# Manual Pages

Most commands have manual pages which describe their function and arguments. Here are the keys to understanding them.

Man command – man man

Example Usage statements:

**man –l** [**–C** <u>file</u>] [**–d**] [**–D**] [**––warnings**[=<u>warnings</u>]] [**–T**[<u>device</u>]]<u>file</u> **...**

**man –K** [**–w**|**–W**] [**–S** <u>list</u>] [**–i**|**–I**] [<u>––regex</u>] [<u>section</u>] <u>term</u> **...**

- Matters: capitalization, spaces or lack of, one dash or two
- Commands can have multiple usage statements, as shown
- Required – listed without any annotation
- Optional – indicated by [ ] brackets
- Exclusive – separated by a "pipe" symbol
- 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