



Linux Ubuntu 26.04 Manual Pages on command 'watchgnupg.1'

\$ man watchgnupg.1

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NAME

watchgnupg - Read and print logs from a socket

SYNOPSIS

watchgnupg [--force] [--verbose] socketname

DESCRIPTION

Most of the main utilities are able to write their log files to a Unix Domain socket if configured that way. watchgnupg is a simple listener for such a socket. It ameliorates the output with a time stamp and makes sure that long lines are not interspersed with log output from other utilities. This tool is not available for Windows.

watchgnupg is commonly invoked as

watchgnupg

which is a shorthand for

watchgnupg --force \$(gpgconf --list-dirs socketdir)/S.log

To watch GnuPG running with a different home directory, use

watchgnupg --homedir DIR

OPTIONS

watchgnupg understands these options:

--force

Delete an already existing socket file. This option is implicitly used if no socket name has been given on the command line.

--homedir DIR

If no socket name is given on the command line, pass DIR to gpgconf so that the

socket for a GnuPG running with DIR has its home directory is used. Note that the environment variable GNUPGHOME is ignored by watchgnupg.

`--tcp n`

Instead of reading from a local socket, listen for connects on TCP port n. A Unix domain socket can optionally also be given as a second source. This option does not use a default socket name.

`--time-only`

Do not print the date part of the timestamp.

`--verbose`

Enable extra informational output.

`--version`

Print version of the program and exit.

`--help` Display a brief help page and exit.

EXAMPLES

```
$ watchgnupg --time-only
```

This waits for connections on the local socket (e.g. `/?var/run/user/1234/gnupg/S.log?`) and shows all log entries. To make this work the option `log-file` needs to be used with all modules which logs are to be shown. The suggested entry for the configuration files is:

```
log-file socket://
```

If the default socket as given above and returned by `"echo $(gpgconf --list-dirs socket?dir)/S.log"` is not desired an arbitrary socket name can be specified, for example `?socket:///home/foo/bar/mysocket?`. For debugging purposes it is also possible to do remote logging. Take care if you use this feature because the information is sent in the clear over the network. Use this syntax in the conf files:

```
log-file tcp://192.168.1.1:4711
```

You may use any port and not just 4711 as shown above; only IP addresses are supported (v4 and v6) and no host names. You need to start watchgnupg with the `tcp` option. Note that under Windows the registry entry `HKCU\Software\GNU\GnuPG:DefaultLogFile` can be used to change the default log output from `stderr` to whatever is given by that entry. However the only useful entry is a TCP name for remote debugging.

SEE ALSO

`gpg(1)`, `gpgsm(1)`, `gpg-agent(1)`, `scdaemon(1)`

The full documentation for this tool is maintained as a Texinfo manual. If GnuPG and the

info program are properly installed at your site, the command

info gnupg

should give you access to the complete manual including a menu structure and an index.

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