

Fun with Cowsay

The terminal can get a little tiresome by the end of a full working week, so why not use **cowsay** to add a little fun to your stdout?

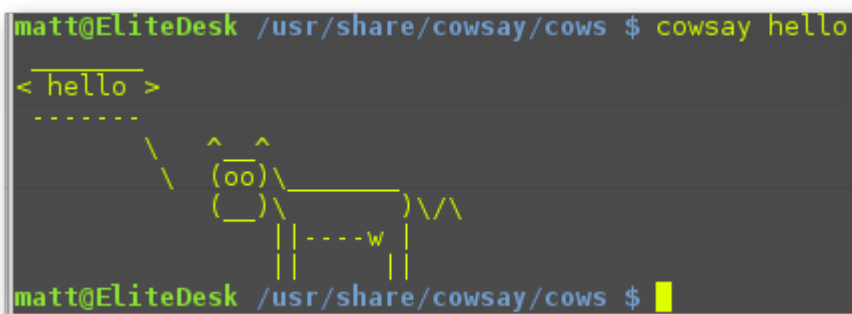
Just be sure to check its actually installed before you start calling it from your shell scripts. I found it was installed by default on Debian based distros but not on a Centos7 VM i spun up using vagrant, so you're mileage may vary as they say.

Installation

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sudo apt-get install cowsay
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Basic usage

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cowsay "hello"
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A terminal window screenshot showing the command 'cowsay hello' being executed. The output is a ASCII art cow with the word 'hello' written in a speech bubble above it. The terminal prompt is 'matt@EliteDesk /usr/share/cowsay/cows \$' and the cursor is at the end of the line.

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matt@EliteDesk /usr/share/cowsay/cows $ cowsay hello
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matt@EliteDesk /usr/share/cowsay/cows $
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View all the possible "cows"

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ls -l /usr/share/cowsay/cows | cut -d . -f1 | while read eachline; do cowsay -f $eachline "$eachline"; done
```

There's loads of them and more to choose from online too. In the meantime, here's a couple dragons to whet your appetite...

