

apropos (find a command)

If you forgot the name of a command, but you roughly remember its short description, try searching for it using `apropos`. I was once looking for a command that reverses the lines of a text file. I entered:

```
apropos reverse
```

Try entering this on your system. It will give you a list of commands that have the keyword "reverse" in their name or short description. The command that I was looking for was `tac`. You can use the command `whatisto` to display a command's short description, for example:

```
whatis tac
```

This will output the following:

```
tac (1) - concatenate and print files in reverse
```

It's a useful way of getting some quick info on a command without invoking →[*man*](#).