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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:

```
 1  $ man stat
 2  STAT(1)                         User Commands                          STAT(1)
 3
 4  NAME
 5      stat - display file or file system status
 6
 7  SYNOPSIS
 8      stat [OPTION] FILE...
 9
10  DESCRIPTION
11         Display file or file system status.
12
13  .....
14  |
```

you will get a description of the command line utility.

Try doing:

```
 1  $ 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:

```
 1  $ man -f stat|
```

and then you can get the page from chapter two by doing:

```
 1  $ man 2 stat|
```

If you want to see all the pages, you can do:

```
 1  $ man -a stat|
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and then you can see each of the relevant chapters in turn, typing **q** after each one is displayed to proceed the next one.

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