

28 Commands everyone should know

Putting aside the statistical commands that might particularly interest you, here is a list of commands that everyone should know:

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