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Here are some helpful guides and resources for using WP-CLI.

Can’t find what you’re looking for? Open an issue to request improvements.

Support

- **Support** - Search existing resources, ask a question, or report a reproducible bug.

Guides

For users

- **Beginner's guide** - New to the command line? Start here for a beginner-friendly introduction to WP-CLI.
- **Common tasks** - A practical showcase of everyday WordPress management tasks you can do with WP-CLI.
- **Installing** - Recommended and alternative installation mechanisms.
- **Quick start** - Where to begin after you've installed WP-CLI for the first time.
- **Running commands remotely** - Learn how to remotely control multiple servers at once.

- **Common issues and their fixes** - In case of fire, break glass.
- **External resources** - Blog posts, slides and videos from users.
- **Troubleshooting Guide** - Get help troubleshooting common WP-CLI issues.

For developers

- **Commands cookbook** - The full 101 how commands work, writing your own, and sharing them with the world.
- **Writing Behat Tests** - How to write and run Behat tests for WP-CLI commands and packages.
- **Force output to a specific locale** - Localisation issue
- **Identify a Plugin or Theme Conflict** - Debugging advice
- **Sharing WP-CLI Packages** - Some words about your environment

References

- **Argument Syntax** - Explanation of the syntax conventions used in command synopsis.
- **Global parameters** - Variables defining how a command is executed, including which WordPress user the command is run as and which WordPress instance the command is run against.
- **Built-in commands** - Commands included in every copy of WP-CLI.
- **Internal API** - Stable utilities considered safe to use in community commands.
- **Documentation standards** - Standards for annotating WP-CLI commands.
- **Hosting companies** - List of hosting companies where WP-CLI is installed by default.
- **Shell friends** - Helpful shortcuts for bash and zsh.
- **Integrated tools** - Plugins, wrappers, and other projects that integrate with WP-CLI in some form.

Contributing

- **Bug reports** - Help ensure your issue is resolved in a timely manner.
- **Contributing** - An introduction to the contributing process.
- **WordCamp Contributor Day** - Quick-start guide for WordCamp Contributor Days.

- **Ideas** - Up-vote existing ideas or submit your own.
- **Governance** - Summary of those behind WP-CLI.
- **Implementation details** - Catalog of historical design decisions.
- **Philosophy** - Guidelines which inform project scope, command organization, and behavior.
- **Pull requests** - Submit your first bug fix or new feature.
- **Release checklist** - Tasks performed during the process of tagging a release.
- **Roadmap** - Where WP-CLI is going in the future.
- **Security Vulnerability Reporting** - How we accept and evaluate vulnerability reports.
- **Code Review** - Quality Assurance on WP-CLI
- **Committers credo** - Product quality, Stellar judgement, Consistent participation
- **Repository Management** - Naming, Versions, Milestones, Labels

Misc

- **Plugin unit tests** - How to set up and run PHPUnit tests for a WordPress plugin.

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