

MORE(1)

User Commands

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NAME

more - display the contents of a file in a terminal

SYNOPSIS

more [options] file ...

DESCRIPTION

more is a filter for paging through text one screenful at a time. This version is especially primitive. Users should realize that less(1) provides more(1) emulation plus extensive enhancements.

OPTIONS

Options are also taken from the environment variable MORE (make sure to precede them with a dash (-)) but command-line options will override those.

-d, --silent

Prompt with "[Press space to continue, 'q' to quit.]", and display "[Press 'h' for instructions.]" instead of ringing the bell when an illegal key is pressed.

-l, --logical

-e, --exit-on-eof

Exit on End-Of-File, enabled by default if `POSIXLY_CORRECT` environment variable is not set or if not executed on terminal.

-f, --no-pause

Count logical lines, rather than screen lines (i.e., long lines are not folded).

-p, --print-over

Do not scroll. Instead, clear the whole screen and then display the text. Notice that this option is switched on automatically if the executable is named `page`.

-c, --clean-print

Do not scroll. Instead, paint each screen from the top, clearing the remainder of each line as it is displayed.

-s, --squeeze

Squeeze multiple blank lines into one.

-u, --plain

Suppress underlining. This option is silently ignored as backwards compatibility.

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-n, --lines number

Specify the number of lines per screenful. The number argument is a positive decimal integer. The --lines option shall override any values obtained from any other source, such as number of lines reported by terminal.

-number

A numeric option means the same as --lines option argument.

+number

Start displaying each file at line number.

+/string

The string to be searched in each file before starting to display it.

-h, --help

Display help text and exit.

-V, --version

Print version and exit.

COMMANDS

Interactive commands for more are based on vi(1). Some commands may be

the following descriptions, ^X means control-X.

h or ?

Help; display a summary of these commands. If you forget all other commands, remember this one.

SPACE

Display next k lines of text. Defaults to current screen size.

z

Display next k lines of text. Defaults to current screen size.

Argument becomes new default.

RETURN

Display next k lines of text. Defaults to 1. Argument becomes new default.

d or ^D

Scroll k lines. Default is current scroll size, initially 11.

Argument becomes new default.

q or Q or INTERRUPT

Exit.

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Skip forward k lines of text. Defaults to 1.

f

Skip forward k screenfuls of text. Defaults to 1.

b or ^B

Skip backwards k screenfuls of text. Defaults to 1. Only works with files, not pipes.

,

Go to the place where the last search started.

=

Display current line number.

/pattern

Search for kth occurrence of regular expression. Defaults to 1.

n

Search for kth occurrence of last regular expression. Defaults to 1.

!command or :!command

Execute command in a subshell.

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v

Start up an editor at current line. The editor is taken from the environment variable **VISUAL** if defined, or **EDITOR** if **VISUAL** is not defined, or defaults to **vi(1)** if neither **VISUAL** nor **EDITOR** is defined.

^L

Redraw screen.

:n

Go to kth next file. Defaults to 1.

:p

Go to kth previous file. Defaults to 1.

:f

Display current file name and line number.

.

Repeat previous command.

ENVIRONMENT

The more command respects the following environment variables, if they

exist:

MORE

This variable may be set with favored options to more.

SHELL

Current shell in use (normally set by the shell at login time).

TERM

The terminal type used by more to get the terminal characteristics necessary to manipulate the screen.

VISUAL

The editor the user prefers. Invoked when command key v is pressed.

EDITOR

The editor of choice when VISUAL is not specified.

POSIXLY_CORRECT

Disable exit-on-eof (see option -e for more details).

HISTORY

The more command appeared in 3.0BSD. This man page documents more version 5.19 (Berkeley 6/29/88), which is currently in use in the Linux community. Documentation was produced using several other versions of the man page, and extensive inspection of the source code.

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SEE ALSO

[less\(1\)](#), [vi\(1\)](#)

REPORTING BUGS

For bug reports, use the issue tracker at
<https://github.com/util-linux/util-linux/issues>.

AVAILABILITY

The more command is part of the util-linux package which can be downloaded from Linux Kernel Archive
<<https://www.kernel.org/pub/linux/utils/util-linux/>>.

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