



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

\$ man tail.1

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NAME

tail - Print the last 10 lines of each FILE to standard output. With more than one FILE, precede each with a header giving the file name. With no FILE, or when FILE is -, read standard input. Mandatory arguments to long flags are mandatory for short flags too.

SYNOPSIS

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tail [-c|--bytes] [-f|--follow] [-n|--lines] [--pid] [-q|--quiet] [-s|--sleep-interval]
[-max-unchanged-stats] [-v|--verbose] [-z|--zero-terminated] [--use-polling] [--retry] [-F]
] [--debug] [-h|--help] [-V|--version] [files]
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DESCRIPTION

Print the last 10 lines of each FILE to standard output. With more than one FILE, precede each with a header giving the file name. With no FILE, or when FILE is -, read standard input. Mandatory arguments to long flags are mandatory for short flags too.

OPTIONS

-c, --bytes

Number of bytes to print

-f, --follow

Print the file as it grows

Possible values:

? descriptor

? name

-n, --lines

Number of lines to print

--pid <PID>

With -f, terminate after process ID, PID dies

-q, --quiet

Never output headers giving file names

-s, --sleep-interval <N>

Number of seconds to sleep between polling the file when running with -f

--max-unchanged-stats <N>

Reopen a FILE which has not changed size after N (default 5) iterations to see if it has been unlinked or renamed (this is the usual case of rotated log files); This operation is meaningful only when polling (i.e., with --use-polling) and when --follow=

low=name

-v, --verbose

Always output headers giving file names

-z, --zero-terminated

Line delimiter is NUL, not newline

--use-polling

Disable 'inotify' support and use polling instead

--retry

Keep trying to open a file if it is inaccessible

-F Same as --follow=name --retry

--debug

indicate which --follow implementation is used

-h, --help

Print help

-V, --version

Print version

[files]

VERSION

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