mpc MPD command-line client

CONCEPTS

mpc is only a remote control: the MPD daemon plays the music and keeps the queue, so playback goes on after mpc exits.

Music library database
↓ `add / findadd`
Queue current playlist
↓ `play`
MPD daemon plays
↓ `outputs`
Speakers audio output

PLAYBACK

mpc play [*<pos>*]
Play, optionally from a queue position

mpc pause
Pause playback

mpc toggle
Toggle play and pause

mpc stop
Stop playback

mpc next
Next song

mpc prev
Previous song

mpc seek +30
Jump 30 seconds forward

mpc current
Show the playing song

MODES

mpc random on|off
Shuffle playback order

mpc repeat on|off
Repeat the queue

VOLUME AND OUTPUTS

mpc volume *<0-100>*
Set the volume

mpc volume +5 / -5
Change volume relatively

QUEUE

mpc add *<path>*
Add a file or folder from the library

QUEUE (cont.)

mpc add /
Add the whole library

mpc insert *<path>*
Add right after the current song

mpc clear
Empty the queue

mpc playlist
List the queue

mpc del *<pos>*
Remove a queue position

PLAYLISTS

mpc lsplaylists
List stored playlists

mpc load *<name>*
Append a playlist to the queue

mpc save *<name>*
Save the queue as a playlist

mpc playlist *<name>*
List the songs of a playlist

LIBRARY AND SEARCH

mpc search *<type> <text>*
Find songs by substring

mpc find *<type> <text>*
Find songs by exact match

mpc findadd *<type> <text>*
Find exact matches and queue them

mpc search artist *<a>* **album** *<b>*
Combine several conditions

mpc ls [*<dir>***]**
List a library folder

mpc list *<type>*
List all values of a tag

mpc update [*<path>***]**
Rescan for new or changed files

STATUS AND FORMATTING

mpc status
Show state, volume and modes

mpc -f "%artist% - %title%" current
Custom song format