Timewarrior Command-line time tracking

CONCEPTS

Time is recorded as intervals with tags. Only one interval is open at a time: starting a new one closes the running one.

No tracking timew shows none
↓ start
Open interval running, has tags
↓ stop
Closed interval @1 is the newest
↓ summary :ids
Correct / report move, tag, export

IDs like @1 count from the newest interval, so @1 is always the latest. Show them with the :ids hint.

Quote tags that contain spaces: 'Prepare Slides'. Unquoted words become separate tags.

Hints start with a colon (:week, :ids, :yes, :quiet) and can sit anywhere on the command line.

TRACK

timew start *<tag>...*
Start tracking with tags

timew stop
Stop the running interval

timew
Show current tracking status

timew start *<time>* *<tag>*
Start at a past time

timew start 90mins ago *<tag>*
Start relative to now

timew stop 10mins ago
Stop at a past time

timew continue
Resume the last interval

timew continue *@<id>*
Resume a specific interval

timew cancel
Discard the running interval

timew track *<start>* **-** *<end>* *<tag>*
Log a closed interval

timew track :yesterday *<tag>*
Log a whole range hint

TRACK (cont.)

timew track *<start>* **for** *<dur>* *<tag>*
Log by start and length

REPORTS

timew summary
Today's intervals and totals

timew summary :ids
Include @ids for corrections

timew summary :week
This week

timew summary :lastweek
Previous week

timew summary :month
This month

timew summary :yesterday
Previous day

timew summary *<start>* **-** *<end>*
Any date range

timew summary *<tag>*
Only intervals with a tag

timew day / week / month
Chart of tracked time

timew tags
Tags in use

timew export
Intervals as JSON

CORRECT

timew tag *@<id>* *<tag>*
Add tags to an interval

timew untag *@<id>* *<tag>*
Remove tags

timew retag *@<id>* *<tag>...*
Replace all tags

timew annotate *@<id>* *<text>*
Attach a note

timew move *@<id>* *<time>*
Change the start time

timew shorten *@<id>* *<dur>*
Take time off the end

timew lengthen *@<id>* *<dur>*
Add time to the end

timew modify start|end *@<id>* *<time>*
Set start or end exactly

timew split *@<id>*
Divide into two intervals

CORRECT (cont.)

timew join *@<id>* *@<id>*
Merge two intervals

timew delete *@<id>*
Remove an interval

timew undo
Revert the last command

DATES AND DURATIONS

now / today / yesterday / tomorrow
Named points in time

sod / eod
Start / end of the current day

9am / 8:12p / 15:30
Clock times

monday / august / 24th
Most recent such day

2026-10-26T09:00
ISO date and time

<start> **-** *<end>*
Closed interval (or to)

from *<start>* **for** *<dur>*
Start plus length

<dur> **ago**
Counted back from now

1.5h / 90mins / 2d
Shorthand durations

PT1H30M
ISO-8601 duration

HINTS AND CONFIG

:yes
Answer prompts automatically

:quiet
Suppress output for scripts

:ids
Show interval IDs

:week / :month / :quarter / :year
Current period range

timew config
Show all settings

timew config *<name>* *<value>*
Set a setting

Config lives in ~/.timewarrior/timewarrior.cfg (newer installs may use the XDG directories). Data is plain text per month in the data/ folder next to it.