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# **polybar Documentation**

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**Note:** This is still very much a work-in-progress. Most information is still to be found on our [GitHub Wiki](#). We will migrate the wiki content step-by-step.

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Welcome to the official polybar documentation.



## 1.1 SYNOPSIS

**polybar** [*OPTIONS*]... *BAR*

## 1.2 DESCRIPTION

Polybar aims to help users build beautiful and highly customizable status bars for their desktop environment, without the need of having a black belt in shell scripting.

## 1.3 OPTIONS

**-h, --help**  
Display help text and exit

**-v, --version**  
Display build details and exit

**-l, --log=LEVEL**

Set the logging verbosity (default: **WARNING**)  
*LEVEL* is one of: error, warning, info, trace

**-q, --quiet**  
Be quiet (will override -l)

**-c, --config=FILE**  
Specify the path to the configuration file. By default, the configuration file is loaded from:

`$XDG_CONFIG_HOME/polybar/config`  
`$HOME/.config/polybar/config`

- r, --reload**  
Reload the application when the config file has been modified
- d, --dump=PARAM**  
Print the value of the specified parameter *PARAM* in bar section and exit
- m, --list-monitors**  
Print list of available monitors and exit
- w, --print-wmname**  
Print the generated *WM\_NAME* and exit
- s, --stdout**  
Output the data to stdout instead of drawing it to the X window
- p, --png=FILE**  
Save png snapshot to *FILE* after running for 3 seconds

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## 1.5 REPORTING BUGS

Report issues on GitHub <<https://github.com/polybar/polybar>>

## 1.6 SEE ALSO

Full documentation at: <<https://github.com/polybar/polybar>>  
Project wiki: <<https://github.com/polybar/polybar/wiki>>



## CHAPTER 2

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### Getting Help

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- [Polybar Wiki](#)
- [/r/polybar on reddit](#)
- [#polybar on chat.freenode.net](#)
- [Unix & Linux StackExchange](#)



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