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.