

# Taskwarrior – What's next?

## Task management on the commandline

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# Dirk Deimeke (Taskwarrior)

- ▶ I first saw Taskwarrior at Ubucon 2009 in a lightning talk of [Federico Hernandez](#), one of the core developers.
- ▶ Started to use it in the beginning of 2010.
- ▶ Still enthusiastic about it! ;-)
- ▶ In the middle of 2010 I joined the [Taskwarrior Core Team](#)
- ▶ I like working in an international team
  - ▶ Watertown (Massachusetts, USA)
  - ▶ Gothenburg (West Gothland, Sweden)
  - ▶ Braunschweig, (Lower Saxony, Germany)
  - ▶ Richmond (Virginia, USA)
  - ▶ Bonn (North Rhine-Westphalia, Germany)
  - ▶ Toronto (Ontario, Canada)
  - ▶ Gruet (Zurich, Switzerland)
- ▶ <http://taskwarrior.org/>
- ▶ <http://d5e.org/taskwarrior> (German) own blog-articles



# About this session

## ► **What is this all about?**

This is about Taskwarrior, an efficient tool for task management.  
Techniques for time management are not part of this session.

## ► **Why do you use the beta-Version?**

With Taskwarrior 2.0.0 a new syntax will be introduced and it makes no sense to show the old commands.

## **Attention!**

- Feel free to ask any questions!
- If you find any errors, please tell me.



# Project founder: Paul Beckingham

- ▶ I started out using Gina Trapani's todo.sh, which was great, but I soon wanted features that would have been difficult to implement in a shell script, so I wrote my own.
- ▶ It stemmed from the fact that a todo program needs to be simple to use, and unobtrusive, otherwise it's a hassle. But it can't be too simple.
- ▶ If you go to the trouble of capturing this information, it seems wasteful not to leverage it. So it has a lot of features, but tries to remain simple to use.
- ▶ There are many different methodologies people use for managing their work, and taskwarrior tries to walk a line through the middle of all that, with features for all the different approaches.
- ▶ Taskwarrior is intended to scale with the user, from very simple straightforward usage up to quite sophisticated task management.



# Reasons for Taskwarrior

## Taskwarrior

- ▶ is easy to learn.
- ▶ grows along with the work.
- ▶ is unbelievably powerful.
- ▶ is very fast.
- ▶ is easily extensible.
- ▶ is platform independent:
  - ▶ Most flavours of Unix and Linux, including Mac OS X
  - ▶ Windows with Cygwin
  - ▶ via SSH from my mobile
  - ▶ <http://taskwarrior.org/w/Platforms>
- ▶ is actively developed.
- ▶ can be influenced by users (feature requests).
- ▶ has excellent and very friendly support.



## 5 steps to install from source

All you need to compile is `gcc`, `cmake` and `make`.

1. [Download](#) of recent version
2. `tar xzf task-2.0.0.beta4.tar.gz`
3. `cmake .` (not `./configure!`)
4. `make`
5. `sudo make install`



# Test of your installation

```
$ task version
A configuration file could not be found in /home/user

Would you like a sample /home/user/.taskrc created, so taskwarrior can proceed? (yes/no) yes

task 2.0.0.beta4 built for linux
Copyright (C) 2006 – 2011 P. Beckingham, F. Hernandez.

Taskwarrior may be copied only under the terms of the MIT license, which may be
found in the taskwarrior source kit.

Documentation for taskwarrior can be found using 'man task', 'man taskrc', 'man
task-tutorial', 'man task-color', 'man task-sync', 'man task-faq' or at
http://taskwarrior.org
```



# A simple example, part 1

```
Taskwarrior
$ task add Pay rents # Our first task
Created task 1.

$ task add Check Taskwarrior # and now the second one
Created task 2.

$ task list # lists all open tasks

ID Project Pri Due Active Age Description _____
 2           5s Check Taskwarrior
 1           10s Pay rents

2 tasks
$ task 2 start
Started 2 'Check Taskwarrior'.
$ task list

ID Project Pri Due Active Age Description _____
 2           * 16s Check Taskwarrior
 1           21s Pay rents

2 tasks
$ |
```



# A simple example, part 2

```
Taskwarrior
$ task 2 stop
Stopped 2 'Check Taskwarrior'.
$ task 2 done
Completed 2 'Check Taskwarrior'.
Marked 1 task as done.

$ task list

ID Project Pri Due Active Age Description
 1                      56s Pay rents

1 task
$ █
```



# Commands so far

- ▶ **task add**

Adds a new task to the task list.

- ▶ **task list**

Provides a standard listing of tasks.

- ▶ **task start**

Marks the specified tasks as started.

- ▶ **task stop**

Removes the start time from the specified task.

- ▶ **task done**

Marks the specified task as done.



# That's it!

```
$ task 1 annotate Try the blue one first
Annotated 1 with 'Try the blue one first'.

$ task list
ID Project Pri Started Due Recur Age Tags Description
3 gtd           8/26/2010 weekly 4wk   Review task list
2 software High          5wk www Visit http://taskwarrior.org
1 software     8/17/2010      3wk   Try out the color themes
                                         9/12/2010 Try the blue one first
4 software           4wk   Try out latest FireFox beta

4 tasks

$ task list due:before:eow
ID Project Pri Started Due Recur Age Tags Description
3 gtd           8/26/2010 weekly 4wk   Review task list

1 task

$ task 2 done
Completed 2 'Visit http://taskwarrior.org'.
Project 'software' is 33% complete (2 of 3 tasks remaining).
Marked 1 task as done.
You have higher priority tasks.
```

# Thanks for your attention!

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<http://taskwarrior.org/>



## Just kidding ...

**There is a lot more to explore.**

Even the commands from the last section are more mighty than they seem.

- ▶ **task add <mods>**
- ▶ **task <filter> list**
- ▶ **task <filter> start <mods>**
- ▶ **task <filter> stop <mods>**
- ▶ **task <filter> done <mods>**

To get an overview, take a look at the [cheat sheet](#) (pdf, 145kB).



## task <filter> command <mods>

- ▶ Is the basic usage of all task related write commands.
- ▶ Write commands can operate on one task or a group of tasks or even on all tasks.
- ▶ Every command maybe abbreviated up to the minimum that is necessary to identify a single command.
- ▶ Filters can be anything from nothing to simple IDs further to regular expressions or Boolean constructs.
- ▶ Modifications can be either a change of description, a change of dates or anything else that changes a task.
- ▶ In our simple example we already used the write commands **add**, **done**, **start** and **stop**.



# Scripts

```
Taskwarrior
$ ls $PWD/*
/usr/local/share/doc/task/scripts/add-ons:
export-csv.pl  export-xml.pl  export-yad.pl      import-yaml.pl
export-html.pl  export-xml.py  export-yaml.pl    update-holidays.pl
export-ical.pl  export-xml.rb  import-todo.sh.pl

/usr/local/share/doc/task/scripts/bash:
task_completion.sh

/usr/local/share/doc/task/scripts/extensions:
command.lua  dom.lua  format.lua  program_hook.lua  task_hook.lua  uda.lua

/usr/local/share/doc/task/scripts/fish:
task.fish

/usr/local/share/doc/task/scripts/vim:
ftdetect README syntax

/usr/local/share/doc/task/scripts/zsh:
_task
$ . /usr/local/share/doc/task/scripts/bash/task_completion.sh
$ cp -r /usr/local/share/doc/task/scripts/vim ~/.vim
$ █
```



# Most important commands

These are the most important commands, just because I use them most ;-)

- ▶ **task <filter> modify**

The name says it, it modifies tasks according to the filter used.

- ▶ **task <filter> edit**

This starts your favourite editor with the tasks you want to change.  
(Remember the syntax highlighting for vim?)

- ▶ **task undo**

Reverts the most recent change to a task.

- ▶ **task help**

Gives an overview of implemented commands and custom reports.

- ▶ **man task (taskrc, task-tutorial, task-color, task-faq, task-synch)**

Show the (almighty) man-page(s). Unlike the man-pages of many other programs they are extremely helpful and full of information and examples. Try them!



# Set dateformat (check "man taskrc")

```
Taskwarrior
$ task show dateformat

Config Variable      Value
dateformat          m/d/Y
dateformat.annotation m/d/Y
dateformat.holiday    YMD
dateformat.report     m/d/Y

Some of your .taskrc variables differ from the default values. These are highlighted in color above.
$ task config dateformat YMD
Are you sure you want to add 'dateformat' with a value of 'YMD'? (y/n) y
Config file /home/user/.taskrc modified.
$ task config dateformat.annotation YMD
Are you sure you want to add 'dateformat.annotation' with a value of 'YMD'? (y/n)
) y
Config file /home/user/.taskrc modified.
$ task config dateformat.report YMD
Are you sure you want to add 'dateformat.report' with a value of 'YMD'? (y/n) y
Config file /home/user/.taskrc modified.
$ # my dateformat is YMD-HN
$
```



# Set weekstart

```
Taskwarrior
$ task show weekstart

Config Variable Value
weekstart      Sunday

Some of your .taskrc variables differ from the default values. These are highlighted in color above.
$ task config weekstart Monday
Are you sure you want to add 'weekstart' with a value of 'Monday'? (y/n) y
Config file /home/user/.taskrc modified.
$ task show | wc -l # nearly everything can be customized
225
$ # try it yourself without '| wc -l'
$
```



# Special dates

- ▶ **Relative wording**  
today, yesterday, tomorrow
- ▶ **Day number with ordinal**  
23rd, 3wks, 1day, 9hrs
- ▶ **At some point or later**  
later, someday
- ▶ **Start / end of (work) week, calendar week (according to settings of weekstart), month, quarter and year**  
sow, eoww, socw, eom, soq, eyo
- ▶ **Next occurring weekday**  
mon, tue, ..., sat, sun



# Due and wait

```
Taskwarrior
$ task add due:20111231 "Celebrate Sylvester"
Created task 2.

$ task add due:Sunday "Drive home"
Created task 3.

$ task list

ID Project Pri Due Active Age Description
 3           20111016      3s Drive home
 2           20111231      29s Celebrate Sylvester
 1                   21h Pay rents

3 tasks
$ task 2 modify wait:20111201
Modified 1 task.
$ task list

ID Project Pri Due Active Age Description
 3           20111016      32s Drive home
 1                   21h Pay rents

2 tasks
$
```



# Recurrence

```
Taskwarrior
$ task waiting

ID Project Pri Wait      Age Description
 2           20111201  8m Celebrate Sylvester

1 task
$ task 1 modify due:eom recur:monthly
Modified 1 task.
$ task list

ID Project Pri Due      Active Age Description
 3           20111016      8m Drive home
 4           20111031      - Pay rents

2 tasks
$ task recurring

ID Project Pri Due      Recur Active Age Description
 4           20111031    4wk      20s Pay rents

1 task
$ # task id changed from 1 (task modify) to 4
$ # try task 1 edit
$
```



# Recurrence modifiers

- ▶ hourly
- ▶ daily, day, 1da, 2da, ...
- ▶ weekdays
- ▶ weekly, 1wk, 2wks, ...
- ▶ biweekly, fortnight
- ▶ monthly
- ▶ quarterly, 1qtr, 2qtrs, ...
- ▶ semiannual
- ▶ annual, yearly, 1yr, 2yrs, ...
- ▶ biannual, biyearly, 2yr



# Until and entry

```
Taskwarrior
$ task add due:eom recur:monthly until:20121231 "Pay installment for credit"
Created task 9.

$ task add "Prepare slides for workshop"
Created task 10.
```

```
$ task 10 modify entry:yesterday
Modified 1 task.
$ task list
```

ID	Project	Pri	Due	Active	Age	Description
3			20111016		1h	Drive home
11			20111031		-	Pay installment for credit
4			20111031		1h	Pay rents
10					1d	Prepare slides for workshop

```
4 tasks
$ █
```



# Starting and stopping

```
Taskwarrior
$ task list

ID Project Pri Due      Active Age Description
 3          20111016      1h Drive home
11          20111031      3m Pay installment for credit
 4          20111031      1h Pay rents
10          20111031      1d Prepare slides for workshop

4 tasks
$ task 10 start
Started 10 'Prepare slides for workshop'.
$ task list

ID Project Pri Due      Active Age Description
 3          20111016      1h Drive home
11          20111031      3m Pay installment for credit
 4          20111031      1h Pay rents
10          20111031      * 1d Prepare slides for workshop

4 tasks
$ task 10 stop
Stopped 10 'Prepare slides for workshop'.
$
```



# Holiday

## Attention!

Holiday has nothing in common with the German words “Ferien” or “Urlaub” (this would be vacation). (Public) Holiday means “Feiertag”.

You can add holidays by either adding them via “task config” on the commandline or by adding them directly to the `~/.taskrc`-File or by including an external holiday definition.

On [holidata.net](#) you find a growing list of holiday dates, licensed CC-BY and offered by volunteers. Service was introduced by the Taskwarrior team, who is responsible for hosting and conversion to different formats.



# Add holiday

```
Taskwarrior
$ task config holiday.carnivalstart.name Carnival Start
Are you sure you want to add 'holiday.carnivalstart.name' with a value of 'Carnival Start'? (y/n) y
Config file /home/user/.taskrc modified.
$ task config holiday.carnivalstart.date 20111111
Are you sure you want to add 'holiday.carnivalstart.date' with a value of '20111111'? (y/n) y
Config file /home/user/.taskrc modified.
$ task cal
```

October 2011

November 2011

December 2011

Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su
39					1	2
40	3	4	5	6	7	8
41	10	11	12	13	14	15
42	17	18	19	20	21	22
43	24	25	26	27	28	29
44	31					

Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su
44			1	2	3	4
45	7	8	9	10	11	12
46	14	15	16	17	18	19
47	21	22	23	24	25	26
48	28	29	30			

Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su
48					1	2
49	5	6	7	8	9	10
50	12	13	14	15	16	17
51	19	20	21	22	23	24
52	26	27	28	29	30	31

Legend: today, due, due-today, overdue, weekend, holiday, weeknumber.

```
$ # Holiday ist not highlighted by default
$
```



# Calendar config with holiday

```
$ task show calendar

Config Variable      Value
alias.export.vcalendar    export.ical
calendar.details          sparse
calendar.details.report    list
calendar.holidays         none
calendar.legend            yes
calendar.offset            no
calendar.offset.value     -1
color.calendar.due        color0 on color1
color.calendar.due.today  color15 on color1
color.calendar.holiday    color0 on color11
color.calendar.overdue   color0 on color9
color.calendar.today      color15 on rgb013
color.calendar.weekend   color235
color.calendar.weeknumber  rgb013
```

Some of your .taskrc variables differ from the default values. These are highlighted in **color** above.

```
$ task config calendar.holidays full
```

Are you sure you want to add 'calendar.holidays' with a value of 'full'? (y/n) y  
Config file /home/user/.taskrc modified.

```
$
```



# Calendar with holiday

```
$ task cal
```

October 2011

	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su
39					1	2	
40	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
41	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
42	17	18	19	20	21	22	23
43	24	25	26	27	28	29	30
44	31						

November 2011

	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su
44	1	2	3	4	5	6	
45	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
46	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
47	21	22	23	24	25	26	27
48	28	29	30				

December 2011

	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su
48	1	2	3	4			
49	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
50	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
51	19	20	21	22	23	24	25
52	26	27	28	29	30	31	

Legend: today, due, due-today, overdue, weekend, holiday, weeknumber.

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Holiday \_\_\_\_\_  
20111111 Carnival Start

```
$ █
```



# Calendar with due tasks

```
Taskwarrior
$ task config calendar.details full
Are you sure you want to add 'calendar.details' with a value of 'full'? (y/n) y
Config file /home/user/.taskrc modified.
$ task cal

          October 2011           November 2011          December 2011
Mo Tu We Th Fr Sa Su   Mo Tu We Th Fr Sa Su   Mo Tu We Th Fr Sa Su
39      1  2    44     1  2  3  4  5  6    48     1  2  3  4
40      3  4  5  6  7  8  9    45     7  8  9 10 11 12 13    49     5  6  7  8  9 10 11
41     10 11 12 13 14 15 16    46     14 15 16 17 18 19 20    50     12 13 14 15 16 17 18
42     17 18 19 20 21 22 23    47     21 22 23 24 25 26 27    51     19 20 21 22 23 24 25
43     24 25 26 27 28 29 30    48     28 29 30                    52     26 27 28 29 30 31
44 31

Legend: today, due, due-today, overdue, weekend, holiday, weeknumber.

ID Project Pri Due      Active Age Description
 3          20111016      3d Drive home
11         20111031      3d Pay installment for credit
 4          20111031      3d Pay rents

3 tasks
$ # did a 'task config calendar.holidays sparse' before
```



# Project and subproject

```
Taskwarrior
$ task 3 modify pro:ubucon
Modified 1 task.
The project 'ubucon' has changed. Project 'ubucon' is 0% complete (1 of 1 tasks remaining).

$ task 10 modify pro:ubucon.workshop
Modified 1 task.
The project 'ubucon.workshop' has changed. Project 'ubucon.workshop' is 0% complete (1 of 1 tasks remaining).

$ task 4 modify pro:private
Modified 1 task.
The project 'private' has changed. Project 'private' is 0% complete (1 of 1 tasks remaining).

$ task list

ID Project      Pri Due      Active Age Description
3 ubucon        20111016    3d Drive home
4 private       20111031    3d Pay rents
10 ubucon.workshop * 5d Prepare slides for workshop

3 tasks
$
```



# List of Projects

```
Taskwarrior
$ task projects

Project      Tasks Pri:None Pri:H Pri:M Pri:L
(none)        7     7     0     0     0
private       1     1     0     0     0
ubucon        1     1     0     0     0
ubucon.workshop 1     1     0     0     0

3 projects (10 tasks)
$ task pro:ubucon ls

ID Project      Pri Description
 3 ubucon        Drive home
10 ubucon.workshop Prepare slides for workshop

2 tasks
$ task 10 done
Completed 10 'Prepare slides for workshop'.
Marked 1 task as done.
Project 'ubucon.workshop' is 100% complete (0 of 1 tasks remaining).

$
```



# Tags

```
Taskwarrior
$ task 3 modify +leipzig
Modified 1 task.
$ task 4 modify +banking
Modified 1 task.
$ task list

ID Project Pri Due      Active Age Description
 3 ubucon     20111016          3d Drive home
 4 private    20111031          3d Pay rents

2 tasks
$ task +leipzig list

ID Project Pri Due      Active Age Description
 3 ubucon     20111016          3d Drive home

1 task
$
```



# Annotations

```
Taskwarrior
$ task list

ID Project Pri Due      Active Age Description
 3 ubucon     20111016      3d Drive home
 4 private H  20111031      3d Pay rents

2 tasks
$ task 3 annotate "Do not forget your head"
Annotated 3 'Drive home'
Annotated 1 task.
$ task 4 annotate "Use wifes account"
Annotated 4 'Pay rents'
Annotated 1 task.
$ task list

ID Project Pri Due      Active Age Description
 3 ubucon     20111016      3d Drive home
                                         20111013 Do not forget your head
 4 private H  20111031      3d Pay rents
                                         20111013 Use wifes account

2 tasks
$ task 4 denotate "Use wifes account"
Found annotation '' and deleted it.
$
```



## Dependency, part 1

```
$ task add "Send letter to Fritz"
Taskwarrior
Created task 10.

$ task add "Write letter"
Created task 11.

$ task 10 modify depends:11
Modified 1 task.
$ task blocked



| ID | Deps | Project | Pri | Due | Active | Age | Description          |
|----|------|---------|-----|-----|--------|-----|----------------------|
| 10 | 11   |         |     |     |        | 1m  | Send letter to Fritz |



1 task
$ task unblocked



| ID | Deps | Project   | Pri | Due      | Active | Age | Description  |
|----|------|-----------|-----|----------|--------|-----|--------------|
| 3  |      | ubucon    |     | 20111016 |        | 3d  | Drive home   |
| 4  |      | private H |     | 20111031 |        | 3d  | Pay rents    |
| 11 |      |           |     |          |        | 54s | Write letter |



3 tasks
$
```



# Dependency, part 2

```
Taskwarrior
$ task 10 done
Task 10 is blocked by:
  11 Write letter
Completed 10 'Send letter to Fritz'.
Marked 1 task as done.

You have more urgent tasks.
$ task undo

The last modification was made 10/13/2011

      Prior Values          Current Values
depends    e3ba5a87-06a2-483a-ac33-a66c6bf-
           b6a75
description Send letter to Fritz
entry      20111013
status     pending
uuid       39c51e45-7696-4712-81e1-cb88cab6-
           67818
end

The undo command is not reversible. Are you sure you want to revert to the previous state? (y/n) y
Modified task reverted.
$
```



# Dependency, part 3

```
$ task 10,11 done
Task 10 is blocked by:
  11 Write letter
Completed 10 'Send letter to Fritz'.
Completed 11 'Write letter'.
Marked 2 tasks as done.
```

You have more urgent tasks.

```
$ task blocked
No matches.
$
```



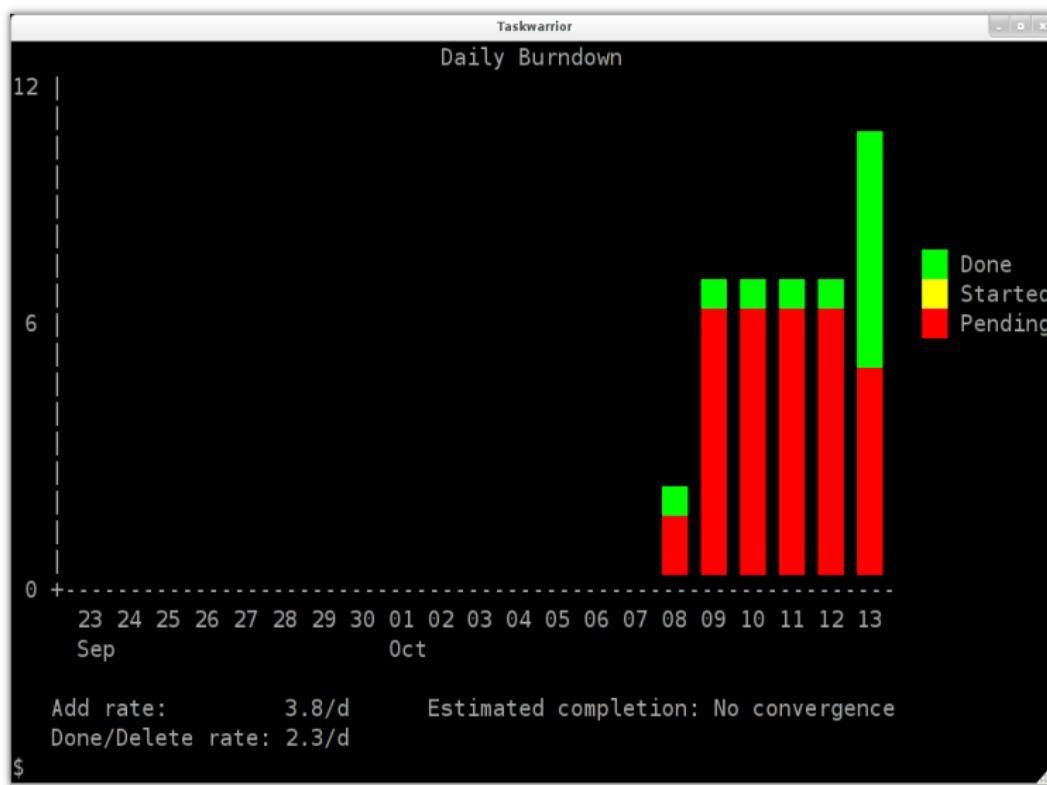
## Some predefined reports

See task reports for a full list (26 reports).

- ▶ **active** Lists active tasks matching the specified criteria
- ▶ **all** Lists all tasks matching the specified criteria, including parents of recurring tasks
- ▶ **completed** Lists completed tasks matching the specified criteria
- ▶ **information** Shows all data and metadata for specified tasks
- ▶ **newest** Shows the newest tasks
- ▶ **next** Lists the most urgent tasks
- ▶ **oldest** Shows the oldest tasks
- ▶ **overdue** Lists overdue tasks matching the specified criteria
- ▶ **summary** Shows a report of task status by project
- ▶ **tags** Shows a list of all tags used



# burndown.daily





# ghistory, history

```
Taskwarrior
```

```
$ task ghistory.annual
```

Year	Number	Added	Completed	Deleted
2011		23	6	8

```
Legend: Added, Completed, Deleted
```

```
$ task ghistory.monthly
```

Year	Month	Number	Added	Completed	Deleted
2011	October		23	6	8

```
Legend: Added, Completed, Deleted
```

```
$ task history.monthly
```

Year	Month	Added	Completed	Deleted	Net
2011	October	23	6	8	9

Average	23	6	8	9
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```
$
```



# Report definitions

```
Taskwarrior
$ task show report.minimal

Config Variable      Value
report.minimal.columns    id,project,description.truncated
report.minimal.description A really minimal listing
report.minimal.filter      status:pending
report.minimal.labels     ID,Project,Description
report.minimal.sort        project+,description+

Some of your .taskrc variables differ from the default values. These are highlighted in color above.
$ task show report.list

Config Variable      Value
report.list.columns      id,project,priority,due,start.active,entry.age,description
report.list.description   Lists all tasks matching the specified criteria
report.list.filter        status:pending
report.list.labels        ID,Project,Pri,Due,Active,Age,Description
report.list.sort          due+,priority-,start-,project+,description+

Some of your .taskrc variables differ from the default values. These are highlighted in color above.
$ # try 'task show report' to see all definitions
```



# Dirks task list

```
Taskwarrior
$ echo "
> report.ll.description=Dirks task list
> report.ll.columns=id,project,priority,due,due.countdown,tags,description
> report.ll.labels=ID,Project,Pri,Due,Countdown,Tags,Description
> report.ll.sort=due+,priority-,project+,description+
> report.ll.filter=status:pending
> " >> ~/.taskrc
$ task ll

ID Project Pri Due      Countdown Tags      Description
3 ubucon     20111016   -2 days leipzig Drive home
                                         20111013 Do not forget your head
4 private H  20111031   -2 wks banking Pay rents

2 tasks
$ |
```



# Set default command

```
Taskwarrior
$ task show default

Config Variable Value
default.command next
defaultheight    24
defaultwidth     80

Some of your .taskrc variables differ from the default values. These are highlighted in color above.
$ task config default.command ll
Are you sure you want to add 'default.command' with a value of 'll'? (y/n) y
Config file /home/user/.taskrc modified.
$ task
[task ll]

ID Project Pri Due      Countdown Tags      Description
 3 ubucon    20111016 -2 days leipzig Drive home
                                         20111013 Do not forget your head
 4 private H 20111031 -2 wks banking Pay rents

2 tasks
$
```



## Filtering in general

You can filter for any modifier. If you don't use a modifier description is searched for the term, which may be a regular expression, on the command line. Filters may be combined.

The following attribute modifiers maybe applied as well. Names in brackets can be used alternatively.

So a filter can look like “attribute.modifier:value”.

- ▶ before, after
- ▶ none, any
- ▶ is (equals), isnt (not)
- ▶ has (contains), hasnt
- ▶ startswith (left), endswith (right)
- ▶ word, noword



# Searches

```
Taskwarrior
$ task
[task ll]

ID Project Pri Due      Countdown Tags      Description
 3 ubucon    20111016   -2 days leipzig Drive home
                                         20111013 Do not forget your head
 4 private H  20111031   -2 wks banking Pay rents
14                                         five
13                                         four
10                                         one
12                                         three
11                                         two

7 tasks
$ task pay
[task ll pay]
No matches.
$ task /[Pp]ay/
[task ll /[Pp]ay/]

ID Project Pri Due      Countdown Tags      Description
 4 private H  20111031   -2 wks banking Pay rents

1 task
$
```



# Attribute modifiers

```
Taskwarrior
$ task due.before:20111020
[task ll due.before:20111020]

ID Project Pri Due      Countdown Tags      Description
 3 ubucon     20111016   -2 days leipzig Drive home
                                         20111013 Do not forget your head

1 task
$ task project.not:ubucon
[task ll project.not:ubucon]

ID Project Pri Due      Countdown Tags      Description
 4 private H  20111031   -2 wks banking Pay rents
14                               five
13                               four
10                               one
12                               three
11                               two

6 tasks
$ |
```



# Combining

```
Taskwarrior
```

```
$ task project:ubucon +banking
[task ll project:ubucon +banking]
No matches.

$ task project:ubucon -banking
[task ll project:ubucon -banking]

ID Project Pri Due      Countdown Tags      Description
3 ubucon     20111016 - 2 days leipzig Drive home
                           20111013 Do not forget your head

1 task
$ task status:completed project:ubucon
[task ll status:completed project:ubucon]
No matches.

$ task status:completed project:ubucon completed

Complete Project      Pri Age Description
20111013 ubucon.workshop    5d Prepare slides for workshop

1 task
$ task show report.ll.filter

Config Variable Value
report.ll.filter status:pending
```



# This is by far not all

- ▶ **task log**  
for logging a task after it is already done.
- ▶ **task diag**  
to help support for diagnostic purpose.
- ▶ **task shell**  
a simple shell to get rid of the necessity to type “task“ all the time.
- ▶ ... and many more!



# Questions?





# Support

[taskwarrior.org](http://taskwarrior.org)

The screenshot shows the Taskwarrior website at [taskwarrior.org](http://taskwarrior.org). The main content area displays the 'Overview' page, which includes sections for 'Tip', 'Latest news', and 'Support'. The 'Support' section contains links to 'Project team', 'Support', and 'Sponsorship'. The footer features a contact email: [support@taskwarrior.org](mailto:support@taskwarrior.org).

**Tip**  
Need to look at the change history for a single task? Try the info command.

**Latest news**  
Change of license (MIT) with the upcoming beta4. [2 comments]  
We have decided to re-license task for the upcoming 2.0.0 version and we will use the MIT license from now on.  
Added by Federico Hernandez 3 days ago

Command reference updated for 2.0.0 [3 comments]  
The command reference aka cheat sheet has been updated to reflect the current 2.0.0.beta3 release.  
Added by Federico Hernandez 7 days ago

Taskwarrior 2.0 beta3 available  
This new beta3 contains updated documentation.  
Added by Federico Hernandez 9 days ago

New Docs: 'modify' command  
The new 2.0 modify command documentation is online.  
Added by Paul Bedingham 13 days ago

Taskwarrior 2.0 beta2 available  
A beta2 is now available. Please read on regarding the documentation.  
Added by Federico Hernandez 21 days ago

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