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General Commands Manual

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truncate - Shrink or extend the size of each file to the specified size.

SYNOPSIS

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truncate [-o|--io-blocks] [-c|--no-create] [-r|--reference] [-s|--size] [-h|--help]
[-V|--version] <FILE>
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DESCRIPTION

Shrink or extend the size of each file to the specified size.

OPTIONS

-o, --io-blocks

treat SIZE as the number of I/O blocks of the file rather than bytes (NOT IMPLEMENTED)

-c, --no-create

do not create files that do not exist

-r, --reference <RFILE>

base the size of each file on the size of RFILE

-s, --size <SIZE>

set or adjust the size of each file according to SIZE, which is in bytes unless --io-blocks is specified

-h, --help

Print help

-V, --version

Print version

<FILE>

EXTRA

SIZE is an integer with an optional prefix and optional unit. The available units (K, M, G, T, P, E, Z, and Y) use the following format:

'KB' => 1000 (kilobytes)

'K' => 1024 (kibibytes)

'MB' => 1000*1000 (megabytes)

'M' => 1024*1024 (mebibytes)

'GB' => 1000*1000*1000 (gigabytes)

'G' => 1024*1024*1024 (gibibytes) SIZE may also be prefixed by one of the following to adjust the size of each file based on its current size:

'+' => extend by

'-' => reduce by

'<' => at most

'>' => at least

'/' => round down to multiple of

'%' => round up to multiple of

VERSION

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