

Ruby monstas command line cheat sheet, part 2



Command	Argument(s)	Meaning	Description	Examples
cp	<i>source-name</i> <i>destination-name</i>	“copy”	Copies files	cp oldname.txt newname.txt cp script.rb rubymonstas/ cp rubymonstas/script.rb .
mv	<i>source-name</i> <i>destination-name</i>	“move”	Moves or renames files or folders	mv oldname.txt newname.txt mv script.rb rubymonstas/ mv rubymonstas/script.rb .
rm	<i>file-name</i>	“remove”	Removes (deletes) a file	rm test.rb rm *
touch (Windows: New-Item)	<i>file-name</i>	“touch a file”	Creates a file if it does not exist yet	touch test.txt touch programs/new-script.rb
man	<i>command-name</i>	“manual”	Opens the manual page (documentation) for a command	man touch man rm
cat	<i>file-name</i> [<i>file-name</i> ...]	“concatenate”	Concatenate files and output them on the command line	cat test.rb cat programs/*
less (Windows: more)	<i>file-name</i>	“display less of the file at once” (e.g. as opposed to cat)	Displays a file	less rubymonstas/script.rb
exit		“exit”	Exit the command line (also works in irb!)	

Navigation inside man and less

There are a lot of options how to navigate in man and less: You can use the arrow keys, u (for up), d (for down), page up and page down. You can even search for strings inside man and less: Type the slash character (/), then type what you want to search for and execute with the return key. Finally, to quit man or less, type q.