

Multiple man Pages (Lab)

coursera.org/learn/linux-for-developers/supplement/ZwDUT/multiple-man-pages-lab

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
```

```
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 each of the relevant chapters in turn, typing **q** after each one is displayed to proceed the next one.