

# dotcms CLI Cheat Sheet

## Installation

```
npm install -g @dotcms/dotcli
```

See [dotcms.com/docs/latest/cli](https://dotcms.com/docs/latest/cli) for manual JAR download instructions.

## Instance Configuration

Run the following to set the initial configuration required by all commands.

```
dotcli config
```

This will open a wizard for you to configure your instance.

```
Enter the key/name that will serve to identify
the dotCMS instance (must be unique) [local].
The name is [local]
Enter the dotCMS base URL (must be a valid URL
starting protocol http or https) [http://local-
host:8080]
The URL is [http://localhost:8080]
Are these values OK? (Enter to confirm or N to
cancel) (Y/n)
```

## Learn More

Visit the following pages on [dotcms.com](https://dotcms.com) and GitHub to learn more:

**dotCMS docs** [dotcms.com/docs/latest/cli](https://dotcms.com/docs/latest/cli)

**GitHub docs** [github.com/dotcms/core/tree/master/tools/dotcms-cli](https://github.com/dotcms/core/tree/master/tools/dotcms-cli)

## Workspaces

The dotCMS CLI uses a set of directories and files that make up a workspace. The workspace can be thought of as counterpart to a given instance, managed via the CLI. Workspaces can be created locally, or remotely via GitHub repo and consist of the following directories and files:

<b>/content-types/</b>	Directory, stores Content Types.
<b>/files/</b>	Directory, stores file assets.
<b>/languages/</b>	Directory, stores Languages.
<b>/sites/</b>	Directory, stores sites.
<b>.dot-workspace.yml</b>	File, CLI workspace marker; indicates the root directory as a valid workspace.

## Global Options

These options are available at all times within the CLI, regardless of command or subcommand.

**-h, --help** Provides a detailed explanation of a given command or subcommand.

```
dotcli login --help
dotcli site find -h
```

**-V, --version** With a Version flag in place, the CLI will simply print its current version information and exit.

```
dotcli -V
```

**-e, --errors** When a command invokes the Error option, it will return a stack trace detailing any error it encounters during execution.

```
dotcli status -e
```

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## Main Commands

The dotCMS CLI currently has ten commands that can serve as its first argument (see other side for config):

**status** Prints current active dotCMS instance, current signed-in user, and API URL.

```
dotcli status
```

**instance** Prints a list of available dotCMS instances, as defined during instance configuration.

```
dotcli instance -act demo
```

**login** Signs in to a dotCMS instance.

```
dotcli login -u admin@dotcms.com -p  
dotcli login -tk <dotcms-token>
```

**push** The push command is global, fully synchronizing a target instance with a given workspace—all Sites, Content Types, Languages, and Files.

As an optional argument, push takes a path to a local workspace, directory, or file; if no path argument is specified, it will default to the current working directory.

```
dotcli push ~/test-workspace --dry-run --retry-attempts 3
```

**pull** The pull command is global, fully synchronizing a specified workspace with the active instance—all Sites, Content Types, Languages, and Files. Each item is saved in a descriptor file, either JSON or YAML.

```
dotcli pull --workspace ~/test-workspace
```

**ct** Performs actions on Content Types on the active instance and/or specified workspace. Alias: content-type.

Sub-commands: find, pull, push, remove (rm)

```
dotcli content-type find -n Blog  
dotcli ct pull --format YAML  
dotcli ct rm BlogAuthor
```

**site** Performs actions on Sites on the active instance and/or specified workspace. Alias: host.

Sub-commands: find, pull, push, create, remove (rm), copy (cp), start, stop, archive, unarchive

```
dotcli site find -n Home  
dotcli host cp -in Site1 -cn Site1Copy --all
```

**lang** Performs actions on Languages on the active instance and/or specified workspace. Alias: language.

Sub-commands: find, pull, push, remove (rm)

```
dotcli language remove tlh-us  
dotcli lang pull -h
```

**files** Performs actions on file assets in the active instance and/or specified workspace.

Sub-commands: tree, ls, pull, push

```
dotcli files pull --excludeAsset Rumpel*kin -p  
dotcli files tree //demo.dotcms.com/application
```