

bat – syntax highlighter

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greys@xps:~/proj/python $ bat hello.py
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	File: hello.py
1	<code>#!/usr/bin/python3</code>
2	
3	<code>print("Hello, world!");</code>

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I'm back online! Have been doing a bit of reading but was too busy to publish anything, so this week should be fun with lots of content.

bat command

bat is a simple tool that lets you show contents of plain text files with syntax highlighting. Using different colours and even colour themes, bat lets you read files much easier because you learn very quickly what to focus on based on the highlight colour.

Here's how it differs from the standard [cat command](#):

```
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Installing bat in Ubuntu

I simply did this:

```
greys@xps: ~ $ sudo apt install bat
```

Basic syntax for [bat command](#) is the same as it is for [cat command](#).

That's it for today! Have fun!

See Also

- [Basic Unix commands](#)
- [cat command](#)
- [Unix commands](#)
- [ls with colours](#)