



Often, there are multiple man pages (in different chapters of the manual) for a given topic. As an example, we will give **stat**.

If you just do:

```
1 $ man stat
2 STAT(1)                                User Commands                                STAT(1)
3
4 NAME
5     stat - display file or file system status
6
7 SYNOPSIS
8     stat [OPTION] FILE...
9
10 DESCRIPTION
11     Display file or file system status.
12
13 .....
14 |
```

you will get a description of the command line utility.

Try doing:

```
1 $ man -k stat
```

which is equivalent to doing **apropos stat**. You will get a long list of man pages that reference the string **stat**.

To narrow the list down to pages that are an exact match, do:

```
1 $ man -f stat
```

and then you can get the page from chapter two by doing:

```
1 $ man 2 stat
```

If you want to see all the pages, you can do:

```
1 $ man -a stat
```

and then you can see each of the relevant chapters in turn, typing **q** after each one is displayed to proceed the next one.

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