

# whatis

查询一个命令执行什么功能

## 补充说明

**whatis**命令是用于查询一个命令执行什么功能，并将查询结果打印到终端上。

whatis命令在用catman -w命令创建的数据库中查找command参数指定的命令、系统调用、库函数或特殊文件名。whatis命令显示手册部分的页眉行。然后可以发出man命令以获取附加的信息。whatis命令等同于使用man -f命令。

## 语法

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## 实例

```
[root@localhost ~]# whatis ls
ls                      (1) - list directory contents
ls                      (1p) - list directory contents

[root@localhost ~]# whatis cp
cp                      (1) - copy files and directories
cp                      (1p) - copy files

[root@localhost ~]# whatis chown
chown                  (1) - change file owner and group
chown                  (1p) - change the file ownership
chown                  (2) - change ownership of a file
chown                  (3p) - change owner and group of a file

[root@localhost ~]# whatis man
man                     (1) - format and display the on-line manual pages
man                     (1p) - display system documentation
man                     (7) - macros to format man pages
man                     (rpm) - A set of documentation tools: man, apropos and
whatis.
man-pages              (rpm) - Man (manual) pages from the Linux Documentation
Project.
man.config [man]        (5) - configuration data for man
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