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NAME

fmt - Reformat paragraphs from input (or standard input) to stdout.

SYNOPSIS

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fmt [-c|--crown-margin] [-t|--tagged-paragraph] [-m|--preserve-headers] [-s|--split-only]
[-u|--uniform-spacing] [-p|--prefix] [-P|--skip-prefix] [-x|--exact-prefix] [-X|--ex?
act-skip-prefix] [-w|--width] [-g|--goal] [-q|--quick] [-T|--tab-width] [-h|--help]
[-V|--version] [FILES]
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DESCRIPTION

Reformat paragraphs from input (or standard input) to stdout.

OPTIONS

-c, --crown-margin

First and second line of paragraph may have different indentations, in which case the first line's indentation is preserved, and each subsequent line's indentation matches the second line.

-t, --tagged-paragraph

Like -c, except that the first and second line of a paragraph *must* have different indentation or they are treated as separate paragraphs.

-m, --preserve-headers

Attempt to detect and preserve mail headers in the input. Be careful when combining this flag with -p.

-s, --split-only

Split lines only, do not reflow.

-u, --uniform-spacing

Insert exactly one space between words, and two between sentences. Sentence breaks in the input are detected as [?!.] followed by two spaces or a newline; other punctuation is not interpreted as a sentence break.

-p, --prefix <PREFIX>

Reformat only lines beginning with PREFIX, reattaching PREFIX to reformatted lines. Unless -x is specified, leading whitespace will be ignored when matching PREFIX.

-P, --skip-prefix <PSKIP>

Do not reformat lines beginning with PSKIP. Unless -X is specified, leading whitespace will be ignored when matching PSKIP.

-x, --exact-prefix

PREFIX must match at the beginning of the line with no preceding whitespace.

-X, --exact-skip-prefix

PSKIP must match at the beginning of the line with no preceding whitespace.

-w, --width <WIDTH>

Fill output lines up to a maximum of WIDTH columns, default 75. This can be specified as a negative number in the first argument.

-g, --goal <GOAL>

Goal width, default of 93% of WIDTH. Must be less than or equal to WIDTH.

-q, --quick

Break lines more quickly at the expense of a potentially more ragged appearance.

-T, --tab-width <TABWIDTH>

Treat tabs as TABWIDTH spaces for determining line length, default 8. Note that this is used only for calculating line lengths; tabs are preserved in the output.

-h, --help

Print help

-V, --version

Print version

[FILES]

VERSION

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