CHEATSHEET FOR

Pacman

Commands

Common commands

Command	Description
pacman -Syu <pkg></pkg>	Install (and update package list)
pacman -S <pkg></pkg>	Install only
pacman -Rsc <pkg></pkg>	Uninstall
pacman -Ss <keywords></keywords>	Search
pacman -Syu	Upgrade everything

Query

Command	Description
pacman -Qe	List explictly-installed packages
pacman -Ql <pkg></pkg>	What files does this package have?
pacman -Qii <pkg></pkg>	List information on package
pacman -Qo <file></file>	Who owns this file?
pacman -Qs <query></query>	Search installed packages for keywords

Orphans

Command	Description
pacman -Qdt	List unneeded packages
pacman -Rns \$(pacman -Qdtq)	Uninstall unneeded packages

Avoid orphans by using pacman -Rsc to remove packages, which will remove unneeded dependencies.

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Other

Command	Description
pactree <pkg></pkg>	What does <i>pkg</i> depend on?
pactree -r <pkg></pkg>	What depends on pkg?

References

Pacman tips and tricks (wiki.archlinux.org)

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