

# **tldr pages**

Simplified and community driven man pages

# **adduser**

**User addition utility.**

- Create a new user with a default home directory and prompt the user to set a password:

```
adduser {{username}}
```

- Create a new user without a home directory:

```
adduser --no-create-home {{username}}
```

- Create a new user with a home directory at the specified path:

```
adduser --home {{path/to/home}} {{username}}
```

- Create a new user with the specified shell set as the login shell:

```
adduser --shell {{path/to/shell}} {{username}}
```

- Create a new user belonging to the specified group:

```
adduser --ingroup {{group}} {{username}}
```

# alpine

An email client and Usenet newsgroup program with a pico/nano-inspired interface.

Supports most modern email services through IMAP.

- Open alpine normally:

```
alpine
```

- Open alpine directly to the message composition screen to send an email to a given email address:

```
alpine {{email@example.net}}
```

- Quit alpine:

```
'q' then 'y'
```

# apt-cache

**Debian and Ubuntu package query tool.**

- Search for a package in your current sources:

```
apt-cache search {{query}}
```

- Show information about a package:

```
apt-cache show {{package}}
```

- Show whether a package is installed and up to date:

```
apt-cache policy {{package}}
```

- Show dependencies for a package:

```
apt-cache depends {{package}}
```

- Show packages that depend on a particular package:

```
apt-cache rdepends {{package}}
```

# apt-get

**Debian and Ubuntu package management utility.**

- Update the list of available packages and versions (it's recommended to run this before other apt-get commands):

```
apt-get update
```

- Install a package, or update it to the latest available version:

```
apt-get install {{package}}
```

- Remove a package:

```
apt-get remove {{package}}
```

- Upgrade all installed packages to their newest available versions:

```
apt-get upgrade
```

- Remove all packages that are no longer needed:

```
apt-get autoremove
```

- Upgrade installed packages (like `upgrade`), but remove obsolete packages and install additional packages to meet new dependencies:

```
apt-get dist-upgrade
```

# apt-key

Key management utility for the APT Package Manager on Debian and Ubuntu.

- List trusted keys:

```
apt-key list
```

- Add a key to the trusted keystore:

```
apt-key add {{public_key_file.asc}}
```

- Delete a key from the trusted keystore:

```
apt-key del {{key_id}}
```

- Add a remote key to the trusted keystore:

```
wget -qO - {{https://host.tld/filename.key}} | apt-key add -
```

- Add a key from keyserver with only key id:

```
apt-key adv --keyserver {{pgp.mit.edu}} --recv {{KEYID}}
```

# apt

**Package management utility for Debian based distributions.**

- Update the list of available packages and versions (it's recommended to run this before other apt commands):

```
sudo apt update
```

- Search for a given package:

```
apt search {{package}}
```

- Show information for a package:

```
apt show {{package}}
```

- Install a package, or update it to the latest available version:

```
sudo apt install {{package}}
```

- Remove a package (using `purge` instead also removes its configuration files):

```
sudo apt remove {{package}}
```

- Upgrade all installed packages to their newest available versions:

```
sudo apt upgrade
```

# aptitude

**Debian and Ubuntu package management utility.**

- Synchronize list of packages and versions available. This should be run first, before running subsequent aptitude commands:

```
aptitude update
```

- Install a new package and its dependencies:

```
aptitude install {{package}}
```

- Search for a package:

```
aptitude search {{package}}
```

- Remove a package and all packages depending on it:

```
aptitude remove {{package}}
```

- Upgrade installed packages to newest available versions:

```
aptitude upgrade
```

- Upgrade installed packages (like `aptitude upgrade`) including removing obsolete packages and installing additional packages to meet new package dependencies:

```
aptitude full-upgrade
```

# archey

**Simple tool for stylishly displaying system information.**

- Show system information:

```
archey
```

# arp-scan

**Send ARP packets to hosts (specified as IP addresses or hostnames) to scan the local network.**

- Scan the current local network:

```
arp-scan --localnet
```

- Scan an IP network with a custom bitmask:

```
arp-scan {{192.168.1.1}}/{{24}}
```

- Scan an IP network within a custom range:

```
arp-scan {{127.0.0.0}}-{{127.0.0.31}}
```

- Scan an IP network with a custom net mask:

```
arp-scan {{10.0.0.0}}:{{255.255.255.0}}
```

# at

**Executes commands at a specified time.**

- Open an `at` prompt to create a new set of scheduled commands, press `Ctrl + D` to save and exit:

```
at {{hh:mm:ss}}
```

- Execute the commands and email the result using a local mailing program such as `sendmail`:

```
at {{hh:mm:ss}} -m
```

- Execute a script at the given time:

```
at {{hh:mm:ss}} -f {{path/to/file}}
```

# beep

A utility to beep the PC speaker.

- Play a beep:

```
beep
```

- Play a beep that repeats:

```
beep -r {{repetitions}}
```

- Play a beep at a specified frequency (Hz) and duration (milliseconds):

```
beep -f {{frequency}} -l {{duration}}
```

- Play each new frequency and duration as a distinct beep:

```
beep -f {{frequency}} -l {{duration}} -n -f {{frequency}} -l  
{{duration}}
```

- Play the C major scale:

```
beep -f 262 -n -f 294 -n -f 330 -n -f 349 -n -f 392 -n -f 440  
-n -f 494 -n -f 523
```

# bmon

**Monitor bandwidth and capture network related statistics.**

- Display the list of all the interfaces:

```
bmon -a
```

- Display data transfer rates in bits per second:

```
bmon -b
```

- Set policy to define which network interface(s) is/are displayed:

```
bmon -p {{interface_1,interface_2,interface_3}}
```

- Set interval (in seconds) in which rate per counter is calculated:

```
bmon -R {{2.0}}
```

# brew

The Homebrew package manager for Linux.

- Search for available formulas:

```
brew search {{text}}
```

- Install the latest stable version of a formula (use `--devel` for development versions):

```
brew install {{formula}}
```

- List all installed formulae:

```
brew list
```

- Update an installed formula (if no formula name is given, all installed formulae are updated):

```
brew upgrade {{formula}}
```

- Fetch the newest version of Linuxbrew and all formulae from GitHub:

```
brew update
```

- Show formulae that have a more recent version available:

```
brew outdated
```

- Display information about a formula (version, installation path, dependencies, etc.):

```
brew info {{formula}}
```

- Check your Linuxbrew installation for potential problems:

```
brew doctor
```

# bzip2

A block-sorting file compressor.

- Compress file:

```
bzip2 {{path/to/file_to_compress}}
```

- Decompress file:

```
bzip2 -d {{path/to/compressed_file.bz2}}
```

- Decompress to console:

```
bzip2 -dc {{path/to/compressed_file.bz2}}
```

# cal

Prints calendar information, with the current day highlighted.

- Display a calendar for the current month:

```
cal
```

- Display previous, current and next month:

```
cal --three
```

- Use monday as the first day of the week:

```
cal --monday
```

- Display a calendar for a specific year (4 digits):

```
cal {{year}}
```

- Display a calendar for a specific month and year:

```
cal {{month}} {{year}}
```

# **calc**

**An interactive arbitrary-precision calculator on the terminal.**

- Start calc in interactive mode:

```
calc
```

- Perform a calculation in non-interactive mode:

```
calc -p '{{85 * (36 / 4)}}'
```

# chage

**Change user account and password expiry information.**

- List password information for the user:

```
chage -l {{user_name}}
```

- Enable password expiration in 10 days:

```
sudo chage -M {{10}} {{user_name}}
```

- Disable password expiration:

```
sudo chage -M -1 {{user_name}}
```

- Set account expiration date:

```
sudo chage -E {{YYYY-MM-DD}}
```

- Force user to change password on next log in:

```
sudo chage -d 0
```

# chattr

**Change attributes of files or folders.**

- Make a file or folder immutable to changes and deletion, even by superuser:

```
chattr +i {{path}}
```

- Make a file or folder mutable:

```
chattr -i {{path}}
```

- Recursively make an entire folder and contents immutable:

```
chattr -R +i {{folder}}
```

# chroot

**Run command or interactive shell with special root directory.**

- Run command as new root directory:

```
chroot {{/path/to/new/root}} {{command}}
```

- Specify user and group (ID or name) to use:

```
chroot --userspec={{user:group}}
```

# **clear**

**Clears the screen of the terminal.**

- Clear the screen (equivalent to typing Control-L when using the bash shell):

```
clear
```

# cmus

Commandline Music Player.

Use arrow keys to navigate, <enter/return> to select, and numbers 1-8 switch between different views.

- Open cmus from specified directory:

```
cmus {{path/to/directory}}
```

- Add file/directory to library:

```
:add {{path/to/file_or_directory}}
```

- Pause/unpause current song:

```
c
```

- Toggle shuffle mode on/off:

```
s
```

- Quit cmus:

```
q
```

# compose

An alias to a `run-mailcap`'s action `compose`.

Originally `run-mailcap` is used to mime-type/file.

- Compose action can be used to compose any existing file or new on default mailcap edit tool:

```
compose {{filename}}
```

- With `run-mailcap`:

```
run-mailcap --action=compose {{filename}}
```

# **cpufreq-aperf**

**Calculate the average CPU frequency over a time period.**

**Requires root privileges.**

- Start calculating, defaulting to all CPU cores and 1 second refresh interval:

```
sudo cpufreq-aperf
```

- Start calculating for CPU 1 only:

```
sudo cpufreq-aperf -c {{1}}
```

- Start calculating with a 3 seconds refresh interval for all CPU cores:

```
sudo cpufreq-aperf -i {{3}}
```

- Calculate only once:

```
sudo cpufreq-aperf -o
```

# cpufreq-info

A tool to show CPU frequency information.

- Show CPU frequency information for all CPUs:

```
cpufreq-info
```

- Show CPU frequency information for the specified CPU:

```
cpufreq-info -c {{cpu_number}}
```

- Show the allowed minimum and maximum CPU frequency:

```
cpufreq-info -l
```

- Show the current minimum and maximum CPU frequency and policy in table format:

```
cpufreq-info -o
```

- Show available CPU frequency policies:

```
cpufreq-info -g
```

- Show current CPU work frequency in a human-readable format, according to the cpufreq kernel module:

```
cpufreq-info -f -m
```

- Show current CPU work frequency in a human-readable format, by reading it from hardware (only available to root):

```
sudo cpufreq-info -w -m
```

# cpufreq-set

A tool to modify CPU frequency settings.

The frequency value should range between the output of command `cpufreq-info -l`.

- Set the CPU frequency policy of CPU 1 to "userspace":

```
sudo cpufreq-set -c {{1}} -g {{userspace}}
```

- Set the current minimum CPU frequency of CPU 1:

```
sudo cpufreq-set -c {{1}} --min {{min_frequency}}
```

- Set the current maximum CPU frequency of CPU 1:

```
sudo cpufreq-set -c {{1}} --max {{max_frequency}}
```

- Set the current work frequency of CPU 1:

```
sudo cpufreq-set -c {{1}} -f {{work_frequency}}
```

# **cpuid**

**Display detailed information about all CPUs.**

- Display information for all CPUs:

```
cpuid
```

- Display information only for the current CPU:

```
cpuid -1
```

- Display raw hex information with no decoding:

```
cpuid -r
```

# **cryptsetup**

**Manage plain dm-crypt and LUKS (Linux Unified Key Setup) encrypted volumes.**

- Initialize a LUKS volume (overwrites all data on the partition):

```
cryptsetup luksFormat {{/dev/sda1}}
```

- Open a LUKS volume and create a decrypted mapping at /dev/mapper/{{target}}:

```
cryptsetup luksOpen {{/dev/sda1}} {{target}}
```

- Remove an existing mapping:

```
cryptsetup luksClose {{target}}
```

# dash

**Debian Almquist Shell.**

**Modern POSIX-compliant implementation of `sh` (isn't Bash compatible).**

- Start interactive shell:

```
dash
```

- Execute a command:

```
dash -c "{{command}}"
```

- Run commands from a file:

```
dash {{file.sh}}
```

- Run commands from a file, logging all commands executed to the terminal:

```
dash -x {{file.sh}}
```

# date

**Set or display the system date.**

- Display the current date using the default locale's format:

```
date +"%c"
```

- Display the current date in UTC and ISO 8601 format:

```
date -u +"%Y-%m-%dT%H:%M:%SZ"
```

- Display the current date as a Unix timestamp (seconds since the Unix epoch):

```
date +%s
```

- Display a specific date (represented as a Unix timestamp) using the default format:

```
date -d @1473305798
```

# dd

## Convert and copy a file.

- Make a bootable usb drive from an isohybrid file (such like archlinux-xxx.iso) and show the progress:

```
dd if={{file.iso}} of=/dev/{{usb_drive}} status=progress
```

- Clone a drive to another drive with 4MB block, ignore error and show progress:

```
dd if=/dev/{{source_drive}} of=/dev/{{dest_drive}} bs=4M  
conv=noerror status=progress
```

- Generate a file of 100 random bytes by using kernel random driver:

```
dd if=/dev/urandom of={{random_file}} bs=100 count=1
```

- Benchmark the write performance of a disk:

```
dd if=/dev/zero of={{file_1GB}} bs=1024 count=1000000
```

- Check progress of an ongoing dd operation (Run this command from another shell):

```
kill -USR1 $(pgrep ^dd)
```

# dmesg

**Write the kernel messages to standard output.**

- Show kernel messages:

```
dmesg
```

- Show kernel error messages:

```
dmesg --level err
```

- Show kernel messages and keep reading new ones, similar to `tail -f` (available in kernels 3.5.0 and newer):

```
dmesg -w
```

- Show how much physical memory is available on this system:

```
dmesg | grep -i memory
```

- Show kernel messages 1 page at a time:

```
dmesg | less
```

# dmidecode

Display the DMI (alternatively known as SMBIOS) table contents in a human-readable format.

Requires root privileges.

- Show all DMI table contents:

```
sudo dmidecode
```

- Show the BIOS version:

```
sudo dmidecode -s bios-version
```

- Show the system's serial number:

```
sudo dmidecode -s system-serial-number
```

- Show all the BIOS information:

```
sudo dmidecode -t bios
```

- Show all the system information:

```
sudo dmidecode -t system
```

# dnf

**Package management utility for RHEL, Fedora, and CentOS (replaces yum).**

- Synchronize list of packages and versions available. This should be run first, before running subsequent dnf commands:

```
dnf update
```

- Install a new package:

```
dnf install {{package}}
```

- Install a new package and assume yes to all questions:

```
dnf -y install {{package}}
```

- Remove a package:

```
dnf remove {{package}}
```

- Upgrade installed packages to newest available versions:

```
dnf upgrade
```

# **dpkg-query**

**A tool that shows information about installed packages.**

- List all installed packages:

```
dpkg-query -l
```

- List installed packages matching a pattern:

```
dpkg-query -l '{{pattern}}'
```

- List all files installed by a package:

```
dpkg-query -L {{package_name}}
```

- Show information about a package:

```
dpkg-query -s {{package_name}}
```

# dpkg

**Debian package manager.**

- Install a package:

```
dpkg -i {{/path/to/file}}
```

- Remove a package:

```
dpkg -r {{package_name}}
```

- List installed packages:

```
dpkg -l {{pattern}}
```

- List package contents:

```
dpkg -L {{package_name}}
```

- Find out which package owns a file:

```
dpkg -S {{file_name}}
```

# du

**Disk usage: estimate and summarize file and folder space usage.**

- List the sizes of a folder and any subfolders, in the given unit (B/KB/MB):

```
du -{{b|k|m}} {{path/to/folder}}
```

- List the sizes of a folder and any subfolders, in human-readable form (i.e. auto-selecting the appropriate unit for each size):

```
du -h {{path/to/folder}}
```

- Show the size of a single folder, in human readable units:

```
du -sh {{path/to/folder}}
```

- List the human-readable sizes of a folder and of all the files and folders within it:

```
du -ah {{path/to/folder}}
```

- List the human-readable sizes of a folder and any subfolders, up to N levels deep:

```
du -h --max-depth=N {{path/to/folder}}
```

- List the human-readable size of all .jpg files in subfolders of the current folder, and show a cumulative total at the end:

```
du -ch */*.jpg
```

# **edit**

An alias to a **run-mailcap**'s action **edit**.

Originally **run-mailcap** is used to process/edit mime-type/file.

- Edit action can be used to view any file on default mailcap explorer:

```
edit {{filename}}
```

- With **run-mailcap**:

```
run-mailcap --action=edit {{filename}}
```

# edquota

Edit quotas for a user or group. By default it operates on all file systems with quotas.

Quota information is stored permanently in the `quota.user` and `quota.group` files in the root of the filesystem.

- Edit quota of the current user:

```
edquota --user $(whoami)
```

- Edit quota of a specific user:

```
sudo edquota --user {{username}}
```

- Edit quota for a group:

```
sudo edquota --group {{group}}
```

- Restrict operations to a given filesystem (by default edquota operates on all filesystems with quotas):

```
sudo edquota --file-system {{filesystem}}
```

- Edit the default grace period:

```
sudo edquota -t
```

- Duplicate a quota to other users:

```
sudo edquota -p {{reference_user}} {{destination_user1}}  
{{destination_user2}}
```

# emerge

Gentoo Linux package manager utility.

- Synchronize all packages:

```
emerge --sync
```

- Update all packages, including dependencies:

```
emerge -uDNav @world
```

- Resume a failed update, skipping the failing package:

```
emerge --resume --skipfirst
```

- Install a new package, with confirmation:

```
emerge -av {{package_name}}
```

- Remove a package, with confirmation:

```
emerge -Cav {{package_name}}
```

- Remove orphaned packages (that were installed only as dependencies):

```
emerge -avc
```

- Search the package database for a keyword:

```
emerge -S {{keyword}}
```

# equity

**View information about Portage packages.**

- List all installed packages:

```
equity list '*'
```

- Search for installed packages in the Portage tree and in overlays:

```
equity list -po {{package_name}}
```

- List all packages that depend on a given package:

```
equity depends {{package_name}}
```

- List all packages that a given package depends on:

```
equity depgraph {{package_name}}
```

- List all files installed by a package:

```
equity files --tree {{package_name}}
```

# eval

**Execute arguments as a single command in the current shell and return its result.**

- Call `echo` with the "foo" argument:

```
eval "{{echo foo}}"
```

- Set a variable in the current shell:

```
eval "{{foo=bar}}"
```

# expand

**Convert tabs to spaces.**

- Convert tabs in each file to spaces, writing to standard output:

```
expand {{file}}
```

- Convert tabs to spaces, reading from standard input:

```
expand
```

- Do not convert tabs after non blanks:

```
expand -i {{file}}
```

- Have tabs a certain number of characters apart, not 8:

```
expand -t={{number}} {{file}}
```

- Use comma separated list of explicit tab positions:

```
expand -t={{list}}
```

# **export**

**Command to mark shell variables in the current environment to be exported with any newly forked child processes.**

- Set a new environment variable:

```
export {{VARIABLE}}={{value}}
```

- Remove an environment variable:

```
export -n {{VARIABLE}}
```

- Append something to the PATH variable:

```
export PATH=$PATH:{{path/to/append}}
```

# **expr**

**Evaluate expressions and manipulate strings.**

- Get string length:

```
expr length {{string}}
```

- Evaluate logical or math expression with an operator ('+', '-', '\*', '&', '|', etc.). Special symbols should be escaped:

```
expr {{first_argument}} {{operator}} {{second_argument}}
```

- Get position of the first character in 'string' that matches 'substring':

```
echo $(expr index {{string}} {{substring}})
```

- Extract part of the string:

```
echo $(expr substr {{string}} {{position_to_start}} {{number_of_characters}})
```

- Extract part of the string which matches a regular expression:

```
echo $(expr {{string}} : '\({{regular_expression}}\}')
```

# eyeD3

**Read and manipulate metadata of MP3 files.**

- View information about an MP3 file:

```
eyeD3 {{filename.mp3}}
```

- Set the title of an MP3 file:

```
eyeD3 --title {"A Title"} {{filename.mp3}}
```

- Set the album of all the MP3 files in a directory:

```
eyeD3 --album {"Album Name"} {*mp3}
```

- Set the front cover art for an MP3 file:

```
eyeD3 --add-image front_cover.jpeg:FRONT_COVER:  
{{filename.mp3}}
```

# **fatlabel**

**Sets or gets the label of a FAT32 partition.**

- Get the label of a FAT32 partition:

```
fatlabel {{/dev/sda1}}
```

- Set the label of a FAT32 partition:

```
fatlabel {{/dev/sdc3}} "{{new_label}}"
```

# **fc-list**

**List available fonts installed on the system.**

- Return a list of installed fonts with given name:

```
fc-list | grep '{{DejaVu Serif}}'
```

# **fc-match**

**Match available fonts.**

- Return a sorted list of best matching fonts:

```
fc-match -s '{DejaVu Serif}'
```

# **fc-pattern**

**Shows information about a font matching a pattern.**

- Display default information about a font:

```
fc-pattern -d '{{DejaVu Serif}}'
```

# **feh**

**Lightweight image viewing utility.**

- View images locally or using a URL:

```
feh {{path/to/images}}
```

- View images recursively:

```
feh --recursive {{path/to/images}}
```

- View images without window borders:

```
feh --borderless {{path/to/images}}
```

- Exit after the last image:

```
feh --cycle-once {{path/to/images}}
```

- Set the slideshow cycle delay:

```
feh --slideshow-delay {{seconds}} {{path/to/images}}
```

- Set your wallpaper (centered, filled, maximized, scaled or tiled):

```
feh --bg-{{center|fill|max|scale|tile}} {{path/to/image}}
```

# **figlet**

**Generate ASCII banners from user input.**

- Generate by directly inputting text:

```
figlet {{input_text}}
```

- Use a custom font file:

```
figlet {{input_text}} -f {{font_file_name}}
```

- Pipe command output through figlet:

```
{{command}} | figlet
```

- Show available figlet fonts:

```
showfigfonts {{optional_string_to_display}}
```

# file

## Determine file type.

- Give a description of the type of the specified file. Works fine for files with no file extension:

```
file {{filename}}
```

- Look inside a zipped file and determine the file type(s) inside:

```
file -z {{foo.zip}}
```

- Allow file to work with special or device files:

```
file -s {{filename}}
```

- Don't stop at first file type match; keep going until the end of the file:

```
file -k {{filename}}
```

- Determine the mime encoding type of a file:

```
file -i {{filename}}
```

# **findmnt**

**Find your filesystem.**

- List all mounted filesystems:

```
findmnt
```

- Search for a device:

```
findmnt {{/dev/sdb1}}
```

- Search for a mountpoint:

```
findmnt {{/}}
```

- Find filesystems in specific type:

```
findmnt -t {{ext4}}
```

- Find filesystems with specific label:

```
findmnt LABEL={{BigStorage}}
```

# firewall-cmd

The `firewalld` command line client.

- View the available firewall zones:

```
firewall-cmd --get-active-zones
```

- View the rules which are currently applied:

```
firewall-cmd --list-all
```

- Permanently open the port for a service in the specified zone (like port `443` when in the `public` zone):

```
firewall-cmd --permanent --zone={{public}} --add-service={{https}}
```

- Permanently close the port for a service in the specified zone (like port `80` when in the `public` zone):

```
firewall-cmd --permanent --zone={{public}} --remove-service={{http}}
```

- Reload `firewalld` to force rule changes to take effect:

```
firewall-cmd --reload
```

# foreman

**Manage Procfile-based applications.**

- Start an application with the Procfile in the current directory:

```
foreman start
```

- Start an application with a specified Procfile:

```
foreman start -f {{Procfile}}
```

- Start a specific application:

```
foreman start {{process}}
```

- Validate Procfile format:

```
foreman check
```

- Run one-off commands with the process's environment:

```
foreman run {{command}}
```

- Start all processes except the one named "worker":

```
foreman start -m all=1,{{worker}}=0
```

# **free**

**Display amount of free and used memory in the system.**

- Display system memory:

```
free
```

- Display memory in Bytes/KB/MB/GB:

```
free -{{b|k|m|g}}
```

- Display memory in human readable units:

```
free -h
```

- Refresh the output every 2 seconds:

```
free -s {{2}}
```

# **fsck**

**Check the integrity of a filesystem or repair it. The filesystem should be unmounted at the time the command is run.**

- Check filesystem /dev/sda, reporting any damaged blocks:

```
fsck {{/dev/sda}}
```

- Check filesystem /dev/sda, reporting any damaged blocks and interactively letting the user choose to repair each one:

```
fsck -r {{/dev/sda}}
```

- Check filesystem /dev/sda, reporting any damaged blocks and automatically repairing them:

```
fsck -a {{/dev/sda}}
```

# **fuser**

**Display process IDs currently using files or sockets.**

**Require admin privileges.**

- Identify process using a TCP socket:

```
fuser -n tcp {{port}}
```

# genkernel

Gentoo Linux utility to compile and install kernels.

- Automatically compile and install a generic kernel:

```
sudo genkernel all
```

- Build and install the bzImage|initramfs|kernel|ramdisk only:

```
sudo genkernel {{bzImage|initramfs|kernel|ramdisk}}
```

- Apply changes to the kernel configuration before compiling and installing:

```
sudo genkernel --menuconfig all
```

- Generate a kernel with a custom name:

```
sudo genkernel --kernname={{custom_name}} all
```

- Use a kernel source outside of the default directory /usr/src/linux:

```
sudo genkernel --kerneldir={{path/to/directory}} all
```

# getent

Get entries from Name Service Switch libraries.

- Get list of all groups:

```
getent group
```

- See the members of a group:

```
getenent group {{group_name}}
```

- Get list of all services:

```
getent services
```

- Find a username by UID:

```
getent passwd 1000
```

- Perform a reverse DNS lookup:

```
getent hosts {{host}}
```

# getfacl

**Get file access control lists.**

- Display the file access control list:

```
getfacl {{path/to/file_or_folder}}
```

- Display the file access control list with numeric user and group IDs:

```
getfacl -n {{path/to/file_or_folder}}
```

- Display the file access control list with tabular output format:

```
getfacl -t {{path/to/file_or_folder}}
```

# gitk

A graphical git repository browser.

- Show the repository browser for the current git repository:

```
gitk
```

- Show repository browser for a specific file or folder:

```
gitk {{path/to/file_or_folder}}
```

- Show commits made since 1 week ago:

```
gitk --since={{"1 week ago"}}
```

- Show commits older than 1/1/2016:

```
gitk --until={{"1/1/2015"}}
```

- Show at most 100 changes in all branches:

```
gitk --max-count={{100}} --all
```

# groupadd

**Add user groups to the system.**

- Create a new Linux group:

```
groupadd {{group_name}}
```

- Create new group with a specific groupid:

```
groupadd {{group_name}} -g {{group_id}}
```

# **groupdel**

**Delete existing user groups from the system.**

- Delete an existing group:

```
groupdel {{group_name}}
```

# groupmod

**Modify existing user groups in the system.**

- Change the group name:

```
groupmod -n {{new_group_name}} {{old_group_name}}
```

- Change the group id:

```
groupmod -g {{new_group_id}} {{old_group_name}}
```

# **halt**

**Power off or reboot the machine.**

- Power the machine off:

`halt`

- Reboot the machine:

`halt --reboot`

# hardinfo

Show hardware information in GUI window.

- Start hardinfo:

```
hardinfo
```

- Print report to standard output:

```
hardinfo -r
```

- Save report to HTML file:

```
hardinfo -r -f html > hardinfo.html
```

# head

**Output the first part of files.**

- Output the first few lines of a file:

```
head -n {{count_of_lines}} {{filename}}
```

- Output the first few bytes of a file:

```
head -c {{size_in_bytes}} {{filename}}
```

- Output everything but the last few lines of a file:

```
head -n -{{count_of_lines}} {{filename}}
```

- Output everything but the last few bytes of a file:

```
head -c -{{size_in_bytes}} {{filename}}
```

# hostname

Show or set the system's host name.

- Show current host name:

```
hostname
```

- Show the network address of the host name:

```
hostname -i
```

- Show all network addresses of the host:

```
hostname -I
```

- Show the FQDN (Fully Qualified Domain Name):

```
hostname --fqdn
```

- Set current host name:

```
hostname {{new_hostname}}
```

# hostnamectl

**Get or set the hostname of the computer.**

- Get the hostname of the computer:

```
hostnamectl
```

- Set the hostname of the computer:

```
sudo hostnamectl set-hostname "{{some_hostname}}"
```

# htop

Display dynamic real-time information about running processes. An enhanced version of `top`.

- Start htop:

```
htop
```

- Start htop displaying only processes owned by given user:

```
htop -u {{user_name}}
```

- Get help about interactive commands:

```
?
```

# http-prompt

An interactive command-line HTTP client featuring autocomplete and syntax highlighting.

- Launch a session targeting the default url of http://localhost:8000 or the previous session:

```
http-prompt
```

- Launch a session with a given url:

```
http-prompt {{http://example.com}}
```

- Launch a session with some initial options:

```
http-prompt {{localhost:8000/api}} --auth  
{{username:password}}
```

# httpie

A user friendly command line HTTP tool.

- Send a GET request (default method with no request data):

```
http {{https://example.com}}
```

- Send a POST request (default method with request data):

```
http {{https://example.com}} {{hello=World}}
```

- Send a POST request with redirected input:

```
http {{https://example.com}} < {{file.json}}
```

- Send a PUT request with a given json body:

```
http PUT {{https://example.com/todos/7}} {{hello=world}}
```

- Send a DELETE request with a given request header:

```
http DELETE {{https://example.com/todos/7}} {{API-Key:foo}}
```

- Show the whole HTTP exchange (both request and response):

```
http -v {{https://example.com}}
```

- Download a file:

```
http --download {{https://example.com}}
```

# **hwclock**

**Used for reading or changing the hardware clock. Usually requires root.**

- Display the current time as reported by the hardware clock:

```
hwclock
```

- Write the current software clock time to the hardware clock (sometimes used during system setup):

```
hwclock --systohc
```

- Write the current hardware clock time to the software clock:

```
hwclock --hctosys
```

# i7z

An Intel CPU (only i3, i5 and i7) realtime reporting tool.

- Start i7z (needs to be run in super user mode):

```
sudo i7z
```

# **ifdown**

**Disable network interfaces.**

- Disable interface eth0:

```
ifdown {{eth0}}
```

- Disable all interfaces which are enabled:

```
ifdown -a
```

# **ifup**

**Tool used to enable network interfaces.**

- Enable interface eth0:

```
ifup {{eth0}}
```

- Enable all the interfaces defined with "auto" in /etc/network/interfaces:

```
ifup -a
```

# **iostat**

**Report statistics for devices and partitions.**

- Display a report of CPU and disk statistics since system startup:

```
iostat
```

- Display a report of CPU and disk statistics with units converted to megabytes:

```
iostat -m
```

- Display CPU statistics:

```
iostat -c
```

- Display disk statistics with disk names (including LVM):

```
iostat -N
```

- Display extended disk statistics with disk names for device "sda":

```
iostat -xN {{sda}}
```

- Display incremental reports of CPU and disk statistics every 2 seconds:

```
iostat {{2}}
```

# ip

Show / manipulate routing, devices, policy routing and tunnels.

- List interfaces with detailed info:

```
ip a
```

- Display the routing table:

```
ip r
```

- Make an interface up/down:

```
ip link set {{interface}} up/down
```

- Add/Delete an ip address to an interface:

```
ip addr add/del {{ip}}/{{mask}} dev {{interface}}
```

- Add a default route:

```
ip route add default via {{ip}} dev {{interface}}
```

# iptables

**Program that allows configuration of tables, chains and rules provided by the Linux kernel firewall.**

- See chains and rules for specific table:

```
sudo iptables -t {{table_name}} -vnL
```

- Set chain policy rule:

```
sudo iptables -P {{chain}} {{rule}}
```

- Append rule to chain policy for IP:

```
sudo iptables -A {{chain}} -s {{ip}} -j {{rule}}
```

- Append rule to chain policy for IP considering protocol and port:

```
sudo iptables -A {{chain}} -s {{ip}} -p {{protocol}} --dport {{port}} -j {{rule}}
```

- Delete chain rule:

```
sudo iptables -D {{chain}} {{rule_line_number}}
```

- Save iptables configuration:

```
sudo iptables-save > {{path/to/iptables_file}}
```

# **isoinfo**

**Utility programs for dumping and verifying ISO disk images.**

- List all the files included in an ISO image:

```
isoinfo -f -i {{path/to/image.iso}}
```

- E[x]tract a specific file from an ISO image and send it out stdout:

```
isoinfo -i {{path/to/image.iso}} -x {{/PATH/TO/FILE/INSIDE/ISO.EXT}}
```

- Show header information for an ISO disk image:

```
isoinfo -d -i {{path/to/image.iso}}
```

# **jobs**

**BASH builtin for viewing information about processes spawned by the current shell.**

- View jobs spawned by the current shell:

```
jobs
```

- List jobs and their process ids:

```
jobs -l
```

- Display information about jobs with changed status:

```
jobs -n
```

- Display process id of process group leader:

```
jobs -p
```

- Display running processes:

```
jobs -r
```

- Display stopped processes:

```
jobs -s
```

# journalctl

Query the systemd journal.

- Show all messages from this boot:

```
journalctl -b
```

- Show all messages from last boot:

```
journalctl -b -1
```

- Follow new messages (like `tail -f` for traditional syslog):

```
journalctl -f
```

- Show all messages by a specific unit:

```
journalctl -u {{unit}}
```

- Show all messages by a specific process:

```
journalctl _PID={{pid}}
```

- Show all messages by a specific executable:

```
journalctl {{/path/to/executable}}
```

# kexec

**Directly reboot into a new kernel.**

- Load a new kernel:

```
kexec -l {{path/to/kernel}} --initrd={{path/to/initrd}} --  
command-line={{arguments}}
```

- Load a new kernel with current boot parameters:

```
kexec -l {{path/to/kernel}} --initrd={{path/to/initrd}} --  
reuse-cmdline
```

- Execute a currently loaded kernel:

```
kexec -e
```

- Unload current kexec target kernel:

```
kexec -u
```

# **lastlog**

**Show the most recent login of all users or of a given user.**

- Display the most recent login of all users:

```
lastlog
```

- Display lastlog record of the specified user:

```
lastlog -u {{username}}
```

- Display records before than 7 days:

```
lastlog -b {{7}}
```

- Display records more recent than 3 days:

```
lastlog -t {{3}}
```

# ldconfig

**Configure symlinks and cache for shared library dependencies.**

- Update symlinks and rebuild the cache (usually run when a new library is installed):

```
sudo ldconfig
```

- Update the symlinks for a given directory:

```
sudo ldconfig -n {{path/to/directory}}
```

- Print the libraries in the cache and check whether a given library is present:

```
ldconfig -p | grep {{library_name}}
```

# **ldd**

**Display shared library dependencies.**

- Display shared library dependencies of a binary:

```
ldd {{path/to/binary}}
```

- Display unused direct dependencies:

```
ldd -u {{path/to/binary}}
```

# **light**

**CLI to control the backlight of your screen.**

- Get the current backlight value in percent:

```
light
```

- Set the backlight value to 50 percent:

```
light -S {{50}}
```

- Reduce 20 percent from the current backlight value:

```
light -U {{20}}
```

- Add 20 percent to the current backlight value:

```
light -A {{20}}
```

# lldb

The LLVM Low-Level Debugger.

- Debug an executable:

```
lldb {{executable}}
```

- Attach lldb to a running process with a given PID:

```
lldb -p {{pid}}
```

- Wait for a new process to launch with a given name, and attach to it:

```
lldb -w -n {{process_name}}
```

# locate

**Find filenames quickly.**

- Look for pattern in the database. Note: the database is recomputed periodically (usually weekly or daily):

```
locate {{pattern}}
```

- Look for a file by its exact filename (a pattern containing no globbing characters is interpreted as \*pattern\*):

```
locate */{{filename}}
```

- Recompute the database. You need to do it if you want to find recently added files:

```
sudo updatedb
```

# logger

Add messages to syslog (/var/log/syslog).

- Log a message to syslog:

```
logger {{message}}
```

- Take input from stdin and log to syslog:

```
echo {{log_entry}} | logger
```

- Send the output to a remote syslog server running at a given port. Default port is 514:

```
echo {{log_entry}} | logger --server {{hostname}} --port {{port}}
```

- Use a specific tag for every line logged. Default is the name of logged in user:

```
echo {{log_entry}} | logger --tag {{tag}}
```

- Log messages with a given priority. Default is user.notice. See `man logger` for all priority options:

```
echo {{log_entry}} | logger --priority {{user.warning}}
```

# logwatch

**Summarizes many different logs for common services (e.g., apache, pam\_unix, sshd, etc.) in a single report.**

- Analyze logs for a range of dates at certain level of detail:

```
logwatch --range {{yesterday|today|all|help}} --detail {{low|medium|others}}
```

- Restrict report to only include information for a selected service:

```
logwatch --range {{all}} --service {{apache|pam_unix|etc}}
```

# **losetup**

**Set up and control loop devices.**

- List loop devices with detailed info:

```
losetup -a
```

- Attach a file to a given loop device:

```
sudo losetup /dev/{{loop}}/{{path/to/file}}
```

- Detach all loop devices:

```
sudo losetup -D
```

- Detach a given loop device:

```
sudo losetup -d /dev/{{loop}}
```

# lsattr

**List file attributes on a Linux file system.**

- Display the attributes of the files in the current directory:

```
lsattr
```

- List the attributes of files in a particular path:

```
lsattr {{path}}
```

- List file attributes recursively in the current and subsequent directories:

```
lsattr -R
```

- Show attributes of all the files in the current directory, including hidden ones:

```
lsattr -a
```

- Display attributes of directories in the current directory:

```
lsattr -d
```

# **lsb\_release**

**Provides certain LSB (Linux Standard Base) and distribution-specific information.**

- Print all available information:

```
lsb_release -a
```

- Print a description (usually the full name) of the operating system:

```
lsb_release -d
```

- Print only the operating system name (ID), suppressing the field name:

```
lsb_release -i -s
```

- Print the release number and codename of the distribution, suppressing the field names:

```
lsb_release -rcs
```

# **lsblk**

**Lists information about devices.**

- List all storage devices in a tree-like format:

```
lsblk
```

- Also list empty devices:

```
lsblk -a
```

- Print the SIZE column in bytes rather than in a human-readable format:

```
lsblk -b
```

- Output info about filesystems:

```
lsblk -f
```

- Use ASCII characters for tree formatting:

```
lsblk -i
```

- Output info about block-device topology:

```
lsblk -t
```

# **lscpu**

**Displays information about the CPU architecture.**

- Display information about all CPUs:

```
lscpu
```

- Display information in a table:

```
lscpu --extended
```

- Display only information about offline CPUs in a table:

```
lscpu --extended --offline
```

# **lshw**

**List detailed information about hardware configurations as root user.**

- Launch the GUI:

```
sudo lshw -X
```

- List all hardwares in tabular format:

```
sudo lshw -short
```

- List all disks and storage controllers in tabular format:

```
sudo lshw -class disk -class storage -short
```

- Save all network interfaces to an HTML file:

```
sudo lshw -class network -html > {{interfaces.html}}
```

# **lsmod**

Shows the status of linux kernel modules.

See also [modprobe](#), which loads kernel modules.

- List all currently loaded kernel modules:

```
lsmod
```

# **lspci**

**List all PCI devices.**

- Show a brief list of devices:

```
lspci
```

- Display additional info:

```
lspci -v
```

- Display drivers and modules handling each device:

```
lspci -k
```

- Show a specific device:

```
lspci -s {{00:18.3}}
```

- Dump info in a readable form:

```
lspci -vm
```

# **lsscsi**

**List SCSI devices (or hosts) and their attributes.**

- List all SCSI devices:

```
lsscsi
```

- List all SCSI devices with detailed attributes:

```
lsscsi -L
```

- List all SCSI devices with human readable disk capacity:

```
lsscsi -s
```

# ltrace

**Display dynamic library calls of a process.**

- Print (trace) library calls of a program binary:

```
ltrace ./{{program}}
```

- Count library calls. Print a handy summary at the bottom:

```
ltrace -c {{/path/to/program}}
```

- Trace calls to malloc and free, omit those done by libc:

```
ltrace -e malloc+free-@libc.so* {{/path/to/program}}
```

- Write to file instead of terminal:

```
ltrace -o {{file}} {{/path/to/program}}
```

# lvcreate

**Creates a logical volume in an existing volume group.**

**A volume group is a collection of logical and physical volumes.**

- Create a logical volume of 10 gigabytes in the volume group vg1:

```
lvcreate -L {{10G}} {{vg1}}
```

- Create a 1500 megabyte linear logical volume named mylv in the volume group vg1:

```
lvcreate -L {{1500}} -n {{mylv}} {{vg1}}
```

- Create a logical volume called mylv that uses 60% of the total space in volume group vg1:

```
lvcreate -l {{60%VG}} -n {{mylv}} {{vg1}}
```

- Create a logical volume called mylv that uses all of the unallocated space in the volume group vg1:

```
lvcreate -l {{100%FREE}} -n {{mylv}} {{vg1}}
```

# **lxc**

**Manage Linux containers using the lxd REST API.**

**Any container names or patterns can be prefixed with the name of a remote server.**

- List local containers matching a string. Omit the string to list all local containers:

```
lxc list {{match_string}}
```

- List images matching a string. Omit the string to list all images:

```
lxc image list [{{remote}}:]{{match_string}}
```

- Create a new container from an image:

```
lxc launch [{{remote}}:]{{image}} {{container}}
```

- Start a container:

```
lxc start [{{remote}}:]{{container}}
```

- Stop a container:

```
lxc stop [{{remote}}:]{{container}}
```

- Show detailed info about a container:

```
lxc info [{{remote}}:]{{container}}
```

- Take a snapshot of a container:

```
lxc snapshot [{{remote}}:]{{container}} {{snapshot}}
```

# **md5sum**

**Calculate MD5 cryptographic checksums.**

- Calculate the MD5 checksum for a file:

```
md5sum {{filename1}}
```

- Calculate MD5 checksums for multiple files:

```
md5sum {{filename1}} {{filename2}}
```

- Read a file of MD5SUMs and verify all files have matching checksums:

```
md5sum -c {{filename.md5}}
```

# **mdadm**

**RAID management utility.**

- Create array:

```
mdadm --create {{/path/to/raid_device_file}} --level  
{{raid_level}} --raid-devices {{number_of_disks}} {{/path/to/  
disk_device_file}}
```

- Stop array:

```
mdadm -S {{/path/to/raid_device_file}}
```

- Mark disk as failed:

```
mdadm {{/path/to/raid_device_file}} -f {{/path/to/  
disk_device_file}}
```

- Remove disk:

```
mdadm {{/path/to/raid_device_file}} -r {{/path/to/  
disk_device_file}}
```

- Add disk to array:

```
mdadm {{/path/to/raid_device_file}} -a {{/path/to/  
disk_device_file}}
```

- Show RAID info:

```
mdadm -D {{/path/to/raid_device_file}}
```

# **microcom**

**A minimalistic terminal program, used to access remote devices via a serial, CAN or telnet connection from the console.**

- Open a serial port using the specified baud rate:

```
microcom --port {{path/to/serial_port}} --speed {{baud_rate}}
```

- Establish a telnet connection to the specified host:

```
microcom --telnet {{hostname}}:{{port}}
```

# **mke2fs**

**Creates a Linux filesystem inside a partition.**

- Create an ext2 filesystem in partition 1 of device b (sdb1):

```
mkfs.ext2 {{/dev/sdb1}}
```

- Create an ext3 filesystem in partition 1 of device b (sdb1):

```
mkfs.ext3 {{/dev/sdb1}}
```

- Create an ext3 filesystem in partition 1 of device b (sdb1):

```
mkfs.ext3 {{/dev/sdb1}}
```

# **mkfs.cramfs**

**Creates a ROM filesystem inside a partition.**

- Create a ROM filesystem inside partition 1 on device b (sdb1):

```
mkfs.cramfs {{/dev/sdb1}}
```

- Create a ROM filesystem with a volume-name:

```
mkfs.cramfs -n {{volume_name}} {{/dev/sdb1}}
```

# **mkfs.exfat**

**Creates an exfat filesystem inside a partition.**

- Create an exfat filesystem inside partition 1 on device b (sdb1):

```
mkfs.exfat {{/dev/sdb1}}
```

- Create filesystem with a volume-name:

```
mkfs.exfat -n {{volume_name}} {{/dev/sdb1}}
```

- Create filesystem with a volume-id:

```
mkfs.exfat -i {{volume_id}} {{/dev/sdb1}}
```

# **mkfs.fat**

**Creates an MS-DOS filesystem inside a partition.**

- Create a fat filesystem inside partition 1 on device b (sdb1):

```
mkfs.fat {{/dev/sdb1}}
```

- Create filesystem with a volume-name:

```
mkfs.fat -n {{volume_name}} {{/dev/sdb1}}
```

- Create filesystem with a volume-id:

```
mkfs.fat -i {{volume_id}} {{/dev/sdb1}}
```

- Use 5 instead of 2 file allocation tables:

```
mkfs.fat -f 5 {{/dev/sdb1}}
```

# **mkfs.minix**

**Creates a Minix filesystem inside a partition.**

- Create a Minix filesystem inside partition 1 on device b (sdb1):

```
mkfs.minix {{/dev/sdb1}}
```

# **mkfs.ntfs**

**Creates a NTFS filesystem inside a partition.**

- Create a NTFS filesystem inside partition 1 on device b (sdb1):

```
mkfs.ntfs {{/dev/sdb1}}
```

- Create filesystem with a volume-label:

```
mkfs.ntfs -L {{volume_label}} {{/dev/sdb1}}
```

- Create filesystem with specific UUID:

```
mkfs.ntfs -U {{UUID}} {{/dev/sdb1}}
```

# **mkfs.vfat**

**Creates an MS-DOS filesystem inside a partition.**

- Create a.vfat filesystem inside partition 1 on device b (sdb1):

```
mkfs.vfat {{/dev/sdb1}}
```

- Create filesystem with a volume-name:

```
mkfs.vfat -n {{volume_name}} {{/dev/sdb1}}
```

- Create filesystem with a volume-id:

```
mkfs.vfat -i {{volume_id}} {{/dev/sdb1}}
```

- Use 5 instead of 2 file allocation tables:

```
mkfs.vfat -f 5 {{/dev/sdb1}}
```

# **mkisofs**

**Create ISO files from folders.**

**Also aliased as `genisoimage`.**

- Create an ISO from a folder:

```
mkisofs -o {{filename.iso}} {{path/to/source_folder}}
```

- Set the disc label when creating an ISO:

```
mkisofs -o {{filename.iso}} -V {"label_name"} {{path/to/source_folder}}
```

# **modinfo**

**Extract information about a Linux kernel module.**

- List all attributes of a kernel module:

```
modinfo {{kernel_module}}
```

- List the specified attribute only:

```
modinfo -F {{author|description|license|parm|filename}}  
{{kernel_module}}
```

# **mpstat**

**Report CPU statistics.**

- Display CPU statistics every 2 seconds:

```
mpstat {{2}}
```

- Display 5 reports, one by one, at 2 second intervals:

```
mpstat {{2}} {{5}}
```

- Display 5 reports, one by one, from a given processor, at 2 second intervals:

```
mpstat -P {{0}} {{2}} {{5}}
```

# mycli

A CLI for MySQL, MariaDB, and Percona with auto-completion and syntax highlighting.

- Connect to a database with the currently logged in user:

```
mycli {{database_name}}
```

- Connect to a database with the specified user:

```
mycli -u {{user}} {{database_name}}
```

- Connect to a database on the specified host with the specified user:

```
mycli -u {{user}} -h {{host}} {{database_name}}
```

# n

**Tool to manage multiple node versions.**

- Install a given version of node. If the version is already installed, it will be activated:

```
n {{version}}
```

- Display installed versions and interactively activate one of them:

```
n
```

- Remove a version:

```
n rm {{version}}
```

- Execute a file with a given version:

```
n use {{version}} {{file.js}}
```

- Output binary path for a version:

```
n bin {{version}}
```

# ncat

Use the normal **cat** functionality over networks.

- Listen for input on the specified port and write it to the specified file:

```
ncat -l {{port}} > {{/path/to/file}}
```

- Write output of specified file to the specified host on the specified port:

```
ncat {{address}} {{port}} < {{/path/to/file}}
```

# **nethogs**

**Monitor bandwidth usage per process.**

- Start nethogs as root (default device is eth0):

```
sudo nethogs
```

- Monitor bandwidth on specific device:

```
sudo nethogs {{device}}
```

- Monitor bandwidth on multiple devices:

```
sudo nethogs {{device1}} {{device2}}
```

- Specify refresh rate:

```
sudo nethogs -t {{seconds}}
```

# netstat

Displays various networks related information such as open connections, open socket ports etc.

- List all ports:

```
netstat -a
```

- List all listening ports:

```
netstat -l
```

- List listening TCP ports:

```
netstat -t
```

- Display PID and program names:

```
netstat -p
```

- List information continuously:

```
netstat -c
```

- List routes and do not resolve IP to hostname:

```
netstat -rn
```

- List listening TCP and UDP ports (+ user and process if you're root):

```
netstat -lepunt
```

# **nl**

**A utility for numbering lines, either from a file, or from standard input.**

- Number non-blank lines in a file:

```
nl {{file}}
```

- Read from standard output:

```
cat {{file}} | nl {{options}} -
```

- Number only the lines with printable text:

```
nl -t {{file}}
```

- Number all lines including blank lines:

```
nl -b a {{file}}
```

- Number only the body lines that match a basic regular expression (BRE) pattern:

```
nl -b p'FooBar[0-9]' {{file}}
```

# **nm**

**List symbol names in object files.**

- List global (extern) functions in a file (prefixed with T):

```
nm -g {{file.o}}
```

- Demangle C++ symbols (make them readable):

```
nm --demangle {{file.o}}
```

- List only undefined symbols in a file:

```
nm -u {{file.o}}
```

- List all symbols, even debugging symbols:

```
nm -a {{file.o}}
```

# **nmcli**

**A command line tool for controlling NetworkManager.**

- List all NetworkManager connections (shows name, uuid, type and device):

```
nmcli connection
```

- Activate a connection by specifying an uuid:

```
nmcli connection up uuid {{uuid}}
```

- Deactivate a connection:

```
nmcli connection down uuid {{uuid}}
```

- Print statuses of network interfaces:

```
nmcli device status
```

# nmon

A system administrator, tuner, and benchmark tool.

- Start nmon:

```
nmon
```

- Save records to file (" -s 300 -c 288" by default):

```
nmon -f
```

- Save records to file with a total of 240 measurements, by taking 30 seconds between each measurement:

```
nmon -f -s {{30}} -c {{240}}
```

# **nmtui**

**Text user interface for controlling NetworkManager.**

**Use arrow keys to navigate, enter to select an option.**

- Open the user interface:

```
nmtui
```

- Show a list of available connections, with the option to activate or deactivate them:

```
nmtui connect
```

- Connect to a given network:

```
nmtui connect {{name|uuid|device|SSID}}
```

- Edit/Add/Delete a given network:

```
nmtui edit {{name|id}}
```

- Set the system hostname:

```
nmtui hostname
```

# notify-send

**Uses the current desktop environment's notification system to create a notification.**

- Show a notification with the title "Test" and the content "This is a test":

```
notify-send {"Test"} {"This is a test"}
```

- Show a notification with a custom icon:

```
notify-send -i icon.png {"Test"} {"This is a test"}
```

- Show a notification for 5 seconds:

```
notify-send -t 5000 {"Test"} {"This is a test"}
```

# **ntfsfix**

**Fix common problems on an NTFS partition.**

- Fix a given NTFS partition:

```
sudo ntfsfix {{/dev/sdb2}}
```

# **objdump**

**View information about object files.**

- Display the file header information:

```
objdump -f {{binary}}
```

- Display the dis-assembled output of executable sections:

```
objdump -d {{binary}}
```

- Display a complete binary hex dump of all sections:

```
objdump -s {{binary}}
```

# **pacaur**

**A utility for Arch Linux to build and install packages from the Arch User Repository.**

- Synchronize and update all packages (includes AUR):

```
pacaur -Syu
```

- Synchronize and update only AUR packages:

```
pacaur -Syua
```

- Install a new package (includes AUR):

```
pacaur -S {{package_name}}
```

- Remove a package and its dependencies (includes AUR packages):

```
pacaur -Rs {{package_name}}
```

- Search the package database for a keyword (includes AUR):

```
pacaur -Ss {{keyword}}
```

- List all currently installed packages (includes AUR packages):

```
pacaur -Qs
```

# **pacman**

**Arch Linux package manager utility.**

- Synchronize and update all packages:

```
pacman -Syu
```

- Install a new package:

```
pacman -S {{package_name}}
```

- Remove a package and its dependencies:

```
pacman -Rs {{package_name}}
```

- Search the package database for a regular expression or keyword:

```
pacman -Ss "{{search_pattern}}"
```

- List installed packages and versions:

```
pacman -Q
```

- List only the explicitly installed packages and versions:

```
pacman -Qe
```

- Find which package owns a certain file:

```
pacman -Qo {{filename}}
```

- Empty package cache to free up space:

```
pacman -Scc
```

# **pasuspender**

**Temporarily suspends pulseaudio while another command is running to allow access to alsa.**

- Suspend pulseaudio while running jackd:

```
pasuspender -- {{jackd -d alsa --device hw:0}}
```

# pdgrep

Search text in PDF files.

- Find lines that match pattern in a PDF:

```
pdgrep {{pattern}} {{file.pdf}}
```

- Include file name and page number for each matched line:

```
pdgrep --with-filename --page-number {{pattern}}
{{file.pdf}}
```

- Do a case insensitive search for lines that begin with "foo" and return the first 3 matches:

```
pdgrep --max-count {{3}} --ignore-case {{'^foo'}} 
{{file.pdf}}
```

- Find pattern in files with a .pdf extension in the current directory recursively:

```
pdgrep --recursive {{pattern}}
```

- Find pattern on files that match a specific glob in the current directory recursively:

```
pdgrep --recursive --include {{'*book.pdf'}} {{pattern}}
```

# **perf**

**Framework for linux performance counter measurements.**

- Display basic performance counter stats for a command:

```
perf stat {{gcc hello.c}}
```

- Display system-wide real time performance counter profile:

```
sudo perf top
```

- Run a command and record its profile into "perf.data":

```
sudo perf record {{command}}
```

- Read "perf.data" (created by `perf record`) and display the profile:

```
sudo perf report
```

# **pkgadd**

**Add a package to a CRUX system.**

- Install a local software package:

```
pkgadd {{package_name}}
```

- Update an already installed package from a local package:

```
pkgadd -u {{package_name}}
```

# **pkginfo**

**Query the package database on a CRUX system.**

- List installed packages and their versions:

```
pkginfo -i
```

- List files owned by a package:

```
pkginfo -l {{package_name}}
```

- List the owner(s) of files matching a pattern:

```
pkginfo -o {{pattern}}
```

- Print the footprint of a file:

```
pkginfo -f {{file}}
```

# **pkgmk**

**Make a binary package for use with pkgadd on CRUX.**

- Make and download a package:

```
pkgmk -d
```

- Install the package after making it:

```
pkgmk -d -i
```

- Upgrade the package after making it:

```
pkgmk -d -u
```

- Ignore the footprint when making a package:

```
pkgmk -d -if
```

- Ignore the MD5 sum when making a package:

```
pkgmk -d -im
```

- Update the package's footprint:

```
pkgmk -uf
```

# **pkgrm**

**Remove a package from a CRUX system.**

- Remove an installed package:

```
pkgrm {{package_name}}
```

# **popd**

**Remove a directory placed on the directory stack by the `pushd` command.**

- Remove the top directory from the stack and cd to it:

```
popd
```

- Remove the Nth directory (starting from zero to the left from the list printed with `dirs`):

```
popd +N
```

- Remove the Nth directory (starting from zero to the right from the list printed with `dirs`):

```
popd -N
```

# **ports**

**Update/list the ports tree on a CRUX system.**

- Update the ports tree:

```
ports -u
```

- List the ports in the current tree:

```
ports -l
```

- Check the differences between installed packages and the ports tree:

```
ports -d
```

# **print**

An alias to a **run-mailcap**'s action **print**.

Originally **run-mailcap** is used to process mime-type/file.

- Print action can be used to print any file on default run-mailcap tool:

```
print {{filename}}
```

- With **run-mailcap**:

```
run-mailcap --action=print {{filename}}
```

# **prt-get**

The advanced CRUX package manager.

- Install a package:

```
prt-get install {{package_name}}
```

- Install a package with dependency handling:

```
prt-get depinst {{package_name}}
```

- Update a package manually:

```
prt-get upgrade {{package_name}}
```

- Remove a package:

```
prt-get remove {{package_name}}
```

- Upgrade the system from the local ports tree:

```
prt-get sysup
```

- Search the ports tree:

```
prt-get search {{package_name}}
```

- Search for a file in a package:

```
prt-get fsearch {{file}}
```

# **pstree**

**A convenient tool to show running processes as a tree.**

- Display a tree of processes:

```
pstree
```

- Display a tree of processes with PIDs:

```
pstree -p
```

- Display all process trees rooted at processes owned by specified user:

```
pstree {{user}}
```

# **pulseaudio**

**The pulseaudio sound system daemon and manager.**

- Check if pulseaudio is running (a non-zero exit code means it is not running):

```
pulseaudio --check
```

- Start the pulseaudio daemon in the background:

```
pulseaudio --start
```

- Kill the running pulseaudio daemon:

```
pulseaudio --kill
```

- List available modules:

```
pulseaudio --dump-modules
```

- Load a module into the currently running daemon with the specified arguments:

```
pulseaudio --load="{{module_name}} {{arguments}}"
```

# **pushd**

Place a directory on a stack so it can be accessed later.

See also **popd** to switch back to original directory.

- Switch to directory and push it on the stack:

```
pushd < {{directory}}
```

- Switch first and second directories on the stack:

```
pushd
```

- Rotate stack by making the 5th element the top of the stack:

```
pushd +4
```

# **pvc**reate

**Initialize a physical volume (disk or partition) for use by the Logical Volume Manager (LVM).**

- Initialize the /dev/sda1 volume for use by LVM:

```
pvcreate {{/dev/sda1}}
```

- Force the creation without any confirmation prompts:

```
pvcreate --force {{/dev/sda1}}
```

# **pwgen**

**Generate pronounceable passwords.**

- Generate random password with s[y]mbols:

```
pwgen -y {{length}}
```

- Generate secure, hard-to-memorize passwords:

```
pwgen -s {{length}}
```

- Generate password with at least one capital letter in them:

```
pwgen -c {{length}}
```

# **qsub**

**Submits a script to the queue management system TORQUE.**

- Submit a script with default settings (depends on TORQUE settings):

```
qsub {{script.sh}}
```

- Submit a script with a specified wallclock runtime limit of 1 hour, 2 minutes and 3 seconds:

```
qsub -l walltime={{1}}:{{2}}:{{3}} {{script.sh}}
```

- Submit a script that is executed on 2 nodes using 4 cores per node:

```
qsub -l nodes={{2}}:ppn={{4}} {{script.sh}}
```

- Submit a script to a specific queue. Note that different queues can have different maximum and minimum runtime limits:

```
qsub -q {{queue_name}} {{script.sh}}
```

# quotacheck

Scan a filesystem for disk usage; create, check and repair quota files.

It is best to run quota check with quotas turned off to prevent damage or loss to quota files.

- Check quotas on all mounted non-NFS filesystems:

```
sudo quotacheck --all
```

- Force check even if quotas are enabled (this can cause damage or loss to quota files):

```
sudo quotacheck --force {{mountpoint}}
```

- Check quotas on a given filesystem in debug mode:

```
sudo quotacheck --debug {{mountpoint}}
```

- Check quotas on a given filesystem, displaying the progress:

```
sudo quotacheck --verbose {{mountpoint}}
```

- Check user quotas:

```
sudo quotacheck --user {{user}} {{mountpoint}}
```

- Check group quotas:

```
sudo quotacheck --group {{group}} {{mountpoint}}
```

# rdesktop

Remote Desktop Protocol client.

It can be used to connect the remote computer using the RDP protocol.

- Connect to a remote computer (default port is 3389):

```
rdesktop -u {{username}} -p {{password}} {{host:port}}
```

- Simple Examples:

```
rdesktop -u Administrator -p passwd123 192.168.1.111:3389
```

- Connect to a remote computer with full screen (press Ctrl + Alt + Enter to exist):

```
rdesktop -u {{username}} -p {{password}} -f {{host:port}}
```

- Use the customized resolution (use the letter 'x' between the number):

```
rdesktop -u {{username}} -p {{password}} -g 1366x768  
{{host:port}}
```

- Connect to a remote computer using domain user:

```
rdesktop -u {{username}} -p {{password}} -d {{domainname}}  
{{host:port}}
```

- Use the 16 bit color (speed up):

```
rdesktop -u {{username}} -p {{password}} -a 16 {{host:port}}
```

# **reboot**

**Reboot the system.**

- Reboot immediately:

```
reboot
```

- Reboot immediately without gracefully shutdown:

```
reboot -f
```

# repquota

Display a summary of existing file quotas for a filesystem.

- Report stats for all quotas in use:

```
sudo repquota -all
```

- Report quota stats for all users, even those who aren't using any of their quota:

```
sudo repquota -v {{filesystem}}
```

- Report on quotas for users only:

```
repquota --user {{filesystem}}
```

- Report on quotas for groups only:

```
sudo repquota --group {{filesystem}}
```

- Report on used quota and limits in a human-readable format:

```
sudo repquota --human-readable {{filesystem}}
```

- Report on all quotas for users and groups in a human-readable format:

```
sudo repquota -augs
```

# **rofi**

**An application launcher and window switcher.**

- Show the list of apps:

```
rofi -show drun
```

- Show the list of all commands:

```
rofi -show run
```

- Switch between windows:

```
rofi -show window
```

# **rpm**

## **RPM Package Manager.**

- Show version of httpd package:

```
rpm -q {{httpd}}
```

- List versions of all matching packages:

```
rpm -qa '{{mariadb*}}'
```

- Identify owner of a file and show version of the package:

```
rpm -qf {{/etc/postfix/main.cf}}
```

- List package-owned files:

```
rpm -ql {{kernel}}
```

- Show scriptlets from an RPM file:

```
rpm -qp --scripts {{some.rpm}}
```

- Show changed, missing and/or incorrectly installed files of matching packages:

```
rpm -Va '{{php-*}}'
```

# **rspamc**

**Command line client for rspamd servers.**

- Train the bayesian filter to recognise an email as spam:

```
rspamc learn_spam {{path/to/email_file}}
```

- Train the bayesian filter to recognise an email as ham:

```
rspamc learn_ham {{path/to/email_file}}
```

- Generate a manual report on an email:

```
rspamc symbols {{path/to/email_file}}
```

- Show server statistics:

```
rspamc stat
```

# rtorrent

**Download torrents over the command line.**

- Add a torrent file or magnet to be downloaded:

```
rTorrent {{torrent_or_magnet}}
```

- Start the download:

```
<Ctrl>S
```

- View details about downloading torrent:

```
->
```

- Close rtorrent safely:

```
<Ctrl>Q
```

# run-mailcap

## Run MailCap Programs.

Run mailcap view, see, edit, compose, print - execute programs via entries in the mailcap file (or any of its aliases) will use the given action to process each mime-type/file.

- Individual actions/programs on run-mailcap can be invoked with action flag:

```
run-mailcap --action=ACTION [--option[=value]]
```

- In simple language:

```
run-mailcap --action=ACTION {{filename}}
```

- Turn on extra information:

```
run-mailcap --action=ACTION --debug {{filename}}
```

- Ignore any "copiousoutput" directive and forward output to STD-OUT:

```
run-mailcap --action=ACTION --nopager {{filename}}
```

- Display the found command without actually executing it:

```
run-mailcap --action=ACTION --norun {{filename}}
```

# runit

## 3-stage init system.

- Start runit's 3-stage init scheme:

```
runit
```

- Shut down runit:

```
kill --CONT {{runit_pid}}
```

# **runsv**

**Start and manage a runit service.**

- Start a runit service as the current user:

```
runsv {{path/to/service}}
```

- Start a runit service as root:

```
sudo runsv {{path/to/service}}
```

# **runsvchdir**

Change the directory **runsvdir** uses by default.

- Switch **runsvdir** directories:

```
sudo runsvchdir {{/path/to/directory}}
```

# **runsvdir**

**Run an entire directory of services.**

- Start and manage all services in a directory as the current user:

```
runsvdir {{path/to/services}}
```

- Start and manage all services in a directory as root:

```
sudo runsvdir {{path/to/services}}
```

- Start services in separate sessions:

```
runsvdir -P {{path/to/services}}
```

# **sar**

**Monitor performance of various Linux subsystems.**

- Report I/O and transfer rate issued to physical devices, one per second (press CTRL +C to quit):

```
sar -b {{1}}
```

- Report a total of 10 network device statistics, one per 2 seconds:

```
sar -n DEV {{2}} {{10}}
```

- Report CPU utilization, one per 2 seconds:

```
sar -u ALL {{2}}
```

- Report a total of 20 memory utilization statistics, one per second:

```
sar -r ALL {{1}} {{20}}
```

- Report the run queue length and load averages, one per second:

```
sar -q {{1}}
```

- Report paging statistics, one per 5 seconds:

```
sar -B {{5}}
```

# **see**

**Alias to `run-mailcap`'s view.**

**An alias to a `run-mailcap`'s action print.**

- See action can be used to view any file (usually image) on default mailcap explorer:

```
see {{filename}}
```

- Using with `run-mailcap`:

```
run-mailcap --action=view {{filename}}
```

# sensible-browser

**Open the default browser.**

- Open a new window of the default browser:

```
sensible-browser
```

- Open a url in the default browser:

```
sensible-browser {{url}}
```

# service

Manage services by running init scripts.

The full script path should be omitted (/etc/init.d/ is assumed).

- Start/Stop/Restart/Reload service (start/stop should always be available):

```
service {{init_script}} {{start|stop|restart|reload}}
```

- Do a full restart (runs script twice with start and stop):

```
service {{init_script}} --full-restart
```

- Show the current status of a service:

```
service {{init_script}} status
```

- List the status of all services:

```
service --status-all
```

# **setfacl**

**Set file access control lists (ACL).**

- Modify ACL of a file for user with read and write access:

```
setfacl -m u:{username}:rw {{file}}
```

- Modify default ACL of a file for all users:

```
setfacl -d -m u::rw {{file}}
```

- Remove ACL of a file for an user:

```
setfacl -x u:{username} {{file}}
```

- Remove all ACL entries of a file:

```
setfacl -b {{file}}
```

# **sha1sum**

**Calculate SHA1 cryptographic checksums.**

- Calculate the SHA1 checksum for a file:

```
sha1sum {{filename1}}
```

- Calculate SHA1 checksums for multiple files:

```
sha1sum {{filename1}} {{filename2}}
```

- Read a file of SHA1 sums and verify all files have matching checksums:

```
sha1sum -c {{filename.sha1}}
```

# **sha224sum**

**Calculate SHA224 cryptographic checksums.**

- Calculate the SHA224 checksum for a file:

```
sha224sum {{filename1}}
```

- Calculate SHA224 checksums for multiple files:

```
sha224sum {{filename1}} {{filename2}}
```

- Read a file of SHA224 sums and verify all files have matching checksums:

```
sha224sum -c {{filename.sha224}}
```

# **sha256sum**

**Calculate SHA256 cryptographic checksums.**

- Calculate the SHA256 checksum for a file:

```
sha256sum {{filename1}}
```

- Calculate SHA256 checksums for multiple files:

```
sha256sum {{filename1}} {{filename2}}
```

- Read a file of SHA256 sums and verify all files have matching checksums:

```
sha256sum -c {{filename.sha256}}
```

# **sha384sum**

**Calculate SHA384 cryptographic checksums.**

- Calculate the SHA384 checksum for a file:

```
sha384sum {{filename1}}
```

- Calculate SHA384 checksums for multiple files:

```
sha384sum {{filename1}} {{filename2}}
```

- Read a file of SHA384 sums and verify all files have matching checksums:

```
sha384sum -c {{filename.sha384}}
```

# **sha512sum**

**Calculate SHA512 cryptographic checksums.**

- Calculate the SHA512 checksum for a file:

```
sha512sum {{filename1}}
```

- Calculate SHA512 checksums for multiple files:

```
sha512sum {{filename1}} {{filename2}}
```

- Read a file of SHA512 sums and verify all files have matching checksums:

```
sha512sum -c {{filename.sha512}}
```

# shasum

Calculate or check cryptographic SHA checksums.

- Calculate the SHA1 checksum for a file:

```
shasum {{filename}}
```

- Calculate the SHA256 checksum for a file:

```
shasum --algorithm 256 {{filename}}
```

- Calculate the SHA512 checksum for multiple files:

```
shasum --algorithm 512 {{filename1}} {{filename2}}
```

- Check a file with a list of sums against the directory's files:

```
shasum --check {{list_file}}
```

- Calculate the SHA1 checksum from stdin:

```
{{somecommand}} | shasum
```

# shuf

**Generate random permutations.**

- Randomize the order of lines in a file and output the result:

```
shuf {{filename}}
```

- Only output the first n entries of the result:

```
shuf -n {{n}} {{filename}}
```

- Write output to another file:

```
shuf -o {{another_filename}} {{filename}}
```

- Generate random numbers in range:

```
shuf -i {{low}}-{{high}}
```

# **shutdown**

**Shutdown and reboot the system.**

- Power off (halt) immediately:

```
shutdown -h now
```

- Reboot immediately:

```
shutdown -r now
```

- Reboot in 5 minutes:

```
shutdown -r +{5} &
```

- Shutdown at 1:00 pm (Uses 24h clock):

```
shutdown -h 13:00
```

- Cancel a pending shutdown/reboot operation:

```
shutdown -c
```

# smbclient

**FTP-like client to access SMB/CIFS resources on servers.**

- Connect to a share (user will be prompted for password; `exit` to quit the session):

```
smbclient {{//server/share}}
```

- Connect with a different username:

```
smbclient {{//server/share}} --user {{username}}
```

- Connect with a username and password:

```
smbclient {{//server/share}} --user {{username%password}}
```

- Download a file from the server:

```
smbclient {{//server/share}} --directory {{path/to/folder}}  
--command "get {{file.txt}}"
```

- Upload a file to the server:

```
smbclient {{//server/share}} --directory {{path/to/folder}}  
--command "put {{file.txt}}"
```

# **snap**

Tool for managing the "snap" self-contained software packages.

Similar to what **apt** is for ".deb".

- Search for a package:

```
snap find {{package_name}}
```

- Install a package:

```
snap install {{package_name}}
```

- Display basic information about installed snap software:

```
snap list
```

- Uninstall a package:

```
snap remove {{package_name}}
```

- Check for recent snap changes in the system:

```
snap changes
```

# **sort**

**Sort lines of text files.**

- Sort a file in ascending order:

```
sort {{filename}}
```

- Sort a file in descending order:

```
sort -r {{filename}}
```

- Sort a file using numeric rather than alphabetic order:

```
sort -n {{filename}}
```

- Sort the passwd file by the 3rd field, numerically:

```
sort -t: -k 3n /etc/passwd
```

- Sort human-readable numbers (in this case the 5th field of ls -lh):

```
ls -lh | sort -h -k 5
```

# SS

**Utility to investigate sockets.**

- Show all TCP/UDP/RAW/UNIX sockets:

```
ss -a {{-t|-u|-w|-x}}
```

- Filter TCP sockets by states, only/exclude:

```
ss {{state/exclude}} {{bucket/big/connected/\
synchronized/...}}
```

- Show all TCP sockets connected to the local HTTPS port (443):

```
ss -t src :{{443}}
```

- Show all TCP sockets along with processes connected to a remote ssh port:

```
ss -pt dst :{{ssh}}
```

- Show all UDP sockets connected on specific source and destination ports:

```
ss -u 'sport == :{{source_port}} and dport == :\
{{destination_port}}'
```

- Show all TCP IPv4 sockets locally connected on the subnet 192.168.0.0/16:

```
ss -4t src {{192.168/16}}
```

# **ssh-add**

**Manage loaded ssh keys in the ssh-agent.**

**Ensure that ssh-agent is up and running for the keys to be loaded in it.**

- Add the default ssh keys in "~/.ssh" to the ssh-agent:

```
ssh-add
```

- Add a specific key to the ssh-agent:

```
ssh-add {{path/to/private_key}}
```

- List fingerprints of currently loaded keys:

```
ssh-add -l
```

- Delete a key from the ssh-agent:

```
ssh-add -d {{path/to/private_key}}
```

- Delete all currently loaded keys from the ssh-agent:

```
ssh-add -D
```

# **sshuttle**

**Transparent proxy server that tunnels traffic over an SSH connection.**

**Doesn't require admin, or any special setup on the remote SSH server.**

- Forward all IPv4 TCP traffic via a remote SSH server:

```
sshuttle --remote={{username}}@{{sshserver}} {{0.0.0.0/0}}
```

- Forward all IPv4 TCP and DNS traffic:

```
sshuttle --dns --remote={{username}}@{{sshserver}}  
{{0.0.0.0/0}}
```

- Use the tproxy method to forward all IPv4 and IPv6 traffic:

```
sudo sshuttle --method=tproxy --remote={{username}}@  
{{sshserver}} {{0.0.0.0/0}} {{::/0}} --exclude=  
{{your_local_ip_address}} --exclude={{ssh_server_ip_address}}
```

# stat

**Display file and filesystem information.**

- Show file properties such as size, permissions, creation and access dates among others:

```
stat {{file}}
```

- Same as above but in a more concise way:

```
stat -t {{file}}
```

- Show filesystem information:

```
stat -f {{file}}
```

- Show only octal file permissions:

```
stat -c "%a %n" {{file}}
```

- Show owner and group of the file:

```
stat -c "%U %G" {{file}}
```

- Show the size of the file in bytes:

```
stat -c "%s %n" {{file}}
```

# strace

**Troubleshooting tool for tracing system calls.**

- Start tracing a specific process by its PID:

```
strace -p {{pid}}
```

- Trace a process and filter output by system call:

```
strace -p {{pid}} -e {{system call name}}
```

- Count time, calls, and errors for each system call and report a summary on program exit:

```
strace -p {{pid}} -c
```

- Show the time spent in every system call:

```
strace -p {{pid}} -T
```

- Start tracing a program by executing it:

```
strace {{program}}
```

- Start tracing file operations of a program:

```
strace -e trace=file {{program}}
```

# **SV**

**Control a running runsv service.**

- Start a service:

```
sudo sv up {{path/to/service}}
```

- Stop a service:

```
sudo sv down {{path/to/service}}
```

- Get service status:

```
sudo sv status {{path/to/service}}
```

# sysctl

**List and change kernel runtime variables.**

- Show all available variables and their values:

```
sysctl -a
```

- Set a changeable kernel state variable:

```
sysctl -w {{section.tunable}}={{value}}
```

- Get currently open file handlers:

```
sysctl fs.file-nr
```

- Get limit for simultaneous open files:

```
sysctl fs.file-max
```

- Apply changes from /etc/sysctl.conf:

```
sysctl -p
```

# systemctl

Control the `systemd` system and service manager.

- List failed units:

```
systemctl --failed
```

- Start/Stop/Restart/Reload a service:

```
systemctl start/stop/restart/reload {{unit}}
```

- Show the status of a unit:

```
systemctl status {{unit}}
```

- Enable/Disable a unit to be started on bootup:

```
systemctl enable/disable {{unit}}
```

- Mask/Unmask a unit, prevent it to be started on bootup:

```
systemctl mask/unmask {{unit}}
```

- Reload systemd, scanning for new or changed units:

```
systemctl daemon-reload
```

# **systemd-analyze**

**Show timing details about the boot process of units (services, mount points, devices, sockets).**

- List time of each unit to start up:

```
systemd-analyze blame
```

- Print a tree of the time critical chain of units:

```
systemd-analyze critical-chain
```

# **tcpflow**

**Capture TCP traffic for debugging and analysis.**

- Show all data on the given interface and port:

```
tcpflow -c -i {{eth0}} port {{80}}
```

# **timedatectl**

**Control the system time and date.**

- To check the current system clock time:

```
timedatectl
```

- To set the local time of the system clock directly:

```
timedatectl set-time {{"yyyy-MM-dd hh:mm:ss"}}
```

- To list available timezones:

```
timedatectl list-timezones
```

- To change timezones:

```
timedatectl set-timezone {{timezone}}
```

- To enable Network Time Protocol (NTP) syncing:

```
timedatectl set-ntp on
```

# timeout

**Run a command with a time limit.**

- Run `sleep 10` and kill it, if it's running after 3 seconds:

```
timeout {{3s}} {{sleep 10}}
```

- Specify the signal to be sent to the command after the time limit expires. (By default, TERM is sent):

```
timeout --signal {{INT}} {{5s}} {{sleep 10}}
```

# tomb

**Manage encrypted storage folders that can be safely transported and hidden in a filesystem.**

- Create a new tomb with an initial size of 100MB:

```
tomb dig -s {{100}} {{encrypted_folder.tomb}}
```

- Create a new key file that can be used to lock a tomb; user will be prompted for a password for the key:

```
tomb forge {{encrypted_folder.tomb.key}}
```

- Initialize and lock an empty tomb using a key made with `forge`:

```
tomb lock {{encrypted_folder.tomb}} -k  
{{encrypted_folder.tomb.key}}
```

- Mount a tomb (by default in /media) using its key, making it usable as a regular filesystem folder:

```
tomb open {{encrypted_folder.tomb}} -k  
{{encrypted_folder.tomb.key}}
```

- Close a tomb (fails if the tomb is being used by a process):

```
tomb close {{encrypted_folder.tomb}}
```

- Forcefully close all open tombs, killing any applications using them:

```
tomb slam all
```

- List all open tombs:

```
tomb list
```

# top

Display dynamic real-time information about running processes.

- Start top:

```
top
```

- Do not show any idle or zombie processes:

```
top -i
```

- Show only processes owned by given user:

```
top -u {{user_name}}
```

- Show only the processes with the given PID(s), passed as a comma-separated list. (Normally you wouldn't know PIDs off hand. This example picks the PIDs from the process name):

```
top -p $(pgrep -d ',' '{{process_name}}')
```

- Get help about interactive commands:

```
?
```

# tree

Show the contents of the current directory as a tree.

- Show files and directories up to 'num' levels of depth (where 1 means the current directory):

```
tree -L {{num}}
```

- Show directories only:

```
tree -d
```

- Show hidden files too:

```
tree -a
```

- Print the tree without indentation lines, showing the full path instead (use -N to not escape whitespace and special characters):

```
tree -i -f
```

- Print the size of each node next to it, in human-readable format:

```
tree -s -h
```

- Filter the tree using a wildcard (glob) pattern:

```
tree -P {{*.txt}}
```

- Ignore entries that match a wildcard (glob) pattern:

```
tree -I {{*.txt}}
```

# ufw

**Uncomplicated Firewall.**

**Frontend for iptables aiming to make configuration of a firewall easier.**

- Enable ufw:

```
ufw enable
```

- Disable ufw:

```
ufw disable
```

- Show ufw rules, along with their numbers:

```
ufw status numbered
```

- Allow incoming traffic on port 5432 on this host with a comment identifying the service:

```
ufw allow {{5432}} comment {"Service"}
```

- Allow only TCP traffic from 192.168.0.4 to any address on this host, on port 22:

```
ufw allow proto {{tcp}} from {{192.168.0.4}} to {{any}} port {{22}}
```

- Deny traffic on port 80 on this host:

```
ufw deny {{80}}
```

- Deny all UDP traffic to port 22:

```
ufw deny proto {{udp}} from {{any}} to {{any}} port {{22}}
```

- Delete a particular rule. The rule number can be retrieved from the `ufw status numbered` command:

```
ufw delete {{rule_number}}
```

# **ulimit**

**Get and set user limits.**

- Get the properties of all the user limits:

```
ulimit -a
```

- Get hard limit for the number of simultaneously opened files:

```
ulimit -H -n
```

- Get soft limit for the number of simultaneously opened files:

```
ulimit -S -n
```

- Set max per-user process limit:

```
ulimit -u 30
```

# umask

Manage the read/write/execute permissions that are masked out (i.e. restricted) for newly created files by the user.

- Display the current mask in octal notation:

```
umask
```

- Display the current mask in symbolic (human-readable) mode:

```
umask -S
```

- Change the mask symbolically to allow read permission for all users (the rest of the mask bits are unchanged):

```
umask {{a+r}}
```

- Set the mask (using octal) to restrict no permissions for the file's owner, and restrict all permissions for everyone else:

```
umask {{077}}
```

# **uname**

**Print details about the current machine and the operating system running on it.**

**Note:** for additional information about the operating system, try the `lsb_release` command.

- Print hardware-related information: machine and processor:

```
uname -mp
```

- Print software-related information: operating system, release number, and version:

```
uname -srv
```

- Print the nodename (hostname) of the system:

```
uname -n
```

- Print all available system information (hardware, software, nodename):

```
uname -a
```

# unexpand

**Convert spaces to tabs.**

- Convert blanks in each file to tabs, writing to standard output:

```
unexpand {{file}}
```

- Convert blanks to tabs, reading from standard output:

```
unexpand
```

- Convert all blanks, instead of just initial blanks:

```
unexpand -a {{file}}
```

- Convert only leading sequences of blanks (overrides -a):

```
unexpand --first-only {{file}}
```

- Have tabs a certain number of characters apart, not 8 (enables -a):

```
unexpand -t {{number}} {{file}}
```

# update-alternatives

A convenient tool for maintaining symbolic links to determine default commands.

- Add a symbolic link:

```
sudo update-alternatives --install {{path/to/symlink}}  
{{command_name}} {{path/to/command_binary}} {{priority}}
```

- Configure a symbolic link for "java":

```
sudo update-alternatives --config {{java}}
```

- Remove a symbolic link:

```
sudo update-alternatives --remove {{java}} {{/opt/java/  
jdk1.8.0_102/bin/java}}
```

- Display information about a specified command:

```
update-alternatives --display {{java}}
```

# **update-rc.d**

**Install and remove services which are System-V style init script links.**

**Init scripts are in the /etc/init.d/.**

- Install a service:

```
update-rc.d {{mysql}} defaults
```

- Enable a service:

```
update-rc.d {{mysql}} enable
```

- Disable a service:

```
update-rc.d {{mysql}} disable
```

- Forcibly remove a service:

```
update-rc.d -f {{mysql}} remove
```

# useradd

Create a new user.

- Create new user:

```
useradd {{name}}
```

- Create new user with a default home directory:

```
useradd --create-home {{name}}
```

- Create new user with specified shell:

```
useradd --shell {{/path/to/shell}} {{name}}
```

- Create new user belonging to additional groups (mind the lack of whitespace):

```
useradd --groups {{group1,group2}} {{name}}
```

- Create new system user without a home directory:

```
useradd --no-create-home --system {{name}}
```

# **userdel**

**Remove a user.**

- Remove a user and their home directory:

```
userdel -r {{name}}
```

# **usermod**

**Modifies a user account.**

- Change a user's name:

```
usermod -l {{newname}} {{user}}
```

- Add user to supplementary groups (mind the whitespace):

```
usermod -a -G {{group1,group2}} {{user}}
```

- Create a new home directory for a user and move their files to it:

```
usermod -m -d {{/path/to/home}} {{user}}
```

# **vgcreate**

**Create volume groups combining multiple mass-storage devices.**

- Create a new volume group called vg1 using the `/dev/sda1` device:

```
vgcreate {{vg1}} {{/dev/sda1}}
```

- Create a new volume group called vg1 using multiple devices:

```
vgcreate {{vg1}} {{/dev/sda1}} {{/dev/sdb1}} {{/dev/sdc1}}
```

# vncserver

**Launches a VNC (Virtual Network Computing) desktop.**

- Launch a VNC Server on next available display:

```
vncserver
```

- Launch a VNC Server with specific screen geometry:

```
vncserver --geometry {{width}}x{{height}}
```

- Kill an instance of VNC Server running on a specific display:

```
vncserver --kill :{{display_number}}
```

# wall

**Write a message on the terminals of users currently logged in.**

- Send a message:

```
echo "{{message}}" | wall
```

- Send a message from a file:

```
wall {{file}}
```

- Send a message with timeout (default 300):

```
wall -t {{seconds}} {{file}}
```

# watch

**Execute a command repeatedly, and monitor the output in full-screen mode.**

- Monitor files in the current folder:

```
watch {{ls}}
```

- Monitor disk space and highlight the changes:

```
watch -d {{df}}
```

- Monitor "node" processes, refreshing every 3 seconds:

```
watch -n {{3}} "{{ps aux | grep node}}"
```

# **whatis**

**Display one-line descriptions from manual pages.**

- Display a description from a man page:

```
whatis {{command}}
```

- Don't cut the description off at the end of the line:

```
whatis --long {{command}}
```

- Display descriptions for all commands matching a glob:

```
whatis --wildcard {{net*}}
```

- Search man page descriptions with a regular expression:

```
whatis --regex '{{wish[0-9]\.[0-9]}}'
```

# whereis

Locate the binary, source, and manual page files for a command.

- Locate binary, source and man pages for ssh:

```
whereis {{ssh}}
```

- Locate binary and man pages for ls:

```
whereis -bm {{ls}}
```

- Locate source of gcc and man pages for git:

```
whereis -s {{gcc}} -m {{git}}
```

- Locate binaries for gcc in /usr/bin/ only:

```
whereis -b -B {{/usr/bin/}} -f {{gcc}}
```

# wodim

Command (aliased as `cdrecord` on some systems) for recording data to CDs or DVDs.

Some invocations of wodim can cause destructive actions, such as erasing all the data on a disc.

- Display optical drives available to wodim:

```
wodim --devices
```

- Record ("burn") an audio-only disc:

```
wodim dev=/dev/{{optical_drive}} -audio {{track*.cdaudio}}
```

- Burn a file to a disc, ejecting the disc once done (some recorders require this):

```
wodim -eject dev=/dev/{{optical_drive}} -data {{file.iso}}
```

- Burn a file to the disc in an optical drive, potentially writing to multiple discs in succession:

```
wodim -tao dev=/dev/{{optical_drive}} -data {{file.iso}}
```

# wpa\_cli

**Add and configure wlan interfaces.**

- Scan for available networks:

```
wpa_cli scan
```

- Show scan results:

```
wpa_cli scan_results
```

- Add a network:

```
wpa_cli add_network {{number}}
```

- Set a network's SSID:

```
wpa_cli set_network {{number}} ssid "{{SSID}}"
```

- Enable network:

```
wpa_cli enable_network {{number}}
```

- Save config:

```
wpa_cli save_config
```

# write

Write a message on the terminal of a specified logged in user (ctrl-C to stop writing messages).

Use the `who` command to find out all `terminal_ids` of all active users active on the system.

- Send a message to a given user on a given terminal id:

```
write {{username}} {{terminal_id}}
```

- Send message to "testuser" on terminal "/dev/tty/5":

```
write {{testuser}} {{tty/5}}
```

- Send message to "jhondoe" on pseudo terminal "/dev/pts/5":

```
write {{jhondoe}} {{pts/5}}
```

# x11vnc

A VNC server that will enable VNC on an existing display ser.

By default, the server will automatically terminate once all clients disconnect from it.

- Launch a VNC server that allows multiple clients to connect:

```
x11vnc -shared
```

- Launch a VNC server in view-only mode, and which won't terminate once the last client disconnects:

```
x11vnc -forever -viewonly
```

- Launch a VNC server on a specific display and screen (both starting at index zero):

```
x11vnc -display :{{display}}.{{screen}}
```

- Launch a VNC server on the third display's default screen:

```
x11vnc -display :{{2}}
```

- Launch a VNC server on the first display's second screen:

```
x11vnc -display :{{0}}.{{1}}
```

# xclip

X11 clipboard manipulation tool, similar to `xsel`.

Handles the X primary and secondary selections, plus the system clipboard (`Ctrl + C`/  
`Ctrl + V`).

- Copy the output from a command to the X11 primary selection area (clipboard):

```
echo 123 | xclip
```

- Copy the output from a command to a given X11 selection area:

```
echo 123 | xclip -selection {{primary|secondary|clipboard}}
```

- Copy the contents of a file to the system clipboard, using short notation:

```
echo 123 | xclip -sel clip
```

- Copy the contents of a file into the system clipboard:

```
xclip -sel clip {{input_file.txt}}
```

- Paste the contents of the X11 primary selection area to the console:

```
xclip -o
```

- Paste the contents of the system clipboard to the console:

```
xclip -o -sel clip
```

- Paste the contents of the system clipboard into a file:

```
xclip -o -sel clip > {{output_file.txt}}
```

# xdotool

**Command line automation for X11.**

- Retrieve the X-Windows window ID of the running Firefox window(s):

```
xdotool search --onlyvisible --name {{firefox}}
```

- Click the right mouse button:

```
xdotool click {{3}}
```

- Get the id of the currently active window:

```
xdotool getactivewindow
```

- Focus on the window with id of 12345:

```
xdotool windowfocus --sync {{12345}}
```

- Type a message, with a 500ms delay for each letter:

```
xdotool type --delay {{500}} "Hello world"
```

- Press the enter key:

```
xdotool key {{KP_Enter}}
```

# xeyes

**Display eyes on the screen that follow the mouse cursor.**

- Launch xeyes on the local machine's default display:

```
xeyes
```

- Launch xeyes on a remote machine's display 0, screen 0:

```
xeyes -display {{remote_host}}:{{0}}.{{0}}
```

# **xinput**

**List available input devices, query information about a device and change input device settings.**

- List all input devices:

```
xinput list
```

- Disconnect an input from its master:

```
xinput float {{id}}
```

- Reattach an input as slave to a master:

```
xinput reattach {{id}} {{master_id}}
```

# **xman**

**Manual page viewer for X Window System.**

- Start xman in three-button window:

```
xman
```

- Open the manual page output stored in a given file:

```
xman -helpfile {{filename}}
```

- Show both manual page and directory:

```
xman -bothshown
```

# xrandr

**Set the size, orientation and/or reflection of the outputs for a screen.**

- Display the current state of the system (known screens, resolutions, ...):

```
xrandr --query
```

- Disable disconnected outputs and enable connected ones with default settings:

```
xrandr --auto
```

- Change the resolution and update frequency of DisplayPort 1 to 1920x1080, 60Hz:

```
xrandr --output {{DP1}} --mode {{1920x1080}} --rate {{60}}
```

- Set the resolution of HDMI2 to 1280x1024 and put it on the right of DP1:

```
xrandr --output {{HDMI2}} --mode {{1280x1024}} --right-of {{DP1}}
```

- Disable the VGA1 output:

```
xrandr --output {{VGA1}} --off
```

# xsel

## X11 selection and clipboard manipulation tool.

- Use a command's output as input of the clip[b]oard (equivalent to **Ctrl + C**):

```
echo 123 | xsel -ib
```

- Use the contents of a file as input of the clipboard:

```
cat {{file}} | xsel -ib
```

- Output the clipboard's contents into the terminal (equivalent to **Ctrl + V**):

```
xsel -ob
```

- Output the clipboard's contents into a file:

```
xsel -ob > {{file}}
```

- Clear the clipboard:

```
xsel -cb
```

- Output the X11 primary selection's contents into the terminal (equivalent to a mouse middle-click):

```
xsel -op
```

# xsetwacom

**Command line tool to change settings for Wacom pen tablets at runtime.**

- List all the available wacom devices. The device name is in the first column:

```
xsetwacom list
```

- Set Wacom area to specific screen. Get name of the screen with xrandr:

```
xsetwacom set "{{device name}}" MapToOutput {{screen}}
```

- Set mode to relative (like a mouse) or absolute (like a pen) mode:

```
xsetwacom set "{{device name}}" Mode "{{Relative|Absolute}}
```

- Rotate the input (useful for tablet-PC when rotating screen) by 0|90|180|270 degrees from "natural" rotation:

```
xsetwacom set "{{device name}}" Rotate {{none|half|cw|ccw}}
```

- Set button to only work when the tip of the pen is touching the tablet:

```
xsetwacom set "{{device name}}" TabletPCButton "on"
```

# **yaourt**

**Arch Linux utility for building packages from the Arch User Repository.**

- Synchronize and update all packages (including AUR):

```
yaourt -Syua
```

- Install a new package (includes AUR):

```
yaourt -S package-name
```

- Remove a package and its dependencies (includes AUR packages):

```
yaourt -Rs package-name
```

- Search the package database for a keyword (including AUR):

```
yaourt -Ss package-name
```

- List installed packages, versions, and repositories (AUR packages will be listed under the repository name 'local'):

```
yaourt -Q
```

# yum

**Package management utility for RHEL, Feodra, and CentOS (for older versions).**

- Synchronize list of packages and versions available. This should be run first, before running subsequent yum commands:

```
yum update
```

- Install a new package:

```
yum install {{package}}
```

- Install a new package and assume yes to all questions (also works with update, great for automated updates):

```
yum -y install {{package}}
```

- Find the package that provides a particular command:

```
yum provides {{command}}
```

- Remove a package:

```
yum remove {{package}}
```

- Upgrade installed packages to newest available versions:

```
yum upgrade
```

# zenity

Display dialogs from the command line/shell scripts.

Return user-inserted values or 1 if error.

- Display the default question dialog:

```
zenity --question
```

- Display an info dialog displaying the text "Hello!":

```
zenity --info --text="{{Hello!}}"
```

- Display a name/password form and output the data separated by ";" :

```
zenity --forms --add-entry="{{Name}}" --add-
password="{{Password}}" --separator="{{;}}"
```

- Display a file selection form in which the user can only select directories:

```
zenity --file-selection --directory
```

- Display a progress bar which updates its message every second and show a progress percent:

```
{{(echo "#1"; sleep 1; echo "50"; echo "#2"; sleep 1; echo
"100")}} | zenity --progress
```

# **zramctl**

**Setup and control zram devices.**

**Use `mke2fs` or `mkswap` to format zram devices to partitions.**

- Check if zram is enabled:

```
lsmod | grep -i zram
```

- Enable zram with 2 devices (use `zramctl` to configure the devices further):

```
sudo modprobe zram num_devices={{2}}
```

- Find and initialise the next free zram device to a 2GB virtual drive using LZ4 compression:

```
sudo zramctl --find --size {{2GB}} --algorithm {{lz4}}
```

- List currently initialised devices:

```
zramctl
```

# **zypper**

**SUSE & openSUSE package management utility.**

- Synchronize list of packages and versions available:

```
zypper refresh
```

- Install a new package:

```
zypper install {{package}}
```

- Remove a package:

```
zypper remove {{package}}
```

- Upgrade installed packages to newest available versions:

```
zypper update
```

- Search package via keyword:

```
zypper search {{keyword}}
```