



ASCIINEMA

Record, Share, and Replay Your
Terminal

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Record and share your terminal sessions, the simple way.

Forget screen recording apps and blurry video. Experience a lightweight, text-based approach to terminal recording.

```
> # Welcome to asciinema!
> # See how easy it is to record a terminal session
> # First install the asciinema recorder
> brew install asciinema
==> Downloading https://homebrew.bintray.com/bottles/asciinema-2.0.2_2.catalina.bottle.1.tar.gz
==> Downloading from https://akamai.bintray.com/4a/4ac59de631594cea60621b45d85e39a90a0ba8ddf4eec5cba34bd6145711
#####
=> Pouring asciinema-2.0.2_2.catalina.bottle.1.tar.gz
🍺 /usr/local/Cellar/asciinema/2.0.2_2: 613 files, 6.4MB
> # Now start recording
> asciinema rec
asciinema: recording asciicast to /tmp/u52erylk-ascii.cast
asciinema: press <ctrl-d> or type "exit" when you're done
bash-3.2$ █
```



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Install



<https://asciinema.org/docs/installation>

- Arch
- Fedora
- Gentoo
- Nix/NixOS
- OpenSUSE
- Ubuntu
- pip3

Installing via Pip

asciinema is available on [PyPI](#) and can be installed with pip (Python 3 required):

```
sudo pip3 install asciinema
```

This is the universal installation method for all operating systems, which always provides the latest version.

Installing on Linux

Arch Linux

```
pacman -S asciinema
```

Debian

```
sudo apt-get install asciinema
```

Fedor

For Fedora < 22:

```
sudo yum install asciinema
```

For Fedora >= 22:

```
sudo dnf install asciinema
```

Gentoo Linux

```
emerge -av asciinema
```

NixOS / Nix

```
nix-env -i asciinema
```

openSUSE

```
zypper in asciinema
```

Ubuntu

```
sudo apt-add-repository ppa:zanchey/asciinema  
sudo apt-get update  
sudo apt-get install asciinema
```

Config File

<https://asciinema.org/docs/config>

- `$HOME/.config/asciinema/config`

```
[api]  
  
; API server URL, default: https://asciinema.org  
; If you run your own instance of asciinema-server then set its address here  
; It can also be overridden by setting ASCIINEMA_API_URL environment variable  
url = https://asciinema.example.com  
  
[record]  
  
; Command to record, default: $SHELL  
command = /bin/bash -l  
  
; Enable stdin (keyboard) recording, default: no  
stdin = yes  
  
; List of environment variables to capture, default: SHELL,TERM  
env = SHELL,TERM,USER  
  
; Limit recorded terminal inactivity to max n seconds, default: off  
idle_time_limit = 2  
  
; Answer "yes" to all interactive prompts, default: no  
yes = true  
  
; Be quiet, suppress all notices/warnings, default: no  
quiet = true  
  
[play]  
  
; Playback speed (can be fractional), default: 1  
speed = 2  
  
; Limit replayed terminal inactivity to max n seconds, default: off  
idle_time_limit = 1
```

Demo



- sudo apt-add-repository ppa:zanchey/asciinema
- sudo apt-get update
- sudo apt-get install asciinema

- asciinema -h ; asciinema rec -h
- asciinema rec -i 2 ~/first.cast
- echo "This is my first cast! I will type fast and slow"
- exit
- asciinema play ~/first.cast
- asciinema cat ~/first.cast

podman.exe run -it alpine /bin/sh

```
jq '[.prizes[] | select (.year == "2023") | select (.category == "chemistry") | {prize: .category,  
firstname: .laureates[].firstname, surname: .laureates[].surname }]' NobelPrizes.json
```

<https://linuxdowntime.com/linux-downtime-episode-83/>