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GNU Info System

The next source of Linux documentation is the GNU Info System.

This is the GNU project's standard documentation format (*info*) which it prefers as an alternative to *man*. The info system is more free-form and supports linked sub-sections.

Functionally, the GNU Info System resembles *man* in many ways. However, topics are connected using links (even though its design predates the World Wide Web). Information can be viewed through either a command line interface, a graphical help utility, printed or viewed online.

Command Line Info Browser

Typing *info* with no arguments in a terminal window displays an index of available topics. You can browse through the topic list using the regular movement keys: **arrows**, **Page Up**, and **Page Down** . You can view help for a particular topic by typing *info <topic name>*. The system then searches for the topic in all available info files. Some useful keys are: **q** to quit, **h** for help, and **Enter** to select a menu item.

info Page Structure

The topic which you view in the info page is called a node.

Nodes are similar to sections and subsections in written documentation. You can move between nodes or view each node sequentially. Each node may contain **menus** and linked subtopics, or **items**.

Items can be compared to Internet hyperlinks. They are identified by an asterisk (***) at the beginning of the item name. Named items (outside a menu) are identified with double-colons (::**) at the end of the item name. Items can refer to other nodes within the file or to other files.

The table lists the basic keystrokes for moving between nodes.

Key	Function
n	Go to the next node
p	Go to the previous node
u	Move one node up in the index

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