

**NAME**

encguess – guess character encodings of files

**VERSION**

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**SYNOPSIS**

```
encguess [switches] filename...
```

**SWITCHES**

- h**  
show this message and exit.
- s**  
specify a list of “suspect encoding types” to test, seperated by either : or ,
- S**  
output a list of all acceptable encoding types that can be used with the **-s** param
- u**  
suppress display of unidentified types

**EXAMPLES:**

- Guess encoding of a file named `test.txt`, using only the default suspect types.

```
encguess test.txt
```

- Guess the encoding type of a file named `test.txt`, using the suspect types `euc-jp, shiftjis, 7bit-jis`.

```
encguess -s euc-jp,shiftjis,7bit-jis test.txt
```

```
encguess -s euc-jp:shiftjis:7bit-jis test.txt
```

- Guess the encoding type of several files, do not display results for unidentified files.

```
encguess -us euc-jp,shiftjis,7bit-jis test*.txt
```

**DESCRIPTION**

The encoding identification is done by checking one encoding type at a time until all but the right type are eliminated. The set of encoding types to try is defined by the **-s** parameter and defaults to `ascii`, `utf8` and `UTF-16/32 with BOM`. This can be overridden by passing one or more encoding types via the **-s** parameter. If you need to pass in multiple suspect encoding types, use a quoted string with the a space separating each value.

**SEE ALSO**

`Encode::Guess`, `Encode::Detect`

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