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# Rocky Enterprise Linux 9.2 Manual Pages on command 'diff3.1'

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GNU diff3 - compare three files line by line

**SYNOPSIS** 

diff3 [OPTION]... MYFILE OLDFILE YOURFILE

#### **DESCRIPTION**

Compare three files line by line.

Mandatory arguments to long options are mandatory for short options

too.

-A, --show-all

output all changes, bracketing conflicts

-e. --ed

output ed script incorporating changes from OLDFILE to YOURFILE

into MYFILE

-E, --show-overlap

like -e, but bracket conflicts

-3, --easy-only

-x, --overlap-only

like -e, but incorporate only overlapping changes

- -X like -x, but bracket conflicts
- -i append 'w' and 'q' commands to ed scripts
- -m, --merge

output actual merged file, according to -A if no other options are given

-a, --text

treat all files as text

--strip-trailing-cr

strip trailing carriage return on input

-T, --initial-tab

make tabs line up by prepending a tab

--diff-program=PROGRAM

use PROGRAM to compare files

-L, --label=LABEL

use LABEL instead of file name (can be repeated up to three times)

- --help display this help and exit
- -v, --version

output version information and exit

The default output format is a somewhat human-readable representation of the changes.

The -e, -E, -x, -X (and corresponding long) options cause an ed script to be output instead of the default.

Finally, the -m (--merge) option causes diff3 to do the merge inter? nally and output the actual merged file. For unusual input, this is more robust than using ed.

If a FILE is '-', read standard input. Exit status is 0 if successful, 1 if conflicts, 2 if trouble.

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# SEE ALSO

cmp(1), diff(1), sdiff(1)

The full documentation for GNU is maintained as a Texinfo manual. If the info and GNU programs are properly installed at your site, the com?

mand

info GNU

should give you access to the complete manual.

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