# tldr pages Command examples

## CONCEPTS

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

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

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

**tldr --version**
Show client version

## PLATFORM AND LANGUAGE

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

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

## PLATFORM AND LANGUAGE (cont.)

**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

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

## OUTPUT (cont.)

**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}}` `` |

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
{}'
```