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.