

Configuration files

Grml's zsh configuration is located in `/etc/zsh/zshrc`. Please note that some functions/aliases are not active by default for user root (referred to as '...' for user (grml)' below) for of security reasons. If you want your root user to use the full setup on your box, put `GRML_ALWAYS_LOAD_ALL=1` into root's `~/zshrc.pre`. Some aliases/functions are not activated if the appropriate executable isn't present on your system, either.

You can adjust the grml setup globally to your systems via a file named `/etc/zsh/zshrc.local`, which is not under the control of Debian package management.

Put important commands which you need on a regular basis into a file named `~/important_commands`.

You can put personal configuration for a user into a file named `~/zshrc.local`. Changes you need to have sourced **before** the grml zsh setup is loaded can be put into `~/zshrc.pre`.

More information regarding configuration files and some environment variables to adjust runtime behaviour of grml's zsh can be accessed by running `zsh-help`.

Using grml's zsh configuration on a non-grml system

You do not have to use grml/Debian to use grml's zsh configuration. Just retrieve and install the configuration files in your home directory. You can do this by running:

```
wget -O .zshrc http://git.grml.org/f/grml-etc-core/etc/zsh/zshrc
```

This is **different** from earlier versions of grml's zsh setup. You only use the `zshrc` file from `/etc/zsh/` **not** the `.zshrc` file from `/etc/skel/` these days. You can remove `~/zshrc.global` if it is still present in your home directory.

Problems?

Please report any problems you encounter while using the grml zsh configuration to the grml team. The configuration has been tested on several Linux distributions (Debian, Gentoo, SuSE, etc) and non-Linux systems as well (FreeBSD, Solaris, AIX, etc), but there might be issues, anyway. [Report them, please!](#)

Settings

If not already defined, these variables are set to the following values:

```
EDITOR    vim
HISTFILE  ${HOME}/.zsh_history
MAIL      /var/mail/$USER
PAGER     less
```

Keybindings

Default keybinding mode is Emacs, i.e. you can use Emacs keybinds like `^A` or `^E` on the command line. However, you can switch to vi mode.

```
setopt emacs  Switch to Emacs mode (default)
setopt vi     Switch to vi mode
```

The following documents some important keybindings which are not defined in zsh's default configuration. Hint: press `<tab>` twice when completing a command you installed which is not yet known to zsh or run 'rehash' manually.

```
CTRL-e d    Insert a timestamp on the command line (yyyy-mm-dd)
CTRL-o s    prepend the current command with "sudo"
CTRL-x .    Perform abbreviation expansion
CTRL-x l    jump to after first word (for adding options)
CTRL-x M    mkdir -p <dir> from string under cursor or marked area
CTRL-x P    search history forward for entry beginning with typed text
CTRL-x b    Display list of abbreviations that would expand
CTRL-x f    Insert files and test globbing
CTRL-x i    Insert Unicode character
CTRL-x p    search history backward for entry beginning with typed text
CTRL-x z    display help for keybindings and ZLE
CTRL-xCTRL-x complete word from history with menu
CTRL-x S    Complete word from GNU screen buffer
CTRL-z      A smart shortcut for fg<enter>
ESC-CTRL-? Kill left-side word or everything up to next slash
ESC-CTRL-h Kill left-side word or everything up to next slash
ESC-e      Edit the current line in $EDITOR
ESC-h      Call run-help for the 1st word on the command line
ESC-i      Trigger menu-complete
ESC-m      Insert last typed word
ESC-return menu selection: pick item but stay in the menu
ESC-v      Kill left-side word or everything up to next slash
PageDown   search history forward for entry beginning with typed text
PageUp     search history backward for entry beginning with typed text
Shift-tab  Perform backwards menu completion
```

Terminal Settings

There are 8 aliases designed to change the font size of terminal emulators (XTerm, Aterm, etc). They are: `hide`, `tiny`, `small`, `medium`, `default`, `large`, `huge`, `smartfont`, `semifont`.

Hashes

Directory hashes are shortcuts for common directories. You can expand them by typing `~hash`. Usage: `'cd ~doc'`

```
deb    /var/cache/apt/archives
doc    /usr/share/doc
linux  /lib/modules/$(command uname -r)/build/
log    /var/log
slog   /var/log/syslog
src    /usr/src
www    /var/www
```

System-Wide Aliases

```
grml-version  Output version of running grml
la            List all files, with colors (ls -la ...)
lh           List files with long colored list, human readable sizes (ls -hAl ...)
llog         Take a look at the syslog: $PAGER /var/log/syslog
ll           List files with long colored list, without dotfiles (ls -l ...)
ls           List files with colors (ls ...)
l            List files with long colored list, append qualifier to filenames (ls -l ...)
(/ for directories, @ for symlinks ...)
tlog         Take a look at the syslog: tail -f /var/log/syslog
```

Global Functions

```
H-Glob()     Provides useful information on globbing
edalias()    Edit an alias via zle
edfunc()     Edit a function via zle
freload()    Reload an autoloadable function
isgrml()     Checks whether or not you're running grml
isgrmlcd()   Checks whether or not you're running a grml cd
isgrmlsmall() Checks whether or not you're running grml-small
isutfenv()   are we running within an utf environment?
sll()        List symlinks in detail (more detailed version of 'readlink -f', 'whence -s' and 'na
zsh-help()   Hints for the use of zsh on grml
Force-Reload() service process force-reload
Reload()     service process reload
Restart()    service process restart
Start()      service process start
Status()     service process status
Stop()       service process stop
```

Debian commands

Please note: if not executed as root, these aliases try to run the command via `sudo`.

```
acp        Execute apt-cache policy
acsh       Execute apt-cache show
acs        Execute apt-cache search
adg        Execute apt-get dist-upgrade
agi        Execute apt-get install
ag         Execute apt-get upgrade
ati        Execute aptitude install
au         Execute apt-get update
dbp        Execute dpkg-buildpackage
debs-by-size List installed Debian-packages sorted by size
ge         Execute grep-excuses
up         Execute aptitude update ; aptitude safe-upgrade
dchange()  View Debian's changelog of given package(s)
dcopyright() View Debian's copyright of a given package
dnews()    View Debian's NEWS of a given package
uchange()  View upstream's changelog of a given package
```

Aliases for user (grml)

```

da      Execute du -sch
dir     Execute ls -lSrah
grep   Execute grep --color=auto
hbp    Alias for hg-buildpackage
insecscp scp with StrictHostKeyChecking=no
        and UserKnownHostsFile unset
insecssh ssh with StrictHostKeyChecking=no
        and UserKnownHostsFile unset
lad    Only show dot-directories
lsa    Only show dot-files
lsbig  Display the ten biggest files
lsd    Only show directories
lse    Only show empty directories
lsl    Only show symlinks
lsnewdir Display the ten newest directories and ten newest .directories
lsnew  Display the ten newest files
lsolddir Display the ten oldest directories and ten oldest .directories
lsold  Display the ten oldest files
lssmall Display the ten smallest files
lss    Only files with setgid/setuid/sticky flag
lsw    Display world-readable,writable,executable files
lsx    Display only executables
rmdir  Remove current empty directory. Execute cd ../; rmdir $OLDPWD

```

Abbreviation expansion for user (grml)

As of version 0.9, grml does not enable global aliases anymore. Instead, a feature similiar to vim's 'iab' was added. The default key-sequence to trigger the expansion is 'C-x .'.

Example:

```

co<C-x.> expands to: ./configure && make && sudo make install
The configuration of this feature and its implementation are described on the zsh wiki
<http://zshwiki.org/home/examples/zleiab>.

```

```

.... ./././..
...  ././..
BG   & exit
C    | wc -l
G    |& grep
H1   -help |& less -r (Display help in pager)
H    | head
LL   |& less -r
L    | less
M    | most
N    &>/dev/null (No Output)
R    | tr A-z N-za-m (ROT13)
SL   | sort | less
S    | sort -u
T    | tail
V    |& vim -

```

Most of the normal aliases are also added to this database, so you may expand them like this as well.

Functions for user (grml)**Shortcuts**

```

accessed()      List files which have been accessed within the last n days, n defaults to 1
allulimit()     Set all ulimit parameters to unlimited
bk()           Backup file_or_folder to file_or_folder_timestamp
cdt()          Create temporary directory and cd to it
changed()      List files which have been changed within the last n days, n defaults to 1
cl()           cd to directoy and list files
grml-wallpaper() Sets a wallpaper (try completion for possible values)
hgdi()         GNU like diff for mercurial
hgstat()       Diffstat for specific version of a mercurial repos
inplaceMkDirs() Create directory under cursor or the selected area
mkcd()         Create Directoy and cd to it
modified()     List files which have been modified within the last n days, n defaults to 1
simple-extract() Smart archive extractor
trans()        Translates a word
xtrename()     Change the xterm title from within GNU-screen

```