

Where to get information about a command

man - format and display the on-line manual pages

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eureka@ubuntu:~/Desktop$ man ls
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NAME
    ls - list directory contents

SYNOPSIS
    ls [OPTION]... [FILE]...

DESCRIPTION
    List information about the FILES (the current directory by
    default).
```

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info – a program's info entry. Hyperlinked

```
eureka@ubuntu:~/Desktop$ info ls
File: coreutils.info, Node: ls invocation, Next: dir invocation,
Up:Directory listing10.1 `ls': List directory
contents=====The `ls' program lists
information about files (of any type, includingdirectories). Options
and
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--help to display usage

```
eureka@ubuntu:~$ ls --help
Usage: ls [OPTION]... [FILE]...
List information about the FILES (the current directory by default).
Sort entries alphabetically if none of -cftuvSUX nor --sort is
specified.
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history - gives you a method for repeating commands entered earlier in your session