

SYSTEMCTL

systemctl may be used to introspect and control the state of the "systemd" system and service manager. Please refer to [systemd\(1\)](#) for an introduction into the basic concepts and functionality this tool manages.

Generated from `man systemctl`

Unit Commands (Introspection and Modification)

`list-units` [*PATTERN*...]
`list-automounts` [*PATTERN*...]
`list-paths` [*PATTERN*...]
`list-sockets` [*PATTERN*...]
`list-timers` [*PATTERN*...]
`is-active` *PATTERN*...
`is-failed` [*PATTERN*...]
`status` [*PATTERN*... | *PID*...]
`show` [*PATTERN*... | *JOB*...]
`cat` *PATTERN*...
`help` *PATTERN*... | *PID*...
`list-dependencies` [*UNIT*...]
`start` *PATTERN*...
`stop` *PATTERN*...
`reload` *PATTERN*...
`restart` *PATTERN*...
`try-restart` *PATTERN*...
`reload-or-restart` *PATTERN*...
`try-reload-or-restart` *PATTERN*...
`isolate` *UNIT*
`kill` *PATTERN*...
`clean` *PATTERN*...
`freeze` *PATTERN*...
`thaw` *PATTERN*...
`set-property` *UNIT* *PROPERTY*=*VALUE*...
`bind` *UNIT* *PATH* [*PATH*]
`mount-image` *UNIT* *IMAGE* [*PATH* [*PARTITION_NAME*:*MOUNT_OPTIONS*]]
`service-log-level` *SERVICE* [*LEVEL*]
`service-log-target` *SERVICE* [*TARGET*]
`reset-failed` [*PATTERN*...]
`whoami` [*PID*...]

Unit File Commands

`list-unit-files` [*PATTERN*...]
`enable` *UNIT*..., `enable` *PATH*...
`disable` *UNIT*...
`reenable` *UNIT*...
`preset` *UNIT*...
`preset-all`
`is-enabled` *UNIT*...
`mask` *UNIT*...
`unmask` *UNIT*...
`link` *PATH*...
`revert` *UNIT*...
`add-wants` *TARGET UNIT*..., `add-requires` *TARGET UNIT*...
`edit` *UNIT*...
`get-default`
`set-default` *TARGET*

Machine Commands

list-machines [*PATTERN*...]

Job Commands

list-jobs [*PATTERN*...]

cancel [*JOB*...]

Environment Commands

systemd supports an environment block that is passed to processes the manager spawns. The names of the variables can contain ASCII letters, digits, and the underscore character. Variable names cannot be empty or start with a digit. In variable values, most characters are allowed, but the whole sequence must be valid UTF-8. (Note that control characters like newline (**NL**), tab (**TAB**), or the escape character (**ESC**), *are* valid ASCII and thus valid UTF-8). The total length of the environment block is limited to **_SC_ARG_MAX** value defined by **sysconf**(3).

show-environment

set-environment *VARIABLE=VALUE*...

unset-environment *VARIABLE*...

import-environment *VARIABLE*...

Manager State Commands

daemon-reload

daemon-reexec

log-level [*LEVEL*]

log-target [*TARGET*]

service-watchdogs [yes|no]

System Commands

is-system-running

default

rescue

emergency

halt

poweroff

reboot

kexec

soft-reboot

exit [*EXIT_CODE*]

switch-root [*ROOT* [*INIT*]]

sleep

suspend

hibernate

hybrid-sleep

suspend-then-hibernate

OPTIONS

-t, --type=
--state=
-p, --property=
-P
-a, --all
-r, --recursive
--reverse
--after
--before
--with-dependencies
-l, --full
--value
--show-types
--job-mode=
-T, --show-transaction
--fail
--check-inhibitors=
-i
--dry-run
-q, --quiet
--no-warn
--no-block
--wait
--user
--system
--failed
--no-wall
--global
--no-reload
--kill-whom=
--kill-value=*INT*
-s, --signal=
--what=
-f, --force
--message=
--now
--root=
--image=*image*
--image-policy=*policy*
--runtime
--preset-mode=
-n, --lines=
-o, --output=
--firmware-setup
--boot-loader-menu=*timeout*
--boot-loader-entry=*ID*
--reboot-argument=
--plain
--timestamp=
--mkdir
--marked
--read-only
--drop-in=*NAME*
--when=
--stdin
-H, --host=
-M, --machine=
-C, --capsule=

`--no-ask-password`
`--no-pager`
`--legend=BOOL`
`-h, --help`
`--version`

EXIT STATUS

On success, 0 is returned, a non-zero failure code otherwise.

`systemctl` uses the return codes defined by LSB, as defined in [LSB 3.0.0](#) [3] .

[Table 5. LSB return codes](#)

ENVIRONMENT

`$SYSTEMD_EDITOR`
`$SYSTEMD_LOG_LEVEL`
`$SYSTEMD_LOG_COLOR`
`$SYSTEMD_LOG_TIME`
`$SYSTEMD_LOG_LOCATION`
`$SYSTEMD_LOG_TARGET`
`$SYSTEMD_PAGER`
`$SYSTEMD_LESS`
`$SYSTEMD_LESSCHARSET`
`$SYSTEMD_PAGERSECURE`
`$SYSTEMD_COLORS`
`$SYSTEMD_URLIFY`

SEE ALSO

[systemd](#)(1), [journalctl](#)(1), [loginctl](#)(1), [machinectl](#)(1), [systemd.unit](#)(5), [systemd.resource-control](#)(5), [systemd.special](#)(7), [wall](#)(1), [systemd.preset](#)(5), [systemd.generator](#)(7), [glob](#)(7)