



Linux Ubuntu 26.04 Manual Pages on command 'comm.1'

\$ man comm.1

COMM(1) General Commands Manual COMM(1)

NAME

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SYNOPSIS

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comm [-1 ] [-2 ] [-3 ] [--output-delimiter] [-z|--zero-terminated] [--total] [--check-order]
      [--nocheck-order] [-h|--help] [-V|--version] <FILE1> <FILE2>
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OPTIONS

- 1 suppress column 1 (lines unique to FILE1)
- 2 suppress column 2 (lines unique to FILE2)
- 3 suppress column 3 (lines that appear in both files)

--output-delimiter <STR>

 separate columns with STR

-z, --zero-terminated

line delimiter is NUL, not newline

--total

output a summary

--check-order

check that the input is correctly sorted, even if all input lines are pairable

--nocheck-order

do not check that the input is correctly sorted

-h, --help

Print help

-V, --version

Print version

<FILE1>

<FILE2>

VERSION

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