

Atomsk Cheat Sheet

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Syntax

Convert a file into another file or another format:
atomsk <input> [<options>] <output>

Use a mode:

```
atomsk --mode <parameters>
```

Basic examples

Convert a file:

```
atomsk initial.xsf final.cfg
```

Convert a file to several formats:

```
atomsk initial.xsf cfg vesta lammps
```

Duplicate a system:

```
atomsk input.cfg -duplicate 3 3 4 final.cfg
```

Create a unit cell of fcc aluminium:

```
atomsk --create fcc 4.02 Al Al.cfg
```

Display help:

```
atomsk --help
```

File for option -properties

```
auxiliary <property>  
charge  
displacement [function]  
elastic [Voigt]  
orientation  
type  
velocities  
supercell
```

File for mode --polycrystal

```
box <Hx> <Hy> <Hz>  
random <N>  
lattice <sc|bcc|fcc|diamond|hcp>  
node <x> <y> <z> <α> <β> <γ>
```

Options

Add new atom(s):

```
-add-atom <species> at <x> <y> <z>  
-add-atom <species> relative <index> <x> <y>  
<z>  
-add-atom <species> near <index>  
-add-atom <species> random <N>
```

Add shells:

```
-add-shells <species|all>
```

Align first box vector along X:

```
-alignx
```

Re-associate shells with their matching core:

```
-bind-shells
```

Modify cell vectors:

```
-cell <add|rm|set> <d>  
<H1|H2|H3|x|y|z|xy|xz|yx|yz|zx|zy|xyz>
```

Place atom of given index, or system's center of mass,
at center of the box:

```
-center <index|com>
```

Insert a crack:

```
-crack <I|II|III> <stress|strain> <Ks> <p1>  
<p2> <ξ> <n> <μ> <ν>
```

Cut the system above or below the given plane:

```
-cut <above|below> <d> <normal>
```

Deform the system:

```
-deform <direction> <ε> <ν>
```

Insert a dislocation:

```
-dislocation <p1> <p2> screw <ξ> <n> <b>  
-dislocation <p1> <p2>  
<edge|edge_add|edge_rm> <ξ> <n> <b> <ν>  
-dislocation <p1> <p2> mixed <ξ> <n> <b1>  
<b2> <b3>  
-dislocation loop <x> <y> <z> <n> <radius>  
<bx> <by> <bz> <ν>
```

Options (continued)

Apply a random perturbation:

```
-disturb <dmax>  
-disturb <dx> <dy> <dz>
```

Duplicate the system:

```
-duplicate <Nx> <Ny> <Nz>
```

Fix the coordinates of some atoms:

```
-fix <axis>  
-fix <axis> <above|below> <d> <normal>
```

Convert atom positions into reduced coordinates:

```
-fractional
```

Apply a mirror transformation:

```
-mirror <d> <normal>
```

Apply options from a file:

```
-options <file>
```

Change the crystal orientation:

```
-orient <hkl>x <hkl>y <hkl>z <hkl'>x <hkl'>y  
<hkl'>z
```

Find a suitable equivalent orthogonal cell:

```
-orthogonal-cell
```

Read properties from a file (see Files):

```
-properties <file>
```

Auto-detect box dimensions:

```
-rebox
```

Reduce cell size, preserving periodicity:

```
-reduce-cell [<x|y|z>]
```

Remove atoms from the system:

```
-remove-atom <index>  
-remove-atom <species>  
-remove-atom select
```

Remove atoms that are too close to another one:

```
-remove-doubles <distance>
```

Options (continued)

Remove one or all per-atom property:
-remove-property <property|all>

Remove shells for one or all atom species:
-remove-shells <species|all>

Roll the system around an axis:
-roll <direction> < θ > <axis>

Rotate the system around an axis:
-rotate [com] <axis> < θ >

Round-off atom coordinates or a property to the given accuracy:
-round-off <property> <accuracy>

Select atoms according to given criteria:
-select all
-select invert
-select <species>
-select <index>
-select <i₁>,<i₂>,<i₃>:<i₄>,...
-select list <file>
-select random <N> <species>
-select <above|below> <d> <dir>
-select <in|out> cell
-select <in|out> box <x> <y> <z> <x'> <y'> <z'>
-select <in|out> sphere <x> <y> <z> <R>
-select <in|out> cylinder <axis> <x₁> <x₂> <R>
-select <in|out> cone <axis> <x> <y> <z> < α >
-select <in|out> torus <axis> <x> <y> <z> <R> <r>
-select prop <property> <value1[:value2]>
-select <NNN> <species> neighbors <index>
-select grid <file>
-select stl [center] <file>
-select [add|rm|intersect|xor] <any of the above>

Separate atoms that are too close to one another:
-separate <distance> <shift>

Options (continued)

Apply simple shear strain:
-shear <n> <A> <s>

Shift atoms:
-shift < τ_x > < τ_y > < τ_z >
-shift <above|below> <d> <normal> < τ_x > < τ_y > < τ_z >

Sort or pack atoms:
-sort <property> <up|down|pack>

Apply transformations of the given space group:
-spacegroup <group>

Apply stress or read stress tensor from a file:
-stress <xx|yy|zz|xy|xz|yz|p> < σ >
-stress <file>

Substitute atoms:
-substitute <sp1> <sp2>

Swap two atoms or atom species, or Cartesian directions:
-swap <id1> <id2>
-swap <sp1> <sp2>
-swap <x|y|z> <x|y|z>

Apply torsion to the system:
-torsion <axis> < θ >

Change the unit of the given property:
-unit <property> <factor>
-unit <unit1> <unit2>

Change the box so that it appears less skewed:
-unskew

Generate random atom velocities:
-velocity <T>

Wrap atoms into the box:
-wrap

Modes

Read several files, write all systems into one:
atomsk --all-in-one <listfile> <outputfile> [<formats>] [options]

Average several systems:
atomsk --average <listfile> <outputfile> [<formats>] [options]

Create an atomic system from scratch:
atomsk --create <lattice> <a₀> [<c₀>] <sp1> [<sp2> <sp3>...] [orient (hkl)_x (hkl)_y (hkl)_z] [options] <outputfile> [<formats>]
atomsk --create nanotube <a₀> <m> <n> <sp1> [<sp2>] [options] <outputfile> [<formats>]

Read two files and write them in ddplot format:
atomsk --ddplot <file1> <file2> [<outputfile>] [options]

Convert a list of files:
atomsk --list <listfile> [<formats>] [options]

Generate N systems by interpolation between two files:
atomsk --interpolate <file1> <file2> <N> [<outputfile>] [formats] [options]

Merge or stack N systems:
atomsk --merge [x|y|z] <N> <file1>...<fileN> <outputfile> [<formats>] [options]

Read a file containing several systems and write each of them in a separate file:
atomsk --one-in-all <file> [<prefix>] [<formats>] [options]

Construct a polycrystal using Voronoï tessellation:
atomsk --polycrystal <seed> <param_file> <outputfile> [<formats>] [options]

Unwrap atom coordinates:
atomsk --unwrap <reference> <configuration> [<outputfile>] [<formats>] [options]