

Manual Pages

Most commands have manual pages which describe their function & arguments. Because one must be very specific when using the command line interface, it is important to understand which arguments are optional and which are required. Here examples of the primary kinds of notation you will see, and comments about the syntax. Press “q” to exit from a manual page session.

Man command – To learn more about it run: `man man`

Example Usage statements:

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man -l [-C file] [-d] [-D] [--warnings[=warnings]] [-T[device]]file ...
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man -K [-w|-W] [-S list] [-i|-I] [--regex] [section] term ...
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- Matters: capitalization, spaces or lack of, one dash or two
- Commands can have multiple usage statements, as shown
- Required – these are listed without any annotation
- Optional – indicated by [] brackets
- Exclusive – separated by a “pipe” symbol – you can only use one of them
- Repeatable – Items shown before an ... (“ellipsis”) symbol may be repeated
- Values to arguments might need to single or double-quoted, for example if they contain spaces

