

**NAME**

cups-config - get cups api, compiler, directory, and link information (deprecated).

**SYNOPSIS**

**cups-config** *--api-version*  
**cups-config** *--build*  
**cups-config** *--cflags*  
**cups-config** *--datadir*  
**cups-config** *--help*  
**cups-config** *--ldflags*  
**cups-config** [ *--image* ] [ *--static* ] *--libs*  
**cups-config** *--serverbin*  
**cups-config** *--serverroot*  
**cups-config** *--version*

**DESCRIPTION**

The **cups-config** command allows application developers to determine the necessary command-line options for the compiler and linker, as well as the installation directories for filters, configuration files, and drivers. All values are reported to the standard output. **Note:** This command is deprecated and will be removed in a future version of CUPS. The **pkg-config(1)** command should be used instead.

**OPTIONS**

The **cups-config** command accepts the following command-line options:

**--api-version**

Reports the current API version (major.minor).

**--build**

Reports a system-specific build number.

**--cflags**

Reports the necessary compiler options.

**--datadir**

Reports the default CUPS data directory.

**--help**

Reports the program usage message.

**--ldflags**

Reports the necessary linker options.

**--libs** Reports the necessary libraries to link to.

**--serverbin**

Reports the default CUPS binary directory, where filters and backends are stored.

**--serverroot**

Reports the default CUPS configuration file directory.

**--static**

When used with *--libs*, reports the static libraries instead of the default (shared) libraries.

**--version**

Reports the full version number of the CUPS installation (major.minor.patch).

## EXAMPLES

Show the currently installed version of CUPS:

```
cups-config --version
```

Compile a simple one-file CUPS filter:

```
cc 'cups-config --cflags --ldflags' -o filter filter.c \  
'cups-config --libs'
```

## DEPRECATED OPTIONS

The following options are deprecated but continue to work for backwards compatibility:

**--image**

Formerly used to add the CUPS imaging library to the list of libraries.

## SEE ALSO

**cups(1)**, **pkg-config(1)**, CUPS Online Help (<http://localhost:631/help>)

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