

**NAME**

**sos help** - get detailed help information on sos commands and components

**SYNOPSIS**

**sos help TOPIC**

**DESCRIPTION**

**sos help** is used to retrieve more detailed information on the various SoS commands and components than is directly available in either other manpages or --help output.

This information could for example be investigating a specific plugin to learn more about its purpose, use case, collections, available plugin options, edge cases, and more.

Most aspects of SoS' operation can be investigated this way - the top level functions such as **report**, **clean**, and **collect**, as well as constructs that allow those functions to work; e.g. **transports** within **sos collect** that define how that function connects to remote nodes.

**REQUIRED ARGUMENTS****TOPIC**

The section or topic to retrieve detailed help information for. TOPIC takes the general form of **command.component.entity**, with **component** and **entity** being optional.

Top-level **command** help sections will often direct users to **component** sections which in turn may point to further **entity** subsections.

Some of the more useful or interesting sections are listed below:

Topic	Description
<b>report</b>	The <b>sos report</b> command
<b>report.plugins</b>	Information on what report plugins are
<b>report.plugins.\$plugin</b>	Information on a specific plugin
<b>clean</b> or <b>mask</b>	The <b>sos clean mask</b> command
<b>collect</b>	The <b>sos collect</b> command
<b>collect.clusters</b>	How <b>collect</b> enumerates nodes in a cluster
<b>policies</b>	How SoS behaves on different distributions