KBytes



Method: retaintime

Syntax: Workstation <name> retaintime

Description: Returns the retention time setting for workstation snapshots.

Return values: On success: the retention time in seconds

On failure: an empty string

Method: template

Syntax: Workstation < name > template

Description: Returns the template ID for workstation <name>.

Return values: On success: the template ID



Control Commands

Method: configure

Syntax: Workstation configure <hostname> <port> <username> <password>

[<template>]

Description: Run this command on the P5 Backup2Go Server.

Using the passed connection parameters < hostname > and < port >, tries to establish the connection to the remote workstation and, based on it's host

ID, create or reuse the workstation record on the server.

For the purpose of logging in to the server, the workstation will be seeded

with a unique token, shared by the workstation and the server. This eliminates the need for storing the <username> and/or <password> for

accessing the server on the workstation.

If the optional <template> is given, the workstation is set to use the given template. Otherwise the workstation is set to use the generic template.

Return values: On success: a positive integer as a string

(the name of the new local workstation)

On failure: the string "-3": the template could not be set

the string "-2": a wrong user name/password is given the string "-1": there is a network connection problem

(bad address and/or port)

Method: disable

Syntax: Workstation <name> disable

Description: Sets the workstation to the Disabled state

Return values: On success: the string "0"

On failure: an empty string

Method: enable

Syntax: Workstation <name> enable

Description: Sets the workstation to the Enabled state

Return values: On success: the string "1"



To be executed on the Workstation

This command must be executed on the Backup2Go workstation.

Method: name

Syntax: Workstation name

Description: Returns the Workstation ID of the workstation where the command is

executed

Note:

Unlike all the other workstation commands, this command must be called

on the Workstation

Return values: On success: the ID or the string "unknown"

On failure: an empty string

Server

Queries P5 *Backup2Go* server resources configured on the *Backup2Go* workstation and their parameters. A P5 server is the computer running the P5 server software and providing backup services to P5 workstation computers. These commands are to be executed on the *Backup2Go* workstation.

General

Method: names

Syntax: Server names

Description: Returns the list of names of all configured servers

Return values: On success: the list of names

On failure: an empty string

Method: create

Syntax: Server create

Description: Creates a new server resource

Return values: On success: the name/ID of the new server resource



Method: delete

Syntax: Server < name > delete

Description: Deletes server resource, automatically stopping any scheduled job. If any

jobs are running, the resource will not be deleted

Return values: On success: the string "1" if deleted or "0" if not

On failure: an empty string

Status and Information

Method: disabled

Syntax: Server < name > disabled

Description: Queries the server Disabled status

Return values: On success: the string "1" (disabled) or "0" (not disabled)

On failure: an empty string

Method: enabled

Syntax: Server < name > enabled

Description: Queries the server Enabled status.

Return values: On success: the string "1" (enabled) or "0" (not enabled)

On failure: an empty string

Method: lastbegin

Syntax: Server < name > lastbegin

Description: Returns the absolute time in seconds (Posix time) of the beginning of the

last backup operation on the server <name>

Return values: On success: the time in seconds (Posix time)



Method: lastend

Syntax: Server < name > lastend

Description: Returns the absolute time in seconds (Posix time) of the successful end of

the last backup operation on the server <name>. This time may be older then the time returned by the *lastbegin* method, indicating an incomplete

(interrupted) backup.

Return values: On success: the time in seconds (Posix time)

On failure: an empty string

Method: nextrun

Syntax: Server < name > nextrun

Description: Returns absolute time in seconds (Posix time) of the beginning of the next

scheduled backup operation to the server <name>. It will return the string

"0" if no scheduled backup is present.

Return values: On success: the time in seconds (Posix time)

On failure: an empty string

Method: template

Syntax: Server < name > template

Description: Returns the server-side template ID used for the backup operation to the

server <name>. If no template ID is assigned, it will return the string

"<empty>".

Return values: On success: the template ID



Control Commands

Method: configure

Syntax: Server configure <host> <port> <user name> <password> [<template>]

Description: Creates new (or reuses existing) server resource and configures the

required connection parameter in a single call.

If the optional <template> argument is set, it forces the selection of the given template on the server, otherwise the default template is used.

Return values: On success: name/ID of the created server resource

On failure: a negative integer as a string:

"-1": Network connection problem (bad host or port)
"-2": Wrong user name or password (log in denied)

"-3": The template cannot be set

(it is disabled or cannot be found)

Method: cputhrottle

Syntax: Server <name> cputhrottle [<value>]

Description: If no additional arguments specified, returns the workstation CPU throttle in

percent (0% - 100%). Otherwise interprets the given argument as the new

throttle value and stores the value.

Return values: On success: the throttle value in percent

On failure: an empty string

Method: hostname

Syntax: Server <name> hostname [<value>]

Description: If no additional arguments are specified, returns the host name or IP

address of the server. Otherwise it stores the given argument as the new

host name.

Return values: On success: the host name



Method: disable

Syntax: Server < name > disable

Description: Sets the server to the Disabled state thereby automatically stopping any

scheduled job

Return values: On success: the string "0"

On failure: an empty string

Method: enable

Syntax: Server < name > enable

Description: Sets the server to the Enabled state thereby automatically scheduling the

job

Return values: On success: the string "1"

On failure: an empty string

Method: dataencryption

Syntax: Server <name> dataencryption [<value>]

Description: If no additional arguments are specified, returns the boolean corresponding

string "0" or "1" depending whether the workstation will encrypt file

contents of the files transferred to this server and store them on the server in encrypted form (1) or not (0). Otherwise it stores the given argument as

the new flag value.

Return values: On success: the boolean corresponding string "0" or "1"

On failure: an empty string

Method: netencryption

Syntax: Server <name> netencryption [<value>]

Description: If no additional arguments are specified, returns the boolean corresponding

string "1" or "0" depending whether the workstation will encrypt the network traffic targeted to this server (1) or not (0). Otherwise it stores the given

argument as the new flag value.

Return values: On success: the boolean corresponding string "0" or "1"



Method: netthrottle / throttle

Syntax: Server <name> netthrottle [<value>]

Server <name> throttle [<value>]

Description: If no additional arguments are specified, returns the bandwidth throttle of

the communication link used to talk to this server in percents (0% - 100%).

Otherwise it stores the given argument as the new throttle value.

Return values: On success: the throttle value in percent

On failure: an empty string

Method: password

Syntax: Server <name> password <value>

Description: Stores the given argument as the new password.

Return values: On success: the password

On failure: an empty string

Method: pathlist

Syntax: Server < name > pathlist [< value >]

Description: If no additional arguments are specified, returns the list of paths configured

for the backup operation. The paths are delimited by a single space character. If one of the returned paths itself contains one or more spaces,

the complete path is enclosed in curly braces { and }.

Otherwise it stores the given argument as the new list of paths. Each path in the list must be delimited from the next by a single space. If one of the given paths itself contains one or more spaces, that whole path must be

enclosed in curly braces { and }.

Return values: On success: list of paths separated by a single space



Method: ping

Syntax: Server < name > ping [<timeout>]

Description: Tests the connection to the <name> server. The optional <timeout>

argument controls how many seconds to wait for the server response. If the argument is omitted, the timeout defaults to 600 seconds (10 minutes).

Return values: The string:

"-2" wrong user name or password
"-1" network connection problem

"0" reserved for future use

"1" ping ok

Method: port

Syntax: Server <name> port [<value>]

Description: If no additional arguments are specified, returns the TCP port number of

the server. Otherwise it stores the given argument as the new port number.

Return values: On success: the port number

On failure: an empty string

Method: reschedule

Syntax: Server <name> reschedule [<value>]

Description: If no additional arguments are specified, returns the number of hours to re-

schedule the backup job after regular completion. Note that jobs that do not complete regularly are immediately automatically rescheduled.

Otherwise it stores the given argument as the new number of hours.

Return values: On success: the number of hours



Method: submit/start

Syntax: Server < name > submit [< now >]

Server <name> start [<now>]

Description: Submits the workstation backup job for execution to the server <name>.

You can optionally override plan execution times by using the verbatim

string now or the integer value zero for the <now> argument.

The returned job ID can be used to query the status of the job by using the

Job resource. Please see the Job resource description for more details.

Return values: On success: the backup job ID

On failure: an empty string

Method: useevents

Syntax: Server <name> useevents [<value>]

Description: If no additional arguments are specified, returns the boolean corresponding

string "0" or "1", depending on whether the workstation will use the file system events facility when gathering files of this server (1) to store or will use a linear file system walk (0). Otherwise it stores the given argument as

the new value.

Return values: On success: the boolean corresponding string "0" or "1"

On failure: an empty string

Method: usecompression

Syntax: Server <name> usecompression [<value>]

Description: If no additional arguments are specified, returns the boolean corresponding

string "0" or "1" depending whether the workstation will compress the network traffic targeted to this server (1) or not (0). Otherwise it stores the

given argument as the new flag value.

Return values: On success: the boolean corresponding string "0" or "1"



Method: username

Syntax: Server <name> username [<value>]

Description: If no additional arguments are specified, returns the name of the user to

use for authentication on the current server. Otherwise it stores the given

argument as the new user name.

Return values: On success: the user name



Plan- and Client-Related Commands

ArchivePlan

Manages P5 archive plan(s) and their parameters. Archive plans are used to group various parameters of the archive operation, like the selected index database, the pool of media, a time schedule and various other details. The P5 administrator defines archive plans according to the custom site policies. A user who wishes to archive files must select one of the predefined archive plans.

In the current version of the CLI, you only have limited write access to archive plans. You can modify some configuration details of existing plans and you can create new archive plans. If you need full control of ArchivePlan resources, please use the P5 Web GUI.

Status and Information

Method: names

Syntax: ArchivePlan names

Description: Returns the list of names of all configured archive plans

Return values: On success: the list of plan names. If no plans have been

configured, the command returns the string

"<empty>"

On failure: an empty string

Method: describe

Syntax: ArchivePlan <name> describe

Description: Returns a human-readable description of the archive plan <name>.

Return values: On success: the plan description. If no description has been set

the command returns the string "<empty>"

On failure: an empty string

Method: disabled

Syntax: ArchivePlan <name> disabled

Description: Queries the plan Disabled status

Return values: On success: the string "1" (the plan is disabled) or "0" (not disabled)



Method: enabled

Syntax: ArchivePlan < name > enabled

Description: Queries the plan Enabled status

Return values: On success: the string "1" (plan is enabled) or "0" (not enabled)

On failure: an empty string

Method: incrlevel

Syntax: ArchivePlan < name > incrlevel

Description: Queries the plan incremental status

Return values: On success: the string "1" (plan is incremental)

or "0" (plan runs full)

On failure: an empty string

Control Commands

Method: autostart

Syntax: ArchivePlan < name > autostart

Description: Returns the autostart setting for the Archive plan <name>. If the Archive

plan is set to autostart, the returned value is "1", otherwise it is "0".

Return values: On success: the string "1" (plan is set to autostart)

the string "0" (plan is not set to autostart)

On failure: an empty string

Method: create

Syntax: ArchivePlan create <description>

Description: Creates a new archive plan with the given <description>. If an archive plan

with the same <description> already exists, an error is thrown.

The newly created plan might be further configured for operation by using

the database, pool and/or copypool methods described below.

If not further configured, the newly generated plan will per-default use the

Default-Archive pool and the Default-Archive database.

Return values: On success: the name of the newly created plan



Method: cancel

Syntax: ArchivePlan < name > cancel

Description: Cancels the execution of plan <name>. Only running plans can be canceled.

Plans scheduled but not running can be stopped only (see the stop

method)

Return values: On success: the string "1" (the plan was successfully canceled)

the string "0" (plan was not canceled or is not running)

On failure: an empty string

Method: database

Syntax: ArchivePlan <name> database [<value>]

Description: Returns or sets the name of the index database resource associated with

the archive plan <name>

If the optional <value> argument is not given, the name of the currently

configured database will be returned.

If the optional <value> argument is given, it will be taken as the name of an existing archive index database, and the plan <name> will be configured to

use the given database. If the referenced database is not configured or

disabled, an error will be thrown.

Also, if the given database is not an archive index, an error will be thrown.

You can use the ArchiveIndex resource commands to inspect and/or

create archive index databases.

Note that ArchivePlan requires that a database is set. Otherwise, the

archive job for this plan will fail.

Return values: On success: the name of the archive index database. If none has

been set, the command returns the string "<empty>"



Method: deletefiles

Syntax: ArchivePlan <name> deletefiles [<value>]

Description: Returns or sets the option to delete files after successfully completing the

archive job.

If optional <value> argument is omitted, returns the current setting.
If <value> is given (as "true", "yes" or "1"), enables this option. To also

delete the folder structure, use the deleteall command.

Return values: On success: the string "1" (the plan is set to delete files)

the string "0" (the plan is set not to delete files)

On failure: an empty string

Method: deleteall

Syntax: ArchivePlan <name> deleteall [<value>]

Description: Returns or sets the option to delete both files and folders after successfully

completing archive plan job.

If optional <value> argument is omitted, returns the current setting.

If <value> is given (as "true", "yes" or "1"), enables this option.

Return values: On success: the string "1" (the plan is set to delete files and folders)

the string "0" (the plan is set to not delete anything)

On failure: an empty string

Method: disable

Syntax: ArchivePlan < name > disable

Description: Sets the plan to the Disabled state

Return values: On success: the string "0"

On failure: an empty string

Method: enable

Syntax: ArchivePlan <name> enable

Description: Sets the plan to the "Enabled" state

Return values: On success: the string "1"



Method: pool

Syntax: ArchivePlan <name> pool [<value>]

Description: Returns the name of the media pool associated with the archive plan

<name>. If the optional <value> argument is not given, the name of the

currently configured pool will be returned.

If the optional <value> argument is given it will be taken as the name of an existing media pool, and the plan <name> will be configured to use the given pool. If the referenced media pool is not configured, an error will be thrown. Also, if the referenced media pool is not set up for archive operation, an error will be thrown. You can use the Pool resource

commands to inspect and/or create media pools.

Note that ArchivePlan must have the media pool set. Otherwise, the archive

job configured to use this plan will fail.

Return values: On success: the name of the primary media pool. If not configured,

it returns the string "<empty>"

On failure: an empty string

Method: run

Syntax: ArchivePlan <name> run [-delete 1]

Description: Runs the archive plan immediately with an optional delete pass on the

target directory/ies.

Note: use the returned job ID to query the status of the job by using the Job

resource. Please see the Job resource description for more details.

Return values: On success: the archive job ID.

On failure: an empty string

Method: stop

Syntax: ArchivePlan <name> stop

Description: Removes the plan <name> from the scheduler

Return values: On success: the string "1" (the plan was successfully removed)

the string "0" (the plan was not removed or is running)



Method: submit / start

Syntax: ArchivePlan <name> submit [<now>]

ArchivePlan <name> start [<now>]

Description: Submits the archive plan for execution. You can optionally override plan

execution times by using the verbatim string now or the integer value zero

for the <now> argument.

The returned job ID can be used to query the status of the job by using the Job resource. Please see the Job resource description for more details.

Note: In order to run an Archive plan, an archive event must be selected. The *start* method thus selects the next planned archive event to start the

archive plan.

Return values: On success: the archive job ID

On failure: an empty string

Method: verify

Syntax: ArchivePlan <name> verify <client> <job>

Description: Re-runs the verify, clip generation and deletion (the post-archive tasks) of

files located on the <cli>ent> computer and archived with the <job> ID.

Return values: On success: the verify job ID. Use this job ID to guery the status of

the job by using Job resource. Please see the Job

resource description for more details



BackupPlan

Queries P5 backup plans and their associated parameters. Backup plans are used to group various parameters of the backup operation, like the pool of media, time schedules and other details. The P5 administrator defines backup plans according to the custom site policies.

In the current version of the CLI, the backup plans can only be queried but not changed, nor can plans be added or deleted. To configure and maintain backup plan resources, use the standard system administrator account in the P5 Web GUI.

Status and Information

Method: names

Syntax: BackupPlan names

Description: Returns a list of names of all the BackupPlan resources

Return values: On success: a list of names. If no backup plans have been

configured, the command returns the string

"<empty>"

On failure: an empty string

Method: describe

Syntax: BackupPlan <name> describe

Description: Returns a human-readable description for the <name> plan. The <name> is

one of the elements returned by the *names* method. If the element does not have a description assigned, the command returns the string "*<empty>*".

Return values: On success: the resource description. If no description has been set

the command returns the string "<empty>"

On failure: an empty string

Method: disabled

Syntax: BackupPlan <name> disabled

Description: Queries the Disabled status

Return values: On success: the string "1" (the plan is disabled) or "0" (not disabled)



Method: enabled

Syntax: BackupPlan <name> enabled

Description: Queries the Enabled status

Queries the Enabled status

Return values: On success: the string "1" (the plan is enabled) or "0" (not enabled)

On failure: an empty string

Control Commands

Method: cancel

Syntax: BackupPlan <name> cancel

Description: Cancels execution of the plan <name>. Only running plans can be canceled.

Plans scheduled but not running can be only stopped (see the stop

method)

Return values: On success: the string "1" (the plan was successfully canceled)

the string "0" (the plan was not canceled or running)

On failure: an empty string

Method: disable

Syntax: BackupPlan <name> disable

Description: Sets the plan to Disabled

Return values: On success: the string "0"

On failure: an empty string

Method: enable

Syntax: BackupPlan <name> enable

Description: Sets the plan to Enabled

Return values: On success: the string "1"



Method: start / submit

Syntax: BackupPlan <name> submit [<now>]

BackupPlan <name> start [<now>]

Description: Submits the backup plan for execution. You can optionally override plan

execution times by using the verbatim string now or the integer value zero

for the <now> argument.

The returned job ID can be used to query the status of the job by using the Job resource. Please see the Job resource description for more details.

Note: In order to run a backup plan, a backup event must be selected. The start method implicitly selects the next planned backup event to start the

backup plan.

Return values: On success: the backup job ID

On failure: an empty string

Method: stop

Syntax: BackupPlan <name> stop

Description: Removes the plan <name> from the scheduler

Return values: On success: the string "1" (the plan was successfully removed)

the string "0" (the plan was not removed or is running)



SyncPlan

Queries P5 synchronize plans and their parameters. Sync plans are used to group various parameters of the synchronize operation, like time schedules and various other details. P5 administrator defines sync plans according to the custom site policies.

In the current version of the CLI, you only have read access to sync plans. You can't modify any of the existing plans nor can you create new or delete existing plans. SyncPlan resources are configured and maintained with P5 Web GUI by the system administrator.

Status and Information

Method: names

Syntax: SyncPlan names

Description: Returns a list of names of all sync plans

Return values: On success: a list of names. If no sync plans have been configured

the command returns the string "<empty>"

On failure: an empty string

Method: describe

SyncPlan <name> describe

Description: Returns a human-readable description of the <name> plan.

The <name> is one of the elements returned by the names method. If the

element has no description assigned, the command returns string

"<empty>".

Return values: On success: the resource description. If no description has been

set, the command returns the string "<empty>"

On failure: an empty string

Method: disabled

Syntax: SyncPlan <name> disabled

Description: Queries the plan Disabled status

Return values: On success: the string "1" (the plan is disabled) or "0" (not disabled)



Method: enabled

Syntax: SyncPlan <name> enabled

Description: Queries the plan Enabled status

Return values: On success: the string "1" (the plan is enabled) or "0" (not enabled)

On failure: an empty string

Method: sourcehost

Syntax: SyncPlan <name> sourcehost

Description: Returns the name of the client where the source data is located.

Return values: On success: the name of the client

On failure: an empty string

Method: sourcepath

Syntax: SyncPlan <name> sourcepath [newpath]

Description: If no optional argment *newpath* specified, returns the path of the source

directory on the client where the data is located. Otherwise sets the given

new path.

Return values: On success: the path to the directory

On failure: an empty string

Method: targethost

Syntax: SyncPlan <name> targethost

Description: Returns the name of the client where the data should be synced to

Return values: On success: the name of the client

On failure: an empty string

Method: targetpath

Syntax: SyncPlan <name> targetpath [newpath]

Description: If no optional argument *newpath* specified, returns the path of the target

directory on the client where the data is to be synced. Otherwise sets the

given new path.

Return values: On success: the path to the directory



Control Commands

Method: cancel

SyncPlan <name> cancel

Description: Cancels the plan <name> execution. Only running plans can be canceled.

Plans scheduled but not running can be only stopped (see the stop

method)

Return values: On success: the string "1" (the plan was successfully canceled)

the string "0" (the plan was not canceled or running)

On failure: an empty string

Method: disable

Syntax: SyncPlan <name> disable

Description: Sets the plan to the Disabled state

Return values: On success: the string "0"

On failure: an empty string

Method: enable

Syntax: SyncPlan <name> enable

Description: Sets the plan to the Enabled state

Return values: On success: the string "1"

On failure: an empty string

Method: run

Syntax: SyncPlan <name> run [delete 1]

Description: Runs the sync plan immediately with optional delete pass on the target

directory.

Note: In order to run a Synchronize plan, a Synchronize event must be

selected. The start method implicitly selects the next planned event to start

the backup plan.

Return values: On success: the sync job ID. Use this job ID to query the

status of the job by using Job resource.

Please see the Job resource description for details.



Method: start / submit

Syntax: SyncPlan <name> submit [<now>]

SyncPlan <name> start [<now>]

Description: Submits the sync plan for execution. You can optionally override plan

execution times by using the verbatim string now or the integer value zero

for the <now> argument.

Plan must be configured for auto-start since CLI just overrides the scheduled starting time. This command cannot be used to start a plan

which is not set to auto-start or which does not have any events

configured.

Return values: On success: the sync job ID. Use this job ID to guery the

status of the job by using Job resource.

Please see the Job Resource description for details.

On failure: an empty string

Method: stop

Syntax: SyncPlan <name> stop

Description: Removes the plan <name> from the scheduler

Return values: On success: the string "1" (the plan was successfully removed)

the string "0" (the plan was not removed or running)



SyncSelection / Temporary Syncplan

The sync selection is used to prepare one or more directories for the sync operation. You can use the resource methods to populate the selection (i.e. add directories) and then submit the entire selection for immediate or scheduled execution.

The sync selection is a temporary resource. It does not survive system crashes and server shutdowns, nor does it need to be explicitly destroyed by the caller. It goes out of scope by invoking the *submit* method, which effectively passes the control to the Job manager. The owner of the sync selection resource is thus the P5 system, so the caller does not need (nor should) perform any other task with the same resource.

Usage:

To use the SyncSelection resource, you must first use the *create* method to create a new instance. Having created an instance, use the *adddirectory* method to fill-in the selection with directories to synchronize. Finally, submit the selection for immediate or scheduled execution. After submission, the resource goes out of scope and should not be used any more.

Method: create

Syntax: SyncSelection create <plan>

Description: Creates new temporary sync selection resource. The resource will be

automatically deleted after the associated sync job has been submitted. The <plan> must be one of the registered synchronize plans. You can get the list of synchronize plans with the *SyncPlan names* CLI command

Return values: On success: the name of the new resource. Use this name to

address the resource in all the other methods

On failure: an empty string

Method: adddirectory

SyncSelection <name> adddirectory <path>

Description: Adds one new directory <path> to the sync selection <name>. It expects the

absolute path to the directory to be synced. The directory must be located on the source client and under the source path as given in the sync plan

used to create the sync selection object.

Return values: On success: the directory path



Method: addrecursive

SyncSelection <name> addrecursive <path>

Description: Adds a single new directory <path> to the sync selection <name> and

recurses into the subfolders of that directory. It expects the absolute path to the directory to be synced. The directory must be located on the source client and under the source path as given in the sync plan used to create

the sync selection object.

Return values: On success: the directory path repeated

On failure: an empty string

Method: destroy

Syntax: SyncSelection < name > destroy

Description: Explicitly destroys the sync selection. The <name> should not be used in

any SyncSelection commands afterwards.

Return values: On success: the string "0" (destroyed)

the string "1" (not destroyed)



Method: onjobactivation

Syntax: SyncSelection < name > onjobactivation [< command>]

Description: Registers the <command> to be executed just before the job is started by

the submit method. The command itself can be any valid OS command

plus variable number of arguments.

The very first argument of the command (the program itself) can be prepended with the name of the P5 client where the command is to be executed on. If omitted, the command will be executed on the client which

the SyncSelecttion object is created for.

Examples:

SyncSelection SyncSelection.0 onjobactivation "mickey:/var/myscript arg"

will execute /var//myscript on the client "mickey" regardless what client the SyncSelection is created for. The program will be passed one argument:

arg.

SyncSelection SyncSelection.0 onjobactivation "/var/scripts/myscript"

will execute /var/scripts/myscript on the client the SyncSelection is

created for.

SyncSelection SyncSelection.0 onjobactivation

"localhost:/var/scripts/myscript"

will execute /var/scripts/myscript on the P5 server.

Return values: On success: the command string

On failure: an empty string

Method: onjobcompletion

SyncSelection <name> onjobcompletion [<value>]

Description: Registers the <command> to be executed immediately after the job created

by the submit method is completed. See onjobactivation for further

information.

Return values: On success: the command string



Method: submit

SyncSelection <name> submit [<now>]

Description: Submits the sync selection for execution. You can optionally override plan

execution times by giving the <now> as one of the strings "1", "t", "true",

"True", "y", "yes", or "Yes".

This command implicitly destroys the SyncSelection object for the user and

transfers the ownership of the internal underlying object to the job scheduler. You should not attempt to use the <name> afterwards.

Return values: On success: the sync job ID. Use this job ID to query the

status of the job by using Job resource.

Please see the Job resource description for details.



Client

Queries configured P5 client resources and their parameters. A P5 client is the computer running the P5 client software. A P5 server is the computer running the P5 server software. A server can archive, backup, restore and synchronize files to and from any registered client.

In the current version of the CLI, there is only read access to client data. You can't modify any of the existing client resources nor can you create new or delete existing clients. To configure and maintain client resources, use the standard system administrator account in the P5 Web GUI.

Method: names

Syntax: Client names

Description: Returns a list of names of all the clients.

Return values: On success: the list of names

On failure: an empty string

Method: describe

Syntax: Client <name> describe

Description: Returns a human-readable description of the client <name>. If the client

does not have a description assigned, the command returns the string

"<empty>"

Return values: On success: the client description

On failure: an empty string

Method: hostname

Syntax: Client <name> hostname

Description: Returns the host name (or IP address) of the client <name>

Return values: On success: the host name or IP address



Method: isthin

Syntax: Client <name> isthin

Description: Returns true in case the client is of type Workstation (as opposed to type

Server)

Return values: On success: the string "1" if the client type is Workstation

the string "0" otherwise

On failure: an empty string

Method: port

Syntax: Client <name> port

Description: Returns the TCP port of the client <name>

Return values: On success: the configured TCP port

On failure: an empty string

Method: ping

Syntax: Client <name> ping [<timeout>]

Description: Tests the connection to the <name> client. The optional <timeout>

argument controls how many seconds to wait for the client response. If the argument is omitted, the timeout defaults to 600 seconds (10 minutes).

Return values: The string:

"-4" wrong client version

"-3" the client is disabled

"-2" wrong user name/password

"-1" network connection problem

"0" (reserved for future use)

"1" ping OK



Archiving and Restoring

ArchiveEntry

The archive entry represents one archived file. It is an opaque handle which P5 uses to quickly locate the file on the archive media and it's metadata in the archive index database.

The archive entry is generated for each file added to the archive selection. Please see the ArchiveSelection resource description for details upon creation.

Method:	handle		
Syntax:	ArchiveEntry handle <client> <path> [<database>]</database></path></client>		
Description:	Returns the properly formatted archive entry handle which can be used for restoring files archived over the P5 web GUI.		
	The <client> is the name of the P5 client where the <path> resides.</path></client>		
	The <path> is the absolute platform-native path to a file. No checking is performed on the file. If the passed <path> contains blanks, be sure to enclose it in curly braces: {/some/path with blanks/file}. Furthermore, if the <path> contains { and/or } chars themselves, you must escape them with a backslash \ character.</path></path></path>		
	The optional <database> declares the name of the database where the file has been indexed. If omitted, the standard Default-Archive database is used. If no such database could be found in the current P5 configuration, an error is triggered.</database>		
Return values:	On success: the handle of the entry On failure: an empty string		

Method:	btime
Syntax:	ArchiveEntry <handle> btime</handle>
Description:	Returns the list of backup/archive times in seconds (Posix time) for each instance of the given archive entry.
Return values:	On success: the list of backup times On failure: an empty string



Method: mtime

Syntax: ArchiveEntry < handle > mtime

Description: Returns the list of modification times in seconds (Posix time) for each

instance of the given archive entry.

Return values: On success: the list of modification times

On failure: an empty string

Method: meta / getmeta

Syntax: ArchiveEntry < handle > meta [< key>]

ArchiveEntry < handle> getmeta [<key>]

Description: Returns defined meta-data keys and their values for the given archive entry.

If the optional <key> argument is given, it is assumed to be one of the meta columns defined for the particular index database where the archive entry

has been indexed.

Return values: On success: with <key> argument: the value of the given meta key

without <key> argument:

the list of all the meta keys and their values

On failure: an empty string

Method: setmeta

Syntax: ArchiveEntry < handle> setmeta [<key> < value> [<key> < value>]...]

Description: Sets the defined meta-data key/value pair for the given archive entry. Key

argument is assumed to be one of the meta columns defined for the particular index database where the archive entry has been indexed.

Return values: On success: the newly set key/value pair

On failure: an empty string

Method: size

Syntax: ArchiveEntry < handle> size

Description: Returns the list of sizes in bytes for each instance of the given archive

entry.

Return values: On success: the list of file sizes



Method: status

Syntax: ArchiveEntry < handle> status

Description: Returns the status of the archived entry. An archive entry can have number

of internal statuses, depending on the stage of the archive and/or restore

process. Currently, the following statuses are supported:

indexed found in the archive index

unknown not found in the archive index

The indexed status means that the entry has been processed (archived)

and its meta data may be obtained from the index database.

The unknown status means that the entry has not (yet) been found in the

index, which is normal for files still waiting to be archived.

If the status of an entry returns unknown, then all of the subsequent entry

methods described below will return invalid values.

Return values: On success: one of the supported statuses

On failure: an empty string

Method: volume

Syntax: ArchiveEntry < handle> volume

Description: Returns the media volume ID where the entry <name> has been archived.

An entry can be stored on one or more volumes or even many times on the same volume (see the Volume resource for more information) during

the archive operation, depending on the plan configuration.

Return values: On success: the ID of the volume if the entry was stored on only

one volume,

or a list of volume ID's if the entry was stored on

multiple volumes



Preview/clip related

Method: clippath

Syntax: ArchiveEntry < handle > clippath [newpath]

Description: If newpath is not given, the command will return the path of an existing clip

or the string "unknown" if there is no clip available.

If newpath is given as empty string "", it will clean/delete the previous clip

(if any) and return the string "unknown" as a result.

If *newpath* is given as a path to an existing file, this file will be set as the entry's clip. The file itself will be moved (not copied!) into the clip storage of

the corresponding index and the absolute path of of the clip will be

returned.

Return values: On success: the path to the existing clip

or the string "unknown" if not found

On failure: an empty string

Method: clipurl

Syntax: ArchiveEntry < handle > clipurl < host > < port >

Description: Returns a URL of the clip of the file as

http://host:client/url-to-the-clip

<host> and <port> refer to the host address and port of the P5 server

host.

Return values: On success: the URL as a string



ArchiveSelection

The archive selection is used to prepare one or more files and/or directories for the archive operation. You must create new archive selection resource for each archive session. You can use the resource methods to populate the selection (i.e. add files) and then submit the entire selection for immediate or scheduled execution. The archive selection is a temporary resource. It does not survive system crashes and server shutdowns, nor it needs to be explicitly destroyed by the caller. It goes out of scope by invoking the "submit" method, which effectively passes the control to the Job manager. The owner of the archive selection resource is thus the P5 system, so the caller needs not (nor it should) perform any other task with the same resource.

Usage:

To use the ArchiveSelection resource, use the *create* method to create a new instance. After creation, use the *addentry* and/or *adddirectory* methods to fill-in the selection with files and/or directories to archive. Finally, submit the selection for immediate or scheduled execution. After submission, the resource goes out of scope and should not be used any more.

Method:	create		
Syntax:	ArchiveSelection create <client> <plan> [<indexroot>]</indexroot></plan></client>		
Description:	Creates a new temporary archive selection resource. The resource will be automatically deleted after the associated archive job has been submitted.		
	current P5 se	nust be the one of the registered client computers on the rver. You can get the list of client computers with the Client mmand. All files added with the addentry method (below) n this client.	
	The <plan> must be one of the registered archive plans. You can of archive plans with the ArchivePlan names CLI command.</plan>		
	•	indexroot> argument, if given, will force all files in the archive e indexed under the <indexroot> path.</indexroot>	
Return values:	On success:	the name of the new resource. Use this name to address this resource in all other methods.	
	On failure:	an empty string	



Method: addfrom

Syntax: ArchiveSelection <name> addfrom <input file> <output file>

Description: Loads the Archive Selection entries from the external file <input file>. The

file must be formatted with one entry per line, each entry in the format of:

<path>TAB<key1>TAB<value1>TAB<key2>TAB<value2>...

The <path> needs to be resolvable on the client for which the selection is

created and the <input file> needs to reside on that client.

The <path> may be followed by zero or more key/value pairs representing metadata that will be assigned to the file. All keys must be known in the index referenced by the archive selection. Unknown keys will be silently

skipped.

The <output file> is created by this command, it contains all accepted files with their ArchiveEntry handles used to reference the files later. The file

format is one file per line in the format of:

<path>TAB<handle>

Note that unlike Archive Selection addentry, this method will add folders as empty nodes. This means:

folders are added without content, metadata in that case is assigned only to the folder

If files are added into a non existing folder in the archive, the folder

is created without attributes or metadata.

Return values: On success: the number of added key/value pairs



Method: addentry

Syntax: ArchiveSelection <name> addentry <path>

[<key> <value> [<key> <value>]..]

Description: Adds a single new <path> to the archive selection <name>. It expects the

absolute path to the file or directory to be archived. The file or directory must be located on the client <cli>client > given at the resource creation time

(see the create method).

The path will be stripped of the leading directory part and the name will be inserted into the index at the indexroot destination as defined in *create*.

If the passed <path> contains blanks, be sure to enclose it in curly braces: {/some/path with blanks/file}. Furthermore, if the <path> contains { and/or } chars themselves, you must escape them with a

backslash \ character.

To each path, you can assign an arbitrary number of <key> and <value> pairs. Those are saved in the archive index and can be used for searches

during restore (see RestoreSelection).

Each key allows a string value of unlimited length. If the value contains blanks, it should be enclosed in curly braces. If the value itself contains

curly braces, you must escape them with $\$ character.

In case the ArchiveSelection is set to incremental level and the given entry is already part of the Archive, the entry is not added and a string <empty>

is returned.

Return values: On success: the name of the new ArchiveEntry resource.

This name must be used with ArchiveEntry methods to get the status and other meta-information for the entry after the archive operation has been completed.

Please see the ArchiveEntry resource description



Method: addentryabs

Syntax: ArchiveSelection < name > addentryabs < path >

[<key> <value> [<key> <value>]..]

Description: Adds one new <path> to the archive selection <name>. It expects the

absolute path to the file or directory to be archived. The file or directory must be located on the client <cli>client > given at the resource creation time

(see the create method).

The entry path will be added 1:1 into the index. Any prefixes and alternative

index destinations are ignored.

If the passed <path> contains blanks, be sure to enclose it in curly braces:

{/some/path with blanks/file}. Furthermore, if the <path>
contains { and/or } chars themselves, you must escape them with a

backslash \ character.

To each path, you can assign an arbitrary number of <key> and <value>

pairs. Those are saved in the archive index and can be used for searches

during restore (see RestoreSelection).

Each key allows a string value of unlimited length. If the value contains

blanks, it should be enclosed in curly braces. If the value itself contains

curly braces, you must escape them with \ character.

Return values: On success: the name of the new ArchiveEntry resource.

This name must be used with ArchiveEntry methods

to get the status and other meta-information of the entry after the archive operation has been completed. Please see the ArchiveEntry resource description



Method: adddirectory

Syntax: ArchiveSelection <name> adddirectory <path>

[<key> <value> [<key> <value>]..]

Description: Adds a new directory <path> to the archive selection <name>. It expects

the absolute path to the directory to be archived. The directory must be located on the client <cli>client> given at the resource creation time (see the

create method).

The path will be stripped of the leading directory part and the name will be inserted into the index at the indexroot destination as defined in *create*.

Note that this method will only add the directory node to the archive selection and that only a directory node itself will be archived. If you want

to archive both the directory and its contents recursively, use the ArchiveSelection addentry method.

See the addentry method description for explanation of other method

arguments.

Return values: On success: see the addentry description for return values

On failure: an empty string

Method: adddirectoryabs

Syntax: ArchiveSelection < name > adddirectoryabs < path >

[<key> <value> [<key> <value>]..]

Description: Adds a new directory <path> to the archive selection <name>. It expects

the absolute path to the directory to be archived. The directory must be located on the client <cli>client> given at the resource creation time (see the

create method).

The directory path will be added 1:1 into the index. Any prefixes and

alternative index destinations are ignored.

Note that this method will only add the directory node to the archive selection and that only a directory node itself will be archived. If you want

to archive both the directory and its contents recursively, use the

ArchiveSelection addentry method.

See the addentry method description for explanation of other method

arguments.

Return values: On success: see the addentry method for return values



Method: addfile

Syntax: ArchiveSelection <name> addfile <path>

[<key> <value> [<key> <value>]..]

Description: Adds a new file <path> to the archive selection <name>. It expects the

absolute path to the file to be archived. The file must be located on the client <cli>client > given at the resource creation time (see the create

method).

The path will be stripped of the leading directory part and the name will be inserted into the index at the indexroot destination as defined in *create*.

See the addentry method description for explanation of other method

arguments.

Return values: On success: see the addentry method for return values

On failure: an empty string

Method: addfileabs

Syntax: ArchiveSelection <name> addfileabs <path>

[<key> <value> [<key> <value>]..]

Description: Adds a new file <path> to the archive selection <name>. It expects the

absolute path to the file to be archived. The file must be located on the client <client> given at the resource creation time (see the create

method).

The directory path will be added 1:1 into the index. Any prefixes and

alternative index destinations are ignored.

See the addentry method description for explanation of other method

arguments.

Return values: On success: see the addentry method for return values

On failure: an empty string

Method: describe

Syntax: ArchiveSelection < name > describe [title]

Description: If a title is given, the title is set as the description in the job monitor.

The method returns the current description

Return values: On success: the descriptions string as used in the job monitor



Method: destroy

Syntax: ArchiveSelection < name > destroy

Description: Explicitly destroys the archive selection. The <name> should not be used in

any ArchiveSelection commands afterwards.

Return values: On success: the string "0" (destroyed)

the string "1" (not destroyed)

On failure: an empty string

Method: entries

Syntax: ArchiveSelection <name> entries

Description: Returns the number of entries in the selection object.

Return values: On success: the number of entries

On failure: an empty string

Method: level

Syntax: ArchiveSelection < name > [level]

Description: Returns the level of the ArchiveSelection.

If the optional level value is given, that level is set.

The level must be either "full" or "increment".

Return values: On success: the string "full" or "increment"

On failure: an empty string

Method: size

Syntax: ArchiveSelection < name > size

Description: Returns the number of entries in the selection object.

This method is deprecated, please use ArchiveSelection entries instead.

Return values: On success: the number of entries



Method: submit

Syntax: ArchiveSelection < name > submit [< now>]

Description: Submits the archive selection for execution. You can optionally override

plan execution times by giving the <now> as one of the strings "1", "t", "true",

"True", "y", "yes", or "Yes".

This command implicitly destroys the ArchiveSelection object for the user and transfers the ownership of the internal underlying object to the job scheduler. You should not attempt to use the <name> afterwards.

Return values: On success: the archive job ID. Use this job ID to query the

status of the job by using Job resource.

Please see the Job resource description for details.



Method: onjobactivation

Syntax: ArchiveSelection < name > onjobactivation < command >]

Description: Registers the <command> to be executed just before the job is started by

the submit method. The command itself can be any valid OS command

plus variable number of arguments.

The very first argument of the command (the program itself) can be prepended with the name of the P5 client where the command is to be

executed on.

If omitted, the command will be executed on the client which the

ArchiveSelection object is created for.

Examples:

ArchiveSelection 10002 onjobactivation "mickey:/var/scripts/myscript arg"

will execute /var/scripts/myscript on the client "mickey" regardless of the client the ArchiveSelection is created for. The program will be passed one

argument: arg.

ArchiveSelection 10002 onjobactivation "/var/scripts/myscript"

will execute /var/scripts/myscript on the client the ArchiveSelection is

created for.

ArchiveSelection 10002 onjobactivation "localhost:/var/scripts/myscript"

will execute /var/scripts/myscript on the P5 server.

Return values: On success: the command string

On failure: an empty string

Method: onjobcompletion

Syntax: ArchiveSelection <name> onjobcompletion <command>

Description: Registers the <command> to be executed immediately after the job created

by the submit method is completed. See onjobactivation for further

information.

Return values: On success: the command string



Method: onfiledeletion

Syntax: ArchiveSelection < name > onfiledeletion < command >

Description: Registers the <command> to be executed immediately after the files are

deleted through a job created by the submit method. See onjobactivation

for further information.

Return values: On success: the command string

On failure: an empty string

ArchiveIndex

Queries P5 archive index databases and their parameters. Archive index databases are used to track information about archived files, their location on the storage media, user-defined meta-data and related information.

In the current version of the CLI, you only have limited write access to archive index databases. You can modify some configuration details of the existing databases and you can create new ones. If you need full control of Archivelndex resources, please use the P5 Web GUI.

General

Method: create

Syntax: ArchiveIndex create <name> <description>

Description: Creates the <name> archive index database and its <description>. If an archive index with the same <name> already exists, an error is thrown. The <name> must not contain blanks, special punctuation characters nor any special national characters. The <description> may contain any text.

Return values: On success: the name of the newly created index database

Method: names

Syntax: ArchiveIndex names

On failure:

Description: Returns the list of names of archive indexes.

Return values: On success: a list of names. If no archive indexes are configured,

an empty string

the command returns the string "<empty>"



Method: backup

Syntax: ArchiveIndex <name> backup <filename>

Description: Produces the backup of the <name> archive index and saves the backup

file as <filename>.

Return values: On success: the file name of the backup file



Method: restore

Syntax: ArchiveIndex <name> restore <filename>

Description: Restores the archive database <name> from the given <filename>. The

<filename> must be the one used to produce the backup of the database

(see the backup methog).

Return values: On success: the name of the backup file

On failure: an empty string

Meta data Access

Method: addkey

Syntax: ArchiveIndex <name> addkey <key> <type> [<attr> <value>...]

Description: Adds a user-defined key in the given index. The <key> identifier must not

contain blanks, special punctuation characters nor any national characters. The length of the <key> identifier must not exceed 15 characters. The <type> designates the data type reserved for the <key>. It must be one of:

C character key
N numeric key

This command also accepts a variable number of user defined attributes and their values attached to the <key>. Both <attr> and <value> may contain any characters, but the length of each of them is limited to 15 characters. These entries are optional and are not interpreted by P5 in any way, except for being stored in the key definition in the archive index.

Return values: On success: the names of all the configured keys

On failure: an empty string

Method: delkey

Syntax: ArchiveIndex <name> delkey <key>

Description: Deletes a user-defined key in the given index.

Return values: On success: the names of all the deleted keys



Method: keys

Syntax: ArchiveIndex <name> keys

Description: Reports all the user-defined meta keys for the index <name>. Meta keys are

used to store user-given meta-data to selected elements of the archive

index.

Return values: On success: a list of keys

the string "<empty>" if no keys were defined

On failure: an empty string

Method: keyget

Syntax: ArchiveIndex <name> keyget <key> [<attr>]

Description: Returns the attributes for the given <key>. If no optional <attr> is supplied,

all the defined attributes and their values as a list of key/value pairs is returned. If the <attr> is supplied, the value of the <attr> attribute is

returned.

Each <key> has at least the type one attribute.

Please see the addkey method for description of the type attribute.

Return values: On success: either a list of all the defined attributes and values for

the given <key>, or just the attribute value, depending

on the existence of the optional argument <attr>

On failure: an empty string

Method: keyhas

Syntax: ArchiveIndex <name> keyhas <key> <attr>

Description: Checks whether the <key> has attribute <attr> defined

Return values: On success: the string "1" if yes, or "0" otherwise



Method: keyset

Syntax: ArchiveIndex <name> keyset <key> <attr> <val>

Description: Sets the value <val> of the user-given attribute <attr> for the given <key>.

The value of the *type* attribute cannot be set. Please see the *addkey*

method for a description of the type attribute.

Return values: On success: the string "1" if the <attr> was set to the given value

<val> or

the string "0" if the key could not be set or if it

does not exist

On failure: an empty string

Method: inventory

Syntax: ArchiveIndex <name> inventory <output file> [<options>]

Description: Outputs a list of the files contained in the Archive Index <name> into a file.

The <output file> must be in the form [client:]absolute_path whereby client is the name of the P5 client where to store the file and absolute_path is the complete path to the file to hold the output. The

client part is optional and defaults to localhost:

The *inventory* command fills in the passed file with lines containing records separated by a TAB. If no <options> are given, the output file will by default contain the index paths of all the files saved by the given job <name>, one record per line. Additional <options> represent the attributes that will be output for each file in a tab-separated format. These attributes may be system attributes or any user-defined meta-data fields.

The supported system attributes are:

ppath: the physical path of the file on the filesystem

volumes: a blank separated list of the volumes where the file is

saved

size: the size of the saved file

handle: the handle as required by the RestoreSelection

btime: the backup time of the file

mtime: the file's modification time

ino: the inode number of the file



The index path returned by the *inventory* command cannot be used to access files on the file system in general. There are special cases where this might be used for this purpose, but generally it is not supported. The idea behind this info is to have an overview or idea what is being stored in the index and not to consume it in some other fashion (i.e. address the files on the file system to post-process them).

In cases where files are still expected to be in the file system at the place they were at the point of archiving (for example somebody wants to delete them or otherwise post-process them) the ppath attribute may be used, which, when given on the command line, will yield the physical path asfound on the client where the file resides. Note that not all index entries have corresponding physical paths. In such cases the value will be set to empty.

Return values: On success: the <cli>ent>:<output file>



RestoreSelection

The restore selection is used to prepare one or more files for the restore operation. You must create new restore selection resource for each new restore session. You can use the resource methods to populate the selection (i.e. add files) and then submit the entire selection for immediate or scheduled execution.

The restore selection is a temporary resource. It does not survive system crashes and server shutdowns, nor it needs to be explicitly destroyed by the caller. It goes out of scope by invoking the *submit* method, which effectively passes the control to the Job manager. The owner of the archive selection resource is thus the P5 system, so the caller needs not (nor it should) perform any other task with the same resource.

Usage:

To use the RestoreSelection, you must first use the *create* method to create new instance. After the creation, you use the *addentry* and/or *findentry* methods to fill-in the selection with files to restore. Finally, you must submit the selection for immediate or scheduled execution. After the submission, the resource goes out of scope and should not be used any more.

Method:	create		
Syntax:	RestoreSelection create <cli>ent> [<relocate>]</relocate></cli>		
Description:		temporary restore selection resource. The resource will be deleted after the associated archive job has been submitted.	
	P5 server. Res	nust be one of the registered client computers on the current stored files will be placed on the named client. You can get the omputers with the Client names CLI command.	
	The <relocate> overrides default restore location. If this option is g must point to a directory on the <client> file system. All files will be in this directory instead of their original location. The <relocate> di must exist on the client.</relocate></client></relocate>		
Return values:	On success:	the name of the new resource. Use this name to address the resource in all other methods.	
	On failure:	an empty string	



Method: addentry

Syntax: RestoreSelection < name > addentry < archiveentry > [< path>]

Description: Adds a new entry <archiveentry> to the restore selection <name>. The

<archiveentry> is a handle to the archived file as returned by the

ArchiveSelection addentry.

By providing the optional path argument, it is possible to specify the target

path of the restored file.

Return values: On success: the path to the file to be restored

Note: the returned path is not translated to match the optional <relocate> argument given at resource

creation.

On failure: an empty string

Method: addfrom

Syntax: RestoreSelection < name > addfrom < input file >

Description: Loads the Restore Selection entries from the external file <input file>. The

file must be formatted with one entry per line, each entry in the format of:

<archiveentry>[TAB<relocate path>]

The <archiveentry> is a handle to the archived file as returned by

ArchiveSelection addentry.

In case a <relocate path> is given, the archived file or folder is restored at the given path. Otherwise the relocate path as given in the RestoreSelection

is used.

Return values: On success: The count of entries that will be restored



Method: addfromvolume

Syntax: RestoreSelection < name > addfromvolume < volume >

Description: Loads the Restore Selection entries from the given <volume>. The

<volume> must be a volume ID known in P5, see the Volume names command. P5 will collect all files from the given volume, even if these are

stored in different indexes.

It is possible to add further files to the RestoreSelection with additional

calls to

addentry, addfrom or addfromvolume

in order to for instance restore files from multiple volumes with a single

command / job.

Return values: On success: The found volume ID

On failure: an empty string

Method: describe

Syntax: RestoreSelection < name > describe [title]

Description: If a title is given, the title is set as description in the job monitor.

The method returns the current description

Return values: On success: the description string as used in the job monitor

On failure: an empty string

Method: destroy

Syntax: RestoreSelection < name > destroy

Description: Explicitly destroys the restore selection. The <name> should not be used in

any RestoreSelection commands afterwards

Return values: On success: the string "0" (destroyed) or "1" (not destroyed)

On failure: an empty string

Method: entries

Syntax: RestoreSelection < name > entries

Description: Returns the number of entries belonging to the restore selection <name>.

Return values: On success: the number of entries



Method: findentry

Syntax: RestoreSelection < name > findentry < plan > {<expr>}

Description: Fills in the restore selection object by searching the archive entries

archived with the archive <plan>.

The <expr> contains the search expression used to locate records. The <expr> has the following generic format:

```
<key1> <op1> <val1> && <key2> <op2> <val2> ...
```

The <key> is the name of the key as passed during archiving of the entry in ArchiveSelection <name> addentry or ArchiveSelection <name> adddirectory methods.

The <op> is the logical operation applied to the value. The <val> is the value associated with the key. The following logical operations are supported:

"==" key equals the value
"*=" key starts with value

Examples:

```
{author *= marco && state == italy}
```

To search for files or folders by filename, the key name must be used.

```
{name == myfile.pdf}
```

or

{name *= 'my file'}

On Windows hosts, the expression must be additionally enclosed in quotation marks:

```
"{name == myfile.pdf}"
```

When entering expressions, please put curly braces around the complete expression. Values in expressions can be enclosed in single quotes, in case the value contains one or more blanks, it must be enclosed in single quotes.

NOTE: Only entries that are located on *known* or *accessible* volumes are reported. If an entry is found in the index but is located on *inaccessible* volume (the volume is disabled, not currently mounted in some tape drive or not found in any known media changer), it is not included in the selection.

Return values: On success: the number of entries in the selection



Method: onfilecreation

Syntax: RestoreSelection < name > onfilecreation < command >

Description: Registers the <command> to be executed immediately after the files are

created through a job created by the submit method. See onobjectactivation

for further information.

Return values: On success: the command string

On failure: an empty string

Method: onjobcompletion

Syntax: RestoreSelection < name > onjobcompletion < command >

Description: Registers the <command> to be executed immediately after the job created

by the submit method is completed. See onobjectactivation for further

information.

Return values: On success: the command string



Method: onjobactivation

Syntax: RestoreSelection < name > onjobactivation < command >]

Description: Registers the <command> to be executed just before the job is started by

the [submit] method. The command itself can be any valid OS command

plus variable number of arguments.

The very first argument of the command (the program itself) can be prepended with the name of the P5 client where the command is to be

executed on.

If omitted, the command will be executed on the client which the

RestoreSelection object is created for.

Examples:

RestoreSelection RestoreSelection.0 onjobactivation

"mickey:/var/scripts/myscript arg"

will execute /var/scripts/myscript on the client "mickey" regardless what client the RestoreSelection is created for. The program will be passed one

argument: arg.

RestoreSelection RestoreSelection.0 onjobactivation "/var/scripts/myscript"

will execute /var/scripts/myscript on the client the RestoreSelection is

created for.

RestoreSelection RestoreSelection.0 onjobactivation "localhost:/var/scripts/

myscript"

will execute /var/scripts/myscript on the P5 server.

Return values: On success: the command string

On failure: an empty string

Method: size

Syntax: RestoreSelection < name > size

Description: Returns the summed up size in bytes of all files to restore.

Return values: On success: the size in bytes



Method: submit

Syntax: RestoreSelection < name > submit [<when>]

Description: Submits the restore selection for execution. The execution is started

immediately, unless the <when> is given. In that case, the execution will be scheduled at the given time. The <when> is the date in seconds since Jan

01, 1970 (Posix time).

Return values: On success: the restore job ID. Use this job ID to query the status

of the job by using Job resource.

See the Job resource description for details.

On failure: an empty string

Method: volumes

Syntax: RestoreSelection < name > volumes

Description: Returns the media volume ID where the entries belonging to the restore

selection <name> have been archived. An entry can be stored on one or more volumes or even many times on the same volume (see the Volume resource for more information) during the archive operation, depending on

the plan configuration.

Return values: On success: a list of volume ID's containing all the entries



Media and Device related Commands

Device

This resource tracks tape devices, including single tape drives, tape drives within a jukebox and drives in a virtual jukebox.

Method: names

Syntax: Device names

Description: Returns a list of single tape device resources.

Return values: On success: the list of device names

the string "<empty>" if no devices are configured

On failure: an empty string

Method: cleaning

Syntax: Device <name> cleaning [value]

Description: Sets or returns the value of the device cleaning flag. If the optional

argument *value* is specified, it will be used to set the value of the flag. The argument must be 1 or 0 to set the cleaning flag on or off. If the optional

argument is not specified it will return the current value of the flag.

Return values: On success: the string "1" or "0"

On failure: an empty string

Method: inventory

Syntax: Device <name> inventory

Description: Performs an inventory for the device <name>, effectively updating the

internal volume database. Note that this is always a mount inventory, not a

bar code inventory.

Returns the name of the currently loaded volume

Return values: On success: the volume name



Jukebox

This resource tracks jukeboxes configured for data storage. Currently you do not have much control over jukeboxes, except for getting the list of currently loaded volumes, resetting the jukebox and performing a bar code or mount inventory. Future versions of CLI will allow you to control jukebox resources in a more advanced way.

Method: names

Syntax: Jukebox names

Description: Returns a list of names of all jukebox resources

Return values: On success: list of jukebox names

the string "<empty>" If no jukeboxes are configured

On failure: an empty string

Method: inventory

Syntax: Jukebox <name> inventory [-barcode [<startSlot> [<endSlot>]]]

Description: Performs an inventory of the jukebox <name>, effectively updating the

internal volume database.

If the optional -barcode argument is specified, it attempts a bar code

inventory. If not, a mount inventory of the jukebox is scheduled.

If the optional <startSlot> argument is given it is taken as the first slot for the inventory job. Otherwise, the first configured slot of the jukebox is

taken. If the optional <endSlot> argument is given, it is taken as the last slot for the inventory job. Otherwise, the last configured slot of the jukebox is

taken.

Return values: On success: the job ID of the scheduled inventory job



Method: label

Syntax: Jukebox <name> label <pool> <slotID1> [<slotID2> ... [<slotIDx>]]

Description: Labels media in the given jukebox for the given POOL starting with slotID1,

optionally including all of the slotIDs given on the command line.

Example:

Jukebox changer0 label My-Archive 1 5 9

this command will label the volumes in slots 1, 5 and 9 for pool MyArchive.

Note that only new/empty volumes can be labeled with this command.

Use the Job .. commands to monitor the ongoing label job.

Return values: On success: the job Id of the label job

On failure: an empty string

Method: slotcount

Syntax: Jukebox <name> slotcount

Description: Returns number of media slots in the given jukebox. The slots in the

Jukebox are addressed as 1 ... slotcount.

Return values: On success: the number of media slots

On failure: an empty string

Method: reset

Syntax: Jukebox <name> reset

Description: Performs a hardware jukebox reset, with forcefully emptying all jukebox

drives. Use this method with caution since this command will perform an unconditional jukebox reset regardless of any jobs that may be using the

jukebox resources.

Return values: On success: the string "1"

On failure: an empty string

Method: volumes

Syntax: Jukebox <name> volumes [<slotID>]

Description: Returns a list of all volumes by id currently loaded in the <name> jukebox.

In case a slotID is given, the command returns the volume in that slot. Note

that slot IDs are numbered starting from 1, the id may differ from the

numbering scheme of the library's web interface.

To update the list of the volumes in the jukebox, use the *inventory* method.



The volume names returned can be used as input for the Volume

commands. In case a volume is present but unknown, a 0 is returned for

that volume.

Return values: On success: the list of volume names



Volume

This resource tracks volumes configured for data storage. A volume is an instance of the physical media (tape, digital versatile disk, etc) prepared for use by the P5 server. The preparation of media includes writing of the special label on the beginning of media. By using this label, the P5 server can uniquely identify the media in its volume database.

Method: names

Syntax: Volume names

Description: Returns a list of names of all volume resources

Return values: On success: the list of volume names

the string "<empty>" if no volumes were configured

On failure: an empty string

Method: barcode

Syntax: Volume < name > barcode

Description: Returns the barcode of the volume <name>.

Return values: On success: the barcode

the string "<empty>" if no barcode is present

On failure: the an empty string

Method: copyof

Syntax: Volume <name> copyof

Description: Returns the volume name of the clone of this volume

Return values: On success: the clone name or 0 (zero) if no clone exists

On failure: an empty string

Method: dateexpires

Syntax: Volume < name > dateexpires

Description: Returns the date when the volume will exxpire and can be relabeled in

seconds since Jan 01, 1970 (Posix time).

Return values: On success: the date in seconds (Posix time)



Method: dateused

Syntax: Volume <name> dateused

Description: Returns the date when the volume was last used (for reading or for writing)

in seconds since Jan 01, 1970 (Posix time).

Return values: On success: the date in seconds (Posix time)

On failure: an empty string

Method: disable

Syntax: Volume < name > disable

Description: Sets the volume to Disabled

Return values: On success: the string "0"

On failure: an empty string

Method: disabled

Syntax: Volume <name> disabled

Description: Oueries the volume Disabled status

Return values: On success: the string "1" (the volume is disabled) or

the string "0" (not disabled)

On failure: an empty string

Method: enabled

Syntax: Volume <name> enabled

Description: Queries the volume Enabled status.

Return values: On success: the string "1" (enabled) or "0" (not enabled)

On failure: an empty string

Method: enable

Syntax: Volume < name > enable

Description: Sets the volume to Enabled

Return values: On success: the string "1"



Method: isonline

Syntax: Volume <name> isonline

Description: Returns the string "1" if the volume is accessible, being either in the media

changer or in one of the media drives.

Return values: On success: the string "1"



Method: inventory

Syntax: Volume <name> inventory <output file> [<options>]

Description: Outputs a list of the files contained on the Archive-Volume <name> into a

file. The <output file> must be in the form [client:]absolute_path whereby client is the name of the P5 client where to store the file and absolute_path is the complete path to the file to hold the output. The

client part is optional and defaults to localhost:

The *inventory* command fills in the passed file with lines containing records separated by a TAB. If no <options> are given, the output file will by default contain the index paths of all the files saved by the given job <name>, one record per line. Additional <options> represent the attributes that will be output for each file in a tab-separated format. These attributes may be system attributes or any user-defined meta-data fields.

Note: This command can only be applied to Archive tapes

The supported system attributes are:

ppath: the physical path of the file on the filesystem

size: the size of the saved file

handle: the handle as required by the RestoreSelection

btime: the backup time of the file mtime: the file's modification time ino: the inode number of the file

The index path returned by the *inventory* command cannot be used to access files on the file system in general. There are special cases where this might be used for this purpose, but generally it is not supported. The idea behind this info is to have an overview or idea what is being stored in the index and not to consume it in some other fashion (i.e. address the files on the file system to post-process them).

In cases where files are still expected to be in the file system at the place they were at the point of archiving (for example somebody wants to delete them or otherwise post-process them) the *ppath* attribute may be used, which, when given on the command line, will yield the physical path asfound on the client where the file resides. Note that not all index entries have corresponding physical paths. In such cases the value will be set to the string "*empty>*".

Return values: On success: the <client>:<output file>



Method: jobs

Syntax: Volume < name > jobs

Description: Returns a list of job ids which accessed volume <name>

The job ids can be used in a job command to get info about that job.

Return values: On success: the job list

On failure: an empty string

Method: label

Syntax: Volume <name> label [<value>]

Description: Returns a human-readable description of the volume <name>. If the

optional argument <value> is given, it will set the label to the given value. If optional argument <value> contains spaces it should be inside {} braces

Return values: On success: the volume label

On failure: an empty string

Method: location

Syntax: Volume <name> location [<value>]

Description: Returns the physical location of the volume <name>. If the optional

argument <value> is given, it will set the offline location parameter to the given value. If optional argument <value> contains spaces it should be

inside {} braces.

The format of the location is passed as name-of-the-jukebox : slot

Return values: On success: the location string

the string "<empty>" if the volume location is not set



Method: mediatype

Syntax: Volume <name> mediatype

Description: Returns the type of media for the volume <name>. This is defined to be one

of:

TAPE

DISK

Return values: On success: the media type

On failure: an empty string

Method: maxsize

Syntax: Volume <name> maxsize

Description: Returns the total number of kbytes which the volume <name> can hold.

This is defined for the mediatype *DISK*. Other types of media, most notably *TAPE* do not have this size defined. If you attempt to get the maxsize of the

TAPE media, you will get zero (0) as return value.

Return values: On success: the size in kbytes

On failure: an empty string

Method: mode

Syntax: Volume <name> mode [<value>]

Description: Returns the current mode of the volume <name>. The mode can be one of:

Appendable

Closed

Readonly

Recyclable

Full

If the optional argument <value> is given, it will set the mode to the given

value.

Return values: On success: the volume mode



Method: state

Syntax: Volume <name> state [<value>]

Description: Returns the current state of the volume <name>. The state can be one of:

Ok

Suspect

OutOfSync

If the optional argument <value> is given, it will set the state to the given

value.

Return values: On success: the volume state

On failure: an empty string

Method: totalsize

Syntax: Volume < name > totalsize

Description: Returns the estimated capacity for the volume <name> in kbytes. The true

capacity is variable and depends on the wear and tear and the number of

faulty blocks on the volume and degrades with time and usage.

Return values: On success: the number of kbytes

On failure: an empty string

Method: usage

Syntax: Volume <name> usage

Description: Returns the current usage of the volume <name>. Currently, the following

usage types are supported:

Archive volume must be used for archive jobs

Backup volume must be used for backup jobs

Import volume is part of the imported media pool

Return values: On success: the volume usage

On failure: an empty string

Method: usecount

Syntax: Volume < name > usecount

Description: Returns the number of uses for read and/or write operations.

Return values: On success: the number of uses



Method: usedsize

Syntax: Volume < name > usedsize

Description: Returns the number of kbytes currently written on the volume <name>. If

this method returns zero (0) then no data has been written to this volume.

Return values: On success: the number of kbytes written



Pool

This resource tracks volume pools. Volume pools are collections of labeled media that can be used for archive and/or backup tasks.

Method: names

Syntax: Pool names

Description: Lists all configured media pools.

Return values: On success: a list of pool names

the string "<empty>" if no pools have been configured

On failure: an empty string

Method: create

Syntax: Pool create <name> [<option> <value>]

Description: Creates a media pool with the name < name >. The < name > of the pool may

not include blanks or any special punctuation and/or national characters. If

the pool <name> already exists in the P5 configuration an error will be

thrown.

Options supported by this command are:

usage one of Archive or Backup

mediatype one of TAPE or DISK

blocksize count

If no optional arguments are given, the newly created pool will be assigned

Archive for usage and TAPE for media type.

The new option blocksize <count> allows to specify blocksize for all volumes labeled for this pool. The <count> parameter can be as low as

32768 (32K) and as high as 524288 (512K) but it must be one of:

32768, 65536, 131072, 262144, 524288

The newly created pool will be configured for no parallelism i.e. it will use only one media-device for writing and/or reading the media. If you need to

configure the pool for parallelism, use method Pool drivecount.

Example to create tape-archive media pool:

Pool create MyPool usage Archive mediatype TAPE

Return values: On success: the name of the created pool



Method: disabled

Syntax: Pool <name> disabled

Description: Queries the pool Disabled status

Return values: On success: "1" (the pool is disabled) or "0" (not disabled)

On failure: an empty string

Method: drivecount

Syntax: Pool <name> drivecount <count>

Description: Sets the drives per stream the pool is allowed to use

Return values: On success: the "1" (the pool is disabled) or "0" (not disabled)

On failure: an empty string

Method: enabled

Syntax: Pool <name> enabled

Description: Queries the pool Enabled status.

Return values: On success: the string "1" (enabled) or "0" (not enabled)

On failure: an empty string

Method: mediatype

Syntax: Pool <name> mediatype

Description: returns one of *TAPE* or *DISK* designating the media type of labeled volumes

in the pool.

Return values: On success: the media-type as a string

On failure: an empty string

Method: totalsize

Syntax: Pool <name> totalsize

Description: Returns the estimated capacity for the pool <name> in kbytes. The true

capacity is variable and depends on the wear and tear and the number of

faulty blocks on the volume and degrades with time and usage.

Return values: On success: the number of kbytes



Method: usage

Syntax: Pool <name> usage

Description: Returns either *Archive* or *Backup*

Return values: On success: the usage as a string

On failure: an empty string

Method: usedsize

Syntax: Pool <name> usedsize

Description: Returns the number of kbytes currently written to the pool <name>. If this

method returns zero (0) then no data has been written to this pool.

Return values: On success: the number of kbytes written

On failure: an empty string

Method: volumes

Syntax: Pool <name> volumes

Description: Lists all labeled volumes for the given pool

Return values: On success: a list of volume ID's labeled for the named pool

the string "<empty>" if the pool has no volumes



Job related Commands

Job

The Job resource tracks jobs submitted to the P5 server. Information about each of the submitted jobs is held indefinitely and can be queried by the user at any time. Job resources are generated automatically, for instance by the *submit* methods of the ArchiveSelection resource.

General

Method: names

Syntax: Job names

Description: Returns a list of all currently scheduled or running jobs

Return values: On success: the names of currently scheduled or running jobs

the string "<empty>" if no jobs are scheduled

On failure: an empty string

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Method: completed

Syntax: Job completed [<lastdays>]

Description: Returns the names of all jobs completed by the system.

If the optional <a href="extraorder-right-new-to-second-right-new-

returned.

Otherwise, all completed jobs for the last lastdays days are returned.

The <lastdays> argument is interpreted as a positive integer (the default is

0 meaning today).

Return values: On success: the names of completed jobs or

the string "<empty>" if no jobs completed

in the given time.



Method: completion

Syntax: Job <name> completion

Description: Returns the completion code of the completed job. The completion code

can be one of:

success

warning

exception

failure

The success completion code means that the job has completed successfully in its entirety. It means that all of the files have been archived and/or restored, though. For info about the particular file, use the *protocol* method.

The warning completion code means that the job came to a regular end, but it is incomplete. At least one file could not be saved. For info about the particular file, use the *protocol* method.

The exception completion code means that parts of the job have failed, but the job may have been partially executed successfully. This happens for parallel archive/restore operations where one of the job threads runs into an error, while others continue to run and finish successfully.

The failure completion code means that the job has failed in its entirety and none of the files have been processed (archived/restored) correctly.

Return values: On success: one of the completion codes

On failure: an empty string

Method: describe

Syntax: Job <name> describe

Description: Returns a (human readable) job description as shown in the P5 job monitor.

Return values: On success: the job description



Method: failed

Syntax: Job failed [<lastdays>]

Description: Returns the names of all the jobs that failed to execute. If no optional

argument <lastdays> is given, it returns jobs that failed today.

Otherwise, all failed jobs for the last <lastdays> days are returned.

The <lastdays> argument is interpreted as a positive integer (0 means

today).

Return values: On success: the names of failed jobs

the string "<empty>" if no jobs failed

On failure: an empty string

Method: inventory

Syntax: Job <name> inventory <output file> [<options>]

Description: Outputs a list of the files saved by the Archive-Job <name> into a file.

The <output file> must be in the form [client:]absolute_path whereby client is the name of the P5 client where to store the file and absolute_path is the complete path to the file to hold the output. The

client part is optional and defaults to localhost:

The *inventory* command fills in the passed file with lines containing records separated by a TAB. If no <options> are given, the output file will by default contain the index paths of all the files saved by the given job <name>, one record per line. Additional <options> represent the attributes that will be output for each file in a tab-separated format. These attributes may be system attributes or any user-defined meta-data fields.

The supported system attributes are:

ppath: the physical path of the file on the filesystem

volumes: a blank separated list of the volumes where the file is

saved

size: the size of the saved file

handle: the handle as required by the RestoreSelection

btime: the backup time of the file

mtime: the file's modification time

ino: the inode number of the file

The index path returned by the *inventory* command cannot be used to access files on the file system in general. There are special cases where



this might be used for this purpose, but generally it is not supported. The idea behind this info is to have an overview or idea what is being stored in the index and not to consume it in some other fashion (i.e. address the files on the file system to post-process them).

In cases where files are still expected to be in the file system at the place they were at the point of archiving (for example somebody wants to delete them or otherwise post-process them) the *ppath* attribute may be used, which, when given on the command line, will yield the physical path asfound on the client where the file resides. Note that not all index entries have corresponding physical paths. In such cases the value will be set to

the string "<empty>".

Return values: On success: the <cli>ent>:<output file>

On failure: an empty string

Method: label

Syntax: Job <name> label

Description: Returns the (human readable) job label.

The following labels are returned:

Archive, Backup, Synchronize and System.

A Job label can be used in conjunction with the Job describe command to better display the job record in various list displays.

Return values: On success: the job label

On failure: an empty string

Method: pending

Syntax: Job pending

Description: Returns the names of all the jobs waiting to be executed, i.e. jobs that are

still in the queue waiting to be scheduled and jobs that are already

scheduled but wait for the next free worker thread.

Return values: On success: the names of currently waiting jobs

the string "<empty>" if no jobs are waiting



Method: protocol

Syntax: Job <name> protocol [<archiveentry>]

Description: Returns a completion protocol of the completed job and/or of one of the

archived and/or restored file(s) given by the optional <archiveentry>

argument. The protocol contains human readable text.

Return values: On success: the requested protocol

On failure: an empty string

Method: report

Syntax: Job <name> report

Description: Returns a report of the currently running job. The report contains human

readable text.

Return values: On success: the report text

On failure: an empty string

Method: resourcegroup

Syntax: Job <name> resourcegroup

Description: Returns the name of the resource group for which this job has been

running.

Return values: On success: the name of the resource group

(for example ArchivePlan, SyncPlan, etc.)

or the string "<empty>",

if no resource group is associated with the job

On failure: an empty string

Method: resourcename

Syntax: Job <name> resourcename

Description: Returns the name of the resource for which this job has been running

Return values: On success: the name of the resource

(for example Default-Backup, Default-Archive)

or the string "<empty>",

if no resource group is associated with the job



Method: running

Syntax: Job running

Description: Returns the names of all currently running jobs.

Return values: On success: the names of currently running jobs

the string "<empty>" if no jobs are running

On failure: an empty string

Method: status

Syntax: Job <name> status

Description: Returns the status of the job. A job can have a number of internal statuses,

depending on the stage of the archive and/or restore process. Currently, the

following statuses are supported:

startedthe job is starting (intermediate state)

stopped the job is stopping (intermediate state)

unknown the job is not known by the system

scheduled the job is in the queue waiting to be run

• pending an intermediate state during start,

the job is waiting to be accepted for start

by the queue manager

running the job is running

· canceled the job is canceled by user

· completed the job is completed

terminated the job is terminated by a server shutdown

Return values: On success: one of the supported statuses

On failure: an empty string

Method: totalfiles

Syntax: Job <name> totalfiles

Description: Returns the number of files and folders saved by the given archive of

backup job

Return values: On success: the number of files and folders saved



Method: totalkbytes

Syntax: Job <name> totalkbytes

Description: Returns the amount of data saved by the given archive or backup job in

kbyte

Return values: On success: the total size of files and folders saved

On failure: an empty string

Method: warning

Syntax: Job warning [<lastdays>]

Description: Returns names of all jobs with warnings. If no optional argument

<lastdays> is given, it returns jobs with warnings from today. Otherwise, all

jobs with warnings for the last <lastdays> days are returned.

The < lastdays > argument is interpreted as a positive integer (0 = today).

Return values: On success: the names of jobs with warnings

the string "<empty>" if no jobs ended with a warning

On failure: an empty string

Method: xmlticket

Syntax: Job <name> xmlticket [<outfilename>]

Description: Returns the completion protocol of the completed job.

The protocol contains human readable text embedded in generic XML

sections.

If the optional <outfilename> argument is given, the output of the

command is rerouted to the given file.

Return values: On success: the requested protocol



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Method: cancel

Syntax: Job <name> cancel

Description: Cancels the running job. Only jobs that have the running status can be

canceled. An attempt to cancel a job with a different status will result in an

error.

Return values: On success: the string "1" if the job is canceled

the string "0" if the job could not be canceled

for whatever reason

On failure: an empty string

Method: runat

Syntax: Job <name> runat

Description: Returns the time in seconds (Posix time) when the job was scheduled to

run.

Return values: On success: the time

On failure: an empty string

Method: stop

Syntax: Job <name> stop

Description: Stops the scheduled job. Only jobs that have the scheduled status can be

stopped. An attempt to stop a job with a different status will result in an

error.

Return values: On success: the string "1" if the job is stopped

the string "0" if the job could not be stopped

for whatever reason



Examples

Interactive CLI usage

The following examples are made using the nsdchat utility from a shell script on the P5 server machine. The nsdchat utility is invoked in interactive mode.

```
# cd /usr/local/aw
# bin/nsdchat
% ArchivePlan names
1000
% ArchivePlan 1000 describe
Default archive plan
% ArchiveSelection create localhost 1000
ArchiveSelection.0
% ArchiveSelection ArchiveSelection.0 addentry /usr/local/aw/start-server
Default-Archive#L3Vzci9sb2NhbC9hdy9zdGFydC1zZXJ2ZXI=
% ArchiveSelection ArchiveSelection.0 submit 1
10190
% Job 10190 status
running
% Job 10190 report
Default-Archive: pool needs new volume -> next check at 13:01:27
% Job 10190 cancel
1
% Job 10190 status
completed
% Job 10190 protocol
No save took place due to early errors!
No volumes found
% exit
```



Example: Volume List

The following script creates a csv formatted list of all volumes known in P5.

Reroute the output to a file named volumes.csv to create a file that can be opened with a spread sheet like Microsoft Excel or LibreOffice Calc.

```
#!/bin/sh
# Create a volume list
#
# Change the path in case P5 is installed elsewhere
chatcmd="/usr/local/aw/bin/nsdchat -c"
list=`$chatcmd Volume names`
echo "Label, Barcode, State, Mode, Type, 'Used Size', 'Last Used', Location"
for i in $list
   c1=`$chatcmd Volume $i label`
   c2=`$chatcmd Volume $i barcode`
   c3=`$chatcmd Volume $i state`
   c4=`$chatcmd Volume $i mode`
   c5=`$chatcmd Volume $i mediatype`
   c6=`$chatcmd Volume $i usedsize`
   c7=`$chatcmd Volume $i dateused`
   c8=`$chatcmd Volume $i location`
   echo "'$c1', '$c2', '$c3', '$c4', '$c5', '$c6', '$c7', '$c8'"
done
# E0F
```

Please note that this is a shell script that cannot be used on Windows.



Example: Workstation List

The following script creates a csv formatted list of the workstations and lists start and end time as well as file count and size of the last job and displays the totals.

Reroute the output to a file named workstations.csv to create a file that can be opened with a spread sheet like Microsoft Excel or LibreOffice Calc.

```
#!/bin/sh
#
# Change the path in case P5 is installed elsewhere
chatcmd="/usr/local/aw/bin/nsdchat -c"

list=`$chatcmd Workstation names`
echo "Name, Start, End, Files, Size"

for i in $list
do
    c1=`$chatcmd Workstation $i describe`
    c2=`$chatcmd Workstation $i lastbegin`
    c3=`$chatcmd Workstation $i lastend`
    c4=`$chatcmd Workstation $i totalfiles`
    c5=`$chatcmd Workstation $i totalfiles`
    echo "'$c1','$c2','$c3','$c4','$c5'"

done
# EOF
```

Please note that this is a shell script that cannot be used on Windows.

The date values are given in seconds since 01.01.1970, 00:00. This is a different time base from the one used in spreadsheets so conversion must be done in case the date should be shown. For example by adding the shell command

```
c2=`date -r $c2'
```

before the last echo line in the above script, the date will be displayed in a readable format of a the seconds value.

Calculating lastend – lastbegin or (\$c3 - \$c2) renders the number of seconds the job took to complete. In case that value is negative, the last job did not succeed.



Example: Job List

The following script prints a list of failed backup job of the last 3 days.

```
#!/bin/sh
# List failed jobs of last days
# pass a "-w" to get jobs that gave warnings instead
# Change the path in case P5 is installed elsewhere
# Note that here the -s argument is used to pass connection
# parameters in the nsdchat call.
chatcmd="/usr/local/aw/bin/nsdchat -s awsock:/user:passwd@localhost:9001 -c"
if [ "$1" == "-w" ]
then
   list=`$chatcmd Job warning 3`
   list=`$chatcmd Job failed 3`
fi
count=0
for i in $list
   rg=`$chatcmd Job $i resourcegroup`
   if [ "$rg" != "::BackupTask" ]
   then
      continue
   fi
   let ++count
            : `$chatcmd Job $i label`
   echo Job
   echo Status : `$chatcmd Job $i status` with `$chatcmd Job $i completion`
   echo Protocol:
   echo `$chatcmd Job $i protocol`
echo $count jobs in the last 3 days
# EOF
```

Please note that this is a shell script that cannot be used on Windows.

The script only outputs the backup jobs' descriptions (if any).



Example: Posix Time and Conversions

Several methods, mainly in the *Backup2Go* section of this manual, use Posix time to represent a time and date.

Posix time is native on Unix systems. It is the number of seconds since Jan 01, 1970.

The conversion between that format and a human readable format can easily be done in a Unix terminal session with the Unix date command:

From a readable format to Posix time:

% date -j -f "%Y-%m-%d %H:%M:%S" "2012-10-02 12:00:00" +%s 1349172000

From Posix time to a readable format:

% date -r 1349172000 Tue 2 Oct 2012 12:00:00 CEST

The highest date representable this way is Jan 19, 2038.

Higher values will be interpreted as being in the past:

% date -r 2147483647 Tue Jan 19 04:14:07 CET 2038 % date -r 2147483648 Fri Dec 13 20:45:52 WET 1901