NAME

brew – The Missing Package Manager for macOS (or Linux)

SYNOPSIS

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brew --version
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brew *command* [**--verbose**|**-v**] [*options*] [*formula*] ...

DESCRIPTION

Homebrew is the easiest and most flexible way to install the UNIX tools Apple didn't include with macOS. It can also install software not packaged for your Linux distribution to your home directory without requiring **sudo**.

TERMINOLOGY

formula

Homebrew package definition built from upstream sources

cask

Homebrew package definition that installs macOS native applications

keg

installation destination directory of a given **formula** version e.g. /usr/local/Cellar/foo/0.1

rack

directory containing one or more versioned kegs e.g. /usr/local/Cellar/foo

keg-only

a formula is keg-only if it is not symlinked into Homebrew's prefix (e.g. /usr/local)

cellar

directory containing one or more named racks e.g. /usr/local/Cellar

Caskroom

directory containing one or more named casks e.g. /usr/local/Caskroom

external command

brew subcommand defined outside of the Homebrew/brew GitHub repository

tap

directory (and usually Git repository) of formulae, casks and/or external commands

bottle

pre-built keg poured into the cellar/rack instead of building from upstream sources

ESSENTIAL COMMANDS

For the full command list, see the COMMANDS section.

With **—verbose** or **—debug**, many commands print extra debugging information. Note that these options should only appear after a command.

Some command behaviour can be customised with environment variables; see the ENVIRONMENT section.

install formula

Install formula.

formula is usually the name of the formula to install, but it has other syntaxes which are listed in the SPEC-IFYING FORMULAE section.

uninstall formula

Uninstall formula.

list

List all installed formulae.

search [text|/text/]

Perform a substring search of cask tokens and formula names for *text*. If *text* is flanked by slashes, it is interpreted as a regular expression. The search for *text* is extended online to **homebrew/core** and

homebrew/cask. If no search term is provided, all locally available formulae are listed.

COMMANDS

analytics [subcommand]

Control Homebrew's anonymous aggregate user behaviour analytics. Read more at https://docs.brew.sh/Analytics.

brew analytics [state]

Display the current state of Homebrew's analytics.

brew analytics (onloff)

Turn Homebrew's analytics on or off respectively.

brew analytics regenerate-uuid

Regenerate the UUID used for Homebrew's analytics.

autoremove [--dry-run]

Uninstall formulae that were only installed as a dependency of another formula and are now no longer needed.

-n, --dry-run

List what would be uninstalled, but do not actually uninstall anything.

casks

List all locally installable casks including short names.

cleanup [options] [formula|cask ...]

Remove stale lock files and outdated downloads for all formulae and casks, and remove old versions of installed formulae. If arguments are specified, only do this for the given formulae and casks. Removes all downloads more than 120 days old. This can be adjusted with **HOME-BREW_CLEANUP_MAX_AGE_DAYS**.

--prune

Remove all cache files older than specified *days*. If you want to remove everything, use **--prune=all**.

-n, --dry-run

Show what would be removed, but do not actually remove anything.

-s Scrub the cache, including downloads for even the latest versions. Note that downloads for any installed formulae or casks will still not be deleted. If you want to delete those too: rm -rf "\$(brew --cache)"

--prune-prefix

Only prune the symlinks and directories from the prefix and remove no other files.

commands [--quiet] [--include-aliases]

Show lists of built-in and external commands.

-q, --quiet

List only the names of commands without category headers.

--include-aliases

Include aliases of internal commands.

completions [subcommand]

Control whether Homebrew automatically links external tap shell completion files. Read more at https://docs.brew.sh/Shell-Completion.

brew completions [state]

Display the current state of Homebrew's completions.

brew completions (link|unlink)

Link or unlink Homebrew's completions.

config, --config

Show Homebrew and system configuration info useful for debugging. If you file a bug report, you will be required to provide this information.

deps [options] [formula|cask ...]

Show dependencies for *formula*. Additional options specific to *formula* may be appended to the command. When given multiple formula arguments, show the intersection of dependencies for each formula.

- **-n** Sort dependencies in topological order.
- --1 Only show dependencies one level down, instead of recursing.

--union

Show the union of dependencies for multiple formula, instead of the intersection.

--full-name

List dependencies by their full name.

--include-build

Include :build dependencies for formula.

--include-optional

Include :optional dependencies for formula.

--include-test

Include :test dependencies for formula (non-recursive).

--skip-recommended

Skip :recommended dependencies for formula.

--include-requirements

Include requirements in addition to dependencies for formula.

--tree Show dependencies as a tree. When given multiple formula arguments, show individual trees for each formula.

--graph

Show dependencies as a directed graph.

--dot Show text-based graph description in DOT format.

--annotate

Mark any build, test, optional, or recommended dependencies as such in the output.

--installed

List dependencies for formulae that are currently installed. If *formula* is specified, list only its dependencies that are currently installed.

--all List dependencies for all available formulae.

--for-each

Switch into the mode used by the **--all** option, but only list dependencies for each provided *formula*, one formula per line. This is used for debugging the **--installed/--all** display mode.

--formula

Treat all named arguments as formulae.

--cask Treat all named arguments as casks.

desc [options] formula|text|/regex/ [...]

Display *formula*'s name and one-line description. Formula descriptions are cached; the cache is created on the first search, making that search slower than subsequent ones.

-s, --search

Search both names and descriptions for *text*. If *text* is flanked by slashes, it is interpreted as a regular expression.

-n, --name

Search just names for text. If text is flanked by slashes, it is interpreted as a regular expression.

-d, --description

Search just descriptions for text. If text is flanked by slashes, it is interpreted as a regular expression.

developer [subcommand]

Control Homebrew's developer mode. When developer mode is enabled, **brew update** will update Homebrew to the latest commit on the **master** branch instead of the latest stable version along with some other behaviour changes.

brew developer [state]

Display the current state of Homebrew's developer mode.

brew developer (onloff)

Turn Homebrew's developer mode on or off respectively.

doctor, **dr** [--list-checks] [--audit-debug] [diagnostic check ...]

Check your system for potential problems. Will exit with a non-zero status if any potential problems are found. Please note that these warnings are just used to help the Homebrew maintainers with debugging if you file an issue. If everything you use Homebrew for is working fine: please don't worry or file an issue; just ignore this.

--list-checks

List all audit methods, which can be run individually if provided as arguments.

-D, --audit-debug

Enable debugging and profiling of audit methods.

fetch [options] formula|cask [...]

Download a bottle (if available) or source packages for *formula*e and binaries for *casks*. For files, also print SHA–256 checksums.

--bottle-tag

Download a bottle for given tag.

--HEAD

Fetch HEAD version instead of stable version.

-f, --force

Remove a previously cached version and re-fetch.

-v, --verbose

Do a verbose VCS checkout, if the URL represents a VCS. This is useful for seeing if an existing VCS cache has been updated.

--retry

Retry if downloading fails or re-download if the checksum of a previously cached version no longer matches.

--deps Also download dependencies for any listed *formula*.

-s, --build-from-source

Download source packages rather than a bottle.

--build-bottle

Download source packages (for eventual bottling) rather than a bottle.

--force-bottle

Download a bottle if it exists for the current or newest version of macOS, even if it would not be used during installation.

--[no-]quarantine

Disable/enable quarantining of downloads (default: enabled).

--formula

Treat all named arguments as formulae.

--cask Treat all named arguments as casks.

formulae

List all locally installable formulae including short names.

gist-logs [options] formula

Upload logs for a failed build of formula to a new Gist. Presents an error message if no logs are found.

--with-hostname

Include the hostname in the Gist.

-n, --new-issue

Automatically create a new issue in the appropriate GitHub repository after creating the Gist.

-p, --private

The Gist will be marked private and will not appear in listings but will be accessible with its link.

home, **homepage** [--formula][--cask][formula|cask...]

Open a *formula* or *cask*'s homepage in a browser, or open Homebrew's own homepage if no argument is provided.

--formula

Treat all named arguments as formulae.

--cask Treat all named arguments as casks.

info, abv [options] [formula|cask ...]

Display brief statistics for your Homebrew installation.

If a *formula* or *cask* is provided, show summary of information about it.

-- analytics

List global Homebrew analytics data or, if specified, installation and build error data for *formula* (provided neither **HOMEBREW_NO_ANALYTICS** nor **HOMEBREW_NO_GITHUB_API** are set).

--days How many days of analytics data to retrieve. The value for *days* must be 30, 90 or 365. The default is 30.

--category

Which type of analytics data to retrieve. The value for *category* must be **install**, **install-on-request** or **build-error**; **cask-install** or **os-version** may be specified if *formula* is not. The default is **install**.

--github

Open the GitHub source page for *formula* and *cask* in a browser. To view the history locally: **brew** log -p *formula* or *cask*

--json Print a JSON representation. Currently the default value for *version* is **v1** for *formula*. For *formula* and *cask* use **v2**. See the docs for examples of using the JSON output: https://docs.brew.sh/Query-ing-Brew

--installed

Print JSON of formulae that are currently installed.

--all Print JSON of all available formulae.

-v, --verbose

Show more verbose analytics data for formula.

--formula

Treat all named arguments as formulae.

--cask Treat all named arguments as casks.

install [options] formula|cask [...]

Install a formula or cask. Additional options specific to a formula may be appended to the command.

Unless **HOMEBREW_NO_INSTALLED_DEPENDENTS_CHECK** is set, **brew upgrade** or **brew reinstall** will be run for outdated dependents and dependents with broken linkage, respectively.

Unless **HOMEBREW_NO_INSTALL_CLEANUP** is set, **brew cleanup** will then be run for the installed formulae or, every 30 days, for all formulae.

Unless **HOMEBREW_NO_INSTALL_UPGRADE** is set, **brew install <formula>** will upgrade *formula* if it is already installed but outdated.

-d, --debug

If brewing fails, open an interactive debugging session with access to IRB or a shell inside the temporary build directory.

-f. --force

Install formulae without checking for previously installed keg-only or non-migrated versions. When installing casks, overwrite existing files (binaries and symlinks are excluded, unless originally from the same cask).

-v, --verbose

Print the verification and postinstall steps.

--formula

Treat all named arguments as formulae.

--ignore-dependencies

An unsupported Homebrew development flag to skip installing any dependencies of any kind. If the dependencies are not already present, the formula will have issues. If you're not developing Homebrew, consider adjusting your PATH rather than using this flag.

--only-dependencies

Install the dependencies with specified options but do not install the formula itself.

--cc Attempt to compile using the specified *compiler*, which should be the name of the compiler's executable, e.g. gcc-7 for GCC 7. In order to use LLVM's clang, specify llvm_clang. To use the Apple-provided clang, specify clang. This option will only accept compilers that are provided by Homebrew or bundled with macOS. Please do not file issues if you encounter errors while using this option.

-s, --build-from-source

Compile *formula* from source even if a bottle is provided. Dependencies will still be installed from bottles if they are available.

--force-bottle

Install from a bottle if it exists for the current or newest version of macOS, even if it would not normally be used for installation.

--include-test

Install testing dependencies required to run brew test formula.

--HEAD

If formula defines it, install the HEAD version, aka. main, trunk, unstable, master.

--fetch-HEAD

Fetch the upstream repository to detect if the HEAD installation of the formula is outdated. Otherwise, the repository's HEAD will only be checked for updates when a new stable or development version has been released.

--keep-tmp

Retain the temporary files created during installation.

--build-bottle

Prepare the formula for eventual bottling during installation, skipping any post-install steps.

--bottle-arch

Optimise bottles for the specified architecture rather than the oldest architecture supported by the version of macOS the bottles are built on.

--display-times

Print install times for each package at the end of the run.

-i, --interactive

Download and patch *formula*, then open a shell. This allows the user to run **/configure --help** and otherwise determine how to turn the software package into a Homebrew package.

-g, --git

Create a Git repository, useful for creating patches to the software.

--overwrite

Delete files that already exist in the prefix while linking.

--cask Treat all named arguments as casks.

--[no-]binaries

Disable/enable linking of helper executables (default: enabled).

--require-sha

Require all casks to have a checksum.

--[no-]quarantine

Disable/enable quarantining of downloads (default: enabled).

--skip-cask-deps

Skip installing cask dependencies.

leaves [--installed-on-request] [--installed-as-dependency]

List installed formulae that are not dependencies of another installed formula.

-r, --installed-on-request

Only list leaves that were manually installed.

-p, --installed-as-dependency

Only list leaves that were installed as dependencies.

link, ln [options] installed formula [...]

Symlink all of *formula*'s installed files into Homebrew's prefix. This is done automatically when you install formulae but can be useful for DIY installations.

--overwrite

Delete files that already exist in the prefix while linking.

-n, --dry-run

List files which would be linked or deleted by **brew link —overwrite** without actually linking or deleting any files.

-f, --force

Allow keg-only formulae to be linked.

--HEAD

Link the HEAD version of the formula if it is installed.

list, **ls** [options] [installed_formula\installed_cask ...]

List all installed formulae and casks.

If formula is provided, summarise the paths within its current keg. If cask is provided, list its artifacts.

--formula

List only formulae, or treat all named arguments as formulae.

--cask List only casks, or treat all named arguments as casks.

--full-name

Print formulae with fully-qualified names. Unless **--full-name**, **--versions** or **--pinned** are passed, other options (i.e. **-1**, **-I**, **-r** and **-t**) are passed to **ls**(1) which produces the actual output.

--versions

Show the version number for installed formulae, or only the specified formulae if *formula* are provided.

--multiple

Only show formulae with multiple versions installed.

--pinned

List only pinned formulae, or only the specified (pinned) formulae if *formula* are provided. See also **pin**, **unpin**.

- -1 Force output to be one entry per line. This is the default when output is not to a terminal.
- -l List formulae and/or casks in long format. Has no effect when a formula or cask name is passed as an argument.
- **-r** Reverse the order of the formulae and/or casks sort to list the oldest entries first. Has no effect when a formula or cask name is passed as an argument.
- **-t** Sort formulae and/or casks by time modified, listing most recently modified first. Has no effect when a formula or cask name is passed as an argument.

log [options] [formula|cask]

Show the **git log** for *formula* or *cask*, or show the log for the Homebrew repository if no formula or cask is provided.

-p, --patch

Also print patch from commit.

--stat Also print diffstat from commit.

--oneline

Print only one line per commit.

-1 Print only one commit.

-n, --max-count

Print only a specified number of commits.

--formula

Treat all named arguments as formulae.

--cask Treat all named arguments as casks.

migrate [--force] [--dry-run] installed_formula [...]

Migrate renamed packages to new names, where formula are old names of packages.

-f, **--force**

Treat installed *formula* and provided *formula* as if they are from the same taps and migrate them anyway.

-n, --dry-run

Show what would be migrated, but do not actually migrate anything.

missing [--hide=] [formula ...]

Check the given *formula* kegs for missing dependencies. If no *formula* are provided, check all kegs. Will exit with a non-zero status if any kegs are found to be missing dependencies.

—hide Act as if none of the specified *hidden* are installed. *hidden* should be a comma–separated list of formulae.

options [options] [formula ...]

Show install options specific to formula.

--compact

Show all options on a single line separated by spaces.

--installed

Show options for formulae that are currently installed.

—all Show options for all available formulae.

--command

Show options for the specified *command*.

outdated [options] [formula|cask ...]

List installed casks and formulae that have an updated version available. By default, version information is displayed in interactive shells, and suppressed otherwise.

-q, --quiet

List only the names of outdated kegs (takes precedence over **--verbose**).

-v. --verbose

Include detailed version information.

--formula

List only outdated formulae.

- --cask List only outdated casks.
- --json Print output in JSON format. There are two versions: v1 and v2. v1 is deprecated and is currently the default if no version is specified. v2 prints outdated formulae and casks.

--fetch-HEAD

Fetch the upstream repository to detect if the HEAD installation of the formula is outdated. Otherwise, the repository's HEAD will only be checked for updates when a new stable or development version has been released.

--greedy

Print outdated casks with auto_updates true or version :latest.

--greedy-latest

Print outdated casks including those with version :latest.

--greedy-auto-updates

Print outdated casks including those with auto_updates true.

pin installed_formula [...]

Pin the specified *formula*, preventing them from being upgraded when issuing the **brew upgrade** *formula* command. See also **unpin**.

postinstall installed_formula [...]

Rerun the post-install steps for *formula*.

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readall [--aliases] [--syntax] [tap ...]
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Import all items from the specified *tap*, or from all installed taps if none is provided. This can be useful for debugging issues across all items when making significant changes to **formula.rb**, testing the performance of loading all items or checking if any current formulae/casks have Ruby issues.

--aliases

Verify any alias symlinks in each tap.

--syntax

Syntax-check all of Homebrew's Ruby files (if no **<tap>** is passed).

reinstall [options] formula|cask [...]

Uninstall and then reinstall a *formula* or *cask* using the same options it was originally installed with, plus any appended options specific to a *formula*.

Unless **HOMEBREW_NO_INSTALLED_DEPENDENTS_CHECK** is set, **brew upgrade** or **brew reinstall** will be run for outdated dependents and dependents with broken linkage, respectively.

Unless **HOMEBREW_NO_INSTALL_CLEANUP** is set, **brew cleanup** will then be run for the reinstalled formulae or, every 30 days, for all formulae.

-d, --debug

If brewing fails, open an interactive debugging session with access to IRB or a shell inside the temporary build directory.

-f, --force

Install without checking for previously installed keg-only or non-migrated versions.

-v, --verbose

Print the verification and postinstall steps.

--formula

Treat all named arguments as formulae.

-s, --build-from-source

Compile formula from source even if a bottle is available.

-i, --interactive

Download and patch *formula*, then open a shell. This allows the user to run **/configure --help** and otherwise determine how to turn the software package into a Homebrew package.

--force-bottle

Install from a bottle if it exists for the current or newest version of macOS, even if it would not normally be used for installation.

--keep-tmp

Retain the temporary files created during installation.

--display-times

Print install times for each formula at the end of the run.

-g, **--git**

Create a Git repository, useful for creating patches to the software.

--cask Treat all named arguments as casks.

--[no-]binaries

Disable/enable linking of helper executables (default: enabled).

--require-sha

Require all casks to have a checksum.

--[no-]quarantine

Disable/enable quarantining of downloads (default: enabled).

--skip-cask-deps

Skip installing cask dependencies.

search, -S [options] text|/regex/ [...]

Perform a substring search of cask tokens and formula names for *text*. If *text* is flanked by slashes, it is interpreted as a regular expression. The search for *text* is extended online to **homebrew/core** and **homebrew/cask**.

--formula

Search online and locally for formulae.

- **--cask** Search online and locally for casks.
- **--desc** Search for formulae with a description matching *text* and casks with a name matching *text*.

--pull-request

Search for GitHub pull requests containing text.

--open

Search for only open GitHub pull requests.

--closed

Search for only closed GitHub pull requests.

--repology

Search for *text* in the given database.

--macports

Search for *text* in the given database.

--fink Search for *text* in the given database.

--opensuse

Search for *text* in the given database.

--fedora

Search for *text* in the given database.

--archlinux

Search for *text* in the given database.

--debian

Search for *text* in the given database.

--ubuntu

Search for *text* in the given database.

shellenv

Print export statements. When run in a shell, this installation of Homebrew will be added to your **PATH**, **MANPATH**, and **INFOPATH**.

The variables **HOMEBREW_PREFIX**, **HOMEBREW_CELLAR** and **HOMEBREW_REPOSITORY** are also exported to avoid querying them multiple times. To help guarantee idempotence, this command produces no output when Homebrew's **bin** and **sbin** directories are first and second respectively in your **PATH**. Consider adding evaluation of this command's output to your dotfiles (e.g. "/.profile, "/.bash_profile, or "/.zprofile) with: eval "\$(brew shellenv)"

tap [options] [user/repo] [URL]

Tap a formula repository.

If no arguments are provided, list all installed taps.

With *URL* unspecified, tap a formula repository from GitHub using HTTPS. Since so many taps are hosted on GitHub, this command is a shortcut for **brew tap** *user/repo* **https://github.com/***user/***homebrew-***repo*.

With *URL* specified, tap a formula repository from anywhere, using any transport protocol that **git**(1) handles. The one–argument form of **tap** simplifies but also limits. This two–argument command makes no assumptions, so taps can be cloned from places other than GitHub and using protocols other than HTTPS, e.g. SSH, git, HTTP, FTP(S), rsync.

--force-auto-update

Auto-update tap even if it is not hosted on GitHub. By default, only taps hosted on GitHub are auto-updated (for performance reasons).

--custom-remote

Install or change a tap with a custom remote. Useful for mirrors.

--repair

Migrate tapped formulae from symlink-based to directory-based structure.

--list-pinned

List all pinned taps.

tap-info [--installed] [--json] [tap ...]

Show detailed information about one or more *taps*.

If no tap names are provided, display brief statistics for all installed taps.

--installed

Show information on each installed tap.

--json Print a JSON representation of *tap*. Currently the default and only accepted value for *version* is **v1**. See the docs for examples of using the JSON output: https://docs.brew.sh/Querying-Brew

$uninstall, remove, rm\ [\it options]\ installed_formula linstalled_cask\ [...]$

Uninstall a formula or cask.

-f, --force

Delete all installed versions of *formula*. Uninstall even if *cask* is not installed, overwrite existing files and ignore errors when removing files.

--zap Remove all files associated with a cask. May remove files which are shared between applications.

--ignore-dependencies

Don't fail uninstall, even if *formula* is a dependency of any installed formulae.

--formula

Treat all named arguments as formulae.

--cask Treat all named arguments as casks.

unlink [--dry-run] installed_formula [...]

Remove symlinks for *formula* from Homebrew's prefix. This can be useful for temporarily disabling a formula: **brew unlink** *formula* && commands && brew link *formula*

-n, --dry-run

List files which would be unlinked without actually unlinking or deleting any files.

unpin installed_formula [...]

Unpin formula, allowing them to be upgraded by **brew upgrade** formula. See also **pin**.

untap [--force] tap [...]

Remove a tapped formula repository.

-f, --force

Untap even if formulae or casks from this tap are currently installed.

update [options]

Fetch the newest version of Homebrew and all formulae from GitHub using **git**(1) and perform any necessary migrations.

--merge

Use **git merge** to apply updates (rather than **git rebase**).

--preinstall

Run on auto-updates (e.g. before **brew install**). Skips some slower steps.

-f, --force

Always do a slower, full update check (even if unnecessary).

update-reset [repository ...]

Fetch and reset Homebrew and all tap repositories (or any specified *repository*) using **git**(1) to their latest **origin/HEAD**.

Note: this will destroy all your uncommitted or committed changes.

upgrade [options] [outdated_formula|outdated_cask ...]

Upgrade outdated casks and outdated, unpinned formulae using the same options they were originally installed with, plus any appended brew formula options. If *cask* or *formula* are specified, upgrade only the given *cask* or *formula* kegs (unless they are pinned; see **pin**, **unpin**).

Unless **HOMEBREW_NO_INSTALLED_DEPENDENTS_CHECK** is set, **brew upgrade** or **brew reinstall** will be run for outdated dependents and dependents with broken linkage, respectively.

Unless **HOMEBREW_NO_INSTALL_CLEANUP** is set, **brew cleanup** will then be run for the upgraded formulae or, every 30 days, for all formulae.

-d, --debug

If brewing fails, open an interactive debugging session with access to IRB or a shell inside the temporary build directory.

-f, --force

Install formulae without checking for previously installed keg-only or non-migrated versions. When installing casks, overwrite existing files (binaries and symlinks are excluded, unless originally from the same cask).

-v. --verbose

Print the verification and postinstall steps.

-n, --dry-run

Show what would be upgraded, but do not actually upgrade anything.

--formula

Treat all named arguments as formulae. If no named arguments are specified, upgrade only outdated formulae.

-s, --build-from-source

Compile *formula* from source even if a bottle is available.

-i, --interactive

Download and patch *formula*, then open a shell. This allows the user to run **/configure --help** and otherwise determine how to turn the software package into a Homebrew package.

--force-bottle

Install from a bottle if it exists for the current or newest version of macOS, even if it would not normally be used for installation.

--fetch-HEAD

Fetch the upstream repository to detect if the HEAD installation of the formula is outdated. Otherwise, the repository's HEAD will only be checked for updates when a new stable or development version has been released.

--ignore-pinned

Set a successful exit status even if pinned formulae are not upgraded.

--keep-tmp

Retain the temporary files created during installation.

--display-times

Print install times for each package at the end of the run.

--cask Treat all named arguments as casks. If no named arguments are specified, upgrade only outdated casks.

--[no-]binaries

Disable/enable linking of helper executables (default: enabled).

--require-sha

Require all casks to have a checksum.

--[no-]quarantine

Disable/enable quarantining of downloads (default: enabled).

--skip-cask-deps

Skip installing cask dependencies.

--greedy

Also include casks with auto_updates true or version :latest.

--greedy-latest

Also include casks with version :latest.

--greedy-auto-updates

Also include casks with auto_updates true.

uses [options] formula [...]

Show formulae and casks that specify *formula* as a dependency; that is, show dependents of *formula*. When given multiple formula arguments, show the intersection of formulae that use *formula*. By default, **uses** shows all formulae and casks that specify *formula* as a required or recommended dependency for their stable builds.

--recursive

Resolve more than one level of dependencies.

--installed

Only list formulae and casks that are currently installed.

--include-build

Include all formulae that specify *formula* as **:build** type dependency.

--include-test

Include all formulae that specify *formula* as **:test** type dependency.

--include-optional

Include all formulae that specify *formula* as **:optional** type dependency.

--skip-recommended

Skip all formulae that specify *formula* as **:recommended** type dependency.

--formula

Include only formulae.

--cask Include only casks.

--cache [options] [formula|cask ...]

Display Homebrew's download cache. See also **HOMEBREW_CACHE**.

If formula is provided, display the file or directory used to cache formula.

-s, --build-from-source

Show the cache file used when building from source.

--force-bottle

Show the cache file used when pouring a bottle.

--bottle-tag

Show the cache file used when pouring a bottle for the given tag.

--HEAD

Show the cache file used when building from HEAD.

--formula

Only show cache files for formulae.

--cask Only show cache files for casks.

--caskroom [cask ...]

Display Homebrew's Caskroom path.

If *cask* is provided, display the location in the Caskroom where *cask* would be installed, without any sort of versioned directory as the last path.

--cellar [formula ...]

Display Homebrew's Cellar path. *Default:* \$(brew --prefix)/Cellar, or if that directory doesn't exist, \$(brew --repository)/Cellar.

If *formula* is provided, display the location in the Cellar where *formula* would be installed, without any sort of versioned directory as the last path.

--env, **environment** [--shell=] [--plain] [formula ...]

Summarise Homebrew's build environment as a plain list.

If the command's output is sent through a pipe and no shell is specified, the list is formatted for export to **bash**(1) unless **--plain** is passed.

--shell Generate a list of environment variables for the specified shell, or --shell=auto to detect the current shell.

--plain

Generate plain output even when piped.

--prefix [--unbrewed] [--installed] [formula ...]

Display Homebrew's install path. *Default*:

- macOS Intel: /usr/local
- macOS ARM: /opt/homebrew
- Linux: /home/linuxbrew/.linuxbrew

If formula is provided, display the location where formula is or would be installed.

--unbrewed

List files in Homebrew's prefix not installed by Homebrew.

--installed

Outputs nothing and returns a failing status code if *formula* is not installed.

--repository, --repo [tap ...]

Display where Homebrew's git repository is located.

If user/repo are provided, display where tap user/repo's directory is located.

--version, -v

Print the version numbers of Homebrew, Homebrew/homebrew-core and Homebrew/homebrew-cask (if tapped) to standard output.

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audit [options] [formula|cask ...]

Check *formula* for Homebrew coding style violations. This should be run before submitting a new formula or cask. If no *formulalcask* are provided, check all locally available formulae and casks and skip style checks. Will exit with a non-zero status if any errors are found.

--strict

Run additional, stricter style checks.

--git Run additional, slower style checks that navigate the Git repository.

--online

Run additional, slower style checks that require a network connection.

--installed

Only check formulae and casks that are currently installed.

—new Run various additional style checks to determine if a new formula or cask is eligible for Homebrew. This should be used when creating new formula and implies **—-strict** and **—online**.

--[no-]appcast

Audit the appeast.

--token-conflicts

Audit for token conflicts.

- **--tap** Check the formulae within the given tap, specified as *user/repo*.
- **--fix** Fix style violations automatically using RuboCop's auto-correct feature.

--display-cop-names

Include the RuboCop cop name for each violation in the output.

--display-filename

Prefix every line of output with the file or formula name being audited, to make output easy to grep.

--display-failures-only

Only display casks that fail the audit. This is the default for formulae.

--skip-style

Skip running non–RuboCop style checks. Useful if you plan on running **brew style** separately. Enabled by default unless a formula is specified by name.

-D, --audit-debug

Enable debugging and profiling of audit methods.

--only Specify a comma–separated *method* list to only run the methods named **audit_***method*.

--except

Specify a comma–separated *method* list to skip running the methods named **audit_***method*.

--only-cops

Specify a comma–separated *cops* list to check for violations of only the listed RuboCop cops.

--except-cops

Specify a comma–separated *cops* list to skip checking for violations of the listed RuboCop cops.

--formula

Treat all named arguments as formulae.

--cask Treat all named arguments as casks.

bottle [options] installed_formula|file [...]

Generate a bottle (binary package) from a formula that was installed with **—-build-bottle**. If the formula specifies a rebuild version, it will be incremented in the generated DSL. Passing **—-keep-old** will attempt to keep it at its original value, while **—-no-rebuild** will remove it.

--skip-relocation

Do not check if the bottle can be marked as relocatable.

--force-core-tap

Build a bottle even if *formula* is not in **homebrew/core** or any installed taps.

--no-rebuild

If the formula specifies a rebuild version, remove it from the generated DSL.

--keep-old

If the formula specifies a rebuild version, attempt to preserve its value in the generated DSL.

--json Write bottle information to a JSON file, which can be used as the value for --merge.

--merge

Generate an updated bottle block for a formula and optionally merge it into the formula file. Instead of a formula name, requires the path to a JSON file generated with **brew bottle —json** *formula*.

--write

Write changes to the formula file. A new commit will be generated unless **--no-commit** is passed.

--no-commit

When passed with **--write**, a new commit will not generated after writing changes to the formula file

--only-json-tab

When passed with **--json**, the tab will be written to the JSON file but not the bottle.

--committe

Specify a committer name and email in git's standard author format.

--root-url

Use the specified *URL* as the root of the bottle's URL instead of Homebrew's default.

--root-url-using

Use the specified download strategy class for downloading the bottle's URL instead of Home-brew's default.

bump [options] [formula|cask ...]

Display out-of-date brew formulae and the latest version available. If the returned current and livecheck versions differ or when querying specific formulae, also displays whether a pull request has been opened with the URL.

--full-name

Print formulae/casks with fully-qualified names.

--no-pull-requests

Do not retrieve pull requests from GitHub.

--formula

Check only formulae.

--cask Check only casks.

--open-pr

Open a pull request for the new version if there are none already open.

--limit

Limit number of package results returned.

--start-with

Letter or word that the list of package results should alphabetically follow.

bump-cask-pr [options] cask

Create a pull request to update cask with a new version.

A best effort to determine the SHA-256 will be made if the value is not supplied by the user.

-n, --dry-run

Print what would be done rather than doing it.

--write-only

Make the expected file modifications without taking any Git actions.

--commit

When passed with **—write—only**, generate a new commit after writing changes to the cask file.

--no-audit

Don't run **brew audit** before opening the PR.

--online

Run **brew audit —online** before opening the PR.

--no-style

Don't run **brew style ---fix** before opening the PR.

--no-browse

Print the pull request URL instead of opening in a browser.

--no-fork

Don't try to fork the repository.

--version

Specify the new *version* for the cask.

--message

Append *message* to the default pull request message.

--url Specify the *URL* for the new download.

--sha256

Specify the SHA-256 checksum of the new download.

--fork-org

Use the specified GitHub organization for forking.

-f. --force

Ignore duplicate open PRs.

bump-formula-pr [options] [formula]

Create a pull request to update formula with a new URL or a new tag.

If a URL is specified, the SHA-256 checksum of the new download should also be specified. A best effort to determine the SHA-256 and formula name will be made if either or both values are not supplied by the user

If a *tag* is specified, the Git commit *revision* corresponding to that tag should also be specified. A best effort to determine the *revision* will be made if the value is not supplied by the user.

If a *version* is specified, a best effort to determine the *URL* and *SHA-256* or the *tag* and *revision* will be made if both values are not supplied by the user.

Note: this command cannot be used to transition a formula from a URL-and-SHA-256 style specification into a tag-and-revision style specification, nor vice versa. It must use whichever style specification the formula already uses.

-n, --dry-run

Print what would be done rather than doing it.

--write-only

Make the expected file modifications without taking any Git actions.

--commit

When passed with **—write—only**, generate a new commit after writing changes to the formula file.

--no-audit

Don't run brew audit before opening the PR.

--strict

Run brew audit --strict before opening the PR.

--online

Run brew audit --online before opening the PR.

--no-browse

Print the pull request URL instead of opening in a browser.

--no-fork

Don't try to fork the repository.

--mirror

Use the specified *URL* as a mirror URL. If *URL* is a comma-separated list of URLs, multiple mirrors will be added.

--fork-org

Use the specified GitHub organization for forking.

--version

Use the specified *version* to override the value parsed from the URL or tag. Note that **—version=0** can be used to delete an existing version override from a formula if it has become redundant.

--message

Append *message* to the default pull request message.

--url Specify the *URL* for the new download. If a *URL* is specified, the *SHA-256* checksum of the new download should also be specified.

--sha256

Specify the SHA-256 checksum of the new download.

--tag Specify the new git commit *tag* for the formula.

--revision

Specify the new commit revision corresponding to the specified git tag or specified version.

-f, --force

Ignore duplicate open PRs. Remove all mirrors if **—mirror** was not specified.

bump–revision [options] formula [...]

Create a commit to increment the revision of formula. If no revision is present, "revision 1" will be added.

-n, --dry-run

Print what would be done rather than doing it.

--remove-bottle-block

Remove the bottle block in addition to bumping the revision.

--write-only

Make the expected file modifications without taking any Git actions.

--message

Append *message* to the default commit message.

bump-unversioned-casks [options] cask|tap [...]

Check all casks with unversioned URLs in a given tap for updates.

-n, --dry-run

Do everything except caching state and opening pull requests.

--limit

Maximum runtime in minutes.

--state-file

File for caching state.

cat [--formula] [--cask] formula| cask

Display the source of a *formula* or *cask*.

--formula

Treat all named arguments as formulae.

--cask Treat all named arguments as casks.

command [...]

Display the path to the file being used when invoking **brew** cmd.

create [options] URL

Generate a formula or, with **--cask**, a cask for the downloadable file at *URL* and open it in the editor. Homebrew will attempt to automatically derive the formula name and version, but if it fails, you'll have to make your own template. The **wget** formula serves as a simple example. For the complete API, see: https://rubydoc.brew.sh/Formula

--autotools

Create a basic template for an Autotools-style build.

--cask Create a basic template for a cask.

--cmake

Create a basic template for a CMake-style build.

--crystal

Create a basic template for a Crystal build.

--go Create a basic template for a Go build.

--meson

Create a basic template for a Meson-style build.

--node

Create a basic template for a Node build.

--perl Create a basic template for a Perl build.

--python

Create a basic template for a Python build.

--ruby

Create a basic template for a Ruby build.

--rust Create a basic template for a Rust build.

--no-fetch

Homebrew will not download *URL* to the cache and will thus not add its SHA-256 to the formula for you, nor will it check the GitHub API for GitHub projects (to fill out its description and homepage).

--HEAD

Indicate that *URL* points to the package's repository rather than a file.

--set-name

Explicitly set the *name* of the new formula or cask.

--set-version

Explicitly set the *version* of the new formula or cask.

--set-license

Explicitly set the *license* of the new formula.

—tap Generate the new formula within the given tap, specified as *user/repo*.

-f, --force

Ignore errors for disallowed formula names and names that shadow aliases.

dispatch-build-bottle [options] formula [...]

Build bottles for these formulae with GitHub Actions.

--tap Target tap repository (default: **homebrew/core**).

--timeout

Build timeout (in minutes, default: 60).

--issue

If specified, post a comment to this issue number if the job fails.

--macos

Version(s) of macOS the bottle should be built for.

--workflow

Dispatch specified workflow (default: **dispatch-build-bottle.yml**).

--upload

Upload built bottles.

--linux

Dispatch bottle for Linux (using GitHub runners).

--linux-self-hosted

Dispatch bottle for Linux (using self–hosted runner).

--linux-wheezy

Use Debian Wheezy container for building the bottle on Linux.

edit [options] [formula|cask ...]

Open a *formula* or *cask* in the editor set by **EDITOR** or **HOMEBREW_EDITOR**, or open the Homebrew repository for editing if no formula is provided.

--formula

Treat all named arguments as formulae.

--cask Treat all named arguments as casks.

--print-path

Print the file path to be edited, without opening an editor.

extract [--version=] [--force] formula tap

Look through repository history to find the most recent version of *formula* and create a copy in *tap*. Specifically, the command will create the new formula file at *tap*/**Formula**/*formula*@version.rb. If the tap is not installed yet, attempt to install/clone the tap before continuing. To extract a formula from a tap that is not homebrew/core use its fully-qualified form of *user/repo/formula*.

--version

Extract the specified version of formula instead of the most recent.

-f, --force

Overwrite the destination formula if it already exists.

formula formula [...]

Display the path where *formula* is located.

generate-man-completions [--fail-if-not-changed]

Generate Homebrew's manpages and shell completions.

--fail-if-not-changed

Return a failing status code if no changes are detected in the manpage outputs. This can be used to notify CI when the manpages are out of date. Additionally, the date used in new manpages will match those in the existing manpages (to allow comparison without factoring in the date).

install-bundler-gems [--groups=]

Install Homebrew's Bundler gems.

--groups

Installs the specified comma-separated list of gem groups (default: last used).

irb [--examples][--pry]

Enter the interactive Homebrew Ruby shell.

--examples

Show several examples.

--pry Use Pry instead of IRB. Implied if **HOMEBREW_PRY** is set.

linkage [options] [installed_formula ...]

Check the library links from the given *formula* kegs. If no *formula* are provided, check all kegs. Raises an error if run on uninstalled formulae.

--test Show only missing libraries and exit with a non-zero status if any missing libraries are found.

--strict

Exit with a non-zero status if any undeclared dependencies with linkage are found.

--reverse

For every library that a keg references, print its dylib path followed by the binaries that link to it.

--cached

Print the cached linkage values stored in **HOMEBREW_CACHE**, set by a previous **brew linkage** run.

livecheck, **lc** [options] [formula|cask ...]

Check for newer versions of formulae and/or casks from upstream.

If no formula or cask argument is passed, the list of formulae and casks to check is taken from **HOME-BREW_LIVECHECK_WATCHLIST** or ~/.brew_livecheck_watchlist.

--full-name

Print formulae/casks with fully-qualified names.

- **--tap** Check formulae/casks within the given tap, specified as *user/repo*.
- **--all** Check all available formulae/casks.

--installed

Check formulae/casks that are currently installed.

--newer-only

Show the latest version only if it's newer than the formula/cask.

--json Output information in JSON format.

-q, --quiet

Suppress warnings, don't print a progress bar for JSON output.

--formula

Only check formulae.

--cask Only check casks.

pr-automerge [options]

Find pull requests that can be automatically merged using **brew pr-publish**.

--tap Target tap repository (default: **homebrew/core**).

--with-label

Pull requests must have this label.

--without-labels

Pull requests must not have these labels (default: do not merge, new formula, automerge-skip).

--without-approval

Pull requests do not require approval to be merged.

--publish

Run **brew pr-publish** on matching pull requests.

--no-autosquash

Instruct **brew pr-publish** to skip automatically reformatting and rewording commits in the pull request to the preferred format.

--ignore-failures

Include pull requests that have failing status checks.

pr-publish [options] pull_request [...]

Publish bottles for a pull request with GitHub Actions. Requires write access to the repository.

--no-autosquash

Skip automatically reformatting and rewording commits in the pull request to the preferred format, even if supported on the target tap.

--branch

Branch to publish to (default: master).

--message

Message to include when autosquashing revision bumps, deletions, and rebuilds.

--tap Target tap repository (default: **homebrew/core**).

--workflow

Target workflow filename (default: **publish-commit-bottles.yml**).

pr-pull [options] pull_request [...]

Download and publish bottles, and apply the bottle commit from a pull request with artifacts generated by GitHub Actions. Requires write access to the repository.

--no-upload

Download the bottles but don't upload them.

--no-commit

Do not generate a new commit before uploading.

-n, --dry-run

Print what would be done rather than doing it.

--clean

Do not amend the commits from pull requests.

--keep-old

If the formula specifies a rebuild version, attempt to preserve its value in the generated DSL.

--no-autosquash

Skip automatically reformatting and rewording commits in the pull request to our preferred format.

--branch-okay

Do not warn if pulling to a branch besides the repository default (useful for testing).

--resolve

When a patch fails to apply, leave in progress and allow user to resolve, instead of aborting.

--warn-on-upload-failure

Warn instead of raising an error if the bottle upload fails. Useful for repairing bottle uploads that previously failed.

--committer

Specify a committer name and email in git's standard author format.

--message

Message to include when autosquashing revision bumps, deletions, and rebuilds.

--artifact

Download artifacts with the specified name (default: **bottles**).

--tap Target tap repository (default: **homebrew/core**).

--root-url

Use the specified *URL* as the root of the bottle's URL instead of Homebrew's default.

--root-url-using

Use the specified download strategy class for downloading the bottle's URL instead of Home-brew's default.

--workflows

Retrieve artifacts from the specified workflow (default: **tests.yml**). Can be a comma–separated list to include multiple workflows.

--ignore-missing-artifacts

Comma-separated list of workflows which can be ignored if they have not been run.

pr-upload [options]

Apply the bottle commit and publish bottles to a host.

--keep-old

If the formula specifies a rebuild version, attempt to preserve its value in the generated DSL.

-n, --dry-run

Print what would be done rather than doing it.

--no-commit

Do not generate a new commit before uploading.

--warn-on-upload-failure

Warn instead of raising an error if the bottle upload fails. Useful for repairing bottle uploads that previously failed.

--upload-only

Skip running **brew bottle** before uploading.

--committer

Specify a committer name and email in git's standard author format.

--root-url

Use the specified *URL* as the root of the bottle's URL instead of Homebrew's default.

--root-url-using

Use the specified download strategy class for downloading the bottle's URL instead of Homebrew's default.

prof [--stackprof] command [...]

Run Homebrew with a Ruby profiler. For example, brew prof readall.

--stackprof

Use **stackprof** instead of **ruby-prof** (the default).

release [--major] [--minor]

Create a new draft Homebrew/brew release with the appropriate version number and release notes.

By default, **brew release** will bump the patch version number. Pass **—major** or **—minor** to bump the major or minor version numbers, respectively. The command will fail if the previous major or minor release was made less than one month ago.

Requires write access to the Homebrew/brew repository.

--major

Create a major release.

––minor

Create a minor release.

rubocop

Installs, configures and runs Homebrew's rubocop.

ruby [options] (**-e** text|file)

Run a Ruby instance with Homebrew's libraries loaded. For example, **brew ruby -e "puts :gcc.f.deps"** or **brew ruby script.rb**.

- **-r** Load a library using **require**.
- **-e** Execute the given text string as a script.

sh [--*env*=] [--*cmd*=] [*file*]

Enter an interactive shell for Homebrew's build environment. Use years—battle—hardened build logic to help your **/configure && make && make install** and even your **gem install** succeed. Especially handy if you run Homebrew in an Xcode—only configuration since it adds tools like **make** to your **PATH** which build systems would not find otherwise.

--env Use the standard **PATH** instead of superenv's when **std** is passed.

-c, --cmd

Execute commands in a non-interactive shell.

sponsors

Update the list of GitHub Sponsors in the **Homebrew/brew** README.

style [options] [file|tap|formula|cask ...]

Check formulae or files for conformance to Homebrew style guidelines.

Lists of *file*, *tap* and *formula* may not be combined. If none are provided, **style** will run style checks on the whole Homebrew library, including core code and all formulae.

--fix Fix style violations automatically using RuboCop's auto-correct feature.

--display-cop-names

Include the RuboCop cop name for each violation in the output.

--reset-cache

Reset the RuboCop cache.

--formula

Treat all named arguments as formulae.

--cask Treat all named arguments as casks.

--only-cops

Specify a comma–separated *cops* list to check for violations of only the listed RuboCop cops.

--except-cops

Specify a comma–separated *cops* list to skip checking for violations of the listed RuboCop cops.

tap-new [options] user/repo

Generate the template files for a new tap.

--no-git

Don't initialize a Git repository for the tap.

--pull-label

Label name for pull requests ready to be pulled (default: **pr-pull**).

--branch

Initialize Git repository and setup GitHub Actions workflows with the specified branch name (default: main).

--github-packages

Upload bottles to GitHub Packages.

test [options] installed_formula [...]

Run the test method provided by an installed formula. There is no standard output or return code, but generally it should notify the user if something is wrong with the installed formula.

Example: brew install jruby && brew test jruby

-f, --force

Test formulae even if they are unlinked.

--HEAD

Test the head version of a formula.

--keep-tmp

Retain the temporary files created for the test.

--retry

Retry if a testing fails.

tests [options]

Run Homebrew's unit and integration tests.

--coverage

Generate code coverage reports.

--generic

Run only OS-agnostic tests.

--no-compat

Do not load the compatibility layer when running tests.

--online

Include tests that use the GitHub API and tests that use any of the taps for official external commands.

--byebug

Enable debugging using byebug.

- **--only** Run only *test_script_***spec.rb**. Appending *:line_number* will start at a specific line.
- **--seed** Randomise tests with the specified *value* instead of a random seed.

typecheck, tc [options]

Check for typechecking errors using Sorbet.

--fix Automatically fix type errors.

-q, --quiet

Silence all non-critical errors.

--update

Update RBI files.

--suggest-typed

Try upgrading **typed** sigils.

--fail-if-not-changed

Return a failing status code if all gems are up to date and gem definitions do not need a tapioca update.

--dir Typecheck all files in a specific directory.

--file Typecheck a single file.

--ignore

Ignores input files that contain the given string in their paths (relative to the input path passed to Sorbet).

unbottled [options] [formula ...]

Show the unbottled dependents of formulae.

--tag Use the specified bottle tag (e.g. **big_sur**) instead of the current OS.

--dependents

Skip getting analytics data and sort by number of dependents instead.

--all Print the number of unbottled and total formulae.

unpack [options] formula [...]

Unpack the source files for *formula* into subdirectories of the current working directory.

--destdir

Create subdirectories in the directory named by *path* instead.

--patch

Patches for *formula* will be applied to the unpacked source.

-g, --git

Initialise a Git repository in the unpacked source. This is useful for creating patches for the software.

-f, --force

Overwrite the destination directory if it already exists.

update-license-data [--fail-if-not-changed]

Update SPDX license data in the Homebrew repository.

--fail-if-not-changed

Return a failing status code if current license data's version is the same as the upstream. This can be used to notify CI when the SPDX license data is out of date.

update-maintainers

Update the list of maintainers in the **Homebrew/brew** README.

update-python-resources [options] formula [...]

Update versions for PyPI resource blocks in *formula*.

-p, --print-only

Print the updated resource blocks instead of changing *formula*.

-s, --silent

Suppress any output.

--ignore-non-pypi-packages

Don't fail if formula is not a PyPI package.

--version

Use the specified *version* when finding resources for *formula*. If no version is specified, the current version for *formula* will be used.

--package-name

Use the specified *package-name* when finding resources for *formula*. If no package name is specified, it will be inferred from the formula's stable URL.

--extra-packages

Include these additional packages when finding resources.

--exclude-packages

Exclude these packages when finding resources.

update-test [options]

Run a test of **brew update** with a new repository clone. If no options are passed, use **origin/master** as the start commit.

--to-tag

Set **HOMEBREW_UPDATE_TO_TAG** to test updating between tags.

--keep-tmp

Retain the temporary directory containing the new repository clone.

--commit

Use the specified *commit* as the start commit.

--before

Use the commit at the specified *date* as the start commit.

vendor-gems [--update=]

Install and commit Homebrew's vendored gems.

--update

Update all vendored Gems to the latest version.

GLOBAL CASK OPTIONS

These options are applicable to the **install**, **reinstall**, and **upgrade** subcommands with the **--cask** flag.

--appdir

Target location for Applications (default: /Applications).

--colorpickerdir

Target location for Color Pickers (default: ~/Library/ColorPickers).

--prefpanedir

Target location for Preference Panes (default: ~/Library/PreferencePanes).

--qlplugindir

Target location for QuickLook Plugins (default: ~/Library/QuickLook).

--mdimporterdir

Target location for Spotlight Plugins (default: ~/Library/Spotlight).

--dictionarydir

Target location for Dictionaries (default: ~/Library/Dictionaries).

--fontdir

Target location for Fonts (default: ~/Library/Fonts).

--servicedir

Target location for Services (default: ~/Library/Services).

--input-methoddir

Target location for Input Methods (default: ~/Library/Input Methods).

--internet-plugindir

Target location for Internet Plugins (default: ~/Library/Internet Plug-Ins).

--audio-unit-plugindir

Target location for Audio Unit Plugins (default: ~/Library/Audio/Plug-Ins/Components).

--vst-plugindir

Target location for VST Plugins (default: ~/Library/Audio/Plug-Ins/VST).

--vst3-plugindir

Target location for VST3 Plugins (default: ~/Library/Audio/Plug-Ins/VST3).

--screen-saverdir

Target location for Screen Savers (default: ~/Library/Screen Savers).

--language

Comma-separated list of language codes to prefer for cask installation. The first matching language is used, otherwise it reverts to the cask's default language. The default value is the language of your system.

GLOBAL OPTIONS

These options are applicable across multiple subcommands.

-d, --debug

Display any debugging information.

-q, --quiet

Make some output more quiet.

-v, --verbose

Make some output more verbose.

-h, --help

Show this message.

OFFICIAL EXTERNAL COMMANDS

alias [alias ... | alias=command]

Show existing aliases. If no aliases are given, print the whole list.

—edit Edit aliases in a text editor. Either one or all aliases may be opened at once. If the given alias doesn't exist it'll be pre–populated with a template.

autoupdate subcommand [interval] [options]

An easy, convenient way to automatically update Homebrew.

This script will run **brew update** in the background once every 24 hours (by default) until explicitly told to stop, utilising **launchd**.

brew autoupdate start [interval] [options]

Start autoupdating either once every **interval** hours or once every 24 hours. Please note the interval has to be passed in seconds, so 12 hours would be **brew autoupdate start 43200**. Pass ——upgrade or ——cleanup to automatically run **brew upgrade** and/or **brew cleanup** respectively. Pass ——enable—notification to send a notification when the autoupdate process has finished successfully.

brew autoupdate stop

Stop autoupdating, but retain plist & logs.

brew autoupdate delete

Cancel the autoupdate, delete the plist and logs.

brew autoupdate status

Prints the current status of this tool.

brew autoupdate version

Output this tool's current version, and a short changelog.

--upgrade

Automatically upgrade your installed formulae. If the Caskroom exists locally Casks will be upgraded as well. Must be passed with **start**.

--greedy

Upgrade casks with —greedy (include auto-updating casks). Must be passed with **start**.

--cleanup

Automatically clean brew's cache and logs. Must be passed with **start**.

--enable-notification

Send a notification when the autoupdate process has finished successfully, if **terminal-notifier** is installed & found. Must be passed with **start**. <NOTE: Notifications are enabled by default on macOS Catalina and newer.>

--immediate

Starts the autoupdate command immediately, instead of waiting for one interval (24 hours by default) to pass first. Must be passed with **start**.

bundle [subcommand]

Bundler for non-Ruby dependencies from Homebrew, Homebrew Cask, Mac App Store and Whalebrew.

brew bundle [install]

Install and upgrade (by default) all dependencies from the **Brewfile**.

You can specify the **Brewfile** location using **—file** or by setting the **HOMEBREW_BUNDLE_FILE** environment variable.

You can skip the installation of dependencies by adding space—separated values to one or more of the following environment variables: HOMEBREW_BUNDLE_BREW_SKIP, HOMEBREW_BUNDLE_MAS_SKIP, HOMEBREW_BUNDLE_WHALE-BREW_SKIP, HOMEBREW_BUNDLE_TAP_SKIP.

brew bundle will output a Brewfile.lock.json in the same directory as the Brewfile if all dependencies are installed successfully. This contains dependency and system status information which can be useful in debugging brew bundle failures and replicating a "last known good build" state. You can opt—out of this behaviour by setting the HOMEBREW_BUNDLE_NO_LOCK environment variable or passing the —no—lock option. You may wish to check this file into the same version control system as your Brewfile (or ensure your version control system ignores it if you'd prefer to rely on debugging information from a local machine).

brew bundle dump

Write all installed casks/formulae/images/taps into a **Brewfile** in the current directory.

brew bundle cleanup

Uninstall all dependencies not listed from the **Brewfile**.

This workflow is useful for maintainers or testers who regularly install lots of formulae.

brew bundle check

Check if all dependencies are installed from the **Brewfile**.

This provides a successful exit code if everything is up-to-date, making it useful for scripting.

brew bundle list

List all dependencies present in the **Brewfile**.

By default, only Homebrew dependencies are listed.

brew bundle exec command

Run an external command in an isolated build environment based on the Brewfile dependencies.

This sanitized build environment ignores unrequested dependencies, which makes sure that things you didn't specify in your **Brewfile** won't get picked up by commands like **bundle install**, **npm install**, etc. It will also add compiler flags which will help find keg—only dependencies like **openssl**, icu4c, etc.

--file Read the **Brewfile** from this location. Use **--file=-** to pipe to stdin/stdout.

--global

Read the **Brewfile** from ~/.**Brewfile**.

-v, --verbose

install prints output from commands as they are run. check lists all missing dependencies.

--no-upgrade

install won't run **brew upgrade** on outdated dependencies. Note they may still be upgraded by **brew install** if needed.

-f, --force

dump overwrites an existing **Brewfile**. **cleanup** actually performs its cleanup operations.

--cleanup

install performs cleanup operation, same as running cleanup --force.

--no-lock

install won't output a Brewfile.lock.json.

--all list all dependencies.

--formula

list Homebrew dependencies.

- --cask list Homebrew Cask dependencies.
- -- tap list tap dependencies.
- **--mas list** Mac App Store dependencies.

--whalebrew

list Whalebrew dependencies.

--describe

dump adds a description comment above each line, unless the dependency does not have a description.

--no-restart

dump does not add restart_service to formula lines.

--zap cleanup casks using the zap command instead of uninstall.

command-not-found-init

Print instructions for setting up the command–not–found hook for your shell. If the output is not to a tty, print the appropriate handler script for your shell.

services [subcommand]

Manage background services with macOS' launchctl(1) daemon manager.

If **sudo** is passed, operate on /**Library/LaunchDaemons** (started at boot). Otherwise, operate on ^/**Library/LaunchAgents** (started at login).

[sudo] brew services [list] (--json)

List information about all managed services for the current user (or root).

[sudo] brew services info (formula|--all|--json)

List all managed services for the current user (or root).

[sudo] brew services run (formula|--all)

Run the service formula without registering to launch at login (or boot).

[sudo] brew services start (formula|--all)

Start the service *formula* immediately and register it to launch at login (or boot).

[sudo] brew services stop (formula|--all)

Stop the service formula immediately and unregister it from launching at login (or boot).

[sudo] brew services kill (formula|--all)

Stop the service *formula* immediately but keep it registered to launch at login (or boot).

[sudo] brew services restart (formula|--all)

Stop (if necessary) and start the service *formula* immediately and register it to launch at login (or boot).

[sudo] brew services cleanup

Remove all unused services.

- **--file** Use the plist file from this location to **start** or **run** the service.
- **--all** Run *subcommand* on all services.
- **--json** Output as JSON.

test-bot [options] [formula]

Tests the full lifecycle of a Homebrew change to a tap (Git repository). For example, for a GitHub Actions pull request that changes a formula **brew test-bot** will ensure the system is cleaned and set up to test the formula, install the formula, run various tests and checks on it, bottle (package) the binaries and test formulae that depend on it to ensure they aren't broken by these changes.

Only supports GitHub Actions as a CI provider. This is because Homebrew uses GitHub Actions and it's freely available for public and private use with macOS and Linux workers.

--dry-run

Print what would be done rather than doing it.

--cleanup

Clean all state from the Homebrew directory. Use with care!

--skip-setup

Don't check if the local system is set up correctly.

--build-from-source

Build from source rather than building bottles.

--build-dependents-from-source

Build dependents from source rather than testing bottles.

--junit

generate a JUnit XML test results file.

--keep-old

Run **brew bottle --keep-old** to build new bottles for a single platform.

--skip-relocation

Run brew bottle --skip-relocation to build new bottles that don't require relocation.

--only-json-tab

Run brew bottle --only-json-tab to build new bottles that do not contain a tab.

--local

Ask Homebrew to write verbose logs under /logs/ and set \$HOME to /home/

—tap Use the Git repository of the given tap. Defaults to the core tap for syntax checking.

--fail-fast

Immediately exit on a failing step.

-v, --verbose

Print test step output in real time. Has the side effect of passing output as raw bytes instead of re-encoding in UTF-8.

--test-default-formula

Use a default testing formula when not building a tap and no other formulae are specified.

--root-url

Use the specified *URL* as the root of the bottle's URL instead of Homebrew's default.

--git-name

Set the Git author/committer names to the given name.

--git-email

Set the Git author/committer email to the given email.

--publish

Publish the uploaded bottles.

--skip-online-checks

Don't pass **--online** to **brew audit** and skip **brew livecheck**.

--skip-dependents

Don't test any dependents.

--skip-recursive-dependents

Only test the direct dependents.

--only-cleanup-before

Only run the pre-cleanup step. Needs **--cleanup**.

--only-setup

Only run the local system setup check step.

--only-tap-syntax

Only run the tap syntax check step.

--only-formulae

Only run the formulae steps.

--only-formulae-detect

Only run the formulae detection steps.

--only-formulae-dependents

Only run the formulae dependents steps.

--only-cleanup-after

Only run the post-cleanup step. Needs **--cleanup**.

--testing-formulae

Use these testing formulae rather than running the formulae detection steps.

--added-formulae

Use these added formulae rather than running the formulae detection steps.

--deleted-formulae

Use these deleted formulae rather than running the formulae detection steps.

--skipped-or-failed-formulae

Use these skipped or failed formulae from formulae steps for a formulae dependents step.

unalias alias [...]

Remove aliases.

which-formula [--explain] command [...]

Prints the formula(e) which provides the given command.

--explain

Output explanation of how to get 'cmd' by installing one of the providing formulae.

which-update [options] [database]

Database update for brew which-formula

--stats Print statistics about the database contents (number of commands and formulae, list of missing formulae).

--commit

Commit the changes using git.

--update-existing

Update database entries with outdated formula versions.

--install-missing

Install and update formulae that are missing from the database and don't have bottles.

--max-downloads

Specify a maximum number of formulae to download and update.

CUSTOM EXTERNAL COMMANDS

Homebrew, like **git**(1), supports external commands. These are executable scripts that reside somewhere in the **PATH**, named **brew**–*cmdname* or **brew**–*cmdname*.**rb**, which can be invoked like **brew** *cmdname*. This allows you to create your own commands without modifying Homebrew's internals.

Instructions for creating your own commands can be found in the docs: https://docs.brew.sh/External-Commands

SPECIFYING FORMULAE

Many Homebrew commands accept one or more *formula* arguments. These arguments can take several different forms:

The name of a formula

e.g. git, node, wget.

The fully-qualified name of a tapped formula

Sometimes a formula from a tapped repository may conflict with one in **homebrew/core**. You can still access these formulae by using a special syntax, e.g. **homebrew/dupes/vim** or **homebrew/versions/node4**.

An arbitrary file

Homebrew can install formulae from a local path. It can point to either a formula file or a bottle. Prefix relative paths with J to prevent them from being interpreted as a formula or tap name.

SPECIFYING CASKS

Many Homebrew Cask commands accept one or more *cask* arguments. These can be specified the same way as the *formula* arguments described in **SPECIFYING FORMULAE** above.

ENVIRONMENT

Note that environment variables must have a value set to be detected. For example, run **export HOME-BREW_NO_INSECURE_REDIRECT=1** rather than just **export HOMEBREW_NO_INSECURE_REDIRECT**.

HOMEBREW_ADDITIONAL_GOOGLE_ANALYTICS_ID

Additional Google Analytics tracking ID to emit user behaviour analytics to. For more information, see: https://docs.brew.sh/Analytics

HOMEBREW_ARCH

Linux only: Pass this value to a type name representing the compiler's **-march** option.

Default: native.

HOMEBREW ARTIFACT DOMAIN

Prefix all download URLs, including those for bottles, with this value. For example, **HOME-BREW_ARTIFACT_DOMAIN=http://localhost:8080** will cause a formula with the URL https://example.com/foo.tar.gz to instead download from http://localhost:8080/example.com/foo.tar.gz.

HOMEBREW_AUTO_UPDATE_SECS

Run **brew update** once every **HOMEBREW_AUTO_UPDATE_SECS** seconds before some commands, e.g. **brew install**, **brew upgrade** and **brew tap**. Alternatively, disable auto-update entirely with HOMEBREW_NO_AUTO_UPDATE.

Default: 300.

HOMEBREW_BAT

If set, use bat for the brew cat command.

HOMEBREW BAT CONFIG PATH

Use this as the **bat** configuration file.

Default: \$HOME/.config/bat/config.

HOMEBREW BOOTSNAP

If set, use Bootsnap to speed up repeated **brew** calls. A no-op when using Homebrew's vendored, relocatable Ruby on macOS (as it doesn't work).

HOMEBREW BOTTLE DOMAIN

Use this URL as the download mirror for bottles. If bottles at that URL are temporarily unavailable, the default bottle domain will be used as a fallback mirror. For example, HOME-BREW_BOTTLE_DOMAIN=http://localhost:8080 will cause all bottles to download from the prefix http://localhost:8080/. If bottles are not available at HOMEBREW_BOTTLE_DOMAIN they will be downloaded from the default bottle domain.

Default: https://ghcr.io/v2/homebrew/core.

HOMEBREW BREW GIT REMOTE

Use this URL as the Homebrew/brew **git**(1) remote.

Default: https://github.com/Homebrew/brew.

HOMEBREW BROWSER

Use this as the browser when opening project homepages.

Default: \$BROWSER or the OS's default browser.

HOMEBREW_CACHE

Use this directory as the download cache.

Default: macOS: \$HOME/Library/Caches/Homebrew, Linux:

\$XDG_CACHE_HOME/Homebrew or **\$HOME/.cache/Homebrew**.

HOMEBREW CASK OPTS

Append these options to all **cask** commands. All **--*dir** options, **--language**, **--require-sha**, **--no-quarantine** and **--no-binaries** are supported. For example, you might add something like the following to your **/-profile**, **-/.bash_profile**, or **-/.zshenv**:

export HOMEBREW_CASK_OPTS="--appdir=~/Applications --fontdir=/Library/Fonts"

HOMEBREW_CLEANUP_PERIODIC_FULL_DAYS

If set, **brew install**, **brew upgrade** and **brew reinstall** will cleanup all formulae when this number of days has passed.

Default: 30.

HOMEBREW CLEANUP MAX AGE DAYS

Cleanup all cached files older than this many days.

Default: 120.

HOMEBREW COLOR

If set, force colour output on non–TTY outputs.

HOMEBREW_CORE_GIT_REMOTE

Use this URL as the Homebrew/homebrew-core **git**(1) remote.

Default: https://github.com/Homebrew/homebrew-core.

HOMEBREW CURLRC

If set, do not pass **—disable** when invoking **curl**(1), which disables the use of **curlrc**.

HOMEBREW CURL RETRIES

Pass the given retry count to **—retry** when invoking **curl**(1).

Default: 3.

HOMEBREW_CURL_VERBOSE

If set, pass **--verbose** when invoking **curl**(1).

HOMEBREW_DEVELOPER

If set, tweak behaviour to be more relevant for Homebrew developers (active or budding) by e.g. turning warnings into errors.

HOMEBREW DISABLE LOAD FORMULA

If set, refuse to load formulae. This is useful when formulae are not trusted (such as in pull requests).

HOMEBREW_DISPLAY

Use this X11 display when opening a page in a browser, for example with **brew home**. Primarily useful on Linux.

Default: **\$DISPLAY**.

HOMEBREW DISPLAY INSTALL TIMES

If set, print install times for each formula at the end of the run.

HOMEBREW_EDITOR

Use this editor when editing a single formula, or several formulae in the same directory.

Note: **brew edit** will open all of Homebrew as discontinuous files and directories. Visual Studio Code can handle this correctly in project mode, but many editors will do strange things in this case.

Default: **\$EDITOR** or **\$VISUAL**.

HOMEBREW_FAIL_LOG_LINES

Output this many lines of output on formula system failures.

Default: 15.

HOMEBREW_FORBIDDEN_LICENSES

A space–separated list of licenses. Homebrew will refuse to install a formula if it or any of its dependencies has a license on this list.

HOMEBREW_FORCE_BREWED_CA_CERTIFICATES

If set, always use a Homebrew-installed **ca-certificates** rather than the system version. Automatically set if the system version is too old.

HOMEBREW_FORCE_BREWED_CURL

If set, always use a Homebrew-installed **curl**(1) rather than the system version. Automatically set if the system version of **curl** is too old.

HOMEBREW_FORCE_BREWED_GIT

If set, always use a Homebrew-installed **git**(1) rather than the system version. Automatically set if the system version of **git** is too old.

HOMEBREW FORCE VENDOR RUBY

If set, always use Homebrew's vendored, relocatable Ruby version even if the system version of Ruby is new enough.

HOMEBREW_GITHUB_API_TOKEN

Use this personal access token for the GitHub API, for features such as **brew search**. You can create one at *https://github.com/settings/tokens*. If set, GitHub will allow you a greater number of API requests. For more information, see: https://docs.github.com/en/rest/over-view/resources-in-the-rest-api#rate-limiting

Note: Homebrew doesn't require permissions for any of the scopes, but some developer commands may require additional permissions.

HOMEBREW_GITHUB_PACKAGES_TOKEN

Use this GitHub personal access token when accessing the GitHub Packages Registry (where bottles may be stored).

HOMEBREW_DOCKER_REGISTRY_BASIC_AUTH_TOKEN

Use this base64 encoded username and password for authenticating with a Docker registry proxying GitHub Packages. If HOMEBREW_DOCKER_REGISTRY_TOKEN is set, it will be used instead.

HOMEBREW DOCKER REGISTRY TOKEN

Use this bearer token for authenticating with a Docker registry proxying GitHub Packages. Preferred over HOMEBREW_DOCKER_REGISTRY_TOKEN_BASIC.

HOMEBREW_GITHUB_PACKAGES_USER

Use this username when accessing the GitHub Packages Registry (where bottles may be stored).

HOMEBREW_GIT_EMAIL

Set the Git author and committer email to this value.

HOMEBREW GIT NAME

Set the Git author and committer name to this value.

HOMEBREW_INSTALL_BADGE

Print this text before the installation summary of each successful build.

Default: The "Beer Mug" emoji.

HOMEBREW_INSTALL_FROM_API

If set, install formulae and casks in homebrew/core and homebrew/cask taps using Homebrew's API instead of needing (large, slow) local checkouts of these repositories.

Note: Setting HOMEBREW_INSTALL_FROM_API is not compatible with Homebrew's developer mode so will error (as Homebrew development needs a full clone).

HOMEBREW_LIVECHECK_WATCHLIST

Consult this file for the list of formulae to check by default when no formula argument is passed to **brew livecheck**.

Default: \$HOME/.brew_livecheck_watchlist.

HOMEBREW LOGS

Use this directory to store log files.

Default: macOS: \$HOME/Library/Logs/Homebrew, Linux: \$XDG_CACHE_HOME/Homebrew/Logs or \$HOME/.cache/Homebrew/Logs.

HOMEBREW_MAKE_JOBS

Use this value as the number of parallel jobs to run when building with **make**(1).

Default: The number of available CPU cores.

HOMEBREW_NO_ANALYTICS

If set, do not send analytics. For more information, see: https://docs.brew.sh/Analytics

HOMEBREW NO AUTO UPDATE

If set, do not automatically update before running some commands, e.g. **brew install, brew upgrade** and **brew tap**. Alternatively, run this less often by setting HOME-BREW_AUTO_UPDATE_SECS to a value higher than the default.

HOMEBREW NO BOOTSNAP

If set, do not use Bootsnap to speed up repeated brew calls.

HOMEBREW_NO_INSTALLED_DEPENDENTS_CHECK

If set, do not check for broken linkage of dependents or outdated dependents after installing, upgrading or reinstalling formulae. This will result in fewer dependents (and their dependencies) being upgraded or reinstalled but may result in more breakage from running **brew install**

<formula> or brew upgrade <formula>.

HOMEBREW NO CLEANUP FORMULAE

A comma-separated list of formulae. Homebrew will refuse to clean up a formula if it appears on this list.

HOMEBREW NO COLOR

If set, do not print text with colour added.

Default: \$NO_COLOR.

HOMEBREW_NO_COMPAT

If set, disable all use of legacy compatibility code.

HOMEBREW NO EMOJI

If set, do not print **HOMEBREW INSTALL BADGE** on a successful build.

Note: Will only try to print emoji on OS X Lion or newer.

HOMEBREW NO ENV HINTS

If set, do not print any hints about changing Homebrew's behaviour with environment variables.

HOMEBREW NO GITHUB API

If set, do not use the GitHub API, e.g. for searches or fetching relevant issues after a failed install.

HOMEBREW_NO_INSECURE_REDIRECT

If set, forbid redirects from secure HTTPS to insecure HTTP.

Note: While ensuring your downloads are fully secure, this is likely to cause from–source Source-Forge, some GNU & GNOME–hosted formulae to fail to download.

HOMEBREW_NO_INSTALL_CLEANUP

If set, **brew install**, **brew upgrade** and **brew reinstall** will never automatically cleanup installed/upgraded/reinstalled formulae or all formulae every **HOMEBREW_CLEANUP_PERI-ODIC_FULL_DAYS** days. Alternatively, HOMEBREW_NO_CLEANUP_FORMULAE allows specifying specific formulae to not clean up.

HOMEBREW_NO_INSTALL_UPGRADE

If set, **brew install <formula>** will not upgrade **<formula>** if it is installed but outdated.

HOMEBREW_PRY

If set, use Pry for the **brew irb** command.

HOMEBREW_SIMULATE_MACOS_ON_LINUX

If set, running Homebrew on Linux will simulate certain macOS code paths. This is useful when auditing macOS formulae while on Linux.

HOMEBREW SSH CONFIG PATH

If set, Homebrew will use the given config file instead of ~/.ssh/config when fetching git repos over ssh.

Default: \$HOME/.ssh/config

HOMEBREW_SKIP_OR_LATER_BOTTLES

If set along with **HOMEBREW_DEVELOPER**, do not use bottles from older versions of macOS. This is useful in development on new macOS versions.

HOMEBREW SORBET RUNTIME

If set, enable runtime typechecking using Sorbet.

HOMEBREW_SVN

Use this as the svn(1) binary.

Default: A Homebrew–built Subversion (if installed), or the system–provided binary.

HOMEBREW TEMP

Use this path as the temporary directory for building packages. Changing this may be needed if your system temporary directory and Homebrew prefix are on different volumes, as macOS has trouble moving symlinks across volumes when the target does not yet exist. This issue typically occurs when using FileVault or custom SSD configurations.

Default: macOS: /private/tmp, Linux: /tmp.

HOMEBREW_UPDATE_REPORT_ONLY_INSTALLED

If set, brew update only lists updates to installed software.

HOMEBREW_UPDATE_TO_TAG

If set, always use the latest stable tag (even if developer commands have been run).

HOMEBREW_VERBOSE

If set, always assume **--verbose** when running commands.

HOMEBREW DEBUG

If set, always assume **--debug** when running commands.

HOMEBREW_VERBOSE_USING_DOTS

If set, verbose output will print a . no more than once a minute. This can be useful to avoid long-running Homebrew commands being killed due to no output.

all_proxy

Use this SOCKS5 proxy for **curl**(1), **git**(1) and **svn**(1) when downloading through Homebrew.

ftp_proxy

Use this FTP proxy for curl(1), git(1) and svn(1) when downloading through Homebrew.

http_proxy

Use this HTTP proxy for curl(1), git(1) and svn(1) when downloading through Homebrew.

https_proxy

Use this HTTPS proxy for **curl**(1), **git**(1) and **svn**(1) when downloading through Homebrew.

no_proxy

A comma–separated list of hostnames and domain names excluded from proxying by $\mathbf{curl}(1)$, $\mathbf{git}(1)$ and $\mathbf{svn}(1)$ when downloading through Homebrew.

SUDO ASKPASS

If set, pass the -A option when calling **sudo**(8).

USING HOMEBREW BEHIND A PROXY

Set the http_proxy, https_proxy, all_proxy, ftp_proxy and/or no_proxy environment variables documented above.

For example, to use an unauthenticated HTTP or SOCKS5 proxy:

```
export http_proxy=http://$HOST:$PORT
export all_proxy=socks5://$HOST:$PORT
```

And for an authenticated HTTP proxy:

export http_proxy=http://\$USER:\$PASSWORD@\$HOST:\$PORT

SEE ALSO

Homebrew Documentation: https://docs.brew.sh

Homebrew API: https://rubydoc.brew.sh

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Homebrew/homebrew-cask

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