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system

System-level helpers for the Gateway: enqueue system events, control heartbeats, and view presence.

Common commands

```
openclaw system event --text "Check for urgent follow-ups" --mode now  
openclaw system heartbeat enable  
openclaw system heartbeat last  
openclaw system presence
```

system event

Enqueue a system event on the **main** session. The next heartbeat will inject it as a **System:** line in the prompt. Use **--mode now** to trigger the heartbeat immediately; **next-heartbeat** waits for the next scheduled tick.

Flags:

- text <text>** : required system event text.
- mode <mode>** : **now** or **next-heartbeat** (default).
- json** : machine-readable output.

system heartbeat last|enable|disable



Heartbeat controls:

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`last` : show the last heartbeat event.

`enable` : turn heartbeats back on (use this if they were disabled).

`disable` : pause heartbeats.

Flags:

`--json` : machine-readable output.

system presence

List the current system presence entries the Gateway knows about (nodes, instances, and similar status lines).

Flags:

`--json` : machine-readable output.

Notes

Requires a running Gateway reachable by your current config (local or remote).

System events are ephemeral and not persisted across restarts.

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