

## NAME

basename – strip directory and suffix from filenames

## SYNOPSIS

**basename** *NAME* [*SUFFIX*]

**basename** *OPTION*... *NAME*...

## DESCRIPTION

Print *NAME* with any leading directory components removed. If specified, also remove a trailing *SUFFIX*.

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

**-a, --multiple**

support multiple arguments and treat each as a *NAME*

**-s, --suffix=*SUFFIX***

remove a trailing *SUFFIX*; implies **-a**

**-z, --zero**

end each output line with NUL, not newline

**--help** display this help and exit

**--version**

output version information and exit

## EXAMPLES

basename /usr/bin/sort

-> "sort"

basename include/stdio.h .h

-> "stdio"

basename -s .h include/stdio.h

-> "stdio"

basename -a any/str1 any/str2

-> "str1" followed by "str2"

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## REPORTING BUGS

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

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## SEE ALSO

**dirname**(1), **readlink**(1)

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

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