

Full credit is given to the above companies including the OS that this PDF file was generated!

# Rocky Enterprise Linux 9.2 Manual Pages on command 'sg\_turs.8'

# \$ man sg\_turs.8

SG\_TURS(8)

SG3\_UTILS

SG\_TURS(8)

# NAME

sg turs - send one or more SCSI TEST UNIT READY commands

# **SYNOPSIS**

sg\_turs [--delay=MS] [--help] [--low] [--num=NUM] [--number=NUM] [--progress] [--time] [--verbose] [--version] DEVICE

sg\_turs [-d=MS] [-n=NUM] [-p] [-t] [-v] [-V] DEVICE

# **DESCRIPTION**

This utility sends one or more SCSI TEST UNIT READY commands to the DE? VICE. This may be useful for timing the per command overhead. Note that TEST UNIT READY has no associated data, just a 6 byte command

(with each byte a zero) and a returned SCSI status value.

This utility supports two command line syntaxes, the preferred one is shown first in the synopsis and explained in this section. A later sec?

tion on the old command line syntax outlines the second group of op?

tions.

# **OPTIONS**

# -d, --delay=MS

this option causes a delay of MS milliseconds to occur before each TEST UNIT READY command is issued.

# -h, --help

print out the usage message then exit.

#### -l, --low

when [--progress] is not being used, this utility tries to com?

plete the SCSI TEST UNIT READY command(s) as quickly as possi?

ble. Usually it calls a library function to do each TUR

(sg\_II\_test\_unit\_ready). With this option it uses the lower

level sg\_pt interface (see sg\_pt.h) to save a little time on

each TUR.

#### -n, --num=NUM

performs TEST UNIT READY NUM times. If not given defaults to 1. These suffix multipliers are permitted: c C \*1; w W \*2; b B \*512; k K KiB \*1,024; KB \*1,000; m M MiB \*1,048,576; MB \*1,000,000; g G GiB \*1,073,741,824; and GB \*1,000,000,000 . Also a suffix of the form "x<n>" multiplies the leading number by <n>. Alternatively a hex number may be given, prefixed by either '0x' or has a trailing 'h'.

#### --number=NUM

same as --num=NUM. Added for compatibility with sg\_requests and other utilities in this package. The sg\_request utility has taken over the role of polling the progress indication which was originally assigned to the TEST UNIT READY command. This is a change by T10.

#### -O. --old

Switch to older style options. Please use as first option.

## -p, --progress

show progress indication (a percentage) if available. If
--num=NUM is given, NUM is greater than 1 and an initial
progress indication was detected then this utility waits 30 sec?
onds before subsequent checks. If the --delay=MS option is

given then it will wait for that number of milliseconds instead of 30 seconds. Exits when NUM is reached or there are no more progress indications. Ignores --time option. See NOTES section below.

#### -t. --time

after completing the requested number of TEST UNIT READY com? mands, outputs the total duration and the average number of com? mands executed per second.

## -v, --verbose

increase level or verbosity.

#### -V, --version

print version string then exit.

#### **NOTES**

The progress indication is optionally part of the sense data. When a prior command that takes a long time to complete (and typically pre? cludes other media access commands) is still underway, the progress in? dication can be used to determine how long before the device returns to its normal state. Around SPC-3 T10 changed the preferred command for polling the progress indication from TEST UNIT READY to REQUEST SENSE (see the sg\_requests utility).

The SCSI FORMAT command for disks used with the IMMED bit set is an ex? ample of an operation that takes a significant amount of time and pre? cludes other media access during that time. The IMMED bit set instructs the FORMAT command to return control to the application client once the format has commenced (see SBC-3). Several long duration SCSI commands associated with tape drives also use the progress indication (see SSC-3).

The DEVICE is opened with a read-only flag (e.g. in Unix with the O\_RDONLY flag).

Early standards suggested that the SCSI TEST UNIT READY command be used for polling the progress indication. More recent standards seem to sug? gest the SCSI REQUEST SENSE command should be used instead.

EXIT STATUS Page 3/5

The exit status of sg\_turs is 0 when it is successful (e.g. in the case of a mechanical disk, it is spun up and ready to accept commands). For this utility the other exit status of interest is 2 corresponding to the "not ready" sense key. For other exit status values see the sg3\_utils(8) man page.

## **OLDER COMMAND LINE OPTIONS**

The options in this section were the only ones available prior to sg3\_utils version 1.23. Since then this utility defaults to the newer command line options which can be overridden by using --old (or -O) as the first option. See the ENVIRONMENT VARIABLES section for another way to force the use of these older command line options.

# -d, --delay=MS

this option causes a delay of MS milliseconds to occur before each TEST UNIT READY command is issued.

-n=NUM performs TEST UNIT READY NUM times. If not given defaults to 1.

Equivalent to --num=NUM in the main description.

## -N, --new

Switch to the newer style options.

- show progress indication (a percentage) if available. Equiva?
   lent to --progress in the main description.
- -t after completing the requested number of TEST UNIT READY com? mands, outputs the total duration and the average number of com? mands executed per second. Equivalent to --time in the main de? scription.
- -v increase level of verbosity.
- -V print out version string then exit.

#### **ENVIRONMENT VARIABLES**

Since sg3\_utils version 1.23 the environment variable SG3\_UTILS\_OLD\_OPTS can be given. When it is present this utility will expect the older command line options. So the presence of this environ? ment variable is equivalent to using --old (or -O) as the first command line option.

AUTHORS Page 4/5

Written by D. Gilbert

**COPYRIGHT** 

Copyright ? 2000-2020 Douglas Gilbert

This software is distributed under the GPL version 2. There is NO war?

ranty; not even for MERCHANTABILITY or FITNESS FOR A PARTICULAR PUR?

POSE.

SEE ALSO

sg\_inq, sg\_requests (sg3\_utils)

sg3\_utils-1.46

July 2020

SG\_TURS(8)