

Homebrew Cheat Sheet

A comprehensive guide to Homebrew, the package manager for macOS. This cheat sheet covers installation, basic commands, package management, and troubleshooting.



Installation and Setup

Installation

To install Homebrew, open your terminal and run the following command:

/bin/bash -c "\$(curl -fsSL

https://raw.githubusercontent.com/Homebrew/install/HEAD/install.sh)"

This script will guide you through the installation process. Follow the prompts, and enter your password if required.

Basic Setup

After installation, it's important to add Homebrew to your PATH so that you can run brew commands from any terminal location.

Add these lines to your .zshrc or .bashrc file:

export PATH="/opt/homebrew/bin:\$PATH"

Then, apply the changes to your current session:

source ~/.zshrc # or source ~/.bashrc

Alternatively, for interactive setup in zsh, run:

eval "\$(/opt/homebrew/bin/brew
shellenv)"

Verify Installation

brew doctor

To ensure Homebrew is installed correctly, run:

This command will diagnose common issues and provide solutions.

If any problems are reported, follow the suggested steps to resolve them before proceeding.

Package Management

Installing Packages

(brew install <package_name>)</package_name>	Installs the specified package. Example:
	brew install git
brew reinstall <package_name></package_name>	Reinstalls the specified package. Useful for fixing broken installations.
	Example: brew reinstall git
<pre>brew install <formula>@<ve rsion=""></ve></formula></pre>	Installs a specific version of a formula. Example:
	brew install node@16

Updating Packages

Updates Homebrew's package list.
Upgrades all outdated packages.
Upgrades a specific package.
Example:
brew upgrade git

Removing Packages

brew uninstall <package_nam e=""></package_nam>	Uninstalls the specified package.
	Example:
	brew uninstall git
brew	Removes old versions of
cleanup	packages from the Homebrew cache.
brew	Removes old versions of specific packages from the Homebrew
<pre>cleanup <package_nam e=""></package_nam></pre>	cache.
	Example:
	brew cleanup git

Brew Cask

Installing Applications

<pre>brew install cask <application_name></application_name></pre>	Installs the specified application using Brew Cask. Example: brew installcask firefox
brew reinstallcask <application_name></application_name>	Reinstalls the specified application using Brew Cask. Example: brew reinstallcask firefox

Listing Installed Applications

To list all applications installed via Brew Cask, use the following command:

brew list --cask

Uninstalling Applications

<pre>brew uninstallcask <application_name></application_name></pre>	Uninstalls the specified application using Brew Cask. Example:
	brew uninstallcask

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Advanced Usage

Searching for Packages

brew search <keyword></keyword>	Searches for packages containing the specified keyword.
	Example:
	brew search node
brew search	Searches using a regular
/ <regex>/</regex>	expression.
	Example:
	brew search /^node.*/

Package Information

brew info <package_ name></package_ 	Displays information about a package, including version, dependencies, and caveats. Example: brew info git
brew_deps <pre><package_name></package_name></pre>	Lists the dependencies of a package. Example: brew deps node

Linking and Unlinking

brew link <package_name></package_name>	Links a package's files into /usr/local .
	Example:
	brew link git
brew unlink	Unlinks a package's files
<pre><package_name></package_name></pre>	from /usr/local.
	Example:
	brew unlink git

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