



# **SYSYADMIN Commands**

The following pages show the various Sys Admin commands you can use via the Command Line Interface (CLI). This section describes the command-line options for each command and what that command will do, in the following order:

- netutar
- p\_nsnaps
- p\_snapdiff
- File System Comparisons

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## netutar

You can also initiate backups and restores via the Command Line Interface (CLI). The program to invoke a backup or restore is called `netutar` and is located in the `$/ENLIGHTEN/bin` directory. You can use the CLI version of Archive to run unattended nightly backups of all the systems when the system/network load is at the lowest use.

`netutar` is fully compatible with `tar`, but `netutar` has the added feature of verification. By specifying the `-v` option, `netutar` will compare the size of the image on tape with that of the original on disk. If the size matches, `netutar` will compare the backup with the original image byte for byte.

The actual invocation for `netutar` is

```
# ./netutar x
```

where `x` can be any combination of the following options:

`c` - Create tape archive

`f` - Input/output device name

File. This causes `netutar` to use the device argument as the name of the tarfile. If the name of the tarfile is '-', `netutar` writes to the standard output or reads from the standard input, whichever is appropriate. Thus, `netutar` can be used as the head or tail of a pipeline.

`t` - Get table of contents

Table of Contents. The names of the specified files are listed each time they occur on the tarfile. If no filename arguments are given, all the names on the tarfile are listed. With the `-v` function modifier, additional information for the specified files is displayed. The listing is similar to the format produced by the `ls -l` command.

`v` - Verbose output contents

Verbose. Normally, `netutar` does its work silently. This option causes `netutar` to output the name of each file it treats, preceded by the function letter.

**x** - Extract files from archive

Extract or restore. The named filenames are extracted from the tarfile and written to the current directory. If a named file matches a directory whose contents had been written onto the tarfile, this directory is (recursively) extracted. Use the file or directory's relative path when appropriate or `netutar` will not find a match.

The owner, modification time, and mode are restored (if possible); otherwise, to restore an owner, you must be the superuser. If no filename argument is given, the entire content of the tarfile is extracted.



If several files with the same name are on the tarfile, the last one overwrites all earlier ones.

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**b** - Device block size

Blocking Factor. This causes tar to use the block argument as the blocking factor for tape records. The default size is 20, the maximum is 2000.

The maximum blocking factor is determined only by the amount of memory available to tar when it is run. Larger blocking factors result in better throughput, longer blocks on nine-track tapes, and better media utilization.

**k** - Device size in Kb**K** - Like 'k' but files are never split across volumes**F** - Filename containing list of input files. ('-' stdin)**I** - Incremental backup based on date of last modification**L** - Name of logfile to be created**P** - Only files from named partitions are to be archived**S** - Skip files named `"*.o"`, `"a.out"`, and `"core"`**SS** - Skip all the 'S' type files and skip any SCCS directories**T** - Name of table of contents file**X** - Output this explanation

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## p\_nsnaps

This creates new disk snapshots from remote hosts. This command is found in:

```
$ENLIGHTEN/bin/p_nsnaps
```

The usage is

```
./p_nsnaps [-i] [-n] [-v] [-x] [-p partitions] [host | pool ...]
```

where the options mean:

-i	Include NFS partitions
-n	Output list of partitions to be captured only
-p parts	List of partitions to builds snapshots for
-v	Output list of partitions to be captured
-x	Output the usage of this command
hosts	List of hosts or network pool name
pool	Your network pool name

These snapshots are then stored in

```
$ENLIGHTEN/work/___<hostname>___/<partition_name>
```

## p\_snapdiff

This shows the difference between two snapshots. This command is found in:

```
$ENLIGHTEN/bin/p_snapdiff
```

The usage is

```
./p_snapdiff [-F filename] [-d] [-e filename] [-i filename]
              [-n|-l|-m] [-r] [-s val1-val2] [-u user] [-x] [-L] [-y]
              [-G [+|-]group] [-M [+|-]mode] [-P] [-R] [-g group]
              [-S [+|-]size] [-U [+|-]user] [-p file]
              snap1 snap2 ... ..
```

where the options mean:

-F filename	Read arguments from filename
-d	Show content of new/lost directories
-e filename	Exclude files of this names
-g group	File must belong to user group
-i filename	Only include files of this name
-l	Find lost (removed) files
-m	Find modified files
-n	Find new files
-p file	Use file as alternate password file
-r	Look for (possibly) renamed files
-s val1-val2	Only look for file in this size range
-u user	File must belong to user
-x	Output this explanation
-y	Output summary of changes only
-L	Output filename in long format
-G +/-group	Group ownership changed to/from group
-M +/-mode	Permission modes changed
-P	File has been updated but has retained same size
-R	File has been read

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-S +/-size	Size has changed by size bytes
-U +/-user	User ownership changed to/from user
filename	Name of file containing list of snapshot names
snap1	Name of first (newer) disk snapshot file
snap2	Name of second (older) disk snapshot file

## File System Comparisons

You can also compare file information from various heterogeneous hosts via the Command Line Interface (CLI). You can see the contents of lost or new directories; view modified, new, and removed files; or even read files.

You can use Sys Admin to check for user and group modified files or any file that has changed permissions. It can compare the current partition snapshot to a previously saved snapshot, or it can compare filesystems to other hosts' partitions running the `renld` Sys Admin agent daemon.

To take a snapshot, use the `p_nsnaps` command. To do a comparison of filesystems on different hosts, use the `p_snapdiff` command.

The following is an example of using the CLI to make snapshots of the `/usr` filesystem on three systems and then using the CLI to compare the new snapshots against a single `/usr` partition located on the system `apple`. This simple shell script can be started by cron at night and the output mailed to the specified user.

```
#!/bin/sh
ENLIGHTEN=`egrep "^enlighten=" /etc/enlighten | cut "-d=" -f2-`
SNAP=$ENLIGHTEN/bin
WORK=$ENLIGHTEN/work
LOG=$WORK/log
$SNAP/p_nsnaps -p /usr apple taz grumpy
echo 'Summary of differences in /usr between apple and taz' > $LOG
$SNAP/p_snapdiff -y $WORK/__apple__/usr $WORK/__taz__/usr >> $LOG
echo 'Summary of differences in /usr between apple and grumpy' >>
$LOG
$SNAP/p_snapdiff -y $WORK/__apple__/usr $WORK/__grumpy__/usr >>
$LOG
/bin/mail root < $LOG
```

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The previous script mailed a copy of the summary output only (-y flag) to admin. The following mail message is the output of this script:

From root Tue Jun 20 18:37 PDT 1995  
Date: Tue, 20 Jun 1995 18:37:18 -0700  
From: root (0000-Admin(0000))

Apparently-To: admin

Summary of differences between taz and the master

USERNAME	NEW	LOST	REN	+SIZE	-SIZE	MODE	READ	WRITE	+USER	-USER	GRP
root	15	1	0	7	3	1	1341	276	1	0	2
bin	6	0	0	23	5	0	1541	327	0	1	0
lp	0	2	0	6	1	0	22	6	0	0	0
uucp	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	1	0	0	0
adm	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
(UID=117)	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
sys	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0

Summary of differences between apple and the master

USERNAME	NEW	LOST	REN	+SIZE	-SIZE	MODE	READ	WRITE	+USER	-USER	GRP
root	119	124	0	847	109	12	0	3367	2	2	5
bin	437	124	0	2090	760	4	0	6013	2	2	1
(UID=101)	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
lp	0	6	0	26	13	0	0	184	0	0	0
uucp	0	0	0	17	2	0	0	8	0	0	0
(UID=222)	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
adm	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
(UID=117)	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	2	0	0	0
sys	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
(UID=645)	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

The snapshots can also be compared to a single Master by specifying the directory of the Master snapshot instead of the current snapshot. To do so, change the pathname of the snapshot to the master directory: \$ENLIGHTEN/work/master/hosts/taz/usr.