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
{}'
```