

TAU Commander Quick Reference Guide  
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Most common command/aliases:

**tau <compiler>** Execute compiler command  
- Example: **tau** gcc \*.c -o a.out  
- Alias for '**tau build <compiler>**'

**tau <program>** Gather data from a program  
- Example: **tau** ./a.out  
- Alias for 'tau trial create <program>'

**tau show** Show data from the most recent trial  
- An alias for 'tau trial show'

**tau <command> --help** Show all of the options for <command>

**tau [cmd] <subcmd> [options]**

configuration commands:

**application**  
**measurement**  
**project**  
**target**  
**trial**

Other commands:

**build** build/instrument programs  
**dashboard** Show all project  
**help** Show help  
**initialize** Initialize TAU Commander  
**select** Select next experiment.

**tau application <subcmd> [args]**

Control application configurations.

subcommands: **create**, **edit**, **delete**, **list**

**tau application create**  
<application\_name> [arguments]

**tau application edit**  
<application\_name> [arguments]

**tau application delete**  
<application\_name>

**tau application list**

**create** and **edit** have the same [arguments] listed below:

--cuda [T/F]  
--linkage [static,dynamic]  
--mpi [T/F]  
--new-name <new\_name>  
--opencl [T/F]  
--openmp [T/F]  
--pthreads [T/F]  
--select-file <path> Specify Selective instrumentation file  
--shmem [T/F]  
--tbb [T/F]

**tau measurement <subcmd> [args]**

Control measurement configurations.

subcommands: **create**, **edit**, **delete**, **list**

**tau measurement create**  
<measurement\_name> [arguments]

**tau measurement edit**  
<measurement\_name> [arguments]

**tau measurement delete**  
<measurement\_name>

**tau measurement list**

**create** and **edit** share the [arguments] listed below:

--callpath [depth]  
--metrics <METRIC> e.g. TIME  
PAPI\_FP\_INS, (default: TIME)  
--compiler-inst [mode] modes:  
always, fallback, never  
--sample [T/F] use event-based sampling  
--source-inst [mode] modes:  
automatic, manual, never  
--callsite [T/F] record event callsites  
--comm-matrix[T/F] record point to point communication  
--cuda [T/F] measure cuda via CUPTI

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--io [T/F] measure time in POSIX io calls  
--mpi [T/F] measure time in MPI calls  
--new-name <new_name>  
--opencl [T/F]  
--openmp library options: ignore opari, ompt  
--shmem [T/F]  
--throttle [T/F]  
--throttle-num-calls [count]  
--throttle-per-calls [us] (us= microseconds)  
--heap-usage [T/F]  
--memory-alloc [T/F]  
--profile [T/F]  
--trace [T/F]
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**tau trial <subcmd> [args]**

Create and manage experiment trials.

Subcommands: **create**, **delete**, **export**, **list**, **show**

**tau trial create [args] [- -]<cmd> [command\_arguments]**

Run an application under a new experiment trial.

positional arguments:  
<command> Executable command,  
e.g. './a.out'  
[command\_arguments] Executable arguments

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tau trial delete [trial_number]
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tau trial export [trial_number] initialize (or init)
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tau trial list
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tau trial show [trial_number]  
[trial_number] ... [arguments]
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Display trial data in analysis tool.

optional arguments:

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--profile-tool [profile_tool]  
specify profile report tool
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--trace-tool [trace_tool]  
specify trace report tool
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**tau build <command> [arguments]**

Instrument programs during compilation and/or linking.

positional arguments:

<command> Compiler or linker

command,e.g. 'gcc'

[arguments] Compiler arguments

eg. **tau build g++ -O2 -c file.cpp**

some compiler commands:

**gcc** GNU C compiler

**g++** GNU C++ compiler

**gfortran** GNU Fortran compiler

Enter: **tau build --help** for full

compiler list

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**tau initialize [arguments]**

Initialize TAU Commander.

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--application-name <name>
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Name of the new application to be initialized

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--project-name <name>
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Name of the new project to be initialized

Nearly all application/measurement and target options are accepted at initialization. See appropriate section for available options.  
Measurement options are typically used with tau init.  
e.g. **tau init --mpi T**

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**tau select [project] [target]**  
**[application] [measurement]**  
[arguments]

Select project components for the next experiment.

positional arguments:

**[project]** Project configuration name

**[target]** Target configuration name

**[application]** Application config name

**[measurement]** Measurement config name