



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

\$ man gnustdbuf.1

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User Commands

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NAME

stdbuf - Run COMMAND, with modified buffering operations for its standard streams.

SYNOPSIS

stdbuf OPTION... COMMAND

DESCRIPTION

Run COMMAND, with modified buffering operations for its standard streams.

Mandatory arguments to long options are mandatory for short options too.

-i, --input=MODE

adjust standard input stream buffering

-o, --output=MODE

adjust standard output stream buffering

-e, --error=MODE

adjust standard error stream buffering

--help display this help and exit

--version

output version information and exit

If MODE is 'L' the corresponding stream will be line buffered. This option is invalid with standard input.

If MODE is 'O' the corresponding stream will be unbuffered.

Otherwise MODE is a number which may be followed by one of the following: KB 1000, K 1024,

MB 1000*1000, M 1024*1024, and so on for G,T,P,E,Z,Y,R,Q. Binary prefixes can be used, too:

KiB=K, MiB=M, and so on. In this case the corresponding stream will be fully buffered with

the buffer size set to MODE bytes.

NOTE: If COMMAND adjusts the buffering of its standard streams ('tee' does for example) then that will override corresponding changes by 'stdbuf'. Also some filters (like 'dd' and 'cat' etc.) don't use streams for I/O, and are thus unaffected by 'stdbuf' settings.

Exit status:

- 125 if the stdbuf command itself fails
- 126 if COMMAND is found but cannot be invoked
- 127 if COMMAND cannot be found
- the exit status of COMMAND otherwise

EXAMPLES

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tail -f access.log | stdbuf -oL cut -d ' ' -f1 | uniq
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This will immediately display unique entries from access.log

BUGS

On GLIBC platforms, specifying a buffer size, i.e., using fully buffered mode will result in undefined operation.

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REPORTING BUGS

GNU coreutils online help: <<https://www.gnu.org/software/coreutils/>>

Report any translation bugs to <<https://translationproject.org/team/>>

SEE ALSO

Full documentation <<https://www.gnu.org/software/coreutils/stdbuf>>

or available locally via: info '(coreutils) stdbuf invocation'

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