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User Commands

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## NAME

**echo** - display a line of text

## SYNOPSIS

**echo** [SHORT-OPTION]... [STRING]...

**echo** LONG-OPTION

## DESCRIPTION

Echo the **STRING(s)** to standard output.

**-n** do not output the trailing newline

**-e** enable interpretation of backslash escapes

**-E** disable interpretation of backslash escapes (default)

**--help** display this help and exit

**--version**

output version information and exit

If **-e** is in effect, the following sequences are recognized:

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**\** backslash

**\a** alert (BEL)

**\b** backspace

**\c** produce no further output

**\e** escape

**\f** form feed

**\n** new line

**\r** carriage return

**\t** horizontal tab

**\v** vertical tab

**\0NNN** byte with octal value NNN (1 to 3 digits)

**\xHH** byte with hexadecimal value HH (1 to 2 digits)

sedes the version described here. Please refer to your shell's documentation for details about the options it supports.

**NOTE:** `printf(1)` is a preferred alternative, which does not have issues outputting option-like strings.

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## SEE ALSO

`printf(1)`

Full documentation [<https://www.gnu.org/software/coreutils/echo>](https://www.gnu.org/software/coreutils/echo)

or available locally via: `info '(coreutils) echo invocation'`

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