

**NAME**

**papersize** – specify preferred paper size

**SYNOPSIS**

**/etc/papersize**

**DESCRIPTION**

The **papersize** file is used to specify the preferred paper size to use by available commands and programs generating documents.

The format of this file is extremely simple: whitespace and anything starting with ‘#’ is ignored, and the name of the paper is the first string found; the case in the name of the paper does not import (see **CAVEATS** section however).

**PAPER NAMES**

The following names are commonly understood by programs: **a3**, **a4**, **a5**, **b5**, **letter**, **legal**, **executive**, **note** and **11x17**.

Additional paper names that one may encounter are: **a0**, **a1**, **a2**, **a6**, **a7**, **a8**, **a9**, **a10**, **b0**, **b1**, **b2**, **b3**, **b4**, **tabloid**, **statement**, **note**, **halfletter**, **halfexecutive**, **folio**, **quarto**, **ledger**, **archA**, **archB**, **archC**, **archD**, **archE**, **flsa**, **flse**, **csheet**, **dsheet**, **esheet** and **10x14**.

The value of the **papersize** file can be overridden by looking in order at the **PAPERSIZE** environment variable, then at the contents of the file specified by the **PAPERCONF** environment variable. If the **papersize** file does not exist, programs using the paper library default to using **letter** as a fall-back value

**CAVEATS**

This manual page documents the format of the **papersize** file that is read by the **libpaper** library. Some programs that read this file do not yet use the library and may have trouble ignoring whitespace and comments in the file; they may also require that the paper names use a specific capitalization.

**DOCUMENTATION**

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**SEE ALSO**

**paperconf**(1)

**paperconfig**(8)