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 {}'
```