

### History flags summarized.

#### Flags for the history command

```
hist -n -- print line numbers
hist -g -- print history for your past sessions (not just the current one)
hist -f filename.py -- writes history lines to filename.py
hist -l 10 -- will limit output to last 10 lines
hist -g timeit -- will filter lines that contain the string "timeit"
hist -u -g timeit -- same as filter, but will only print unique lines
hist -o -n -- also print outputs
```

Note: Typing `history??` in iPython will give you similar info.

### Previous iPython sessions

**Syntax:** `hist -n ~1/`

`hist -n ~1/20` - means one session back, and 20th input line

`hist -n ~2/20` - means two sessions back, and 20th input line

Using `hist -n 20` (i.e. without the ~ sign) defaults to the current ipython session.

### Re-execute a history line

**Syntax:** `rerun <history reference>`

`rerun 20` will execute line 20 of the current session

`rerun ~1/20` will execute line 20 of the previous session

`rerun 88-90` will execute lines 88,89, 90 of history

### Recalling input history (for inline editing)

**Syntax:** `recall <history reference>`

- `recall 42` -- will recall line 42, and give you the prompt for editing
  - `recall myfunc` -- will recall the most recent line containing myfunc, with the same effect.
- Hitting enter after the edit will execute.

### Saving history to a file

**Syntax:** `save filename.py <history reference>`

1. `save mymodule.py 22-40 25` -- Saves lines 22-40, 25 to file

mymodule.py

2. `save -a` -- will append

### Grepping or filtering history lines

**Syntax:** `hist -g <reg exp>`

`hist -g func1` -- will list all history lines containing "func1"

`hist -gn func1` -- same thing. adds line numbers

### Editing history in an editor

**Syntax:** `edit <history reference>`

`edit 24 28 47` - loads the lines in order, in your configured ipython editor

### Output history editing via the "\_oh" variable

Summary : iPython allows you to edit **both** your past inputs, as well as past command outputs - so you if you want to avoid retying this is handy. The built-in list variable `"_oh"` contains all your output history.

**Syntax :** `"edit _oh[<line-num of output history>]"`

use `"edit _oh[165]"` to open output line 165 in your editor.

Example --

```
`
In [ 165 ] : def myfunc():
print "hello"
....
In [200] : edit 165 # opens line 165 in editor we made changes to that func
w/o saving it to a file
out[200]: def myfunc()\n print "hello" \n
....
...
In [210]: edit _oh[200] # loads the func in editor
`
```

Use `"edit -x"` in case you are editing non-code stuff (to prevent ) execution when you leave the editor.

### Edit a function that you defined inline

**Syntax :** `edit <funcname>`

Example - An inline function is defined interactively, and then edited.

```
`
In [1] : def myfunc()
print "hello"
In [2] edit myfunc
`
```

### Create a macro from history

Use the `%macro` command to create a macro from multiple history lines.

Example (lines 10 and 11 ) from history are as follows :

```
10: x=1
11: somefunc(x)
```

You can create a macro as follows :

```
In [20]: %macro my_macro 10-11
```

Now typing `my_macro` will execute those lines.

