
tomahawk Documentation

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What is tomahawk?

tomahawk enables following 3 things.

- Executes a command into many remote hosts
- Copy local files to many remote hosts
- Copy files from remote hosts to local

1.1 Executes a command into many remote hosts

tomahawk is a program that enables to execute a command into many hosts.

```
$ tomahawk -h host1,host2,host3 uptime
```

—> ‘uptime’ command will be executed in host1, host2, and host3 with following output.

```
oinume@host1 % uptime
22:41:27 up 10 days,  3:26,  1 users,  load average: 1.11, 1.13, 1.11

oinume@host2 % uptime
22:41:28 up 20 days,  4:26,  2 users,  load average: 2.11, 2.13, 2.11

oinume@host3 % uptime
22:41:29 up 30 days,  5:26,  3 users,  load average: 3.11, 3.13, 3.11
```

1.2 Copy files to many remote hosts or copy files from remote hosts to local

tomahawk-rsync is a program that enables to copy files <into/from> many hosts.

```
$ tomahawk-rsync -h host1,host2,host3 test.py /tmp/test.py
```

—> ‘test.py’ is copied to host1, host2 and host3.

```
$ tomahawk-rsync -f web.list /usr/local/apache2/conf/httpd.conf /tmp/httpd.conf
```

—> ‘httpd.conf’ is copied to hosts which listed in ‘web.list’.

```
$ tomahawk-rsync -h host1,host2 -m pull /usr/local/apache2/conf/httpd.conf /tmp/conf/
```

—> 'httpd.conf' is copied from host1 and host2 to local directory /tmp/conf as 'host1__httpd.conf' and 'host2__httpd.conf'.

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2.1.1 Requirements

- python \geq 2.4
- argparse (required only with python $<$ 2.7)
- multiprocessing (required only with python $<$ 2.6)
- pexpect
- pytest (required for testing)
- flexmock (required for testing)

2.1.2 Installation

tomahawk distributions is in the [pypi](#), so the easiest way is using pip or easy_install

```
$ sudo pip install tomahawk
```

or

```
$ sudo easy_install tomahawk
```

Or you can use traditional way

```
$ tar xvzf tomahawk-x.y.z.tar.gz
$ cd tomahawk-x.y.z
$ sudo python setup.py install
```

2.2 tomahawk manual page

2.2.1 SYNOPSIS

tomahawk [*options*] command

2.2.2 DESCRIPTION

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ssh

tomahawk executes a command via ‘ssh’. You can specify options for ssh with `-o/--ssh-options` and can configure ssh behavior with `$HOME/.ssh/config`.

hosts file

`-h` option enables you to specify hosts, another option ‘`-f`’, which is specifying hosts files. hosts file is listing host names like this

```
host1
host2
host3
#host4
```

Starting with “`#`” means commenting the host out.

shell operators

tomahawk executes commands via shell(/bin/sh), so you can use ‘`|`’ (pipe), ‘`&&`’, ‘`||`’ operators and so on.

```
$ tomahawk -h host1,host2 'ps auxww | grep python'
```

2.2.3 OPTIONS

These programs follow the usual GNU command line syntax, with long options starting with two dashes (‘`-`’). A summary of options is included below. For a complete description, see the Info files.

`-h, --hosts`

Specifies host names for sending commands. You can specify multiple hosts with ‘`,`’.

-f, --hosts-files

Specifies hosts files which listed host names for sending commands. You can specify multiple hosts files with ‘;’.

Format of hosts file is below.

```
web01
web02
#web03
web04
```

A line of starting with ‘#’ disables a host.

-l, --prompt-login-password

DUPLICATED. Use -P/--prompt-password. Will be deleted in v0.6.0

-P, --prompt-login-password

Prompts a password for ssh authentication at first. If the password is all the same between target hosts, you’ll input a password just once.

--login-password-stdin

Read a SSH password from stdin instead of prompting.

-s, --prompt-sudo-password

Prompts a password for sudo.

-c, --continue-on-error

Continues to send commands even if any errors. The default behavior is fail-safe, means that tomahawk will stop if any errors.

-p, --parallel

Specifies a number of processes for parallel command execution. (default: 1) If your machine has multiple cpu cores, --parallel 2 .. N might be faster.

-t, --timeout

Specifies timeout seconds for a command.

--expect-timeout

DUPLICATED. Use t (-timeout) instead. Will be deleted in v0.6.0.

-u, --ssh-user

Specifies ssh user. The default is a current logged in user.

-o, --ssh-options

Specifies ssh options.

-F, --output-format

Specifies command output format. The default is '`${user}@${host} % ${command}\n${output}\n`'

-V, --verify-output

Verify command output of all hosts. For additional information, see *Checking files on remote hosts*

-C, --conf

Specifies configuration file path. For additional information, see *Omit command line options by a configuration file*.

2.2.4 ENVIRONMENT VARIABLES

tomahawk's behavior is affected by the following environment variables.

TOMAHAWK_ENV

This variable specifies an environment of 'production', 'testing' or 'development'. If TOMAHAWK_ENV=production specified, *tomahawk* or *tomahawk-rsync* prompt as "command "%s" will be executed %s hosts. Are you sure? [yes/NO]: ". The environment variable exists for mis-execution of a command.

2.2.5 SEE ALSO

- *tomahawk-rsync (1)*
- *ssh (1)*

2.3 tomahawk-rsync manual page

2.3.1 SYNOPSIS

tomahawk-rsync [*options*] source destination

2.3.2 DESCRIPTION

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rsync

tomahawk-rsync copies files via ‘rsync’. You can specify options for rsync with `-o/--rsync-options`.

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-t, --timeout

Specifies timeout seconds for a command.

-F, --output-format

Specifies command output format. The default is `'${user}@${host} % ${command}n${output}n'`

-u, --rsync-user

Specifies rsync user. The default is a current logged in user.

-o, --rsync-options

Specifies rsync options. The default is `'-av'`

-m, --mirror-mode

Selection of `'push'` or `'pull'`. `'pull'` means copy files from remote to local. The default is `'push'`.

-C, --conf

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2.3.5 SEE ALSO

- *tomahawk* (1)
- *ssh* (1)
- *rsync* (1)

2.4 tomahawk Recipes

Describes how to use tomahawk.

2.4.1 Formatting output

`-F/--output-format` option can change tomahawk's output.

```
$ tomahawk -h <hosts> -F '[${host}] ${output}' -h <hosts> 'date'

[localhost] Sat Jun  2 02:21:39 JST 2012
[127.0.0.1] Sat Jun  2 02:21:40 JST 2012
```

You can specify following variables.

- `${user}`
- `${host}`
- `${command}`
- `${output}`

2.4.2 Checking files on remote hosts

Since v0.6.0, able to check files on remote hosts are all the same. Let's check `httpd.conf` is all the same with `md5sum` command.

```
$ tomahawk -h <hosts> -V 'md5sum /usr/local/apache2/conf/httpd.conf'
```

If output of some hosts are different, you'll get following errors.

```
...
[error] Detected different command output on following hosts.
...
```

2.4.3 Omit command line options by a configuration file.

Since v0.6.0, you can omit command line options by a configuration file. If `-c/--conf` option is specified, tomahawk and tomahawk-rsync read command line options from a configuration file. It is good to define commonly-used options in a configuration file.

Configuration file is just ini file like below.

```
[tomahawk]  
options = --parallel 1
```

```
[tomahawk-rsync]  
options = --parallel 1
```

That is equivalent to

```
$ tomahawk --parallel 1  
$ tomahawk-rsync --parallel 1
```

Indices and tables
