

snap(8)

System Manager's Manual

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## NAME

snap - Tool to interact with snaps

## SYNOPSIS

snap [OPTIONS]

## DESCRIPTION

The snap command lets you install, configure, refresh and remove snaps. Snaps are packages that work across many different Linux distributions, enabling secure delivery and operation of the latest apps and utilities.

## OPTIONS

## COMMANDS

**abort**

Abort a pending change

The abort command attempts to abort a change that still has pending tasks.

Usage: snap [OPTIONS] abort [abort-OPTIONS]

auto-refresh, etc.). A question mark at the end of the type means to do nothing (instead of returning an error) if no change of the given type is found. Note the question mark could need protecting from the shell.

## ack

**Add an assertion to the system**

The ack command tries to add an assertion to the system assertion data? base.

The assertion may also be a newer revision of a pre-existing assertion that it will replace.

To succeed the assertion must be valid, its signature verified with a known public key and the assertion consistent with and its prerequisite in the database.

## alias

**Set up a manual alias**

The alias command aliases the given snap application to the given alias.

be invoked just using the alias.

Usage: snap [OPTIONS] alias [alias-OPTIONS]

**--no-wait**

Do not wait for the operation to finish but just print the change id.

## aliases

List aliases in the system

The aliases command lists all aliases available in the system and their status.

**\$ snap aliases <snap>**

Lists only the aliases defined by the specified snap.

## changes

List system changes

The changes command displays a summary of system changes performed recently.

## **--abs-time**

Display absolute times (in RFC 3339 format). Otherwise, display relative times up to 60 days, then YYYY-MM-DD.

## **check-snapshot**

### **Check a snapshot**

The **check-snapshot** command verifies the user, system and configuration data of the snaps included in the specified snapshot.

The **check** operation runs the same data integrity verification that is performed when a snapshot is restored.

By default, this command checks all the data in a snapshot. Alternatively, you can specify the data of which snaps to check, or for which users, or a combination of these.

If a snap is included in a **check-snapshot** operation, excluding its system and configuration data from the check is not currently possible. This restriction may be lifted in the future.

**Usage:** `snap [OPTIONS] check-snapshot [check-snapshot-OPTIONS]`

Do not wait for the operation to finish but just print the change id.

**--users**

Check data of only specific users (comma-separated) (default: all users)

**components**

List available and installed components for installed snaps

The `components` command displays a summary of the components that are installed and available for the set of currently installed snaps.

Components for specific installed snaps can be queried by providing snap names as positional arguments.

**connect**

Connect a plug to a slot

The `connect` command connects a plug to a slot. It may be called in the following ways:

```
$ snap connect <snap>:<plug> <snap>:<slot>
```

```
$ snap connect <snap>:<plug> <snap>
```

Connects the specific plug to the only slot in the provided snap that matches the connected interface. If more than one potential slot exists, the command fails.

```
$ snap connect <snap>:<plug>
```

Connects the provided plug to the slot in the core snap with a name matching the plug name.

Usage: snap [OPTIONS] connect [connect-OPTIONS]

**--no-wait**

Do not wait for the operation to finish but just print the change id.

## connections

List interface connections

The connections command lists connections between plugs and slots in the system.

for all snaps in the system. In this mode, pass `--all` to also list unconnected plugs and slots.

```
$ snap connections <snap>
```

Lists connected and unconnected plugs and slots for the specified snap.

Usage: `snap [OPTIONS] connections [connections-OPTIONS]`

`--all` Show connected and unconnected plugs and slots

## create-cohort

Create cohort keys for a set of snaps

The `create-cohort` command creates a set of cohort keys for a given set of snaps.

A cohort is a view or snapshot of a snap's "channel map" at a given point in time that fixes the set of revisions for the snap given other constraints (e.g. channel or architecture). The cohort is then identified by an opaque per-snap key that works across systems. Installations or refreshes of the snap using a given cohort key would use a fixed revision for up to 90 days, after which a new set of revisions would be fixed under that same cohort key and a new 90 days window started.

## debug

Run debug commands

The debug command contains a selection of additional sub-commands.

Debug commands can be removed without notice and may not work on non-development systems.

## debug api

Execute raw query to snapd API

Execute a raw query to snapd API. Complex input can be read from stdin, while output is printed to stdout. See examples below:

List all snaps: `$ snap debug api /v2/snaps`

Find snaps with name foo: `$ snap debug api '/v2/find?name=foo'`

Request refresh of snap 'some-snap': `$ echo '{"action": "refresh"}' |`

`snap debug api -X POST \`

`-H 'Content-Type: application/json' /v2/snaps/some-snap`

Execute a request to the session agent of UID 12345: `$ snap debug api`

`--session-agent-uid=12345 /v1/session-info`

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**Usage:** snap [OPTIONS] debug api [api-OPTIONS]

**--snap-socket**

Use snap access socket

**--session-agent-uid**

Communicate with session agent of a given UID

**--disable-auth**

Disable authorization with data from auth.json

**-H, --header**

Set header (can be repeated multiple times), header kind and value are separated with ': '

**-X, --request**

HTTP method to use (defaults to GET)

**--fail** Fail on request errors

**debug confinement**

Print the confinement mode the system operates in

## debug connectivity

### Check network connectivity status

The connectivity command checks the network connectivity of snapd.

## debug execution

### Obtain information about execution aspects of snap toolchain commands

Display debugging information about aspects of snap toolchain execution, such as reexecution, tools location etc.

## debug execution apparmor

### Show apparmor

## debug execution internal-tool

### Show internal tool execution info

## debug execution snap

### Show snap execution info

## debug features

### Obtain the complete list of feature tags

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ture tags present in snapd and snap. Feature tags are a col?  
lection of data that describe significant code paths within  
snapd including tasks, changes, interfaces, endpoints, snap  
commands, and ensure helper functions.

## debug lsm

(internal) obtain status information on LSMs

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## debug migrate-home

Migrate snaps' directory to ~/Snap.

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Usage: snap [OPTIONS] debug migrate-home [migrate-home-OPTIONS]

--no-wait

## debug paths

Print system paths

The paths command prints the list of paths detected and used by snapd.

(internal) list refresh-app-awareness details

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Usage: snap [OPTIONS] debug refresh-app-awareness [refresh-app-awareness-OPTIONS]

--unicode <default: "auto">

debug sandbox-features

Print sandbox features available on the system

The sandbox command prints tags describing features of individual sandbox components used by snapd on a given system.

Usage: snap [OPTIONS] debug sandbox-features [sandbox-features-OPTIONS]

--required

Ensure that given backend:feature is available

debug seeding

Obtain seeding and preseeding details

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**Usage: snap [OPTIONS] debug seeding [seeding-OPTIONS]**

**--unicode <default: "auto">**

**debug snap-downloads-cache**

**Show statistics of the local snaps download cache**

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**Usage: snap [OPTIONS] debug snap-downloads-cache [snap-downloads-cache-OPTIONS]**

**--cache**

**Cache directory, if different than the default location**

**--max-items**

**Maximum count of cache-unique items, if different than the default**

**debug stacktraces**

**Obtain stacktraces of all snapd goroutines**

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Inspect a snapd state file.

Inspect a snapd state file, bypassing snapd API.

Usage: snap [OPTIONS] debug state [state-OPTIONS]

**--abs-time**

Display absolute times (in RFC 3339 format). Otherwise, display relative times up to 60 days, then YYYY-MM-DD.

**--changes**

List all changes

**--task ID of the task to inspect**

**--change**

ID of the change to inspect

**--check**

Check change consistency

**--connections**

List all connections

Show details of the matching connections (snap or snap:plug,snap:slot or snap:plug-or-slot)

**--is-seeded**

Output seeding status (true or false)

**--dot** Dot (graphviz) output

**--no-hold**

Omit tasks in 'Hold' state in the change output

**debug timings**

Get the timings of the tasks of a change

The timings command displays details about the time each task runs.

Usage: snap [OPTIONS] debug timings [timings-OPTIONS]

**--last** Select last change of given type (install, refresh, remove, try, auto-refresh, etc.). A question mark at the end of the type means to do nothing (instead of returning an error) if no change of the given type is found. Note the question mark could need protecting from the shell.

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Show timings for a change related to the given Ensure activity (one of: auto-refresh, become-operational, refresh-catalogs, refresh-hints, seed)

**--all** Show timings for all executions of the given Ensure or startup activity, not just the latest

**--startup**

Show timings for the startup of given subsystem (one of: load-state, ifacemgr)

**--verbose**

Show more information

**debug validate-seed**

Validate snap seed

Validate correctness of snap seed located in the directory containing seed.yaml file.

**disable**

Disable a snap in the system

and the snap can easily be enabled again.

Usage: `snap [OPTIONS] disable [disable-OPTIONS]`

`--no-wait`

Do not wait for the operation to finish but just print the change id.

**disconnect**

Disconnect a plug from a slot

The `disconnect` command disconnects a plug from a slot. It may be called in the following ways:

```
$ snap disconnect <snap>:<plug> <snap>:<slot>
```

Disconnects the specific plug from the specific slot.

```
$ snap disconnect <snap>:<slot or plug>
```

Disconnects everything from the provided plug or slot. The snap name may be omitted for the core snap.

to the `disconnect` command to reset this behaviour, and consequently re-enable an automatic reconnection after a snap refresh.

**Usage:** `snap [OPTIONS] disconnect [disconnect-OPTIONS]`

**--no-wait**

Do not wait for the operation to finish but just print the change id.

**--forget**

Forget remembered state about the given connection.

**download**

Download the given snap

The `download` command downloads the given snap, components, and their supporting assertions to the current directory with `.snap`, `.comp`, and `.assert` file extensions, respectively.

**Usage:** `snap [OPTIONS] download [download-OPTIONS]`

**--channel**

Use this channel instead of stable

**--beta** Install from the beta channel

**--candidate**

Install from the candidate channel

**--stable**

Install from the stable channel

**--revision**

Download the given revision of a snap. When downloading components, download the components associated with the given snap revision.

**--basename**

Use this basename for the snap, component, and assertion files (defaults to <snap>\_<revision>)

**--target-directory**

Download to this directory (defaults to the current directory)

**--only-components**

Only download the given components, not the snap

Download from the given cohort

## enable

Enable a snap in the system

The enable command enables a snap that was previously disabled.

Usage: snap [OPTIONS] enable [enable-OPTIONS]

### --no-wait

Do not wait for the operation to finish but just print the change id.

## export-key

Export cryptographic public key

The export-key command exports a public key assertion body that may be imported by other systems.

Usage: snap [OPTIONS] export-key [export-key-OPTIONS]

### --account

Format public key material as a request for an account-key for this account-id

## export-snapshot

Export a snapshot

Export a snapshot to the given filename.

## find

Find packages to install

The find command queries the store for available packages.

With the `--private` flag, which requires the user to be logged-in to the store (see `'snap help login'`), it instead searches for private snaps that the user has developer access to, either directly or through the store's collaboration feature.

A green check mark (given color and unicode support) after a publisher name indicates that the publisher has been verified.

Usage: `snap [OPTIONS] find [find-OPTIONS]`

Aliases: `search`

`--private`

Search private snaps.

**--narrow**

Only search for snaps in ?stable?.

**--section [= "show-all-sections-please"] <default: "no-section-specified">**

Restrict the search to a given section.

**--color <default: "auto">**

Use a little bit of color to highlight some things.

**--unicode <default: "auto">**

Use a little bit of Unicode to improve legibility.

**forget**

**Delete a snapshot**

The forget command deletes a snapshot. This operation can not be undone.

A snapshot contains archives for the user, system and configuration data of each snap included in the snapshot.

By default, this command forgets all the data in a snapshot. Alternatively, you can specify the data of which snaps to forget.

**Usage: snap [OPTIONS] forget [forget-OPTIONS]**

**--no-wait**

Do not wait for the operation to finish but just print the change id.

**get**

**Print configuration options**

The get command prints configuration options for the provided snap.

```
$ snap get snap-name username
```

```
frank
```

If multiple option names are provided, the corresponding values are re?

turned:

```
$ snap get snap-name username password
```

```
Key    Value
```

```
username frank
```

```
password ...
```

**Nested values may be retrieved via a dotted path:**

**frank**

**Usage: snap [OPTIONS] get [get-OPTIONS]**

**-t** Strict typing with nulls and quoted strings

**-d** Always return document, even with single key

**-l** Always return list, even with single key

**--default**

A strictly typed default value to be used when none is found

**help**

Show help about a command

The help command displays information about snap commands.

**Usage: snap [OPTIONS] help [help-OPTIONS]**

**--all** Show a short summary of all commands

**import-snapshot**

Import a snapshot

Import an exported snapshot set to the system. The snapshot is imported with a new snapshot ID and can be restored using the restore command.

Usage: snap [OPTIONS] import-snapshot [import-snapshot-OPTIONS]

**--abs-time**

## info

Show detailed information about snaps

The info command shows detailed information about snaps.

The snaps can be specified by name or by path; names are looked for both in the store and in the installed snaps; paths can refer to a .snap file, or to a directory that contains an unpacked snap suitable for 'snap try' (an example of this would be the 'prime' directory snapcraft produces).

Usage: snap [OPTIONS] info [info-OPTIONS]

**--color <default: "auto">**

Use a little bit of color to highlight some things.

**--unicode <default: "auto">**

## **--abs-time**

Display absolute times (in RFC 3339 format). Otherwise, display relative times up to 60 days, then YYYY-MM-DD.

## **--verbose**

Include more details on the snap (expanded notes, base, etc.)

## **install**

Install snaps on the system

The **install** command installs the named snaps on the system.

To install multiple instances of the same snap, append an underscore and a unique identifier (for each instance) to a snap's name.

Parallel instances are installed with **--unaliased** passed implicitly to avoid conflicts with existing installs. This behaviour can be altered by passing **--prefer** which will enable all aliases of the given snap in preference to conflicting aliases of other snaps whose automatic aliases will be disabled and manual aliases will be removed.

With no further options, the snaps are installed tracking the stable channel, with strict security confinement. All available channels of a

When `--revision` is used, a later refresh will typically undo the revision override, taking the snap back to the current revision of the channel it's tracking.

Use `--name` to set the instance name when installing from snap file.

Usage: `snap [OPTIONS] install [install-OPTIONS]`

`--color <default: "auto">`

Use a little bit of color to highlight some things.

`--unicode <default: "auto">`

Use a little bit of Unicode to improve legibility.

`--no-wait`

Do not wait for the operation to finish but just print the change id.

`--channel`

Use this channel instead of stable

`--edge` Install from the edge channel

**--candidate**

**Install from the candidate channel**

**--stable**

**Install from the stable channel**

**--devmode**

**Put snap in development mode and disable security confinement**

**--jailmode**

**Put snap in enforced confinement mode**

**--classic**

**Put snap in classic mode and disable security confinement**

**--revision**

**Install the given revision of a snap**

**--dangerous**

**Install the given snap file even if there are no pre-acknowledged signatures for it, meaning it was not verified and could be dangerous (--devmode implies this)**

**Install the given snap without enabling its automatic aliases**

**--prefer**

**Enable all aliases of the given snap in preference to conflicting aliases of other snaps**

**--name** **Install the snap file under the given instance name**

**--cohort**

**Install the snap in the given cohort**

**--ignore-validation**

**Ignore validation by other snaps blocking the installation**

**--transaction** **<default: "per-snap">**

**Have one transaction per-snap or one for all the specified snaps**

**--quota-group**

**Add the snap to a quota group on install**

**interface**

**Show details of snap interfaces**

**The interface command shows details of snap interfaces.**

If no interface name is provided, a list of interface names with at least one connection is shown, or a list of all interfaces if `--all` is provided.

Usage: `snap [OPTIONS] interface [interface-OPTIONS]`

`--attrs`

Show interface attributes

`--all` Include unused interfaces

**known**

Show known assertions of the provided type

The `known` command shows known assertions of the provided type. If `header=value` pairs are provided after the assertion type, the assertions shown must also have the specified headers matching the provided values.

Usage: `snap [OPTIONS] known [known-OPTIONS]`

`--remote`

Query the store for the assertion, via `snappy` if possible

**Query** the store for the assertion, without attempting to go via **snappd**

## **list**

**List installed snaps**

The **list** command displays a summary of snaps installed in the current system.

A green check mark (given color and unicode support) after a publisher name indicates that the publisher has been verified.

**Usage:** **snap** [OPTIONS] **list** [list-OPTIONS]

**--all** Show all revisions

**--color** <default: "auto">

Use a little bit of color to highlight some things.

**--unicode** <default: "auto">

Use a little bit of Unicode to improve legibility.

## **login**

**Authenticate to snappd and the store**

The `login` command authenticates the user to `snaped` and the `snap` store, and saves credentials into the `~/.snap/auth.json` file. Further communication with `snaped` will then be made using those credentials.

It's not necessary to log in to interact with `snaped`. Doing so, however, enables interactions without `sudo`, as well as some developer-oriented features as detailed in the help for the `find`, `install` and `refresh` commands.

An account can be set up at <https://login.ubuntu.com>

## logout

Log out of `snaped` and the store

The `logout` command logs the current user out of `snaped` and the store.

## logs

Retrieve logs for services

The `logs` command fetches logs of the given services and displays them in chronological order.

Usage: `snap [OPTIONS] logs [logs-OPTIONS]`

Display absolute times (in RFC 3339 format). Otherwise, display relative times up to 60 days, then YYYY-MM-DD.

**-n** <default: "10">

Show only the given number of lines, or 'all'.

**-f** Wait for new lines and print them as they come in.

## model

Get the active model for this device

The `model` command returns the active model assertion information for this device.

By default, only the essential model identification information is included in the output, but this can be expanded to include all of an assertion's non-meta headers.

The verbose output is presented in a structured, yaml-like format.

Similarly, the `active serial` assertion can be used for the output instead of the `model` assertion.

Usage: `snap [OPTIONS] model [model-OPTIONS]`

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## **--abs-time**

Display absolute times (in RFC 3339 format). Otherwise, display relative times up to 60 days, then YYYY-MM-DD.

## **--color <default: "auto">**

Use a little bit of color to highlight some things.

## **--unicode <default: "auto">**

Use a little bit of Unicode to improve legibility.

## **--serial**

Print the serial assertion instead of the model assertion.

## **--verbose**

Print all specific assertion fields.

## **--assertion**

Print the raw assertion.

## **okay**

**Acknowledge warnings**

The okay command acknowledges the warnings listed with 'snap warnings'.

sufficient time has passed.

## pack

Pack the given directory as a snap

The `pack` command packs the given `snap-dir` as a snap and writes the result to `target-dir`. If `target-dir` is omitted, the result is written to current directory. If both `source-dir` and `target-dir` are omitted, the `pack` command packs the current directory.

The default file name for a snap can be derived entirely from its `snap.yaml`, but in some situations it's simpler for a script to feed the filename in. In those cases, `--filename` can be given to override the default. If this filename is not absolute it will be taken as relative to `target-dir`.

When used with `--check-skeleton`, `pack` only checks whether `snap-dir` contains valid snap metadata and raises an error otherwise. Application commands listed in snap metadata file, but appearing with incorrect permission bits result in an error. Commands that are missing from `snap-dir` are listed in diagnostic messages.

Usage: `snap [OPTIONS] pack [pack-OPTIONS]`

**Validate snap-dir metadata only**

**--filename**

**Output to this filename**

**--compression**

**Compression to use (e.g. xz or lzo)**

**prefer**

**Enable aliases from a snap, disabling any conflicting aliases**

The **prefer** command enables all aliases of the given snap in preference to conflicting aliases of other snaps whose aliases will be disabled (or removed, for manual ones).

**Usage: snap [OPTIONS] prefer [prefer-OPTIONS]**

**--no-wait**

**Do not wait for the operation to finish but just print the change id.**

**prepare-image**

**Prepare a device image**

ating device images.

For core images it is not invoked directly but usually via `ubuntu-image`.

For preparing classic images it supports a `--classic` mode

Usage: `snap [OPTIONS] prepare-image [prepare-image-OPTIONS]`

**`--classic`**

Enable classic mode to prepare a classic model image

**`--preseed`**

Preseed (UC20+ only)

**`--preseed-sign-key`**

Name of the key to use to sign preseed assertion, otherwise use the default key

**`--apparmor-features-dir`**

Optional path to apparmor kernel features directory (UC20+ only)

**`--sysfs-overlay`**

Optional sysfs overlay to be used when running preseeding steps

**--arch** Specify an architecture for snaps for **--classic** when the model does not

**--channel**

The channel to use

**--snap** <snap>[=<channel>]

Include the given snap from the store or a local file and/or specify the channel to track for the given snap

**--comp** <snap>+<comp>

Include the given component from the store or a local file

**--revisions**

Specify a seeds.manifest file referencing the exact revisions of the provided snaps which should be installed

**--write-revisions** [= "/seed.manifest"]

Writes a manifest file containing references to the exact snap revisions used for the image. A path for the manifest is optional.

**--validation**

Control whether validations should be ignored or enforced. (de?

## **--allow-snapd-kernel-mismatch**

Whether a mismatch between versions of the snapd snap and snapd in kernel is allowed

## **--assert <filename>**

Include the assertion from the local file

## **quota**

Show quota group for a set of snaps

The `quota` command shows information about a quota group, including the set of snaps and any sub-groups it contains, as well as its resource constraints and the current usage of those constrained resources.

## **quotas**

Show quota groups

The `quotas` command shows all quota groups.

## **reboot**

Reboot into selected system and mode

The `reboot` command reboots the system into a particular mode of the se?

When called without a system label and without a mode it will just trigger a regular reboot.

When called without a label, the current system will be used for "run" mode. The default recovery system will be used for "recover", "factory-reset" and "install" modes.

Note that the "run" mode is only available for the current system.

Usage: snap [OPTIONS] reboot [reboot-OPTIONS]

**--run** Boot into run mode

**--install**

Boot into install mode

**--recover**

Boot into recover mode

**--factory-reset**

Boot into factory-reset mode

The recovery command lists the available recovery systems.

With `--show-keys` it displays recovery keys that can be used to unlock the encrypted partitions if the device-specific automatic unlocking does not work.

Usage: `snap [OPTIONS] recovery [recovery-OPTIONS]`

`--color <default: "auto">`

Use a little bit of color to highlight some things.

`--unicode <default: "auto">`

Use a little bit of Unicode to improve legibility.

`--show-keys`

Show recovery keys (if available) to unlock encrypted partitions.

**refresh**

Refresh snaps in the system

The refresh command updates the specified snaps, or all snaps in the system if none are specified.

With no further options, the snaps are refreshed to the current revision of the channel they're tracking, preserving their confinement options. All available channels of a snap are listed in its 'snap info' output.

When `--revision` is used, a later refresh will typically undo the revision override.

Hold (`--hold`) is used to postpone snap refresh updates for all snaps when no snaps are specified, or for the specified snaps.

When no snaps are specified `--hold` is only effective on auto-refreshes and will not block either general refresh requests from 'snap refresh' or specific snap requests from 'snap refresh target-snap'.

When snaps are specified `--hold` is effective on both their auto-refreshes and general refresh requests from 'snap refresh'. However, specific snap requests from 'snap refresh target-snap' remain unblocked and will proceed.

Usage: `snap [OPTIONS] refresh [refresh-OPTIONS]`

`--color <default: "auto">`

Use a little bit of color to highlight some things.

**--unicode <default: "auto">**

Use a little bit of Unicode to improve legibility.

**--abs-time**

Display absolute times (in RFC 3339 format). Otherwise, display relative times up to 60 days, then YYYY-MM-DD.

**--no-wait**

Do not wait for the operation to finish but just print the change id.

**--channel**

Use this channel instead of stable

**--edge** Install from the edge channel

**--beta** Install from the beta channel

**--candidate**

Install from the candidate channel

**--stable**

Install from the stable channel

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**Put snap in development mode and disable security confinement**

**--jailmode**

**Put snap in enforced confinement mode**

**--classic**

**Put snap in classic mode and disable security confinement**

**--amend**

**Allow refresh attempt on snap unknown to the store**

**--revision**

**Refresh to the given revision**

**--cohort**

**Refresh the snap into the given cohort**

**--leave-cohort**

**Refresh the snap out of its cohort**

**--list Show the new versions of snaps that would be updated with the next refresh**

**--time Show auto refresh information but do not perform a refresh**

**--ignore-validation**

Ignore validation by other snaps blocking the refresh

**--transaction <default: "per-snap">**

Have one transaction per-snap or one for all the specified snaps

**--hold [= "forever"]**

Hold refreshes for a specified duration (or forever, if no value is specified)

**--unhold**

Remove refresh hold

**remodel**

Remodel this device

The **remodel** command changes the model assertion of the device, either to a new revision or a full new model.

In the process it applies any implied changes to the device: new required snaps, new kernel or gadget etc.

Snaps and assertions are downloaded from the store unless they are provided as local files specified by **--snap** and **--assertion** options. If

assertions are provided locally, otherwise the remodel will fail.

**Usage:** snap [OPTIONS] remodel [remodel-OPTIONS]

**--no-wait**

Do not wait for the operation to finish but just print the change id.

**--snap** Use one or more locally available snaps.

**--assertion**

Use one or more locally available assertion files.

**--offline**

Use only pre-installed and locally provided snaps and assertions. Providing any snaps or assertions locally implies --offline.

**remove**

Remove snaps from the system

The remove command removes the named snap instance from the system.

By default all the snap revisions are removed, including their data and

specified revision is removed.

Unless automatic snapshots are disabled, a snapshot of all data for the snap is saved upon removal, which is then available for future restoration with `snap restore`. The `--purge` option disables automatically creating snapshots.

Usage: `snap [OPTIONS] remove [remove-OPTIONS]`

**--no-wait**

Do not wait for the operation to finish but just print the change id.

**--revision**

Remove only the given revision

**--purge**

Remove the snap without saving a snapshot of its data

**--terminate**

Terminate running processes associated with a snap before removal

The `remove-quota` command removes the given quota group.

Currently, only quota groups with no sub-groups can be removed. In order to remove a quota group with sub-groups, the sub-groups must first be removed until there are no sub-groups for the group, then the group itself can be removed.

Usage: `snap [OPTIONS] remove-quota [remove-quota-OPTIONS]`

`--no-wait`

`restart`

Restart services

The `restart` command restarts the given services.

If the `--reload` option is given, for each service whose app has a `reload` command, a reload is performed instead of a restart.

Usage: `snap [OPTIONS] restart [restart-OPTIONS]`

`--no-wait`

Do not wait for the operation to finish but just print the

## **--system**

The operation should only affect system services.

**--user** The operation should only affect user services for the current user.

## **--users**

If provided and set to 'all', the operation should affect services for all users.

## **--reload**

If the service has a reload command, use it instead of restarting.

## **restore**

Restore a snapshot

The restore command replaces the current user, system and configuration data of included snaps, with the corresponding data from the specified snapshot.

By default, this command restores all the data in a snapshot. Alternatively, you can specify the data of which snaps to restore, or for

If a snap is included in a restore operation, excluding its system and configuration data from the restore is not currently possible. This restriction may be lifted in the future.

Usage: snap [OPTIONS] restore [restore-OPTIONS]

**--no-wait**

Do not wait for the operation to finish but just print the change id.

**--users**

Restore data of only specific users (comma-separated) (default: all users)

**revert**

Reverts the given snap to the previous state

The revert command reverts the given snap to its state before the latest refresh. This will reactivate the previous snap revision, and will use the original data that was associated with that revision, discarding any data changes that were done by the latest revision. As an exception, data which the snap explicitly chooses to share across revisions is not touched by the revert process.

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**Usage: snap [OPTIONS] revert [revert-OPTIONS]**

**--no-wait**

Do not wait for the operation to finish but just print the change id.

**--devmode**

Put snap in development mode and disable security confinement

**--jailmode**

Put snap in enforced confinement mode

**--classic**

Put snap in classic mode and disable security confinement

**--revision**

Revert to the given revision

**run**

Run the given snap command

The run command executes the given snap command with the right confinement and environment.

## **--shell**

Run a shell instead of the command (useful for debugging)

## **--debug-log**

Enable debug logging during early snap startup phases

## **--strace [= "with-strace"] <default: "no-strace">**

Run the command under strace (useful for debugging). Extra strace options can be specified as well here. Pass **--raw** to strace early snap helpers.

## **--gdbserver [= ":0"] <default: "no-gdbserver">**

Run the command with gdbserver

## **--trace-exec**

Display exec calls timing data

## **save**

Save a snapshot of the current data

The **save** command creates a snapshot of the current user, system and configuration data for the given snaps.

Alternatively, you can specify the data of which snaps to save, or for which users, or a combination of these.

If a snap is included in a save operation, excluding its system and configuration data from the snapshot is not currently possible. This restriction may be lifted in the future.

**Usage:** snap [OPTIONS] save [save-OPTIONS]

**--no-wait**

Do not wait for the operation to finish but just print the change id.

**--abs-time**

Display absolute times (in RFC 3339 format). Otherwise, display short relative times.

**--users**

Snapshot data of only specific users (comma-separated) (default: all users)

**saved**

List currently stored snapshots

previously with the 'save' command.

Usage: snap [OPTIONS] saved [saved-OPTIONS]

**--abs-time**

Display absolute times (in RFC 3339 format). Otherwise, display short relative times.

**--id** Show only a specific snapshot.

## services

Query the status of services

The `services` command lists information about the services specified, or about the services in all currently installed snaps.

If executed as root user, the 'Startup' column of any user service will be whether it's globally enabled (i.e `systemctl is-enabled`). To view the actual 'Startup'|'Current' status of the user services for the root user itself, `--user` can be provided.

If executed as a non-root user, the 'Startup'|'Current' status of user services will be the current status for the invoking user. To view the global enablement status of user services, `--global` can be provided.

**Usage: snap [OPTIONS] services [services-OPTIONS]**

**-g, --global**

Show the global enable status for user services instead of the status for the current user.

**-u, --user**

Show the current status of the user services instead of the global enable status.

**set**

**Change configuration options**

The set command changes the provided configuration options as requested.

```
$ snap set snap-name username=frank password=$PASSWORD
```

All configuration changes are persisted at once, and only after the snap's configuration hook returns successfully.

Nested values may be modified via a dotted path:

```
$ snap set snap-name author.name=frank
```

Configuration option may be unset with exclamation mark:

```
$ snap set snap-name author!
```

Usage: snap [OPTIONS] set [set-OPTIONS]

**--no-wait**

Do not wait for the operation to finish but just print the change id.

**-t** Parse the value strictly as JSON document

**-s** Parse the value as a string

**set-quota**

Create or update a quota group.

The set-quota command updates or creates a quota group with the specified set of snaps.

A quota group sets resource limits on the set of snaps or snap services it contains. Snaps can be at most in one quota group but quota groups can be nested. Nested quota groups are subject to the restriction that the total sum of each existing quota in sub-groups cannot exceed that of the parent group the nested groups are part of.

All provided snaps are appended to the group; to remove a snap from a quota group, the entire group must be removed with `remove-quota` and recreated without the snap. To remove a sub-group from the quota group, the sub-group must be removed directly with the `remove-quota` command.

To set limits on individual services, one or more services can be placed into a sub-group. The respective snap for each service must belong to the sub-group's parent group. These sub-groups will have the same limitations as nested groups which means their combined resource usage cannot exceed the resource limits set for the parent group. Sub-groups which contain services cannot have their own journal quotas set, and instead automatically inherit any journal quota their parent quota group may have.

The memory limit for a quota group can be increased but not decreased. To decrease the memory limit for a quota group, the entire group must be removed with the `remove-quota` command and recreated with a lower limit. Increasing the memory limit for a quota group does not restart any services associated with snaps in the quota group.

The CPU limit for a quota group can be both increased and decreased after being set on a quota group. The CPU limit can be specified as a single percentage which means that the quota group is allowed an overall percentage of the CPU resources. Setting it to 50% means that the

**CPU set.** Setting the percentage to 2x100% means that the quota group is allowed up to 100% on two cpu cores.

The CPU set limit for a quota group can be modified to include new cpus, or to remove existing cpus from the quota already set.

The threads limit for a quota group can be increased but not decreased. To decrease the threads limit for a quota group, the entire group must be removed with the `remove-quota` command and recreated with a lower limit.

The journal limits can be increased and decreased after being set on a group. Setting a journal limit will cause the snaps in the group to be put into the same journal namespace. This will affect the behaviour of the `log` command.

New quotas can be set on existing quota groups, but existing quotas cannot be removed from a quota group, without removing and recreating the entire group.

Adding new snaps to a quota group will result in all non-disabled services in that snap being restarted.

An existing sub group cannot be moved from one parent to another.

Usage: snap [OPTIONS] set-quota [set-quota-OPTIONS]

**--no-wait**

Do not wait for the operation to finish but just print the change id.

**--memory [=]**

Memory quota

**--cpu [=]**

CPU quota

**--cpu-set [=]**

CPU set quota

**--threads [=]**

Threads quota

**--journal-size [=]**

Journal size quota

**--journal-rate-limit [=]**

Journal rate limit as <message count>/<message period>

## Parent quota group

### sign

#### Sign an assertion

The `sign` command signs an assertion using the specified key, using the `input` for headers from a JSON mapping provided through `stdin`. The body of the assertion can be specified through a "body" pseudo-header.

Usage: `snap [OPTIONS] sign [sign-OPTIONS]`

`-k <default: "default">`

Name of the key to use, otherwise use the default key

`--chain`

Append the account and account-key assertions necessary to allow any device to validate the signed assertion.

`--update-timestamp`

Update the output "timestamp" header to the current time

### start

#### Start services

**Usage:** snap [OPTIONS] start [start-OPTIONS]

**--no-wait**

Do not wait for the operation to finish but just print the change id.

**--system**

The operation should only affect system services.

**--user** The operation should only affect user services for the current user.

**--users**

If provided and set to 'all', the operation should affect services for all users.

**--enable**

As well as starting the service now, arrange for it to be started on boot.

**stop**

**Stop services**

**Usage:** snap [OPTIONS] stop [stop-OPTIONS]

**--no-wait**

Do not wait for the operation to finish but just print the change id.

**--system**

The operation should only affect system services.

**--user** The operation should only affect user services for the current user.

**--users**

If provided and set to 'all', the operation should affect services for all users.

**--disable**

As well as stopping the service now, arrange for it to no longer be started on boot.

**switch**

Switches snap to a different channel

out doing a refresh. All available channels of a snap are listed in its 'snap info' output.

**Usage:** snap [OPTIONS] switch [switch-OPTIONS]

**--no-wait**

Do not wait for the operation to finish but just print the change id.

**--channel**

Use this channel instead of stable

**--edge** Install from the edge channel

**--beta** Install from the beta channel

**--candidate**

Install from the candidate channel

**--stable**

Install from the stable channel

**--cohort**

Switch the snap into the given cohort

**--leave-cohort**

Switch the snap out of its cohort

**tasks**

List a change's tasks

The `tasks` command displays a summary of tasks associated with an individual change.

Usage: `snap [OPTIONS] tasks [tasks-OPTIONS]`

Aliases: `change`

**--abs-time**

Display absolute times (in RFC 3339 format). Otherwise, display relative times up to 60 days, then YYYY-MM-DD.

**--last** Select last change of given type (install, refresh, remove, try, auto-refresh, etc.). A question mark at the end of the type means to do nothing (instead of returning an error) if no change of the given type is found. Note the question mark could need protecting from the shell.

The `try` command installs an unpacked snap into the system for testing purposes. The unpacked snap content continues to be used even after installation, so non-metadata changes there go live instantly. Metadata changes such as those performed in `snap.yaml` will require reinstallation to go live.

If `snap-dir` argument is omitted, the `try` command will attempt to infer it if either `snapcraft.yaml` file and prime directory or `meta/snap.yaml` file can be found relative to current working directory.

Usage: `snap [OPTIONS] try [try-OPTIONS]`

**--no-wait**

Do not wait for the operation to finish but just print the change id.

**--devmode**

Put snap in development mode and disable security confinement

**--jailmode**

Put snap in enforced confinement mode

**--classic**

## unalias

Remove a manual alias, or the aliases for an entire snap

The `unalias` command removes a single alias if the provided argument is a manual alias, or disables all aliases of a snap, including manual ones, if the argument is a snap name.

Usage: `snap [OPTIONS] unalias [unalias-OPTIONS]`

### `--no-wait`

Do not wait for the operation to finish but just print the change id.

## unset

Remove configuration options

The `unset` command removes the provided configuration options as requested.

```
$ snap unset snap-name name address
```

All configuration changes are persisted at once, and only after the snap's configuration hook returns successfully.

Nested values may be removed via a dotted path:

```
$ snap unset snap-name user.name
```

Usage: snap [OPTIONS] unset [unset-OPTIONS]

**--no-wait**

Do not wait for the operation to finish but just print the change id.

**validate**

List or apply validation sets

The validate command lists or applies validation sets that state which snaps are required or permitted to be installed together, optionally constrained to fixed revisions.

A validation set can either be in monitoring mode, in which case its constraints aren't enforced, or in enforcing mode, in which case snapd will not allow operations which would result in snaps breaking the validation set's constraints.

Usage: snap [OPTIONS] validate [validate-OPTIONS]

**Monitor the given validations set**

**--enforce**

**Enforce the given validation set**

**--forget**

**Forget the given validation set**

**--refresh**

**Refresh or install snaps to satisfy enforced validation sets**

**--color <default: "auto">**

**Use a little bit of color to highlight some things.**

**--unicode <default: "auto">**

**Use a little bit of Unicode to improve legibility.**

**--no-wait**

**Do not wait for the operation to finish but just print the change id.**

**version**

**Show version details**

server, and operating system.

## wait

Wait for configuration

The wait command waits until a configuration becomes true.

## warnings

List warnings

The warnings command lists the warnings that have been reported to the system.

Once warnings have been listed with 'snap warnings', 'snap okay' may be used to silence them. A warning that's been silenced in this way will not be listed again unless it happens again, *and* a cooldown time has passed.

Warnings expire automatically, and once expired they are forgotten.

Usage: snap [OPTIONS] warnings [warnings-OPTIONS]

**--abs-time**

Display absolute times (in RFC 3339 format). Otherwise, display

**--unicode <default: "auto">**

Use a little bit of Unicode to improve legibility.

**--all Show all warnings**

**--verbose**

Show more information

## **watch**

Watch a change in progress

The watch command waits for the given change-id to finish and shows progress (if available).

**Usage: snap [OPTIONS] watch [watch-OPTIONS]**

**--last** Select last change of given type (install, refresh, remove, try, auto-refresh, etc.). A question mark at the end of the type means to do nothing (instead of returning an error) if no change of the given type is found. Note the question mark could need protecting from the shell.

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The `whoami` command shows the email the user is logged in with.

## NOTES

### 1. Online documentation

<https://docs.snapcraft.io>

## BUGS

Please report all bugs with <https://bugs.launchpad.net/snapd/+filebug>

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