



PicoSpan Command Summary

OK Prompt Commands

The most commonly used commands are shown in **bold type**.

set menus	Launch PicoSpan Menu System.	s recent 5	Display 5 topics with the most recent posts.
set nomenus	Turn off PicoSpan Menu System.	b ret	Browse list of retired topics.
conf	List conferences.	in 6	Go to Respond prompt for topic 6.
consus	Show traffic to open-access conferences.	in 212 sin -3	Read 3 days of topic 212.
cinfo	Find/browse/display conference descriptions.	in 35 r	Respond in topic 35
ch list	Change (edit) your conference list.	in 3 -2	See the last two posts in topic 3.
ch name	Change your pseudonym for this conference. [c na, c pseud, c user]	in 3 pre 0	Mark the entire topic 3 as new from 0 post on.
ch password	Change your password [c passwd]	start	Start a new topic.
go	Show name of this conference. [g]	name <i>string</i>	Show name(s) and username(s) that include <i>string</i> .
<i>go welcome</i>	Go to the conference <i>welcome</i> . [g welcome]	parti	List visitors to conference.
next	Go to next conference on your conference list. [n]	parti <i>username</i>	Show when <i>username</i> last visited the conference.
topic " <i>meme</i> "	Search all conferences for topics with <i>meme</i> in title.	seen (fixseen)	Mark all topics in this conference as read
ctop dog	List topics in this conference with <i>dog</i> in the title.	forget 12	Skip topic 12 in the future.
browse	Show a list of topics in this conference. [b]	forget all	Forget all topics in this conference.
browse n	Show a list of topics with new responses. [b n]	remember 12	No longer skip topic 12.
browse r	Show a list of topics in reverse order.[b r]	remember all	Show all topics in the future.
b " <i>bridge</i> "	Show topic titles that contain <i>bridge</i> .	d hosts	Show the usernames of the host(s) of this conference.
b noforget	Show forgotten and hidden posts. [nof] (e.g.b nof)	hosted <i>politics</i>	Show the hosts of <i>politics</i> .
find " <i>string</i> "	Show topic and response numbers where <i>string</i> occurs.	pine	Open Pine Mail; fetches mail from the mail server.
see	See new posts in this conference. [s, s n]	linked	List linked topics in this conference.
s 356	See topic 356 from the beginning.	linked 315	Show where topic 315 is linked.
s n 23	Show posts that you have not yet seen in topic 23.	tips	Show a list of recently recommended topics.
s 183 nor	Go to Respond prompt for topic 183.	hits	Show list of popular open-access conferences.
s since -3	Show new responses from the last 3 days.	quit	Log out. [exit, bye]
s 5 since 4/25/93	See posts in topic 5 since 4/25/93. (US date format)		

extract	Open the Extract Search Menu.
man extract	Show the manual for command-line extract.
extract news 565	Show entire topic 565 in News Conference.
extract words 887 162	Show post 162 in topic 887 in Words Conference.
extract -u myrtle -s 7/4 news, words	Show all responses by user myrtle in News and Words since July 4 th .
extract -w -f singletrack bike	Show all posts in Bike that mention the word singletrack.
extract -f iraq news	Show all lines from News which mention Iraq.
extract -U news 777	Show usernames of those who have posted in News topic 777.
extract -t -f tree -s 30 outdoors	Show titles of topics in Outdoors that mentioned tree in a response in the last 30 days.

Respond Prompt Commands

?	Show quick command list.	forget	Skip this topic in future sessions.
respond	Add a response to this topic. [r]	pre	Leave this topic new and go on to next new topic.
:x	While typing a response, go to a full-screen editor.	pre 3	Leave topic new starting at response 3 and go on. [po 3]
pass	Go to next new topic or to OK Prompt. (Return)	new	Leave topic new and return to OK Prompt.
pseudonym	Create a pseudonym for a single new response. [ps]	stop	Go to OK Prompt, marking this topic as seen.
last	Show the last response in this topic. [l]	hide 3	Remove your response #3 from regular view.
12	Show responses, beginning with #12.	scribble 3	Delete your response #3 completely.
o 22	Show only response #22. (will show hidden posts)	since 8/15/94	See responses in this topic since 8/15/1994.[sin]
-39	Show responses beginning 39 responses back.	since -4	See responses in this topic since 4 days ago. [sin]
0	Show responses beginning with #0, topic introduction.	find " <i>string</i> "	Find uses of the word <i>string</i> in this topic.
again	Show previous text again.	ps	Change your name (pseudonym) for the current response only. (Type ps instead of r at the respond prompt.)

Commands at the—More—prompt

q	Quit and go to the end of the topic.	/ <i>string</i>	Find text that matches <i>string</i> .
space bar	Show next screenful.	/ #	Skip to the next instance of # as in a response number.

People and Names

bio <i>username</i>	Show bio for <i>username</i> .	ch filter	Create or change your filter file.
ps	Change your name (pseud) for the current response only. (Type ps instead of r at the respond prompt.)	d filter	Display the contents of your filter file.
c name	Change your pseud in the current conference.	o [465]	Show post 465 even if it's hidden or filtered.
leave	Leave all conferences. Use before !cname.	set nousefilter	Disable your filter.
!cname <i>frog</i>	Change your pseud to <i>frog</i> in all conferences.	set usefilter	Re-enable filter.
gloss <i>imho</i>	Show meaning on The WELL of <i>imho</i> .	hosted <i>tv</i>	Display name(s) of the hosts of <i>tv</i> .

Sends

u	List usernames logged into well.com.	huh 5	Show the last 5 sends you sent or received
send username	Send instant message to <i>username</i> .	huh -ERASE	Remove stored sent and received sends.
reply	Reply to the last send you received.	ctrl-L	Clear your screen of sends.
ctrl-C	Cancel current command.	mesg n	Disallow receipt of sends. (Sends redirected to email.)
huh	Show the last send you received.	mesg y	Allow receipt of sends.

Commands to display information about the way your PicoSpan session works

d bulletin	Display bulletin for this conference.	d macros	Display all "define" settings.
d conference	Display information on this conference.	d mailtext	Display mailtext/nomailtext status.
d date	Display the current date and time. [d time]	d meto	Display meto/nometo status.
d default	Display default/nodefaut status.	d name	Display my name (pseudonym) in this conference. [user]
d definitions	Display all "define" settings.	d new	Display a list (by number) of new topics.
d dot	Display all dot/nodot settings.	d noforget	Display your forget/noforget status.
d fds	Display file descriptors. (debugging)	d numbered	Display your numbered/nonumbered status.
d filters	Display contents of .cfilters file.	d participants	Display the conference participants list. [parti]
d forgotten	Display a list (by number) of forgotten topics.	d retired	Display a list (by number) of retired topics.
d frozen	Display a list (by number) of frozen topics.	d seen	Display "seen" status for all topics.
d host	Display host(s) of this conference. [d fw]	d size	Display PicoSpan size parameters. (for debugging)
d ignoreeof	Display current ignoreeof/noignoreeof status.	d stay	Display current stay/nostay status.
d index	Display conference index message.	d superuser	Display if you are a superuser (host) in this conference.
d list	Display your .cflist file.	d ulist	Display content of this private conference user list.
d login	Display conference login message.	d version	Display PicoSpan version.
d logmessages	Display conference login and logout banners.	d welcome	Display the conference welcome message.
d logout	Display conference logout banner.	d whoison	Display list of who is logged in.

Commands to change the way your PicoSpan session works (ch, c, or set)

ch autojoin	When going to a new conference, join automatically.	ch sane	Remove per-conference command definitions.
ch noautojoin	When going to new conference prompt as to whether to join or observe.	ch supersane	Remove per-conference and system-wide command definitions.
ch autolist	Automatically update .cflist when joining or resigning from conference	ch nosource	Don't source rc files. (.cfonce, .cfrc, and the per-conference rc files)
ch noautolist	Don't automatically update .cflist when joining or resigning from conference.	ch source	Do source rc files.
ch autoseen	Perform "fixseen" when joining a new conference.	ch autosaveseen	Update conference participation file after each topic.
ch noautoseen	Don't "fixseen" when joining a new conference.	ch noautosaveseen	Update conference participation file when leaving conference.
ch stay	Stay at respond prompt after making a response.	ch uid	Show user id numbers with responses.
ch meto	Show your own responses as "new" after someone else responds.	ch nouid	Don't show user id numbers with responses.
ch nometo	Don't show your own responses as "new" after someone else responds.	ch oldmethod	Allow scribbled responses to make an item "new".
ch newresponses	Reload the participation file for this conference as if you hadn't seen this conference yet. [ch reload]	ch short	Use short item header (if defined).
ch numbered	Show line numbers in posts.	ch long	Use normal item header.
ch unnumbered	Don't show line numbers in posts.	ch ignoreeof	Prevent ctrl-D at OK Prompt from exiting PicoSpan.
resign	Resign from this conference.	ch noignoreeof	Allow ctrl-D at OK Prompt from exiting PicoSpan

Host's commands (You must be in your conference.)

ch <i>bannername</i>	Edit one of the text banners: welcome, login, bulletin, index, wlogin, logout.	hide 311	Remove post 311 from regular view.* (from respond prompt)
ch rc	Edit the rc file.	ch rlist	Change list of users restricted from posting here.
ch superuser	Temporarily cancel host status in your conference.	linkfrom pets 22	Link pets 22 into your conference. [link pets 22]
ch summary	Rebuild the summary file. [c sum]	retire 29	Remove topic 29 from view but do not kill.
ch ulist, ch allowed	Change membership list for a private conference.	unretire 29	Show topic 29 again.
freeze 44	Allow no more posts to topic 44.	kill 142	Remove topic 142.
thaw 44	Allow posts again in topic 44.	scribble 12	Delete post 12 in this topic.*(from respond prompt)

*All users may hide or scribble their own posts anywhere, but hosts may hide or scribble the posts of others.

More PicoSpan commands can be found in the **PicoSpan Users' Manual** <http://www.well.com/membersguide/> and in an older help system that can be reached by typing **help** at an OK Prompt, selecting **2 - I want to use the help menus**, and **21 Advanced PicoSpan**. More host tools can be found in the **Conference Host Manual** <http://www.well.com/confteam/hostmanual/>.

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