

Documentation of Getting Help:

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- **man is the workhorse of Linux documentation. (short for manual)**
man command gives you information about the system utilities.

For instance, socket has at least two different man pages, in chapters 2 and 7. You can look at any one of them by specifying the particular chapter, as in:

```
$ man 7 socket
```

or you can see all of them in sequence by doing:

```
$ man -a socket
```

man has a lot of options (do **man man**), some of which have utility short hand forms. For example, by doing either of these commands:

```
$ whatis socket  
$ man -f socket
```

you will get a list of all man pages that have socket in their name. Likewise, if you do either of the commands:

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$ apropos socket  
$ man -k socket
```

you will get a list of all man pages that discuss sockets, whether or not it is in their name.