

**NAME**

more – display the contents of a file in a terminal

**SYNOPSIS**

**more** [options] *file* ...

**DESCRIPTION**

**more** is a filter for paging through text one screenful at a time. This version is especially primitive. Users should realize that **less**(1) provides **more**(1) emulation plus extensive enhancements.

**OPTIONS**

Options are also taken from the environment variable **MORE** (make sure to precede them with a dash (–)) but command–line options will override those.

**–d, --silent**

Prompt with "[Press space to continue, 'q' to quit.]", and display "[Press 'h' for instructions.]" instead of ringing the bell when an illegal key is pressed.

**–l, --logical**

Do not pause after any line containing a **^L** (form feed).

**–e, --exit-on-eof**

Exit on End–Of–File, enabled by default if POSIXLY\_CORRECT environment variable is not set or if not executed on terminal.

**–f, --no-pause**

Count logical lines, rather than screen lines (i.e., long lines are not folded).

**–p, --print-over**

Do not scroll. Instead, clear the whole screen and then display the text. Notice that this option is switched on automatically if the executable is named **page**.

**–c, --clean-print**

Do not scroll. Instead, paint each screen from the top, clearing the remainder of each line as it is displayed.

**–s, --squeeze**

Squeeze multiple blank lines into one.

**–u, --plain**

Suppress underlining. This option is silently ignored as backwards compatibility.

**–n, --lines *number***

Specify the *number* of lines per screenful. The *number* argument is a positive decimal integer. The **--lines** option shall override any values obtained from any other source, such as number of lines reported by terminal.

**–*number***

A numeric option means the same as **--lines** option argument.

**+*number***

Start displaying each file at line *number*.

**+/*string***

The *string* to be searched in each file before starting to display it.

**-h, --help**

Display help text and exit.

**-V, --version**

Print version and exit.

## COMMANDS

Interactive commands for **more** are based on **vi**(1). Some commands may be preceded by a decimal number, called *k* in the descriptions below. In the following descriptions, **^X** means **control-X**.

**h** or **?**

Help; display a summary of these commands. If you forget all other commands, remember this one.

**SPACE**

Display next *k* lines of text. Defaults to current screen size.

**z**

Display next *k* lines of text. Defaults to current screen size. Argument becomes new default.

**RETURN**

Display next *k* lines of text. Defaults to 1. Argument becomes new default.

**d** or **^D**

Scroll *k* lines. Default is current scroll size, initially 11. Argument becomes new default.

**q** or **Q** or **INTERRUPT**

Exit.

**s**

Skip forward *k* lines of text. Defaults to 1.

**f**

Skip forward *k* screenfuls of text. Defaults to 1.

**b** or **^B**

Skip backwards *k* screenfuls of text. Defaults to 1. Only works with files, not pipes.

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Go to the place where the last search started.

**=**

Display current line number.

**/pattern**

Search for *k*th occurrence of regular expression. Defaults to 1.

**n**

Search for *k*th occurrence of last regular expression. Defaults to 1.

**!command** or **!:command**

Execute *command* in a subshell.

**v**

Start up an editor at current line. The editor is taken from the environment variable **VISUAL** if defined, or **EDITOR** if **VISUAL** is not defined, or defaults to **vi**(1) if neither **VISUAL** nor **EDITOR**

is defined.

**^L**

Redraw screen.

**:n**

Go to kth next file. Defaults to 1.

**:p**

Go to kth previous file. Defaults to 1.

**:f**

Display current file name and line number.

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Repeat previous command.

## ENVIRONMENT

The **more** command respects the following environment variables, if they exist:

### MORE

This variable may be set with favored options to **more**.

### SHELL

Current shell in use (normally set by the shell at login time).

### TERM

The terminal type used by **more** to get the terminal characteristics necessary to manipulate the screen.

### VISUAL

The editor the user prefers. Invoked when command key *v* is pressed.

### EDITOR

The editor of choice when **VISUAL** is not specified.

### POSIXLY\_CORRECT

Disable exit-on-eof (see option **-e** for more details).

## HISTORY

The **more** command appeared in 3.0BSD. This man page documents **more** version 5.19 (Berkeley 6/29/88), which is currently in use in the Linux community. Documentation was produced using several other versions of the man page, and extensive inspection of the source code.

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## SEE ALSO

**less(1)**, **vi(1)**

## REPORTING BUGS

For bug reports, use the issue tracker at <https://github.com/util-linux/util-linux/issues>.

**AVAILABILITY**

The **more** command is part of the util-linux package which can be downloaded from [Linux Kernel Archive](https://www.kernel.org/pub/linux/utils/util-linux/) <<https://www.kernel.org/pub/linux/utils/util-linux/>>.