rclone Cloud file sync

Source local or remote → `copy / sync / move` → **rclone** filters, checks → `backend API` → **Destination** remote:path

CONCEPTS

Paths are remote:path. A path without a colon is local. Test any sync with --dry-run first.

sync makes the destination identical to the source and DELETES extra files there. Swapped arguments delete files you wanted to keep.

Config lives in rclone.conf (find it with rclone config file). It holds tokens and secrets: keep it private.

REMOTES AND CONFIG

`rclone config`
Interactive remote setup

`rclone listremotes`
List configured remotes

`rclone config show <remote>`
Show a remote's settings

`rclone config file`
Print config file path

`rclone config create <name> <type> [key=value]`
Create a remote non-interactively

COPY, SYNC AND MOVE

`rclone copy <src> <dst> -P`
Copy new/changed files, never delete

`rclone sync <src> <dst> -P`
Mirror src to dst, deleting extras

`rclone move <src> <dst>`
Copy then delete from source

`rclone copyto <src> <dst>`
Copy one file, renaming it

`rclone moveto <src> <dst>`
Move or rename one file

`rclone rcat <remote>:<file>`
Upload from stdin

`rclone cat <remote>:<file>`
Print a remote file

LISTING AND INFO

`rclone ls <remote>:<dir>`
Size and path of every file

`rclone lsd <remote>:<dir>`
List directories only

LISTING AND INFO (cont.)

`rclone lsf <remote>:<dir>`
Plain names, script friendly

`rclone lsf -R --files-only <remote>:`
Recursive file names

`rclone lsjson <remote>:<dir>`
List as JSON

`rclone tree <remote>:<dir>`
Tree view

`rclone size <remote>:<dir>`
Total size and file count

`rclone ncdu <remote>:`
Interactive disk usage

`rclone about <remote>:`
Quota and free space

VERIFY AND CLEAN UP

`rclone check <src> <dst>`
Compare sizes and hashes

`rclone check <src> <dst> --one-way`
Only check source files exist

`rclone delete <remote>:<dir>`
Delete files, keep directories

VERIFY AND CLEAN UP (cont.)

`rclone purge <remote>:<dir>`
Delete directory and everything in it

`rclone mkdir <remote>:<dir>`
Create a directory or bucket

FLAGS

`-n / --dry-run`
Show what would happen

`-P / --progress`
Live transfer stats

`-v / -vv`
More logging

`-i / --interactive`
Ask before each change

`--transfers <n>`
Parallel file transfers

`--bwlimit <rate>`
Limit bandwidth (e.g. 5M)

`-u / --update`
Skip files newer on destination

`--ignore-existing`
Never overwrite existing files

`-c / --checksum`
Compare by hash, not mod-time

FLAGS (cont.)

`--backup-dir <dir>`
Move overwritten/deleted files aside

`--max-delete <n>`
Abort if sync would delete more

`--log-file <file> --log-level INFO`
Log to a file

FILTERS

`--include "<glob>"`
Only matching files

`--exclude "<glob>"`
Skip matching files

`--exclude-from <file>`
Read exclude patterns from file

`--filter-from <file>`
Rules in a file (+ / - lines)

MOUNT AND SERVE

`rclone mount <remote>: <dir>`
Mount as a filesystem

`rclone mount <remote>: <dir> --vfs-cache-mode writes`
Make writes reliable

`fusermount -u <dir>`
Unmount on Linux