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CLI commands

system

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

Common commands

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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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