NAME
    sg_turs − send one or more SCSI TEST UNIT READY commands

SYNOPSIS
    sg_turs [−−*help*] [−−*low*] [−−*number=NUM*] [−−*num=NUM*] [−−*progress*] [−−*time*] [−−*verbose*]
    [−−*version*] *DEVICE*

    sg_turs [−*n=NUM*] [−*p*] [−*t*] [−*v*] [−*V*] *DEVICE*

DESCRIPTION
    This utility sends one or more SCSI TEST UNIT READY commands to the *DEVICE*. 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 ex-
    plained in this section. A later section on the old command line syntax outlines the second group of options.

OPTIONS
    Arguments to long options are mandatory for short options as well.

    −h, **−−help**
            print out the usage message then exit.

    −l, **−−low**
            when [−−*progress*] is not being used, this utility tries to complete the SCSI TEST UNIT READY
            command(s) as quickly as possible. Usually it calls a library function to do each TUR
            (sg_ll_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, **−−number**=*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 ei-
            ther '0x' or has a trailing 'h'.

    −−num=*NUM*
            same as −−*number*=*NUM*. Added for compatibility with sg_requests which has taken over the
            role of polling the progress indication.

    −O, **−−old**
            Switch to older style options. Please use as first option.

    −p, **−−progress**
            show progress indication (a percentage) if available. If −−*number*=*NUM* is given, *NUM* is greater
            than 1 and an initial progress indication was detected then this utility waits 30 seconds before sub-
            sequent checks. 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 commands, outputs the total dura-
            tion and the average number of commands 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 precludes other media access commands) is still underway, the progress indication
    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 RE-QUEST SENSE (see the sg_requests utilty).

The SCSI FORMAT command for disks used with the IMMED bit set is an example of an operation that takes a significant amount of time and precludes 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 suggest the SCSI REQUEST SENSE command should be used instead.

EXIT STATUS

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.

−n=*NUM*

performs TEST UNIT READY *NUM* times. If not given defaults to 1. Equivalent to −−*number*=*NUM* in the main description.

-N, **−−new**

Switch to the newer style options.

−p   show progress indication (a percentage) if available. Equivalent to −−*progress* in the main description.

−t   after completing the requested number of TEST UNIT READY commands, outputs the total duration and the average number of commands executed per second. Equivalent to −−*time* in the main description.

−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 environment variable is equivalent to using −−*old* (or −*O*) as the first command line option.

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SEE ALSO

sg_inq, sg_requests (sg3_utils)