tldr pages Command examples

tldr-pages repo markdown pages → zip download → **Local cache** refreshed by --update → lookup → **Client** tldr <command> → render → **Terminal** coloured examples

CONCEPTS

tldr shows a handful of common examples. For every option, fall back to man <command> or <command> --help.

Many clients exist (Python, Node, Rust, C). This sheet covers the Python client; flags differ elsewhere.

LOOK UP

tldr *<command>*
Show examples for a command

tldr *<command>* *<subcommand>*
Show a subcommand page

tldr --search "*<keywords>*"
Find pages matching keywords

tldr --list
List pages for this platform

tldr --markdown *<command>*
Print the raw page source

tldr --help
Show client options

LOOK UP (cont.)

tldr --version
Show client version

PLATFORM AND LANGUAGE

tldr --platform linux *<command>*
Use the Linux page

tldr --platform osx *<command>*
Use the macOS page

tldr --platform windows *<command>*
Use the Windows page

tldr --platform common *<command>*
Use the cross-platform page

tldr --language *<code>* *<command>*
Read a translated page

export TLDR_LANGUAGE=*<code>*
Set the default language

export TLDR_PLATFORM=*<os>*
Override platform detection

INSTALL AND CACHE

pipx install tldr
Install the Python client

pip install tldr
Install with pip

tldr --update
Download the latest pages

tldr --clear-cache
Delete the local cache

export TLDR_CACHE_MAX_AGE=*<hours>*
Set how long the cache is valid

export TLDR_CACHE_ENABLED=0
Fetch online before using the cache

tldr --print-completion bash
Print shell completion script

OUTPUT

tldr --short-options *<command>*
Prefer short flags in examples

tldr --long-options *<command>*
Prefer long flags in examples

OUTPUT (cont.)

tldr --color *<command>*
Keep colour when piped

export TLDR_OPTIONS= *<short|long|both>*
Default option style

export TLDR_COLOR_COMMAND= *<style>*
Restyle the command lines

WRITING PAGES

pages/*<platform>***/***<command>***.md**
Where a page lives in the repo

{{path/to/file}}
Placeholder syntax in a command

tldr --render *<file>***.md**
Preview a page locally

pages.*<locale>***/**
Folder for translations

Page layout

Part	Syntax
Title	`# command`
Summary	`> Short description.`
Link	`> More information: <url>.`
Example	`- What it does:`
Command	`` `cmd {{arg}}` ``

WRITING PAGES (cont.)

Aim for about five examples per page, eight at most, and read CONTRIBUTING.md before opening a pull request.

RECIPES

Weekly refresh with a timer

```
# crontab -e
0 9 * * 1 tldr --update
```

Try a page before submitting

```
$EDITOR pages/common/<command>.md
tldr --render pages/common/<command>.md
```

Compare platforms

```
tldr --platform linux <command>
tldr --platform osx <command>
```

Pick a page with fzf

```
tldr --list | fzf --preview 'tldr {}'
```