



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

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NAME

setmetamode - define the keyboard meta key handling

SYNOPSIS

setmetamode [options] [argument]

DESCRIPTION

Without argument, setmetamode prints the current Meta key mode. With argument, it sets the Meta key mode as indicated. The setting before and after the change are reported.

The Meta key mode is specific for each VT (and the VT corresponding to stdin is used). One might use setmetamode in /etc/rc to define the initial state of the Meta key mode, e.g. by

```
INITTY=/dev/tty[1-8]
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for tty in $INITTY; do
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    setmetamode escprefix < $tty
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done
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ARGUMENTS

esc, prefix, escprefix

The Meta key sends an Escape prefix.

meta, bit, metabit

The Meta key sets the high order bit of the character.

OPTIONS

-C, --console=DEV

the console device to be used.

-V, --version

print version number.

-h, --help

print this usage message.

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SEE ALSO

loadkeys(1), kbdinfo(1)

kbd

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