

**NAME**

podchecker – check the syntax of POD format documentation files

**SYNOPSIS**

**podchecker** [**-help**] [**-man**] [**-(no)warnings**] [*file...*]

**OPTIONS AND ARGUMENTS**

**-help** Print a brief help message and exit.

**-man** Print the manual page and exit.

**-warnings -nowarnings**

Turn on/off printing of warnings. Repeating **-warnings** increases the warning level, i.e. more warnings are printed. Currently increasing to level two causes flagging of unescaped “<,>” characters.

*file* The pathname of a POD file to syntax-check (defaults to standard input).

**DESCRIPTION**

**podchecker** will read the given input files looking for POD syntax errors in the POD documentation and will print any errors it find to STDERR. At the end, it will print a status message indicating the number of errors found.

Directories are ignored, an appropriate warning message is printed.

**podchecker** invokes the **podchecker()** function exported by **Pod::Checker** Please see “**podchecker()**” in **Pod::Checker** for more details.

**RETURN VALUE**

**podchecker** returns a 0 (zero) exit status if all specified POD files are ok.

**ERRORS**

**podchecker** returns the exit status 1 if at least one of the given POD files has syntax errors.

The status 2 indicates that at least one of the specified files does not contain *any* POD commands.

Status 1 overrides status 2. If you want unambiguous results, call **podchecker** with one single argument only.

**SEE ALSO**

Pod::Simple and Pod::Checker

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