



Exercise 13.1: Multiple man pages

- 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:

```
$ man stat
```

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STAT(1)                                User Commands                                STAT(1)

NAME
    stat - display file or file system status

SYNOPSIS
    stat [OPTION] FILE...

DESCRIPTION
    Display file or file system status.

.....
```

you will get a description of the command line utility.

- Try doing:

```
$ 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:

```
$ man -f stat
```

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

```
$ man 2 stat
```

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

```
$ man -a stat
```

and then you can see them all in turn, typing **q** after each one is displayed to see the next one.